



Moore's Lake?

It's Moore's Lake at this time of year. Moore's Meadow is for much of the year an attractive natural area for skiing and hiking but at this time it's of little use to anyone without webbed feet. Seepage from the Nechako River and runoff from a city storm sewer temporarily draining into the meadow conspire every spring to flood it.

Citizen photo by Tim Swank

## Quebec gov't to be more lenient

MONTREAL (CP) — The Quebec government indicated this week it may be more lenient than some businessmen expected in enforcing legislation requiring that French become the working language of head offices in the province.

The hint came Wednesday when Camille Laurin, the cultural development minister and architect of the Charter of the French Language, rose in the national assembly to denounce a newspaper report that head offices would not be granted special status under the charter.

Laurin said in a prepared statement that discussions were proceeding amicably between the French language office, which administers the charter, and businessmen affected by the law.

"There will be, if not a special status for head offices, at least a particular status," he said.

The wordplay referred to a story in the Montreal daily Le Devoir, which reported that the French language office had rejected the claims of some head offices for "special status" that would amount to virtual exemption from the law.

Among the advocates of special status had been Pierre

Laurin, brother of Camille and head of the University of Montreal's business school, who had suggested that Montreal be made a privileged zone under the language charter. Most Quebec-based head offices are located in the city.

The cultural development minister confirmed Wednesday that his brother's proposal has been rejected.

Le Devoir quoted Roger Gosselin, the former Canadian National Railways executive who heads the French language office, as saying that some "special arrangements" might still be made with head offices, but they would have to conform to the spirit of the law.

Without denying the sub-

stance of his seemingly mild statement, Gosselin told Le Devoir in a later interview that

the article might cause "regrettable confusion" among businessmen.



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But he says they must start reviewing what products are being imported for business and then begin producing them here.

"That might require reinvestment but there is money available if it's to go to the right place," Creighton said in an interview here.

Creighton was in Prince George last week to address 30 members of the Central Interior Purchasing Management Association. He also toured the Lower Mainland speaking to some of the 400 B.C. members of the national association.

The association president also called for an end to wage and price controls as a way of increasing jobs in Canada. "I think the free enterprise system is a regulator thing in itself and shouldn't have interference," he said.

He said the amount of profit allowed by the board has become the maximum possible and added business cannot continue without more profit.

"The only good effect is that it has lowered the expectations of people," he said.

And he looked for a silver lining in the Canadian currency problem too, saying the good thing about the 90-cent dollar is that it teaches people to shop more wisely and could open up Canadian export markets.

Creighton said government intervention in the business world is at an unacceptable level and called on governments to allow the free enterprise system to regulate itself.

He also took a swipe at government spending in his speech to Prince George purchasing managers saying "surely this belt tightening we're lectured about must begin somewhere."

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