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## THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

R. H. IRELAND, Branch Manager

### Letter to the Editor

The Editor,  
The Georgetown Herald,  
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In your April 17th issue of the Georgetown Herald it was reported that the following statement was made by a councillor of Ward 1 (who is also chairman of the Wartime Housing Committee) at a meeting of the town council held April 15th: "He still thought the possibility should be further investigated of building some of the houses on property in Reservoir Park owned by the town. He was not satisfied that this could not be done, for, while Council had been told that the Ontario Department of Health had vetoed it, the Department denied this, and said it was a matter for the local Board of Health." This statement implies that your Medical Officer of Health exhibited indecision or failure to co-operate with this committee. The following facts should deny such implications.

Following a meeting of the Town Council, April 1st a member of the Council asked for the opinion of your M.O.H. regarding the suitability of Reservoir Park for a Wartime Housing Project. Realizing the importance of an immediate and well-informed decision, your M.O.H. that day telephoned Dr. A. E. Berry, Director of the Sanitary Division of the Ontario Department of Health requesting advice. As a result, a sanitary engineer of his staff made an inspection of the area that day, following which Dr. Berry telephoned your M.O.H. the same day advising that the property should not be used for building purposes. This would constitute a possible source of pollution of the municipal water supply. The following day the chairman of the Wartime Housing Committee was informed that the Ontario Department of Health and your M.O.H. could not permit erection of dwellings in Reservoir Park. The matter was considered as closed.

On April 11th, the Chairman of this committee with Mr. F. G. Spry and Mr. Martin, Wartime Housing representatives, approached your M.O.H. requesting that this project be reconsidered. As a courtesy your M.O.H. again telephoned Dr. Berry the following day and discussed with him the feasibility of the project if certain safeguards (chlorination of the water supply or provision of sewers) were installed. The Department of Health again refused to give approval. Your M.O.H. was in accord with this decision. This information was given to the Chairman of the Wartime Housing

Committee the following day, who assured your M.O.H. that a verbal decision was satisfactory. The matter was considered as closed.

In spite of the decisive disapproval of the project by the Ontario Department of Health and your M.O.H. the chairman of this committee was reported as making the statement quoted in my first paragraph. Further, a motion was passed instructing the clerk to "obtain from the Provincial Department of Health their decision in writing as to the use of the waterworks property for Wartime Housing." This motion was unnecessary and discourteous because your M.O.H. had already offered to obtain this letter. (At the request of your M.O.H. a letter has since been received from the Ontario Department of Health registering disapproval of the scheme).

The purpose of this letter is to emphasize the fact that your M.O.H. is not attempting to obstruct any Wartime Housing project. Such a scheme appears to be an expedient for which there is no alternative during the present housing emergency. The welfare of veterans and others during this crisis is of paramount importance to all health authorities. Present crowded housing conditions are detrimental to physical and mental health. However, the building of houses in an area set aside to safeguard our water supply might constitute a situation dangerous to these householders as well as to the rest of the town. The water supply has been unsatisfactory for many years and your Board of Health would be remiss in its duty if the possibility of further pollution were permitted.

May I thank you, Mr. Editor for your kindness in permitting me the use of this space in the Herald.

Yours very truly,  
C. V. Williams  
M.O.H., Georgetown, Ont.

### HUTTONVILLE PARK OPENS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Heralding the summer season is the announcement that Huttonville Park will reopen for the summer next Wednesday, May 1st. Georgetown's popular dance band, the Modern Aires have been engaged to play in the dance pavilion on Wednesdays and Johnny Boyd's Orchestra will greet the Saturday evening dancers. In addition to this is a parade of "name bands", with Bobby Gimby booked for the 24th of May holiday dance. Bobby is a member of radio's famous Happy Gang and has played engagements at such popular dancing spots as the Brant Inn in Burlington.

The dance hall has been completely redecorated and modern sanitary equipment has been installed in the kitchens. Situated three miles west of Brampton on the Credit River, the park offers excellent bathing for adults, a separate and safe pool for children, baseball grounds, horse shoe courts, swings, boating — everything that can make a picnic a success.

This year it is planned to again have Sunday evening sing-songs and later announcements about these will be forthcoming from Gordon Vivian and Jim McCracken, two Brampton men who operate the park. Incidentally, if you are planning a picnic this summer, you are advised to book it early, as already requests are coming in.

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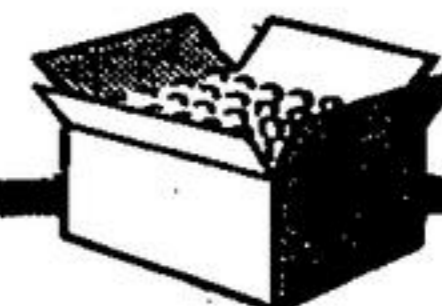
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