

More Industrialists

ORILLIA (Staff) — Opposition to Orillia's current annexation plans were voiced before the hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board this morning by two more Orillia industrialists.

The morning session of the hearing opened with deputations from private citizens not represented by legal counsel. Although the council chambers were almost filled with spectators, only three persons took advantage of the opportunity to present their cases.

The president of Dorr-Oliver-Long, Orillia's largest industry, and chairman of the Orillia Industrial Associates, S. F. Saunders voiced objections he said are felt by members of the Industrial Associates.

"I am concerned that annexation may substantially increase taxes in Orillia," Mr. Saunders said. "The Industrial Associates asked for information from the town on this aspect, but the reply from the town was very unsatisfactory.

"I feel the cost should be known before annexation takes place," he said.

He stated taxes on the Dorr-Oliver Long property in Orillia has risen by 254 per cent since 1954, whereas the cost of living index in the same period only rose by 20 per cent.

"If it doesn't increase taxes, then annexation will be a good thing," Mr. Saunders admitted.

The second private witness,

Frank Tissington, of Tools and Stamping Ltd., stated he was "opposed to this particular form of annexation" and advocated a study of regional government for the area.

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"It is an unnecessary annexation, and a shocking waste of talent, he said. "I think it is an honest attempt by both town and township councils to represent the wishes of the people who elected them.

"Instead of a Mexican stand-off, however, we are being faced with an Orillia stand-off," he added. "What we are dealing with is an archaic form of government for this area.

"This is a piecemeal annexa-