

It seems to us the Park's Board is biting off more than it can chew. The Board should complete one or two projects which have apparently been in the making for a long time past, before tackling another park development. The completion of the Marina Park on the east side of the river, north of the Crayon plant should be undertaken before thought is seriously given to destroying Victoria Park. Some one said that if a count could be taken whether to do away with softball diamond on this park, or turn the little park into a glorified flower bed that the people would vote 4 to 1 against the idea. We think the vote would be 10 to 1 in favour of retaining the softball diamond. The Victoria park playgrounds have been used as a softball field for many years.

Years ago a five team league played softball in the Armoury and it was quite a trick to miss sliding into radiators and steam pipes, but the game was very popular. Then the league took roots outdoors on the north end of the park and for years the game has been played on this park. There is still plenty of room for picnic benches under the shade trees and the teams will not interfere with the new Chamber of Commerce building. Let us retain and maintain the softball diamond at the park. Let

us think of the youngsters at the same time. It is more important to let kids use the north end of the park and to let the softballers have some fun and provide entertainment for citizens, than to spend hundreds of dollars in pansies, tulips and evergreens, and install a small trickling stream. A bridge would have to be built over the stream or citizens walking across the old cinder path will walk ankle deep in water. Let us preserve the ball diamond.

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Despite a wail of protest from residents of Cambridge street south, it appears that the Board of Works will carry out a decision to remove boulevards, sidewalks and trees. Surely it is not necessary to make the street that wide. It takes nature a hundred years to grow a stately tree but it only takes man a few hours to hew the tree to the ground. Now it is reported that boulevards on William street north from Peel are to vanish. How about the trees? To use an old expression — “Woodman,

spare that tree"

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Several cottages at Pleasant Point expressed concern when a local news item had to do with an accident to Rev. Canon Ongley. The Anglican minister has been a frequent preacher at the little church in the Wildwood at Pleasant Point. The accident was bad news but the news that the clergyman and his family are all right is good news.

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When it was announced that Government agricultural heads called a halt to further procedures regarding the cross breeding of standard bred cows and the buffalo in the Canadian West — at least for the present. The story rang a bell in our memory. A number of years ago the old and highly respected Boyd family at Bobcaygeon transported two or three carloads of buffalo from Wainwright to Boyd's Island near Bobcaygeon. For a long time an effort was made to cross Ontario cows with the western buffalo. It was a big experiment. Many Residents of 'Caygeon remember the days when the buffalo tried to swim from the island to the main land. The experiment, however, did not work out as expected. The buffalo breed was too coarse and many cows died. A sacrifice to agricultural science. The buffalo became a curiosity for the people. The Boyds who hailed from England, were experts in lumbering operation and farming and the Boyd farm is well-known. One member of the family Cus. Boyd, who lives in the west, pays a visit to Bobcaygeon every year in the Fall to attend the Bobcaygeon fair. A sister, Shiela Boyd lives in the Boyd home, a residence which was at one time a sight for visitors to Bobcaygeon. It is still a pretentious residence.