

## *Helen Martin elected president*

Mrs. Helen Martin, Membertou is now the president of the Nova Scotia Native Women's organization for Nova Scotia. Mrs. Martin has been involved from the beginning stages of the newly formed organization for Native women.

Mrs Martin's election came as a result of a three day organizational meeting held at the Isle Royale Hotel in Sydney with some 30 to 40 Indian delegates taking part representing the majority of the twelve Indian communities of this province. Considered as a historic event for Nova Scotia Indian Women, the three day conference was termed as a success.

Mrs. Sarah Denny of Eskasoni was elected vice-president, as was Mrs. Rebecca Pictou of Shubenacadie. New officers will be elected each year at an annual meeting. Also elected were: Mrs. Eddie Morris of Eskasoni as Treasurer and Mrs. Ben Morris of Shubenacadie as secretary.

Daniel Simcoff, representative of the Secretary of State's office in Ottawa, was present at a three days of the conference. Yesterday he observed that, "I have no doubt of the determination of these women to make a viable organization work," He added that while he normally worked on Indian problems in his work, he had not been in close contact with the Nova Scotia reserves. Mr. Simcoff said he had acquired a great deal of knowledge about the needs of Nova Scotia Indians at the three-day conference.

