

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Who Will Gain?

Separate education for French-Canadian residents of Ontario is one of the most foolish ideas being proposed today, and one which, if implemented, could react unfavourably on the children of those who are pressing the hardest for it.

There can be no quarrel with retention of one's native tongue in any environment, for one's culture or heritage, terms which we hear so much about today.

This has been successfully done by generations of Europeans in Canada. Ukrainians in the west, Germans in the Kitchener area, French-Canadians in Windsor, to name some of the major ones. In no case have English Canadians resented this, nor should they. On the contrary, it places young people raised in a two-language atmosphere in a favoured position in after-life. And this is particularly true for a person who is bilingual in English and French. There are few places in the world where one can't get along speaking these two major languages, and in our own Canada, one who is bilingual has a better choice of job.

Why, then, do some Canadian of French ancestry want to stubbornly cling to one language when the history of their native province shows how important it is to be fluent in English as well?

To educate a young person only in

French in his elementary school years puts him at a tremendous disadvantage when he enters secondary school. To carry this through to the conclusion which some people want, a complete French high school too, makes it doubly difficult for him to choose a career afterwards.

The same, of course, holds true for residents of Quebec province whose mother tongue is English and who do not take advantage of the opportunity there to become proficient in two languages.

From an economic standpoint alone, to visualize a double education system in a province which is already heading to bankruptcy by not tailoring educational experiments to ability to pay, could push us into a dollar disaster even sooner.

But equally important is the future of our young Ontario residents of French descent, who should have the same opportunity as those with other ethnic backgrounds.

We suggest, then, that those families which want their children to be bilingual, let them take their education in English and retain French in the home and, if desired, have private classes after school.

By so doing not only will language,

children raised in this way will have many more doors open in the business world when they reach manhood.

joy a life of recreation, he plunged into organizing a conservation authority and served with distinction on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority for several years, with particular interest in flood control and land use.

When a Y.M.C.A. was first thought of, Mr. MacLaren was on the organizing group, and devoted countless hours of his time and talent to getting the Y off the ground.

In St. John's United Church he was always a leader and had been a member of most of that church's governing bodies at one time or another.

Had Georgetown, like many towns, featured a citizen of the year, Mr. MacLaren would have had this honour on more than one occasion.

Georgetown is fortunate to have had men like Alex MacLaren choose this as the community in which to live. His influence on public life, his dedication to any task he took on, has made him one of the town's most prominent men, and one who will be greatly missed.

### A Tribute Too Late

It is only rarely that a good citizen is recognized when he is alive to enjoy it. And Alex MacLaren was no exception.

Many times we have thought that there should be some public function for such a man when he reached his senior years. But it was one of those things which takes an organizer, and like most other people, we waited for someone else to do it.

Not that Mr. MacLaren was a man who sought public approval. His joy was in a job well done, and there were many.

In earlier years he was instrumental in aiding Armenian war orphans find a new life in Canada when he was connected with a boys' school in Georgetown, now the Cedarvale Community Centre. In later life he was connected with services for European emigrants, assisting them in locating in Canada.

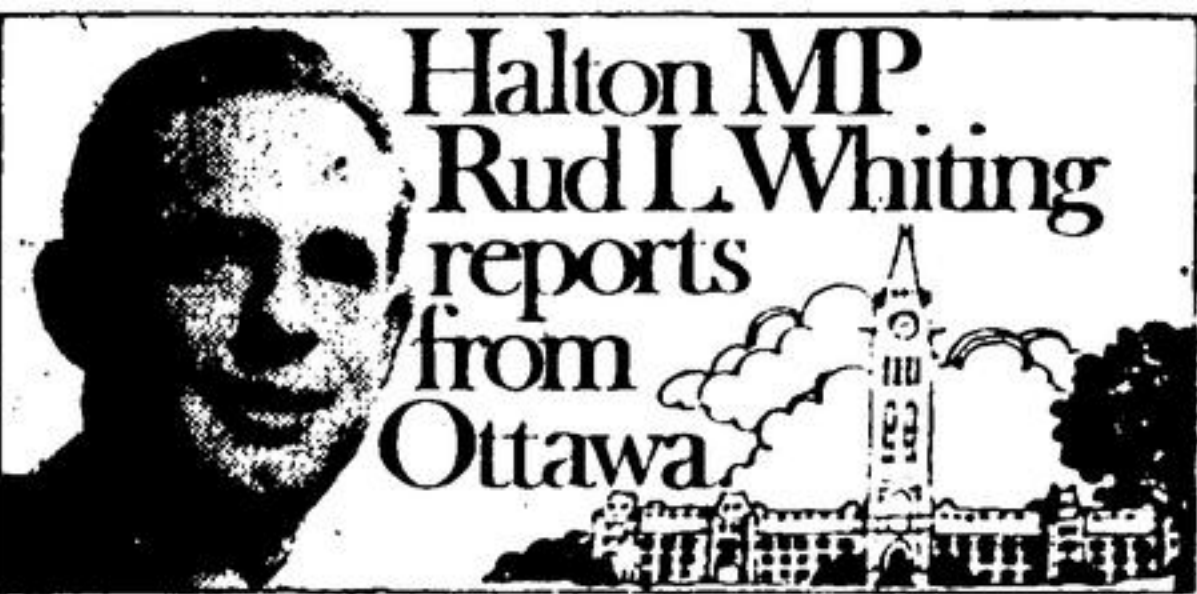
In Georgetown, there were few public services which his life did not touch. He served the town as a councillor and the county as Georgetown's reeve. At an age when most men are ready to retire and en-

### 'Big Brother' Good Idea

While a 'Big Brother' organization is not as important in a town our size as in a major city, there are young lads here who can benefit from this.

The Jaycees, always a public minded group of young men, are investigating a Georgetown branch and are laying the groundwork for it. Interested people are being invited to a meeting next month, when the program will be explained. Representatives of churches and service clubs are particularly invited, as well as any individuals interested in helping a young Georgetownner to become a better citizen.

The program has many years of successful operation in Canada and the States. Some of today's top business leaders are outspoken in their tributes to the help given them by a 'Big brother' in childhood.



Halton M.P. Rud L. Whiting reports from Ottawa

USUALLY Wednesday night requirement for a vote. The first of these debates was on a grain Parliament as the House sits, and it lasted until 2.00 from 2.00 in the afternoon until 8.00 in the evening. How spoken in the House and present ever, last Wednesday, 19th, ted their various points of view March, in response to a motion on the subject.

THE N.D.P. motion received unanimous consent from all parties and the debate took place that evening. This is the second special debate which has taken place under the revised rules. Such debates are unlimited as to time and there is no re-

only be used in the event of an attack from Russia or Red China.

IN LAST week's column I discussed Bill C-173 — the Government's Reorganization Bill. We did not complete this Bill last week due to its length and complexity.

I SPOKE in the House of Commons last week on the section of this Bill pertaining to the establishing of a Department of Regional Economic Expansion. I am a member of this Standing Committee of the House.

IN SUMMING up the remarks I made in the House I stated that we cannot expect to have true national unity in Canada while there are regions within the country with wage levels as much as 30% below the national average and an unemployment figure which at times doubles that of the more prosperous parts of this great country. However, the pockets of poverty which unfortunately exist in Halton are of grave concern to me and should also be of concern to the government. Taxes from Halton will help to pay the costs of up-grading the economic standards of those persons living in parts of Canada in need of assistance and we in Halton will be vitally interested in any program or agreement which is put into ef-

fect to help correct this situation.

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CALLED PULLING TOGETHER IN SOME CIRCLES

### HALTON EAST M.P.



### JIM SNOW REPORTS

This week Prime Minister Robarts announced that the Department of Energy and Resources Management will become the one department responsible for problems of air and water pollution in Ontario. Presently water pollution control comes under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, and air pollution control under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health.

The existing staff involved with pollution control from the Department of Health and the Ontario Water Resources Commission will be moved to the Department of Energy and Resources Management, under the Honourable John Simonett.

Mr. Robarts said it is the Government's long run intention to make the Minister of Energy and Resources Management responsible for all pollution abatement programs, including air pollution, water pollution and at an opportune time, soil pollution. The Minister of Health, of course, will retain paramount responsibility for human health, and the two departments will collaborate closely.

The Ontario Government has launched a massive job hunt program to help find jobs for 375,000 students in high schools, universities and colleges for the summer season. Mr. Robarts has contacted by letter some 30,000 Ontario companies urging them to hire students for the summer jobs. Indications are that the number of job seeking students this year is up by 10% over last year, and the government felt unless something substantial is done to expand summer employment opportunities, many thousands of our young people could experience the frustration of a jobless summer.

The Minister of Trade and Development, the Honourable Stanley J. Randall, has announced that an estimated \$16 million of previously imported component, will be bought in Canada this year, as a result of the Ontario Manufacturing Opportunity Show at Toronto.

This show attracted over 5,000 business men, and most

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participating firms reporting success in finding Canadian sources of manufacture for previously imported items during the three day event. Because of the large number of requests for a repeat of the show, Mr. Randall said Trade and Industry officials in his department will study the possibility of holding a summer show next year, or in 1971.

The Minister of Education, the Honourable William Davis, stated in the Legislature that agreement on general guidelines for the integration of all Ontario Teachers' Colleges with universities have been agreed upon between the department and the Committee of presidents of the universities of Ontario.

They will now be open to any university in Ontario to enter into negotiations with the Department of Education, leading to the integration of a Teachers' College into the university, the overall aim is that, all teachers shall eventually hold a university degree as well as receiving the best training possible.

This past week the Legislature has been spending the majority of its time considering the estimates of two Government Departments. On Tuesday evening the estimates of the Department of Correctional Services were finalized, and on Wednesday and Thursday, the Honourable James Auld, Mini-

ster of Tourism and Information brought his estimates before the House which were approved late Thursday evening. On Friday, the Provincial Secretary, and Minister of Citizenship, the Honourable Robert Welch presented his estimates to the Legislature, which are now under study.

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of attending a banquet and meeting in Milton, sponsored by the Milton Industrial Commission. At this meeting Mr. J.R. Delaney of the Department of Trade and Development spoke to the large group of Milton industrialists, explaining the role being played by his department in developing industry for municipalities.

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### NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

- 1959**
  - Permit for a two-storey \$100,000 office building in the eastern part of town was issued yesterday by building inspector Joseph Gibbons to Delex Developments Limited. According to the company's general manager, Harold Baird, the building will be located on a triangular lot backed by the shopping plaza now under construction at the corner of Highway 7 and the 9th Line. Erection of the building will remove a town landmark, the old W. H. Reid farm house.
  - The Lions Club of Georgetown has unanimously decided to make the Georgetown Hospital Fund its major project for the coming year. The members have set out to raise \$25,000 as their contribution to the fund in hopes of fostering the active interest of the rest of the community so that the proposed hospital may quickly become a reality.
- 1949**
  - There won't be a dull moment for the school kids during Easter week according to Georgetown Recreational Council director J. L. Self. Highlighting the sports will be a marbles competition in which there will be \$100 in prizes, including roller skates, baseballs, bats, sweat shirts, a mantle radio and others. Ping-pong tournaments will be played at the Old Town Hall, and softball and horseshoes will provide the action at various points in town.
  - A new industry with its headquarters in Georgetown is Kippin-Ker Limited. The new company is engaged in fibreglas fabricating with fibreglas boats as a primary product and a wide variety of other lines. The new company has its headquarters in part of the Clay Products plant on King Street.
- 1939**
  - Trapped by flames in the upper storey of a brick house on Main St., Mrs. Herbert Sinclair dropped her daughter Gloria, aged three years, from a balcony on the front of the second floor, into the arms of her husband and then jumped into a pile of snow, escaping unscathed from what threatened to be a tragic situation. Two occupants of the lower section, Mrs. R. F. Bessey and Mrs. Annie Hammond had to be carried out by firemen. Damage as a result of the fire which took nearly an hour to extinguish, amounted to between \$1500 and \$2,000. It was confined mainly to the second storey and roof.



Bill Smiley

### SPRING IS PURE FEMALE

A couple of weeks ago, I sang a song of hate in this space. Since Spring, theoretically, is just around that corner which recedes steadily as you approach it, the least I can do is sing a song of love, and ask you to join me. Everybody loves something even if it's only his car.

Looking into the backyard, it's pretty hard to get all goofy about Spring. The pile of snow pushed up beside the garage is now down to six feet. My cedar lawn chairs look like a couple of matrons, buried to the waist in blanc mange, their arms extended pleadingly. The picnic table still looks like a fresh-risen loaf of bread.

But the sun shines, day after day, and eventually those articles must reveal themselves in all their scabby, shabby ugliness.

Spring in Canada is pure female; unpredictable, perverse, passionate, hot-or-cold, cruel-or-kind. And completely unpredictable, as far as mood goes.

In this crazy climate, I have lain on fresh grass in March and in love and in sun that suggested the following month would be July. And I have gone fishing on the first of May and had my line freeze to the rod.

There, having expressed my mistrust of Canada's Spring, I shall return to our theme: love.

This is a favourite topic for poets who can't think of anything else to write about. Not being a poet, I will avoid trying to be poetic and thereby save both of us a lot of embarrassment.

Some people think that love is a potion, especially in the Far East. You know rhinoceros horn ground up in a mixture of oysters and celery. Actually, I wouldn't mind taking a swig at it. Sounds jolly invigorating or something.

Love is not a potion; it's a lotion. It warms the cold heart as analgesic balms warm the sore shoulder. It lubricates the grinding nerves. It soothes the tortured soul as olive oil does the baby's bum.

It is an ointment (by the way, Mecca ointment is good for practically anything. Unpaid commercial) And it is a Mecca toward which you travel, miserably after all.

However, one mustn't wax philosophical about love, even on a highly elevated plane like this. Not in this country, in this climate. Let's get down to specifics. What do we love?

I love my country. Not the government, or the people, particularly. The physical Canada. A black spring stream racing between the snowbanks in March. The ghostly mist of green that slips, into the trees in May. The Rockies, in mid-summer, aloof, sneering at the ants that crawl about their knees. The sculptured blue-white seascapes of January.

I love peace and loneliness, and they're dam' hard to come by, now-a-days. It's beautiful to be alone, sometimes, without the yelp and clamor, the stink and garbage of everyday living. About the only place you can find it is in an inaccessible bog, with a fishing rod. The outboard motor and the ski-doo have seen to that.

And I love all growing things: grass, flowers, leaves. Except when they have to be mowed, or cultivated, or raked. And nearly all children. Except when they grow up.

And I love a good poker game, especially when the cards are coming right. And a good argument, especially when I'm right, which seems to be nearly every time.

And I love my wife, but oh, you kid. And I love my kids, but OH YOU KIDS!

And I love to do a good job, or to be writing a column, or teaching a dumbbell something or finding a new gimmick in my tax return. It seldom happens, but it makes me happy.

Sometimes I can even love my neighbour as myself. It's a lot easier these days. He hasn't an ox or an ass or a maid-servant to covet.

See? I've just begun. I haven't even mentioned hot bonfires or cold beer, or a thousand other things. Put down a list for yourself, and you'll be a Mecca toward which you travel, miserably after all.

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