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## TRANSPLANTED COMMUNITIES

The November issue of "Ontario Hydro News" tells the interesting story of the relocation of communities along the St. Lawrence River made necessary by the St. Lawrence Power Project.

The large-scale relocation of houses has been all but completed, and only occasionally is a small cottage or garage seen being eased along a road to a new site.

As work continues on the St. Lawrence Power Project, Ontario Hydro's rehabilitation staff has kept pace. The construction of schools, churches, shopping centres and public buildings is continuing in all the new communities, while the immense task of dismantling the old villages and clearing the land is pushed forward. But the virtual completion of house-moving operations marks the end of one of the most unique phases of the whole programme, and heralds the beginning of the end of Hydro's rehabilitation programme.

The Commission launched its programme of relocating some 6,500 people along the wide St. Lawrence only after careful planning and preparation. Community planning experts studied the problem for almost a year and one-half before the townsites were selected, and Hydro's property, engineering and information staffs began work.

### NEW IROQUOIS

In the early fall of 1955, the first house was lifted from its site in old Iroquois, and moved half a mile north to a prepared, con-

crete-block foundation in the new town. On September 25 last year, the last family vacated their home, and the old village virtually became a "ghost-town". Today, new Iroquois, which is in Matilda Township, 32 miles west of Cornwall, is almost finished. It contains 148 houses, which have been moved to the site from the old village, and 86 new homes. A shopping centre, containing facilities for 29 stores, was officially opened in April, and two handsome new churches, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian, were dedicated last spring.

New public, separate and secondary schools were opened for classes in September this year. A United Church, an Anglican Church, a new town hall and various industrial buildings are still to be completed. Clearing of buildings, which could not be moved, has been pushed ahead rapidly in recent weeks. This phase of rehabilitation work in Iroquois was completed late in October last year.

Incorporating the former hamlets of Mille Roches and Moulinette, Long Sault (formerly New Town No. 2) is situated in Cornwall Township, eight miles west of the City of Cornwall. The spanning, 160-acre townsite can now boast of approximately four miles of hard-surfaced streets. Housemoving ended there recently when the 129th house was moved into the new community. An eight-store shopping centre, four churches and two schools are under construction.

Ingleside (known as New Town No. 1 in the early stages) is located in Osnabrock Township