• IT SEEMS rather evident from the turnout at the plebiscite on Monday, that the people are quite content to have others make the decisions for them even when it comes to spending money. I've often felt the ratepayers should be permitted to register their opinion on more of the debenture issues, but it seems they couldn't care less. Fortunately, some care enough to vote.

 THERE'S A sign in Nassagaweya that, to say the least, is deceiving. I came across it on Sunday and while I pride myself in not getting lost on local Sunday drives, this one proved pretty challenging. It's located at the Sideroad. But it is reversed. It indicates the sideroad as the line. didn't think my directions were that far out that I had become unknowingly twisted. Matter of fact, I thought someone had jokingly turned the post but it seemed solid enough in the ground. The next corner proved

 IF YOU'VE completed a trip, enjoyed a holiday or had visitors, vou are a welcome contributor to the Social column of the Champion office. It's impossible to obtain this kind of item without the co-operation of readers

was O.K. and the sign was

really twisted.

everyone seems to be doing some travelling or entertaining.

 SPEAKING of visitors, you might be interested in inviting your friends to Milton for the Labor Day weekend. The steam show that has attracted thousands in the past couple of years is scheduled for Milton on the Labor Day weekend. And if plans of the local business section materialize, the event could be almost as gay as the Centennial celebrations of 1957.

• IT WAS quite a variety of hikers that started off on the walk over a section of the Bruce Trail from Kelso to Terra Cotta on Saturday morning. The contrast corner of the Fourth Line and 20 . between the leather suited type and the girls in slacks was as great as the age contrast from the toddlers to the older participants. At this point I haven't heard how far the majority of them hiked but provisions had been made to end the trek for those who cared to, after two or three miles.

 THE RAILWAY by-pass was not misnamed when referred to as the great wall. It's amazing how quickly those earth movers can pile that dirt wall north of town across Highway 25. If, when it is finished, it can be sodded and properly maintained its wall-like effect can be and now that holidays are here, minimized. One thing that should

become a must though, is the development of the area of triangle park remaining, with picnic tables and green-belt atmosphere. Anyone looking for a pro-

 MAN'S ingenuity is surely expressed in the variety of types of fences you can see on a country drive. Of course there's a similar variety of suburban type fences but their origin was always in the lumber mill. The farm fences originated from an abundance of something in the area. It would be impossible to estimate the number of hours of work that must have been invested in some of the stone fences around the country. But it was a utilization of something that, to the farmer, had no other use. Similarly the stump fences represent hours of work. Compared with the single strand of wire of an electric fence the stump, stone and rail fences are overpowering in their appearance and background.

 PERHAPS you've heard about the man and wife who were out walking when they found a hydro bill on the sidewalk. Said he: "I'm going to pay this bill." "What do you want to do that she inquired. "It isn't

"No," he replied, "but there's 10 per cent discount and I might as well have it as anybody



DWARFING MAN is this 14 foot culvert being installed in the C.N.R. by-pass wall that is surrounding the town. The culvert, 270 feet long, is located between the Base Line Road and Bronte St. It is one of two such culverts that will carry the stream through the railway embankment. The steel culvert with the necessary bolts will weigh 181 tons when

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

Dominion Day is on the way; Let's have a celebration. It may be our last chance, they

To mark it as a nation.

Yep, according to the gloomportunity to celebrate with our customary fervour that glorious national holiday revered by all Canadians: The First of

Such eminent hysterians as Pierre Berton are sounding the tocsin, raising the storm signals, and making like Cassandra. Quebec, they sob, is gonna pull outa the confederation. All will be lost. Canada will become a banana re-

It is rather a paradox that the groans of anguish emerge for the most part, from the very people who devote a great deal of time, and a vast number of words, towards convincing everybody that Canada is already little more than a banana republic.

They are the people who have unselfishly volunteered to act as the conscience of this country They are the people who blat endlessly that we are the people who hang, with embarrassing obsequiousness, on the every word of every foreigner who speaks of this country, its habits and

They are the people who, via Dawson City or Glace Bay or Hayfork Centre, descend upon our cities and set themselves up as arbiters of our taste, our opinions, our morals, our man ners. Armed with incredible gall and a facility with words, they are happiest when they are revealing their ineffable scorn for Canadian custom cooking and culture.

A plague upon them all. In the

tions, their sneers and their sniping, I remain a cool, happy reactionary. I still believe that the twentieth century belongs to Canada, even with an 11 per cent sales tax on building materials. And furthermore, I fearlessly pots, this may be our last op- predict that Quebec will never leave the confederation.

> There are a number of good reasons for my opinions. They are not just a lot of off thecuff ideas based on a pile of statistical evidence. Nossir, they have a solid base of pure emotion and prejudice.

First of all, our politicians, while comparatively green compared to those of older nations, are internationally recognized as masters of the compromise. Canada, as a nation, has a reputation for horse-trading. She is not one to let any foolish ideals stand in the way of an honest buck. And this, I fear, will present the greatest obstacle to the secessionists of Quebec.

Second, our French-Canadian friends, bomb - planting to the contrary, suply are not wild eyed Latins, forever cherishing cobblestones to hurl at authority. They are a little more volatile than our Brtish elements, perhaps but don't forget that they're descended from the shrewd, tough, logical, phlegmatic folk of northern France, for the most part. They are practically stoics compared to some of the exotic strains in our population. The Irish, for example.

Third, they already have as much independence as they can possibly use. Don't tell me that a fellow in Riviere du Loup, for example, has any less freedom than I have. Especially if he's married. And I'll never forget a Canadienne I took out in Montreal one night. Boy, was she independent!

Fourth, the people of Quebec, should they pull out of confederation, would have to give up one of their primary pleasures in life; blaming everything from the last two wars to the low pensions on the sacred Anglais.

As for my other opinion, that the twentieth century belongs to Canada, this too is based on a bedrock of hope, not a lot of silly facts and figures. The main reason for my hope is that the twentieth century is becoming more and more expensive. Pretty soon, nobody will want it, at any price. But Canadians will buy anything, if the down payment is low enough.

Leaving you with these comforting predictions, I wish you a happy First of July, serene in the knowledge that you will spend it as usual: Reverently explaining to your children the meaning of confederation; listening to fiery orations about our great Canadian mystique; dancing in the streets with your neighbors to express your joy; and decking out your house or store with flags.

And if you have to don waterskis to catch your kids for the reverent explanation, don't worry. If the only fiery oration you can find is Earl Cameron with the CBC news, don't worry. If your neighbors have all bogged off to the beach, don't worry. If the only flags you can find are a cuple of union jacks, an old Red Ensign and a tattered Stars and Stripes, don't worry. It will be good, average, typical Canadian celebration of the birth of our glorious nation.

The Overwhelming Minority . . .

One third of the ratepayers eligible to vote, cast their ballots on the first local money by-law in several years. The result was the defeat of Library Board plans to construct a new library.

The interest of voters in the project was pathetically feeble. In fact it was disgusting. Weather conditions were ideal for the vote and there was no reason the percentage voting should not have been higher. The interest of the voters does not auger well for the town's future.

Frankly we are disappointed the town will not have the opportunity to bring its library facilities up to a reasonable standard. No one likes the thought of spending \$77,000, but similar amounts of money are spent collectively on many less important

Probably the most disastrous blow to the library board's cause was in the timing of the plebiscite. Council's finance committee this year has been dogged with financial requirements for capital purposes that are far above normal. The two school boards are seeking funds, the parking authority has a proposal, a water line is anticipated between the town and the Kelso wells, and the library proposal, several years in the preparation, was tossed into the capital expenditure

The vote was a close one with only 45 ballots spelling the defeat of the project. The vote was light with less than 30 per cent. of the voters taking the time to register an

Summed up, the outcome of the vote was solution should hardly be necessary.

really dictated by an overwhelming minority. It would have been the same if it had gone the other way. We stand up and pound our chest about the will of the majority and at election time we sit down and sheepishly fail to vote. We stand up and yell about educational standards and point with disdain at the "younger generation" and we fail to vote for educational facilities that can have long range effects on the training of men and minds of the future. The big difference is that talk is so cheap, and action sometimes calls for sacrifice.

The overwhelming minority has decided that the town's library facilities are adequate, but at least they cared enough to register an opinion. It's the apathetic majority that concerns us the most. It's the same apathetic majority that fails to show at nominations but are so vocal in their criticism; it's the same apathetic majority who are residents of the community but who seldom participate in community service work.

The outcome of the vote is secondary to the salient feature that becomes evident the apathetic public. The unnamed mass of Miltonians who prefer to be residents but not participants are the real threat to the community. Government in this town, like so many other towns, is by the overwhelming minority. It is this way because of the apathetic majority. It will continue this way until the toes of the individuals who compose the apathetic majority are trod on and then and only then their screams will be heard in the next county. Such a wake-up

Continuing Growth . . .

Monday is Canada's birthday. It may be a little hard to realize it by the absence of ags and local celebration but nevertheless it was July 1, 1867 that marked the formal beginnings of Canada as a nation.

While July 1 is significant, the growth in nationhood has been a continuing one which a review of history indicates.

In 1864 delegates from the Maritime provinces had assembled to discuss a maritime union. The Union of 1841 having been frustrated by recurrent instability, delegates from Canada were sent to the Maritimes conference to propose a wider union of all British North America. A conference was convened at Quebec later that year to discuss the proposal and to make recommendations to the Colonial Office. Under the BNA Act of 1867 which resulted, Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united in the Dominion of Canada.

The responsibility of the executive to the ent. The inspector reported to electorate achieved under Lord Elgin was was appointed Governor General.

limited to colonial affairs. Gradually the Government of Canada extended its control to Crown lands, trade relations, tariffs and other activity. Independence in foreign policy, however, was not achieved until the First World War, when Canada assumed membership in the Imperial War Cabinet, sent delegates to the peace conference at Versailles and became in its own right a member of the League of Nations.

Under the Statute of Westminster of 1931, Canadian sovereignty was given final recognition. No law of Canada can now be voided because it is repugnant to British law; no law of Britain is effective in Canada except with the consent of the Dominion; all laws enacted by Canada have extra-territorial effect. In 1947 Canadian citizenship was defined as distinct from British citizenship; in 1949 Canada obtained authority to amend the BNA Act; in the same year appeals to the Privy Council's Judicial Committee were established; in 1952 a Canadian

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the ation school until 1919 when he Canadian Champion, June 25,

A letter was received from Milton Public School at the Council meeting Monday evening requesting the Council to provide \$9,630 for school purposes, not in the budget. This amount was made up as follows; \$5,780 for a portable building, to relieve the overcrowding at the school; \$1,500 for furnishing the building and \$2,400 for a new school site, just over the boundary of Milton to the South, between the extension of Thomas and Commercial Sts The request follows a visit of representatives of the School Board to Council last week.

. E. Marcellus retires this month after a total of 31 years as a teacher in Milton. At least two generations of Milton scholars have known Mr. Marcellus as their principal, for many parents of present-day pupils had him as their teacher also. Coming to Milton first in 1912 from Flesherton, Mr. Marcellus was principal of the Milton public and continu-

left to teach at Madoc and later New Liskeard. In 1929 he returned to the new high school where he has been until his retirement this June.

The petition from Nelson school section No. 5 to break away from the school area No. 1 was refused by a full council on Monday. Two strong petitions had been filed for and against the secession. The resolution stated that "in view of the petitions for and against secession of Nelson school section from the area, and from what observations and opinions we have been able to make, this council cannot endorse the separation of this section from the present area."

Final campaign results of \$1,-547.05 for the recent Milton Red Cross canvass were reported by the treasurer at the open meeting held Monday at the town hall. The quota for Milton had been set at \$1,500. It was decided to sent \$1,000 to Red Cross head-

GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, June 24,

Present prospects, states Agricultural representative J. E. Whitelock, point to increasing food shortage this coming winter. He pointed out that less than 50 per cent of our 1943 acreage of oats and barley had been sown this spring and with seeding six weeks later than a year ago, it is difficult to see much hope for anything like a normal crop, even on the acreage sown. With prospects for a short crop of grain in Ontario and with difficulty of getting grain from the West owing to transportation problems, and with the shortage of protein concentrates, the hav crop must be saved if we are to have anything like enough milk for our urban markets this win-It is said that for the first time

in history there was no ice cream, nor bottled ice cold

drinks in Milton last Sunday night, as all the restaurants were sold out completely of everything cool and refreshing. Yes, it was an extra warm night in Milton.

A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the magnificent dance review presented by Miss Shirley Elliot and her pupils in the Princess Theatre Wednesday evening. With the genial Mr. F. H. Gilroy acting as Master of Ceremonies, the program was carried along to a triumphant conclusion. Owing to the fact that the Review was only presented last night it was possible to prepare and publish a detailed report on such a wonderful performance on such short notice, but we promise you a full detailed description in the next issue of The Champion.

The plot in Victoria Park in front of the Court House with the flower beds around the Cenotaph, never looked more beauti-

GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, June 26, 1913.

The Hydro-electric power went off throughout the system three times last week, causing great inconvenience generally and loss to the industries. The cause was found to be defective insulators, principally those made in Germoved. Everything is now in perfect order and is expected to remain so.

Auto polo, the fastest game on earth, will be played at Exhibition Park, Toronto, on July 15. One of the two rival teams has just arrived from England and the other is from New York. The game is played with two cars on a side, each manned by a driver and a "mallet man." The ball is of leather, 8 inches in diameter and is air-filled.

The board of trade met last night. Proposals from a manufacturing firm for the establish-

ing of a large plant here were considered. A committee was appointed to confer with the representative of the firm. A rumor that the reason for the shutting down of the work of building the new C.P.R. station was the intention to locate it on the second 'line. A committee was many. They have all been re- appointed to act in conjunction with the town council to prevent such change of site.

The Milton Brass and Reed Band intend holding a half holiday and garden party on Wednesday July 9, at Livingston Park. Will J. White and other talent have been secured.

J. W. Eliot, K.C., went to Hamilton yesterday to he texamination for discovery in the suit the Dominion Bank vs. Halton, in which the plaintiffs claim that the defendants should not have paid certain moneys to a contractor named Thomas.

GEORGETOWN — E. W. Bliss Co. of Canada Ltd., manufacturer of traffic signalling devices, road signs and industrial timers, has announced plans to buy the vacant Sykes Tool Corporation manufacturing plant here. The seven-year-old, 16,300 square foot plant fronts on Highway 7.

WATERDOWN — A developer has offered council \$15,000 to buy the Waterdown Memorial Hall on Highway 5, with plans to convert it to a restaurant with liquor facilities. But The Review, in a front page editorial, opposes the sale because it is the community's only public meeting place and is used for a Legion-sponsored youth program. It was erected in 1922 in memory of first war veterans.

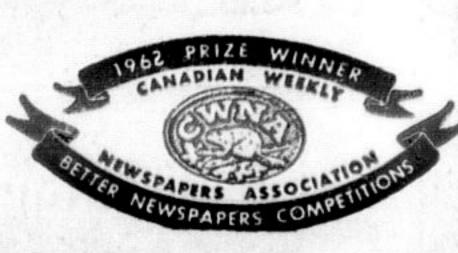
BRAMPTON — Free parking on municipal lots ends July 15 when meters go back into operation, the first time since January 1961. Council claims a contract with the Chamber of Commerce, whereby merchants paid the town to compensate for lost meter revenue, has not worked and the Chamber is behind on payments.

COOKSVILLE - Some northern Peel County Liberals have protested the recent county Liberal nomination meeting, charging teenagers and a nine-year-old boy were allowed to cast votes for the candidates. Organizers defended their action in allowing delegates under 21 years of age, stating they were accredited members of the Young Liberals. Their protest was not upheld and Ted Glista was named candidate.

PEEL COUNTY — A county-wide police force was proposed by a Port Credit councillor last week, as more effective and less costly than 10 scattered forces. "Ten municipalities and 10 chiefs of police mean a duplication of services," Deputy-Reeve Jack Plaus told county

OAKVILLE — The Oakville Yacht Squadron has rescued the town's 1889 lighthouse and at a Saturday ceremony it was re-dedicated by Mayor William Anderson. Torn down a few years ago to make way for a new beacon on the pier, the lighthouse was procured by yacht squadron enthusiasts, moved to the yacht club property, and restored to its original form.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have made mistakes and I may make some more if I stay here. This is inevitable, I suppose, if one's objective is to get things done regardless of the difficulties to be overcome."

> - Hon. W. Gordon, Minister of Finance in the House of Commons

its people.

face of their insults and insinua-

3, Milton.

THE IRREGULAR attendance of pupils and the indifference of parents toward schools was a big problem in the early days of Halton County's school system. The fact was emphasized in the school inspectors' reports listed

"Too many (parents) are more particular to have the little brothers out of the way than to have them at school," reported the Oakville inspector Charles H. Lusk in his annual report to the government. "The result is, numbers throng the streets, learning and practising evil and pernicious habits, whose time should and could be spent undergoing the necessary discipline to prepare them for subsequent usefulness," he explained.

in an 1869 publication by the

Government, loaned to The

Champion by M. J. Carton, R. R.

Let's hope the truant officers of today's mandatory attendance system note the problem their predecessors faced. Thank goodness there's little truancy today!

THIS INTERESTING book has a lot of information about

Halton County spread within its 400-odd pages. It took an hour or so to sort it out, but the end result was well worth the effort.

DOWN(S) IN THIS CORNER

WITH ROY DOWNS

For instance, we learned there were 61 common schools with 6,172 pupils, two grammar schools with 78 pupils, and six other schools with 51 pupils during 1869. There were also 59 Sunday schools and public libraries in the county, with a total

of 12,888 books on the shelves. Education in Halton cost \$22,-000 that year (what a far cry from the 1963 expenses) with teachers' salaries taking \$16,400 of that figure. And there was a great controversy over whether the common schools and the grammar schools should be amalgamated.

Esquesing inspector reported one new brick schoolhouse had been erected during the year. Nelson had one school closed for three months of the winter, due to the weather. A new school (No. 12) had been erected, while No. 11 had been expanded to two rooms.

Trafalgar's inspector noted the need for better schools, better teachers, higher salaries, and

more parental interest. Georgetown had one school with three departments and 360 enrolled, as well as two private schools with 20 pupils, and a new common school was being planned. (The inspector noted one teacher was in charge of 70 pupils.)

THE HALTON JAIL in 1869 was also a far cry from the presthe government there were eight prisoners in confinement, two as dangerous lunatics. "The accommodation of this gaol is entirely insufficient for the wants of the county," he wrote. "In the same corridor I found two sentenced criminals, a woman waiting trial, and a very noisy and dangerous lunatic.'

* * *

The inspector warned County Council it should enlarge the prison to enable jail officials to classify prisoners "in the interests of humanity and common decency."

IF THE WOMAN who fixed up a den for her husband expects him to do all his growling there, she's doomed to bitter disappointment.