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cer of the trade and industry branch, Ontario Department of Economics and Develop-

ment, chats with William Barfoot of Orillia and William H. Cranston of Midland and Toronto. Mr. Barfoot is Orillia's Commissioner of Industries. Mr. Cranston is chairman of the Ontario Economic Council. Included in the list of speakers were the minister of education, The Hon William Davis and economics and development minister, Stanley Randall.

Schools, Growth Related — Davis

HONEY HARBOUR (Staff) — "Education is basic to economic growth", education minister William G. Davis told the tenth annual Georgian Bay Economic Development Conference Monday.

The Ontario minister pointed out the need for more and higher education for those entering industry and related fields. Forty per cent of the total provincial budget today is spent on education, he told the 150 delegates at the Delawana Inn conference.

Half of Ontario's students today are taking either technical or vocational courses, said Mr. Davis.

The two-day sessions were attended by delegates from all over the Georgian Bay Development Association region, as well as eight students from various

secondary schools, including Gravenhurst's Sandra McDivitt, 18, and Ted Myers, 18, of Bracebridge.

The students partake in the sessions and later report their experiences at school sessions to familiarize as many young people as possible with the GBDA's significance.