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**Inch Will Be As Dead As Chain When Metric System Adopted**

Within a very few years, the inch will be as dead as the chain is now and there will be no ounces, pounds, quarts or pints, Norman Gillespie of Ministry of Education, Region 8, told York County Roman Catholic School Board September 18. **FOUR OR FIVE YEARS**  
 "You can take it for granted that within a period of not very many years, (four or five), this country will take the last step to introduce the metric system of measurement and the imperial system will have disappeared forever," he said. He noted that the United States and Canada are the only two major countries still using the imperial system. "Probably Canada is waiting for the U.S.A. to come to a definite decision," he suggested.  
 Mr. Gillespie reported that the Ministry of Education has set up a section which has done a lot of work on the metric system and is really ready to go. "However, there are political implications and my surmise is that if Ontario makes the jump on its own, it will have to foot the bill. If this province waits for Ottawa, there may be a lot of money available to finance the costs of the change."  
 The cost of changing to the metric system in elementary schools will not be great, he stated. "You can introduce the metric system very simply by burning all yard sticks and buying meter sticks."  
**IN METRO SCHOOLS**  
 He also told the board that the Metro Toronto Board of Education is introducing the complete metric system into primary grades this year. "If the country is going metric in a few years time, abandoning the imperial system, can any school board afford to start youngsters on the imperial system and then later on make them change to metric?" he asked.  
 The speaker admitted that parents may be confused, "but I don't think it will be anything as significant as the confusion over the new math. Youngsters will find it a lot easier to move the decimal point than to divide by 12, but will cause you, me and the teachers some problems."  
 He suggested that by introducing the metric system in the primary grades next year, school boards will benefit by the experience of Toronto schools this year.

**RIGHT AND WRONG**  
 There are two ways to introduce the metric system, he said, the wrong way and the right way. "The wrong way is to convert from inches to centimeters. It's murder for the youngsters, dreadful for the teachers and you get the wrong answer, anyway. The proper way is for the youngsters to get to know the few basic units with a concept of the size of each. If he has a good concept he can operate on the metric system better than he can on the imperial system."  
 It was planned to introduce the metric system to teachers of the York Catholic system at a professional development day September 24. More metric workshops will be held for the teachers before introduction of the subject in the classrooms, it was noted. "Your problem is to decide when to introduce it, to what extent and in what grades," Mr. Gillespie told the trustees.

Mr. Gillespie also recommended that copies of "Why Johnny Can't Add", by Dr. Morris Kline of New York, internationally known mathematician, be made available to trustees and teaching staff. "It is the most comprehensive analysis I have ever read," he said.

**Left Scene After Walker Hurt**

A man who seriously injured a pedestrian and left the scene without stopping July 1 east of Thornhill at Steeles Avenue and Red Leaf Avenue at 9:55 pm, Monday in Richmond Hill Provincial Court September 14. Alfred Hodgins, 49, of 133 Budea Avenue, Scarborough was convicted by Judge John Cannon and fined \$100 or five days in jail if the money isn't paid in 30 days.

**Court NEWS**

**FOUND ASLEEP**  
 Constable Stejanovic said Hughes fell asleep while drinking at the Inn and refused to leave when asked. Conducted outside by the policeman, he proved to be very intoxicated and refused to take a taxi home. So he was arrested.  
 Stanley Hough, 20, of 255

**LODGED IN CELLS**  
 The constable arrested Franks, who was lodged in the Richmond Hill station cells for six hours and then released.  
 Judge Cannon fined Franks \$13 or three days, with 15 days to pay.  
 Douglas Hughes, 37, of 235 Baythorn Drive, Thornhill was handed a similar penalty for being drunk August 18

**FATAL INJURY**  
 Judge Boland found the Crown hadn't proven its case on a dangerous driving charge after a fatal injury accident.  
 She dismissed the charge against Cram. His car struck a 47-year-old woman at a crosswalk on Leslie Street in Metro May 18.

**FINED \$75**  
 Smith, an unmarried construction worker, was fined \$75 or five days in jail if he didn't pay within a month.  
 Judge Cannon ordered Smith not to drive in Canada for six months, except to and

from work.  
 Jason Franks, 23, of North Road, Richmond Hill was drunk "in absentia" for being drunk in a public place, namely Yonge Street South, at 11:30 pm September 1.  
 YRP Constable Frank Stejanovic said he saw a man sleeping on the trunk of a car at the rear of the Richmond Inn. The man was hard to rouse, staggered on his

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