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## ANOTHER STEP

### Rushing Into Regionalism

It may be the time of the long, hot summer, when things just naturally slow down.

But regional government continues to roll along towards its inauguration in Halton County.

Latest step has come with the appointment of a regional chairman for Halton. Last week, Allan Masson of Oakville was given the appointment in an official ceremony at Queen's Park. He is one of four regional chairmen named to the new posts.

Congratulations are in order on the basis of his appointment. Further plaudits will have to await his tenure. He's taking on a big job, and because of the newness of regional government in this part of Ontario, he can expect to have an abundance of headaches and teething problems.

His chance to show his mettle and worthiness will start in

January, when regional government officially arrives.

Mr. Masson already has said he plans a program of public relations, initially, when he will tour the region to meet with councils and municipal representatives to elicit their cooperation.

Elections for regional government are less than two months distant. Some of the campaigning has started already, for the Oct. 1 vote, as persons already in public office avow intentions to seek nominations for regional positions. Inaugural meetings are tentatively scheduled for mid-October. And it is expected also that a referendum will be held during the October vote to choose a name for the north and central Halton municipalities.

As we said, regional government is rushing upon us, in fact, it's coming faster than that invisible GO train.

## An Honor For The Town

People make a community, and when people accomplish something, their accomplishment is reflected in community pride.

Georgetown has reason to be proud of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service. Recently, a four-member team representing the group (and a makeshift one at that, because of traffic complications) won the Ontario Ambulance Operators' Association first aid competition.

The win was something of a real accomplishment for the local team. It was its first time in any competition, and the entry in the Hamilton test was preceded by just one week of practice.

And all but two teams in the competition were representative of fulltime paid services. Only Georgetown and Amherstburg sent teams of volunteers.

For the Georgetown team, it's on to Omaha, Neb., later this month, for participation in an international competition. The team has plenty of spirit and a great determination to win, especially with an Ontario upset of sorts in its pocket.

It will add to the town's pride if the team can come back with international honors, whether first, second, third or honorable mention.

Good luck to the team.

## Something For Deep Concern

We do not share the shrug-off attitude of those United Church officials who refuse to view with alarm an annual statistical report showing denominational finances continue to go up, and membership down.

We agree that statistics are not important to the Lord or to a communion. But what statistical data reveal about a church's life and work is.

And we are appalled at what the United Church's latest statistics show.

They show that United Church membership, which rose every year without a break from 1925-1965, has declined steadily during the past seven. And the rate of decline has accelerated.

They show also that while the amount of money contributed for the church's work has gone up, the number of contributors has gone down. Our efficient and concentrated emphasis on the stewardship of money has inspired the faithful to give more, while the indifferent give less.

The chief cause of decline is failure to recruit the baptized children of the church into membership, during these years when the teenage population is high. Between the years 1949 to 1965 numbers received on profession of faith were never below 30,000 and sometimes exceeded 40,000 a year. Last year they dropped to 17,000 about 12,000 of them teenagers. Yet 12 to 15 years ago the United Church was baptizing over 60,000 children a year. This means that only one in five of those children is being confirmed. (And last year we baptized only 31,000.) Somehow in our programs of evangelism and Christian nurture we have annually lost—or at least failed to win—about 50,000 of our young people.

A vigorous and affluent church, should, when faced with these facts, undertake a sustained and massive effort to discover and initiate effective ways to minister to its youth.

(United Church Observer)

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

### 10 YEARS AGO

Friendly rivalry between Georgetown and Acton in band music was to be revived this month when the two towns compete in Class 3 competition at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto. They are two of the six which will play on Thursday, August 22nd. The competitions start at 3:30 p.m. Bandmaster Art Hilliard is confident that members of Georgetown Citizens Band will make a good showing against the more experienced competitors. And music lovers are anticipating a return to the days when local bands publicized Georgetown far and wide with their exhibition music.

George A. Kerr, Burlington councillor and Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton County welcomed the news that an agreement had been reached between the provincial and federal governments in respect to the proposed municipal aid legislation.

### 20 YEARS AGO

In a Liberal sweep almost as powerful as in 1949, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent's government was returned to power in a federal election. The Liberals picked up 171 seats in Canada's 22nd parliament. Conservatives got 50, CCF 23, Social Credit 15, and there were six miscellaneous members for a total of 265. In 1949, party standings after election were: Liberals 183, Conservatives 42, CCF 12, Social Credit 10, and miscellaneous five.

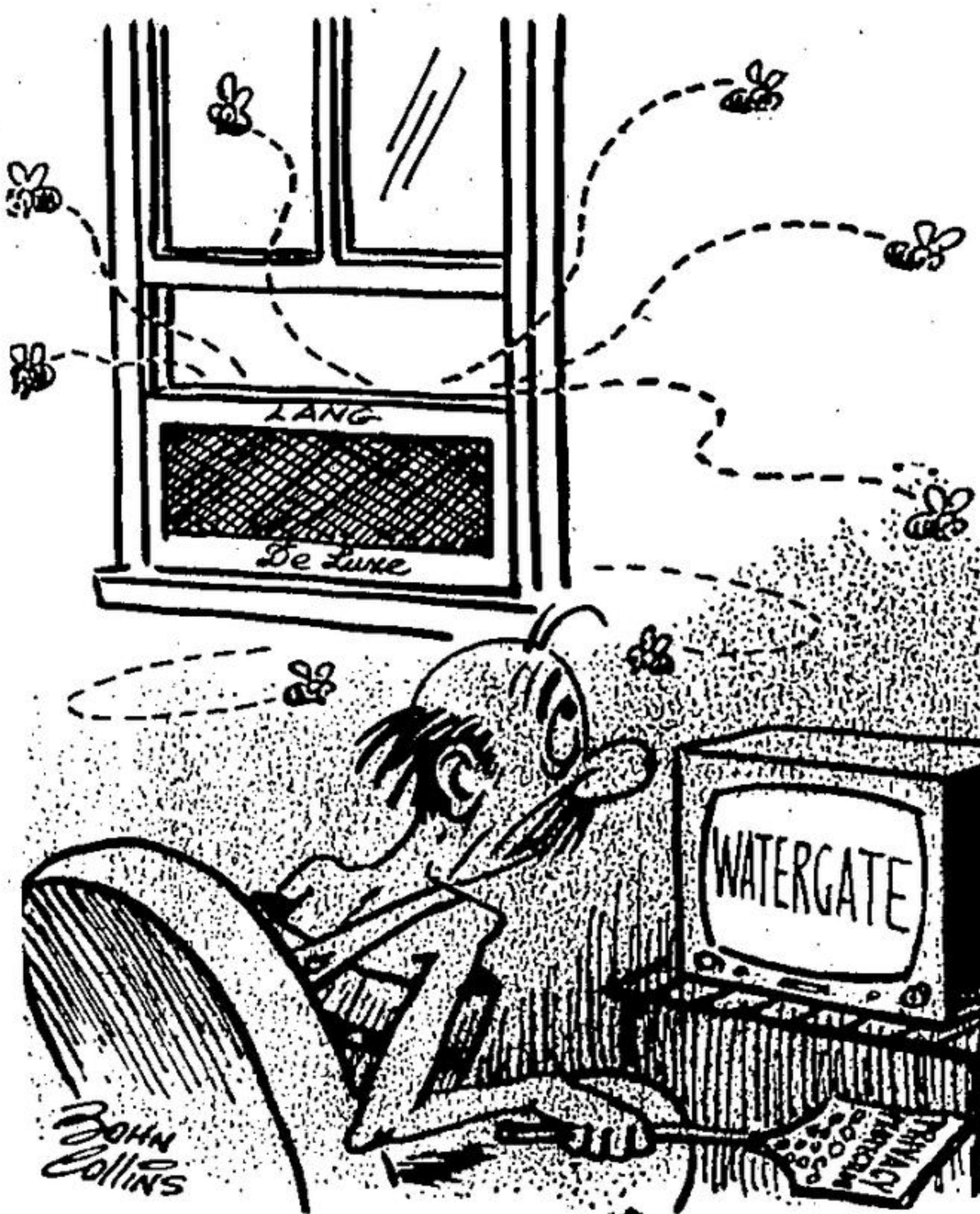
Expected use of 200,000 gallons of water daily in the new Smith and Stone plant caused town council to consider adding to the present water supply in town. The subject was discussed at a council meeting and later in the week the water committee, headed by Reeve Kenneth Macdonald, met with a Mr. Roberts of the Diessen, Phillips and Roberts firm of Bradford, which engineered the present deep well system in 1948.

A cavalcade of honking motor cars followed Halton's new member of Parliament, Sybil Bennett, in a victory parade around town when word was received at Progressive Conservative headquarters that Murray McPhail had conceded defeat. Miss Bennett's election was of more than usual interest in Georgetown for it was the first time in history that a Georgetown resident sat in the federal house. She succeeded Hugh Cleaver of Burlington, who has represented Halton as a Liberal for several terms.

As the result of last Wednesday's Ontario elections, the Progressive Conservative party obtained the largest number of legislature seats, with Harry Nixon's Liberal government going down to defeat and holding only 15 seats. The CCF made a strong bid for power, obtaining 34 of the 90 Ontario seats and became the official Opposition in the next house.

Aircraft manufacturing history in Canada marked a new milestone when the first heavy bomber to be built in this country was christened. The British designed Canadian built heavyweight Lancaster is the spearhead of RCAF night attacks on the continent. It weighs 32 tons, and is capable of carrying its eight-ton bomb load farther and faster than any other bomber in service. Mrs. C. G. Power, wife of the air minister, officially christened the plane and launched it on its way.

At a meeting of Georgetown council, action was taken on the Main Street sewage system. This has long been a source of annoyance to Main Street business men when the overflow from the overloaded storm sewer pipes floods basements after every rainstorm. While the council members regretted that the pavement laid four summers ago must be broken, it was felt that the time had come when something had to be done, and the work was to commence as soon as the necessary labour was secured.



## OUR PROTECTION AGAINST BUGS

BILL SMILEY

### Summer In The City Is Time For Madness

There's no place like home, as some wise man or woman once said, I think most likely it was a man.

For a woman, home means washing clothes and dishes eternally, scrubbing dirt, making beds, and all those other rotten jobs that make "home-making" a dirty word.

For a man, it means a good, hot cup of tea instead of lukewarm coffee, a meal that tastes like food instead of wet kleenex, clean sheets smelling of sun, and going around in his underwear and bare feet if he jolly well feels like it.

That's exactly what I'm enjoying today, after four days in The City. I've just had a decent cup of tea, a great slippy bacon and tomato sandwich, and I'm in my shorts and bare feet.

We've just had our annual splurge in The City, and even my wife gave a groan of pure pleasure as we pulled into our driveway last night and the cat came running to greet us, flinging herself on her back and rolling her belly ecstatically. That's the cat, not my wife.

SYLVAN RETREAT  
I haven't the slightest idea why, but every summer, when sensible people are fleeing like lemmings from The City, the old girl and I take off from our sylvan retreat in the heart of tourist land and head for the concrete canyons of that same City.

There's no intelligence, let alone common sense, in it. We can't afford it. We don't even like it. But we go.

Don't ask me for a logical explanation. It would be like asking a caribou why he runs back and forth, with wolves snapping at his heels. And the wolves are there.

In The City. Just waiting for us caribou. Unfortunately, they don't look like wolves, so you don't know what's happening to you until you're hamstrung. They look like cab-drivers and waiters and bartenders.

But one can't blame the wolves, can one? That's what they are for: to weed out the cripples.

Well, I can tell you that if you are not crippled, at least financially, after a few days in The City, you've been staying with your relatives.

BEST HOTEL  
For some reason, we always stay in the best hotel. After all, it costs only about three days pay for each night in the swank joint. This is part of the whole mid-summer madness.

And, what the heck, it's only three dollars to see a movie. And what the shoot, room service charges, only \$1.50 for a pot of coffee, and a meagre \$1.50 for a sandwich. And, of course, you can't take it with you, so spread it around a little.

And then there's the swimming. The big hotels have a swimming pool. Of course, only the common people swim in the pool. That's what we tell ourselves every time we remember we've forgotten our swim suits.

This is about the point where I start to pound my head, thinking of the mile-long stretch of clean white sand and clean blue water back home.

But there's one thing I'll say about The City in summer. It's cool.

Oh, not out with the rabble on the streets. They, I understand, sweat just like the rest of us.

But in the big hotels and the bars and the restaurants,

air-conditioning has worked a miracle. Or something.

You can almost go into some of them without an overcoat. Some of the bars are so un-cool the waiters don't even have blue lips. But in most of them, the customers are sitting around racked with pneumonia and arthritis.

I don't know why I'm complaining. Nobody forced me to go to The City. And if anyone tried, it would be like attempting to force a mule to walk backward. I wouldn't go there if you paid me. Especially in the summer.

But I went. I guess it was for my wife's sake. She loves a few days in a big hotel. No laundry. No meals to cook. No brains.

However, the annual stupidity is over again, and as I said, it's great to be home. No more of that ridiculous wasting of money on things priced seven times too high.

No problems like that at home. Nothing here but the old cat and the new wood-piles. Let's open the mail. Might be a nice fan letter. Yike! Town taxes, \$484.00. Fuel bill from last winter \$130.00. Bank manager wants to see me. I guess it's back to The City.

### Bible Verse

"But if any man love God, the same is known of him." 1 Corinthians.

The degree of our acquaintance with the Lord is vitally linked to our affection for Him. Do you know the Lord?

## O'CONNOR SAYS

### Safeguards Are Required In Canada-U.S. Auto Pact

Canadian safeguards must be maintained in some form in the Canada-U.S. auto pact, Terry O'Connor, MP for Halton, told the Oakville and District Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. O'Connor said Canada must recognize "the seriousness of U.S. unrest with the agreement." He suggests this nation must "make an effort to sit down and negotiate towards solving some of the U.S. fears."

The Halton MP says he believes the pact is vitally necessary in the long run "to the maintenance of an automobile industry in Canada, that Canadian safeguards must be maintained in some form to protect production, investment, and particularly jobs in Canada in an industry which is totally owned in the U.S."

Mr. O'Connor said the United States regards the safeguards of the pact as transitional. That nation now feels that the auto industry in Canada has reached a form of maturity.

### REMOVALS

He quoted U.S. President Richard Nixon from a speech made in February of this year: "The production requirements (safeguards) have been met and in fact exceeded...removal of the transitional restrictions would not produce a rapid substantial change in the trade balance. Continued existence of the transitional restrictions is an obstacle to full realization of the agreement objectives."

One of the chief demands of the U.S. is for the removal of the 15 per cent Canadian tariff on consumer level imports. At present, the 15 per cent acts as a protection to the maintenance of higher prices in Canada.

Removal of the tariff, Mr. O'Connor said, would result in many Canadians, especially those living close to the U.S. border, buying their new and/or used cars south of the border.

unless there was an immediate reduction in the Canadian price to a level competitive with U.S. car dealers.

### NO SIMPLE MATTER

Mr. O'Connor said it is not a simple matter to reduce car prices in Canada to the level of those in the United States. Quoting argument put forward by the Canadian automotive manufacturers, he said there are a number of factors responsible for no significant or quick reduction in prices. There is a higher cost for warranties in Canada, higher costs for transporting fewer cars over greater distances, the cost of bilingual advertising and higher dealership costs due to lower volumes.

Mr. O'Connor suggested Canada should approach forthcoming negotiations prepared to accommodate the U.S. to the extent of replacing current safeguards, if so demanded, but insisting on maintenance of some alternative type of safeguards "which will adequately protect the Canadian position."

Canada and the automotive industry basically are satisfied with the auto agreement as it exists now, Mr. O'Connor said. "It is the Americans who are insisting on changes and immediate negotiations." He said Canada should approach the round of talks "fully equipped, its effects on both countries."

A car produced in Canada or the United States still costs more to buy in Canada, but virtual wage parity has been achieved among automakers in the two countries.

The Halton MP traced the initial development of the Canada-U.S. auto pact, a complex trade program which, he said, is essentially a free trade agreement between the two nations. Under the pact, nearly \$9 billion in trade takes place each year. Economic

benefits to Canada have been tremendous, he said, and the number of cars produced in Canada has risen from 855,000 in 1965 or seven per cent of North American production, to 1,375,000 in 1971, or 13 per cent of such production. More jobs have been created and a huge Canadian trade deficit of the mid-1960s was decreased to the point where a surplus was reached in 1970 and 1971. In 1972, there was an almost balanced trade position.

## ONE DAY WONDER



(Herald Photo)

A one day wonder is the cactus admired by Mrs. Norma Tripp, of Norval. After owning the cactus for 13 years, it suddenly bloomed one day last week and withered the same day. Keith Webb, of Webb's Nurseries across the road, said he had never seen one like it.

## QUEEN'S PARK

### Public Dealings Coming To Light

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TORONTO—To return once more to the Hydro committee with apologies, if you feel it is being over-stressed there is a lesson in its inquiry for everyone doing business or intending to do business with the government.

The lesson that doing business with government is quite a different matter than doing business with the private sector.

Particularly that you are dealing with public money, and that once you are your dealing itself is public.

Gerhard Moog of Canada Square Corp. and Gordon D. Finlayson his lawyer, particularly Finlayson, fought bitterly that certain details and correspondence of Canada Square dealing with its financing of the new Hydro head office building should be privileged.

Finally Conservative members, who dominate the committee, let down and agreed that the details could be given in a closed session.

But even with that a good deal of Moog's personal affairs came out in public. And it is doubtful if on another occasion with similar circumstances he, or

anyone else, would get the same break of privacy on the rest.

ALL OPEN  
For in dealing with public funds there are certain fundamentals.

One is that there should not be excessive profits. Particularly when building projects are concerned, for if anyone was making a big bundle out of them the public would want government to go ahead on its own.

Then there should be good value. And anyone involved in business with government automatically should be prepared to provide bona fides on both points.

In this case bona fides means providing any information the public, through its elected members, may want.

That is the penalty of doing business with government, if penalty it is.

To compensate for it, of course, there is absolutely no risk when you deal with the government.

Incidentally, it is easy to see how Gerhard Moog would be a friend of Premier Davis.

Mr. Moog made it apparent before the committee that he is not only very bright but also has a great deal of charm.

## New Library Not First In Township

Esquimes's new library in a vault at the old township hall is not the first library founded in the township after all, former clerk K. C. Lindsay reports.

Delving back into township history, Mr. Lindsay points out there was a library kept in an addition to the Quatre Bras school house, which exerted a great influence during the years it flourished. His information comes from the book, "Records and Memories of Boston Church 1820-1920," which says there was no better selection of books outside the cities than in that library.

Quatre Bras school was situated at the North East corner of Five Sideroad and the Fourth Line. It has since been turned into a residence.

The book says: "That some of the solid books of information in this library found readers in the Scotch Block would in these days, probably be a matter of surprise to many people. The annual meeting of the Association was held in the evening, and the schoolhouse was crowded. Every member was entitled to propose a book, but a majority vote was necessary to a purchase. Many good books were contributed."

"When the Mechanics Institute in Milton was opened it was decided to close the library and divide the books among the members."

"A regular patron of the library coming on one occasion to get a book was told by the Librarian of a certain work, and asked if he would not like to read it. He answered, 'Na, it's nae soum.' These men, for the most part, had decided opinions as to what constituted good books, and good preaching. They were very precise also in their political convictions, but sometimes likely to be prejudiced through partisan feeling. It was one's own party always in a general election that could save the country from ruin, while the candidates of the opposing party were blind guides, who should never be entrusted with the reins of government."

"They were at the same time very conscientious. As an illustration of this they should 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' but with the best of them it occasionally cost an effort to do so.

(Milton Champion)

## Price Boost Is Help For Industrial Milk

TORONTO—The one-dollar increase to farmers for producing 100 pounds of industrial milk will encourage dairymen to keep their milk production up,

says Keith Matthe, second vice-president, Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Matthe is a dairyman from Brockville.

Industrial milk is used for skim milk, butter, cheese and manufactured milk products. Farmers were not given a pay increase for table milk.

He says: "Milk production in Ontario has been declining at an alarming rate. One of

the reasons is today's higher feed prices. Farmers can make more money selling their dairy cows for beef than by milking them.

"Slaughtering of good dairy cows unnecessarily has got to stop, and the only thing that will stop it is a higher price for industrial milk. That is why this price increase is so desperately needed. It will amount to the full dollar for farmers who have enough subsidy quota to cover their production."

The increase, effective Aug. 1, is made up of a 56-cent direct payment to producers, a reduction of the export levy on manufactured milk products from 30 cents a hundredweight to 10 cents; and a three-cent increase per pound in the support price of skim milk powder.

Federal agriculture minister Eugene Whelan announced the increase following requests by the OFA, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and the Dairy Farmers of Canada.

Between Dec. 1, 1972 and June 1, 1973 prices of protein supplements needed in dairy feed tripled. Grain prices climbed between 25 and 50 per cent. Wages for farm help, which is in short supply, rose seven per cent.

"This increase was needed now to allow dairy farmers to keep milking," adds Matthe.



## SWEEP CREW IN ACTION

Government and industry are working together in Experience '73's Project SWEEP (Students Working in an Environmental Enhancement Program) which provides summer

employment for students and, at the same time, helps to improve the appearance of Ontario's recreational areas. More than 1,600 students associated with the

provincial government-sponsored program are spending their summer cleaning up conservation areas, shorelines and river banks.