

Ontario Department of Highways has not replied to the letter of the Department of Indian Affairs which was sent to him on the 17th of October, and a copy of which I have here in this office,

Bear with me while I try to explain without frills, •

(1) The Department of Highways will not take over the road and maintain it, because Mr. Hosking, the District Engineer did not recommend it being done (so that's that)

(2) The Minister of Welfare of Ontario is co-operating with the Minister of Northern Development with the result that the Dept. of Northern Development of Highways are making relief work, all over the district. Because of this, Dr. Armstrong M.P.P. has arranged that although the Deputy Minister of the Ontario Department of Highways has not replied to the Department of Indian Affairs, re the road on Parry Island, that the Northern Development will improve the road on Parry Island between Salt's Point and Depot Harbour, as a relief measure, giving work to the whites at Depot Harbour, and to the Indians on Parry Island on the rotary plan. This work to be done at no cost to the Department of Indian Affairs, or to the Parry Island Band.

It looks too good to be true, but it is true.

Dr. Armstrong, M.P.P. told me today that he wired the Hon. Mr. Murphy to that effect and he thinks it is so good for the Indians, he cannot understand why he does not get a reply to his wire. There is no catch in this. They fix up the road, give employment to whites and Indians, at no cost to the Band, or the Department. I would earnestly request that the Department give their consent that the Northern Development can go ahead and fix the road on Parry Island between Salt's Point and Depot Harbour, at no cost to the Department of Indian Affairs or to the Band, and that the Indians living on the Reserve will be employed according to their rotary plan, a copy of which I have sent to the Department.

I would earnestly request that a wire be sent by Monday the 7th, if possible, either to the Northern