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## Trudeau's Crime Mess

Recently we had major changes in this country by the Trudeau Government aimed at reducing the jail population.

Then January 10 and 11 a frightful death came to two innocent people in separate Ontario incidents. In each case death was at the hands of someone who would probably have been behind bars except for the abortive attempts being made at penal reform.

One of the dead is a Toronto policeman. The other is a man who resided near Wallaceburg. One killer was free under the new bail laws and the other escaped during a prison rehabilitation activity.

Over recent months there have been other such incidents reported. Some involved death. Others involved various crimes ranging all the way from simple escape to robbery and near fatal injury.

The stories have been terrible, frightening and grotesque. Indeed, truth is stranger than fiction.

These two recent killings by criminals caught, but allowed at large, underline a situation that we find deeply disturbing. It is evident the public is also apprehensive.

The job of the police has been made much more difficult, at least on the face of the matter during the short run. They catch a crook or a maniac and have to let him loose. Or else the courts let him loose. Then sometimes the freed criminal repeats his crime, even to

the point of killing a law enforcement officer, as has just happened. On the one side we have these terrible killings.

There is another side. We are told large numbers of convicts were given leaves from jail during Christmas and only a tiny handful failed to return as required.

We are told the Canadian penal system in the past has failed to rehabilitate and that we have one of the largest jail populations of any country around. This large jail population is economically wasteful, costing us a lot of money, it is said.

But these innocent victims are dead. The victims of lesser crimes have suffered no less.

If the argument for penal reform is solid, then we must have adopted the wrong reform methods. Killers who will kill again mustn't be let loose in any circumstances.

Criminal Code matters are the responsibility of the federal government. The recent changes in the bail laws and the penitentiary system were legislated by the present Liberal Trudeau Government. They are the ones who have created this mess. The Trudeau penal reforms need reform by people who know what they're doing — by a new government that knows what it's doing and can hold the confidence of the Canadian people.

## Liberal Patronage

The ruling hierarchy of the Trudeau Liberals in their headlong rush to give succor to their fallen comrades have insulted the Canadian electorate. Some 12 Liberals, Members of Parliament who were rejected by the voters of their ridings in the October 30 general election, have been appointed by the minority Trudeau Government to non-elective paid positions in Ottawa. These defeated politicians have been hired at public expense at salaries ranging from

appointed to a variety of positions mainly as consultants or assistants to high ranking members of the Liberal Party. Included in these appointees is John Roberts, the defeated MP for York Simcoe, who has joined the personal staff of Prime Minister Trudeau. A former civil servant who was defeated after one term in Parliament Mr. Roberts served as executive assistant to Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve during the Pearson years. His former boss, Mr. Sauve, will be remembered as the Pearson Cabinet Minister who despite strong local protests moved Ottawa's forestry laboratories from Maple to Sault Ste. Marie.

Prime Minister Trudeau is allowing these defeated politicians to be a charge against the Canadian taxpayer despite their rejection by their fellow citizens in their own bailiwicks. One would question the wisdom of their advice to the government. After all, they were part of the Trudeau Administration which dissipated its strength during the four years from 1968. What advice did they give the government in caucus and in the House when they were on the firing line as MPs? Their defeat may have improved their vision. We wonder.

The Canadian people rendered their verdict on October 30 and it ill behooves the Trudeau Liberals to shelter the party faithful who fell by the wayside out of the public purse.



JOHN ROBERTS

\$17,500 to \$35,000 a year. Members of Parliament receive \$26,000 a year, \$8,000 of which is tax free. Parliamentary Secretaries receive \$30,000, \$8,000 tax free. These politicians have been

## 18-Year-Old Ballantrae Girl Dies Of Drugs

Lois Wallace, 18, of Ballantrae, died in York County Hospital in Newmarket, January 16, 12 hours after being admitted for treatment of an overdose of MDA, a hallucinogenic drug known as the "love drug."

That same evening, York Regional Police detectives and Ontario Provincial Police seized hundreds of capsules of MDA in a house on Concession 6 in Whitechurch-

Stouffville, in one of three raids.

Arrested as a result and charged with trafficking in a restricted drug were Jutta Manthau, 22, Bryan Grainge, 19, and Robert Ballantrae, 21, all of the above address.

They appeared in Newmarket Provincial Court last week and were remanded until January 27.

In a second raid, Frank Steele, 20, Whitechurch-Stouffville, was arrested in a raid at his home and charged with trafficking in narcotics. Seized was half a pound of hashish.

Arrested and charged with possession of narcotics as a result of a raid on a cottage at Claremont, was Marth Stacey, 18.

A small quantity of hashish was seized in the raid.

## Police Say No Serious Drug Hazard In York

By JIM IRVING

There are probably less than 100 users of hard drugs in the Region of York, Deputy Police Chief Robert Hood, said last week.

While reports from Metro Toronto show about 3,000 known users of heroin and a growing problem with younger people taking it up all the time, Deputy Hood said there was no great problem with the drug in the region.

He said that most sellers gravitate to the heavily-populated areas and the users follow.

Deputy Hood said that last year, there were only 125 people charged under both the Narcotics Control Act and the Food and Drug (Non-Narcotic) Act, with a total of 75 convictions registered. One of these was for heroin.

Drug talk among the youth themselves had decreased considerably. They were realizing

it was not necessarily the "in thing to do".

"There are an awful lot of intelligent kids who can think for themselves," he said.

He said that in the use of marijuana, there were not so many incidents now of the young people "freaking out".

He said that many youngsters will still continue to try marijuana, and will drop it after giving it a try. On the other hand there will always be the confirmed smokers.

A graphic example of that occurred in Provincial Court in Richmond Hill recently, where three youths convicted of being in possession of the illegal drug, all indicated they would continue to smoke it, regardless of how many times they were pulled in and fined.

Their attitude was typical of many young people, in that they don't take the business of smoking marijuana seriously; if it's legal to indulge in liquor, why

not "grass", seems to be the consensus.

Should it then be legalized? No, says Deputy Hood, the police were generally against its legalization.

And while not dogmatic about it, he lists three reasons why the drug is still considered a narcotic; it makes its users more accident prone, through the feeling of irresponsibility it induces, and it tends to breed criminal activity.

So far as comparing its use with that of liquor, Deputy Hood said he was not qualified to say which was the more harmful.

He said that the users of marijuana in the region didn't come from any particular segment of society, but from all over.

Also, the drug was always available. "If you want it, there's no problem finding it," he said that the police and

courts could only do so much in curbing the use of marijuana, and that parents could do as much as anyone in educating their children about its dangers.

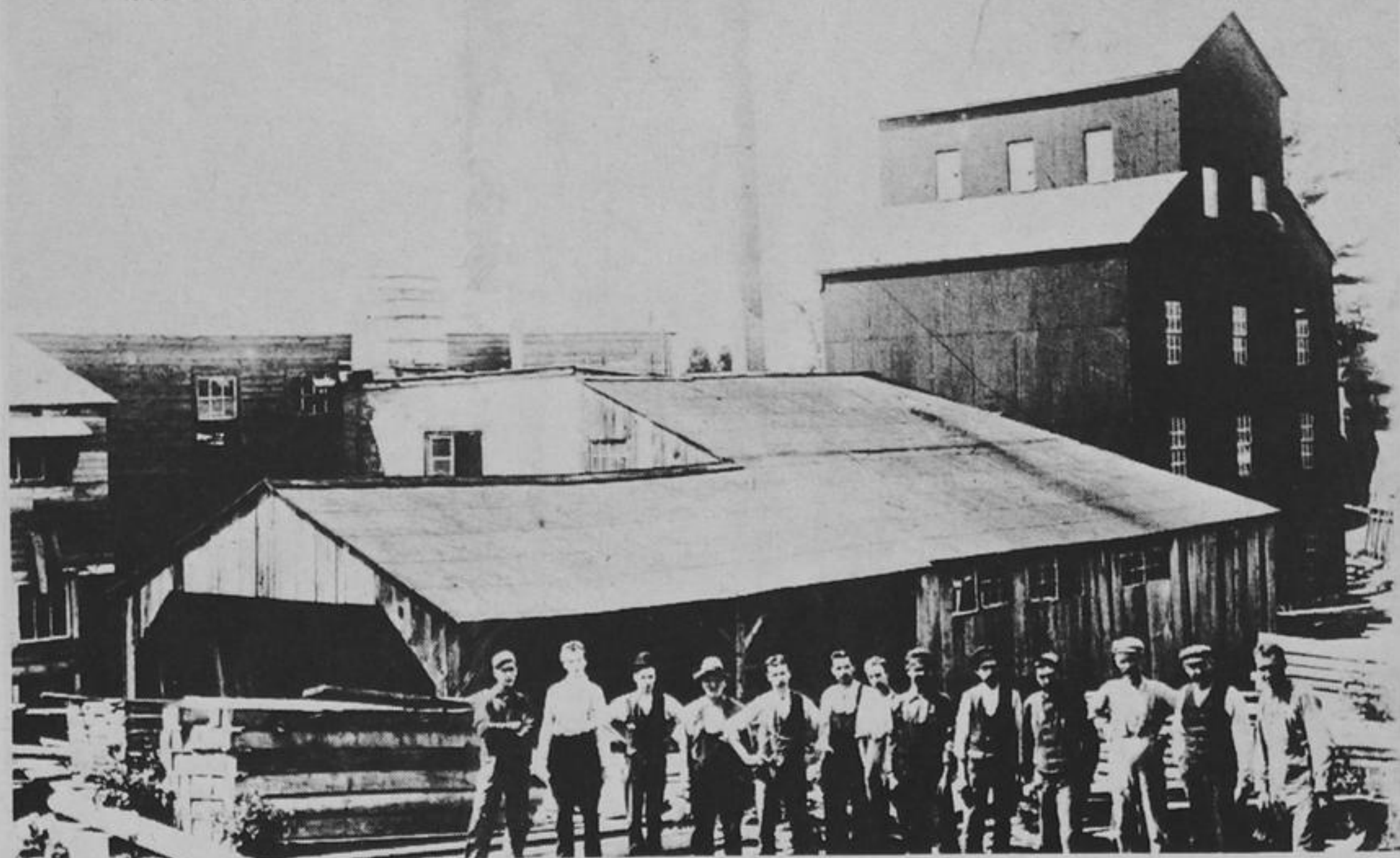
However, the parents' arguments were sometimes watered down by their own indulgence in liquor, he said.

In a federal study of drug use in the United States, it was concluded that the government was more likely to yield long-range positive results by dropping its "failure-ridden quest" for a young society free from drug use.

Telling the young not to smoke marijuana because it is illegal, calls the law into question, not marijuana, the report said.

The report, however, is still being studied by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and no approval or rejection of the findings is expected for some time yet.

INNES MILLS RICHMOND HILL



Offering employment opportunities to the residents of Richmond Hill in the early days of the village were the Innes Mills, located south of the Mill Pond between Mill and Richmond Streets. The above photo was taken in

1908 and clearly depicts the extensive installation, including the saw mill, planing mill and grist mill. These continued in operation until well into the 20's.

## Early Mills Played Important Role

The buildings were located at the Richmond Street end of the property. At the Mill Street end was a storage yard for logs. From there they travelled on a trolley drawn over tracks by a chain into the open saw shed in the foreground of the picture, in front of which are stacks of squared timber.

In the left background is a square top building which housed the company's offices and a band saw on the ground floor and the sash and door department on the second floor. In the white building in the centre (with a water tank on the roof) were located the boiler room and dry kiln. John Innes collected the distilled water which dripped from the kiln to use in his amateur photography.

The tall building in the

right background is the grist mill.

Behind it was a bridge over the creek leading to a pig pen, a horse stable, and two sheds for lumber storage. Other lumber was stored in piles to the left front of the saw shed and Mr. Innes was probably standing on one of these when he took the picture.

Behind the office-sash and door building, and across a road, was another lumber shed. The slender smokestack was replaced by a big brick stack that had to have an extension built on the top, according to Mrs. Carol Innes Proctor of North Vancouver who loaned us the picture.

The third man from the left has been identified as Harry Innes and the second

man from the right as his father, William Innes. Some of our readers may be able to name others.

John Innes was also builder and architect for many buildings, both in this district and in Toronto. Examples of his

lasting workmanship may still be seen in many homes in Richmond Hill and surrounding area, in the core of the McConaghy Public School and the core of the municipal offices, built as a high school in 1897.

## In the Spotlight



By MONA ROBERTSON

### A Cure For Winter Doldrums

You know before we became apartment-dwellers . . . or owned modern suburban homes with small gardens . . . it was the seed catalogue which stirred our imagination with the thought of spring and balmy breezes and sunshine. Now many of us escape for a little while at least to sunnier climes, simply because the world is shrinking, due to man's invention of jets and supertets.

But how would this be . . . for a real change of scene and weather and our imagination . . . treasure hunting for pirate gold, in the tropics? Last weekend I spent a memorable afternoon with two good friends (members of the Richvale Writers' Group), Ann and Ian McBean, (pronounced McBain) in their lovely Thornhill home on John Street. We sat around in front of a blazing log fire, sipping tea and eating toasted crumpets. In the background (or sideground) at least a dozen canaries accompanied us with their sweet trilling songs. For Ann and Ian have built an aviary along one whole side of their large "downstairs" sitting room. A beautiful touch of nature indoors. We chatted about 100 and one different things, including some of Ian's adventures, which have taken him all over the world during the past 30 years.

In imagination we travelled to Petsamo, on the Finnish-Russian Border, where at the age of 16, Ian's adventurous career began. His parents were in India where his father was connected with a merchant banking house. Ian was born in Cochin of Scottish-Welsh parents, and was a student at that time at Clifton College, England. Hearing of an Arctic expedition, dauntless Ian approached the leader of the survey crew from the Royal Geographical Society and offered his services as a "strong, untiring, bullock" . . . "All I could offer the expedition since they were all skilled and professional explorers".

Ian was signed on, and off to Petsamo and the Arctic. Late for the autumn term, when he finally returned to college, he had to do some tall explaining to be accepted back into his school.

Continuing our "travels" . . . we visited the Mojave, Sahara and Nevada Deserts, all places Ian has explored or flown over. . . He is also a flyer having served with the RAF during World War 2. Ian has theories about deep rivers which have gone "underground" in many elevated deserts throughout the world, and which could solve the water shortages in many countries. . . He also told me of heavy minerals, silver, tin, copper, platinum that lie in dormant pools of wealth in these hidden stream beds.

Another delightful "story" was his tale about his stint on the Dew Line . . . and that came about just after he arrived in Canada to live, in 1955.

Just off the plane, Ian attended a cocktail party in Montreal, where he met a director of the Foundation Company . . . responsible for building part of the line. Asked bluntly, "Ever had any experience in the north", Ian replied, "Yes, I was in the Arctic during the summer when I was 16." Shortly thereafter, Ian, and three companions, including a radio operator, a camp cook . . . and a first aid man . . . were off in a war surplus Dakota (DC3) . . . for the far north.

They were set down on sea ice, 900 miles from base (Frobisher Bay) with tents, sleeping bags, food and radio . . . and a campfire stove. They stayed seven and a half months on the Baird Peninsula west of Baffin Island. "Not in conditions one finds there today", Ian told me. "Today this is an industrialized area boasting all the amenities of home, including modern bars."

And then he told me of his second expedition: to Cocos Island in the Pacific Ocean and a search for buried treasure . . . as the fire continued to crackle and the birds twittered away unheeded.

My next column will take you to the tropics and another adventure of Ian McBean.

## I Didn't Know That!

(News of the Richmond Hill Public Library System)

Let's have a story-time! Parents, baby-sitters, you might like to know there are Pre-School Programmes in all Branches Richmond Hill Library - Wed. afternoon, 2:30 - 3:15 Wildwood (Oak Ridges) - Wed. afternoon, 1:30 - 2:00 Richvale - Tuesday morning, 10:30 - 11:15 The little ones who come regularly get to know each other, and get a feeling that it's "their school".

**General Story Hour** This is for all children up to and including Grade 6. Richmond Hill Library only - Saturday morning, 10:30 - 11:15.

There is no charge for these programmes, and usually they include an easy-to-make craft.

## Get After The Litterers

(Sault Daily Star)

Surely by now the public should be fully aware of the harmful environmental aspects of littering; the message has certainly been pushed across to people in numerous ways. But, as has been shown in the Sault, there are still people who throw garbage around, or thoughtlessly dropped litter, no matter how much the anti-littering message is blared out at them. So, if by now these people haven't got the message, is another \$150,000 worth of messages going to make a difference? It's hardly likely.

It is unfortunate, but what does appear to be called for is not so much new anti-littering legislation as enforcement of the present legislation in this area. For those people who litter on the highways, or who dump garbage where they are not supposed to, there are penalties. Then let those penalties be applied—and maybe the funds raised from these penalties could be used to put over more of the anti-litter message, rather than using taxpayer money.



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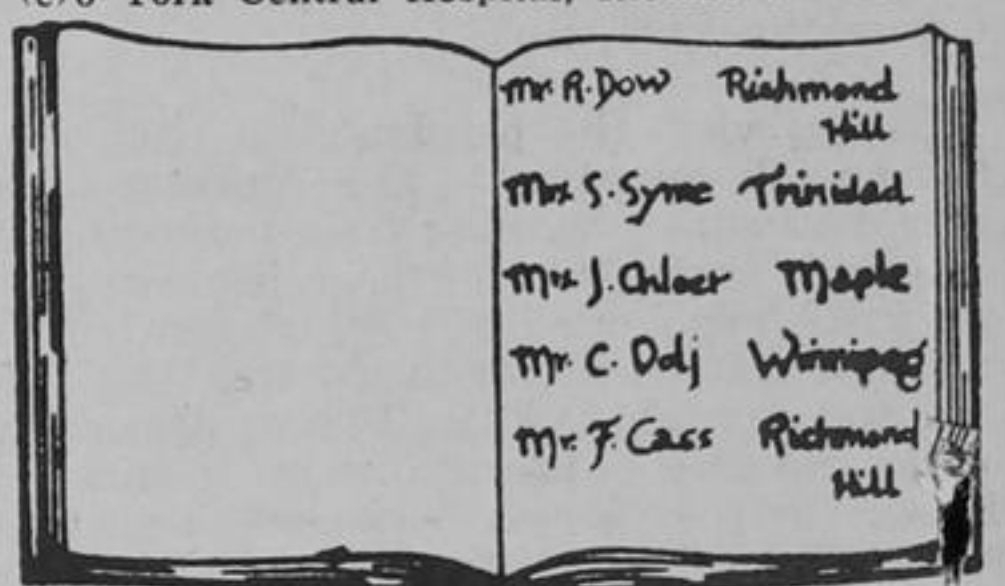
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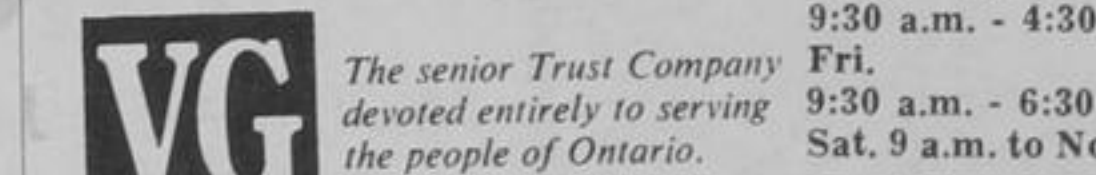
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