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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Favour More Local Touch

A list of names of prominent Canadians from which future county schools will be named is not something to which we violently object, but we would rather see a local flavour when possible.

In Georgetown, we already have three schools with this — Kennedy, named for Georgetown's founder; Harrison, for a family which contributed a principal, a teacher and a board secretary-treasurer; and Wrigglesworth, named for a principal.

These are much more appropriate than to have schools named for other Canadians, no matter how famous, who have never been in our town, and have no connection

with it. The same goes for streets—local names, where possible, have a much more important connotation and odd local historical flavour than to choose national figures.

A localized name is unique. There is no other George Kennedy school in Canada, unless another community also had a famous citizen by that name.

With adoption of the new policy, it could be quite probable that we could have half a hundred Sir John A. MacDonald or Sir Wilfrid Laurier schools. Perhaps the board will have second thoughts before finalizing this new idea.

### Business at Home, Where Possible

A merchant has expressed concern about losing business now that local school boards have been replaced by the larger county unit.

He finds, he says, that the volume of business he did previously with town and township boards has slowed to a trickle.

He would like, if not to retain a share of the purchase, to at least have an opportunity to quote on the mass orders which he suspects are being placed by the central board.

He has a point. A large share of our Georgetown and

Esquing taxes go for school purposes, and in the case of schools and the town office itself, a buy at home policy is only right.

If the school board has not already done so, a study should be made of purchasing and some directives given to the business office.

Our suggestion would be that for general purchasing, a resident merchant should be favoured wherever possible.

If substantial savings might be possible by bulk buying, then a tender should be called, with every supplier being given a chance to submit his bid.

### The Flip Side

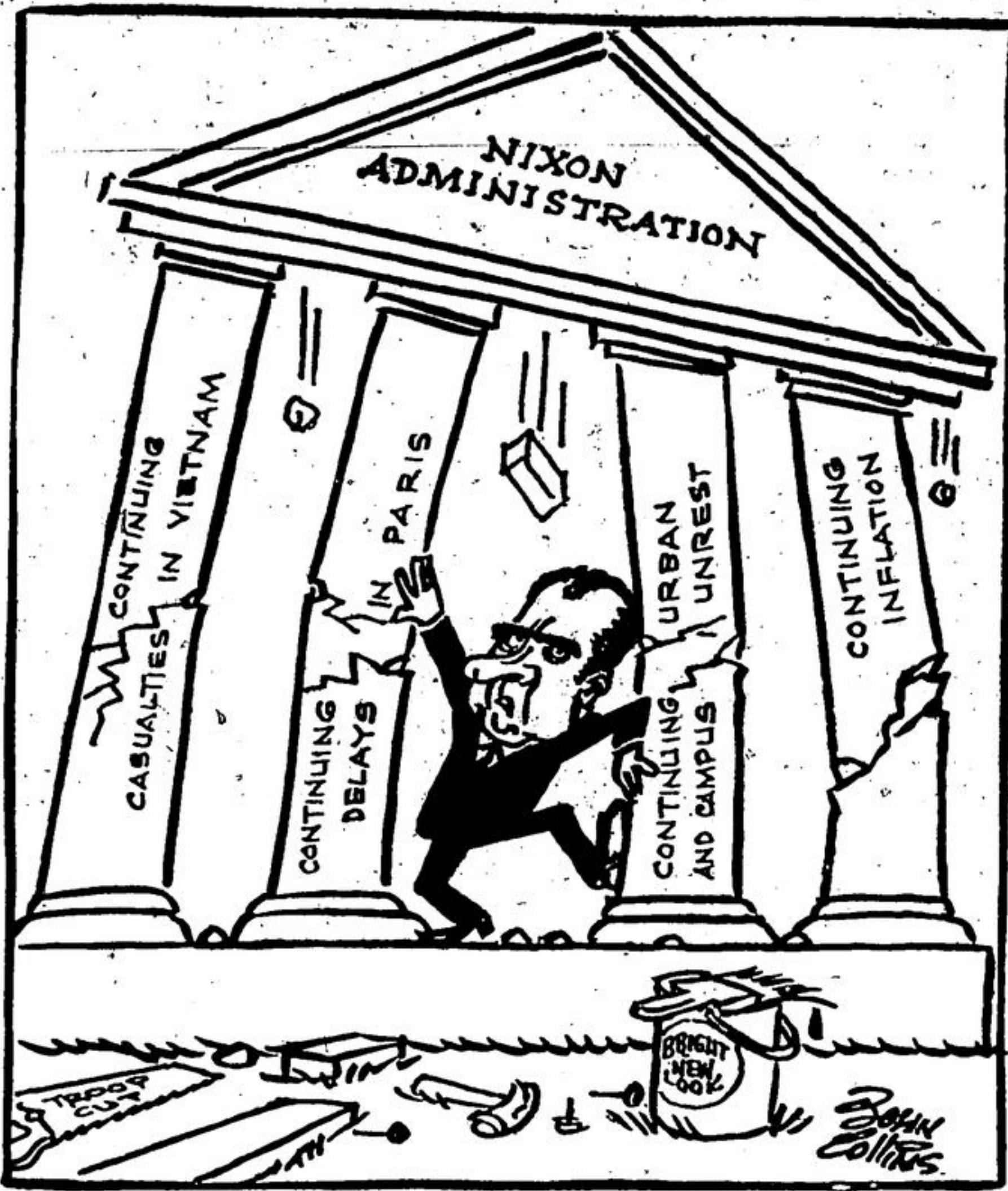
Business is a two-headed coin and this gives us an opportunity to give some merchants a bit of advice too.

All too often those who cry the loudest are ones who don't spend a reasonable amount of their money in the town where they make it.

We have known merchants who get their hair cut in the city, buy their groceries in Brampton, and their clothes in other communities. There are businessmen who never attend local social functions, give no support to hockey games or Little Theatre.

Some buy their cars out of town. We have heard of at least one man who not only does his personal shopping at a city wholesale house, but occasionally lets a friend in on this too, depriving Georgetown merchants of another customer.

When one must derive his livelihood from local trade, reciprocity is the best means of ensuring business success. A merchant should go out of his way to stock up with gas before he leaves on a long trip, to buy as many of his groceries here and take them to the cottage, to patronize his fellow businessmen in every possible way.



IT TAKES A HEAP O' LIVIN' TO MAKE A WHITE HOUSE A HOME

HALTON EAST M.P.P.



### JIM SNOW REPORTS

Health Minister Matthew Dymond has introduced legislation that will take Ontario into federal medicare on October 1st with private insurance carriers acting as agents of a basic Government plan of health insurance benefits.

Prime Minister John Roberts told the legislature all details will be worked out during the summer and pledged that health insurance premiums would be no higher than present OMSIP premiums.

Monthly OMSIP premiums are \$5.90 for a single person \$11.80 for a couple and \$14.75 for a family.

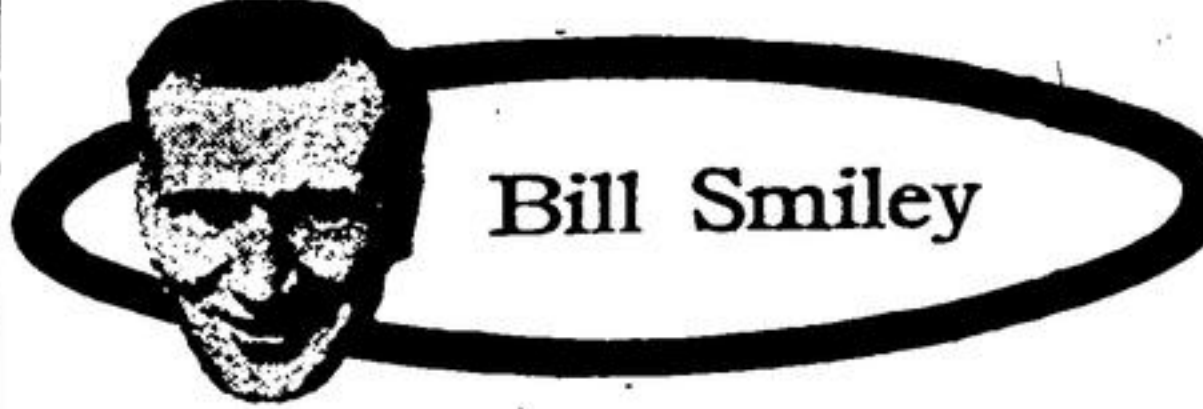
Mr. Roberts told the House he had become convinced that the federal government would not allow Ontario to claim as a 'fiscal alternative' the money it will receive under medicare without first entering the medicare plan. "We realize we live in a federal state where governments have varying powers. You fight for what you want but you realize the country has to go on and you bend a little."

The Ontario Government will make a standard contract of health insurance available to every Ontario resident regardless of age, physical or financial condition through OMSIP. The plan will also be available through private insurance carriers licensed as Government agents to sell the plan on a non-profit basis. The Government plan will be the only basic health insurance plan available although private carriers may offer additional benefits.

"In this way" Mr. Roberts explained "all carriers in Ontario may sell medical care insurance and both labour and management will be able to continue to negotiate the degree of sharing costs as part of their collective bargaining agreements. This is an extremely important concession by the federal government. We are not going to destroy the private plans or tamper with collective agreement."

Under the federal medicare formula Ottawa pays 50 per cent of the national average per capita medicare cost providing a net gain to low cost provinces but paying less than half per capita cost in a high cost area like Ontario. Medicare will be in effect for the last six months of Ontario's current fiscal year and the province will receive \$82 million from Ottawa. For the first full fiscal year the plan is in effect Ontario will receive \$176 million.

Mr. Roberts estimated the federal payments would cover 44 per cent of Ontario's actual medicare costs. He indicated the money will not necessarily be used to subsidize premiums



### Bill Smiley

### IT'S BEEN QUITE A MONTH

Don't talk to me about a bear when packing your car for a summer trip — Remember, if he met a teacher, in June, with a sore tooth. Right now, I'm willing to take on anything, up to and including, a grizzly.

June is the month in which nothing is so rare as a day, according to Browning, or somebody. And for school teachers, it's a month in which every day is a hard night's work.

Throw in a throbbing tooth and you've got yourself a mean critter. The month started off fittingly, with everybody forgetting my birthday, on the 2nd. The only card I received was from my insurance company, a card which annually infuriates me.

Next day, one of those nicotine tanned stumps which my dentist laughingly calls teeth began to kick up. And it's been kicking up, down and sideways ever since.

If I had any guts I'd tie a string around it, fasten the string to a doorknob and slam the door. However, I have teeth, so I go on trying to save this one.

I can't even bite a marshmallow without going into orbit, so I've practically been on a liquid diet for weeks. This has its disadvantages. Which is worse every morning — a toothache or a hangover? And how would you like both?

As is our custom, my wife and I went to the annual Leacock Medal Award Dinner recently. I've been a judge in the competition for several years and enjoy meeting a few big shots and finding their feet are made of the same type of clay as my own.

Despite the snide comments of some writers from the big dailies, it's a good party in a good cause — keeping alive and fresh the works and memory of Canada's — and one of the world's greatest comic writers.

This year's winner was Stuart Trueman, whose book, "You're Only as Old as You Act," is good entertainment. Mr. Trueman, a Maritimer, was salty. The chairman Richard Doyle, editor of the Globe and Mail, was even wittier, and should write a book. The venerable "if not blessed, Harry Boyle, a witty writer and editor under his farm boy facade, was there, and was witty.

In fact, the whole thing was execrably funny for many, painful for me. My wife galloped through a huge and excellent dinner, darting her eyes at my plate, where nothing was missing except a few of the inevitable green peas which I had managed to mumble.

Just as dinner began, I had a terrible attack of leaping biscuits and couldn't eat a bite. I decided the only thing to do was to paralyze the tooth. I tried, but it refused to play.

All I succeeded in doing was paralyzing the rest of me, meanwhile carrying on about my tooth (bravely, of course) to such an extent that my wife remarked later it was like having a crying baby in Church.

However, it all worked out fine. We went to a small gathering after the dinner, and incredible numbers of young, pretty college girls hovered about me, fetching me aspirin, gin and other medications.

Meanwhile my old lady spent an hour or so straightening out the editor of the Globe and Mail. I fully expected to find this column on the front page on Monday morning. But there it was, the same old Globe mélange of world crises and murders and stale speeches of Cabinet Ministers.

Not content with my physical suffering, young Kim hit me in June with another wallop. She wanted a loan toward an electric piano. After a sufficient number of things, like "File on this, wench!" and "You're going to have to pay interest you know" I buckled, and am now subsidizing one of those rotten groups to the tune of \$200.

All that was needed to make it a ring-dinger of a month were the headlines about electricians getting \$6.50 an hour, and the interest rates soaring daily. A great month, June. For blackflies.

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1959

Georgetown's fifth public school will bear the name of the town's founder George Kennedy. The name of George Kennedy Public School was chosen by school board trustees from hundreds of names submitted by the town's other four schools in a naming contest.

The John Bingham farm has been chosen as the site of a new golf and country club. The farm is located on the 10<sup>th</sup> line near the town's northern limits. The plans are being drawn up to transform his 175 acre property into a championship 18-hole golf course. Construction of the greens will start this week.

1949

Georgetown council acting on a petition from the local merchants has asked the Liquor Control Board to establish a liquor store in town. The petition was presented at Monday's council meeting by Al Norton on behalf of 99 per cent of the local merchants. Councillor Jim Goodlet estimated a store here would serve twenty thousand residents within a 12 mile radius. At present the closest LCBO stores are in Guelph, Oakville, Hamilton and Toronto.

Council at the same meeting, changed the rate of pay of town employees to 88 cents an hour with no overtime pay except for Sundays when time and one half will be paid.

1939

To succeed J. R. Smith, manager of the Bank of Montreal here, who has been given charge of the Hanover branch, A. C. Welk, a banker of 28 years' experience, has been appointed. He will come here from Mitchell where he has been branch manager for 10 years.

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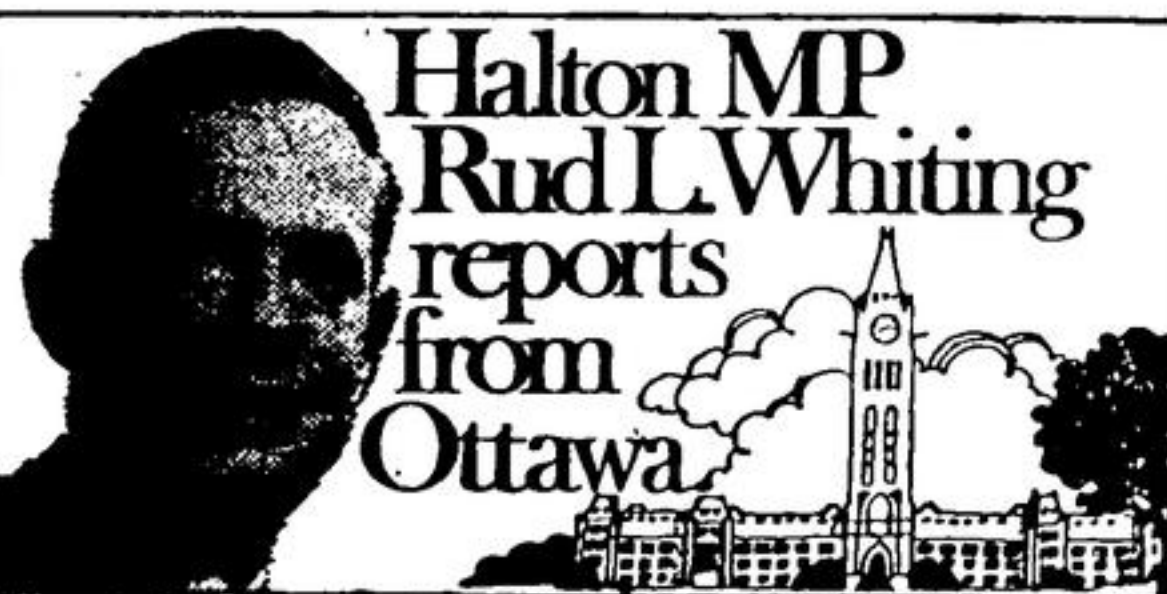
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### Halton MP Rud L. Whiting reports from Ottawa

**THE OFFICIAL** Languages Bill which, at the time of writing this column, has not received third and final reading in the House, is expected to pass before the summer recess on June 27. This particular Bill has been one of the more interesting pieces of legislation introduced during this session. I say this not because of the purpose and the content of this Bill alone but it revealed how the new committee system has been developed since the new Rules and Procedures went into effect at the beginning of this year. Another point that was thoroughly dispelled was the contention that Members of Parliament are like sheep and follow the party line.

IN THIS INSTANCE it was not an individual but a group who broke ranks with their party. Mr. Stanfield and a number of his followers supported the Bill but some of the Western Conservatives voted against the Bill and made their opinions known in the House.

WHILE THIS may appear as a lack of unity on the part of the Conservatives, nevertheless in my opinion if a Member feels strongly about an issue he should stand up and voice his opinions.

AT THE SAME TIME a Member may not oppose in total a stand taken by his Party or, if he is on the Government side of the House, a Government Bill. He has the right, and in my opinion, it is his duty to stand up and express his views for the record.

AS I PREVIOUSLY mentioned, the Committee system has been encouraged and developed during this session of Parliament. Legislation now goes through Parliament in four stages. First ed in your paper concerning the Bill is introduced — this is mere long-swing enclosure imposed by a Parliamentary formality. It on Rosslake Resort since July

of 1968, which has recently been lifted.

The lengthy duration has been damaging from a business aspect as well as prestige. The issue has had wide spread publicity from time to time and we hope the hatchet will remain buried. I have recorded in the form of a diary the development of the Rosslake complex since its inception in 1965, and would like to submit from my diary the excerpts relative to the controversy and its resolution.

June 5 — I am expecting an inspection tour of our resort by the M.O.H. and two of his inspectors at 2 p.m.

June 6 — It was a congenial meeting. The four of us toured the airport runway and horse trail which took us to the beach. We strolled around the swim area, the dam and the island. This was the first visit by the M.O.H. He offered no criticisms or suggestions. As we sat down on a picnic bench by a fire-place viewing the water and bush in the background, he remarked "This is a very beautiful place. From now on it will be classified as a swim area of the beach style and not as a pool similar to the indoor type."

Our meeting reminded me of an armistice. This was the end of the battle of the water. It was here we smoked the pipe of peace. We watched the birds fly to the bush to find their young and the peaceful leap of the fish in the glittering water. It is here you can view planes coming in to land from the easterly approach. Always intriguing to see. From here we can watch the saddle horses loping along the trail. Those of us who live in the country can describe their environment as a huge art gallery of nature, changing with the seasons.

IT SHOULD BE remembered that the Languages Bill does not force either official language — English or French on anyone. As the Prime Minister himself pointed out, ninety per cent of the population will never have to learn either second language unless they personally want to.

IN THE MAIL BAG  
**Approve Rosslake Swimming; Hatchet Buried, Says Joe**

Rosslake Resort Airways  
R. R. 3,  
Mr. Editor:

With your permission I would appreciate having a letter printed in your paper concerning the Bill is introduced — this is mere long-swing enclosure imposed by a Parliamentary formality. It on Rosslake Resort since July

— Joe Ross