

Waters in Waterways Pose Serious Problem

By ROBERT FRINSKY
MONTREAL (CP) — Homeowners always have been concerned about crabgrass on the front lawn but now the fight is being carried to underwater weeds.

A United States manufacturer of aquatic vegetation removers confesses that one-quarter of the North American inland waters are clogged with weeds. This is a serious problem, says Howard W. Stern, president of Aquatic Control Corp., Hartford, Wis. "When lakes and rivers are infested with weeds, the water becomes stagnant and an unpleasant odor is given off.

"The area can't be used for recreation and fishing is poor. Property values may be reduced."

Mr. Stern came to Montreal recently to show his company's machinery which operates much like an underwater lawn mower.

UTILIZES CHAIN SAW
The self-propelled weed harvester cuts plants about five feet below the water level by means of a chain saw. The forward motion of the machine forces the cut vegetation against a perforated grate, and only a conveyor which carries it up to a hopper. This in turn can be emptied into a trailing barge.

"The machine can harvest about 15,000 pounds of vegetation in an hour. Heavily infested areas may have up to 50,000 pounds of weeds per acre. The harvester is a relatively new means of combatting aquatic vegetation. Chemical weedkillers have been used successfully in the past, but Mr. Stern says the mechanical method is superior even though it does not remove the entire plant.

"The use of chemicals to get rid of one species of aquatic plant usually results in the growth of another species which is more hardy and more difficult to remove," he says.

ACTS AS FERTILIZER
The dead plant falls to the bottom and acts as fertilizer for new growth. The harvester is said to remove the cuttings completely.

Nothing can remove weeds permanently, Mr. Stern says, but a harvest each spring will control vegetation for a full year in most areas. In especially dense accumulations, another run might be necessary later on.

"The major obstacle to the widespread use of the new machine is its cost, about \$30,000. It is economically unfeasible for a single landowner to spend that much for a once-a-year operation.

Hence the need to interest provincial and federal governments in it, says Mr. Stern. "It's government function to get rid of the weeds," he says. "After all, they maintain the highways. They should also take care of the waterways."

"And waterways hold a great store of untapped natural resources. The aquatic vegetation which our harvester removes can be used as fertilizer or ground into flour."

into a small one.

"And he couldn't save money by using buses.

"When you're fat, you can't travel by bus. You get so many ignorant people staring at you because you take up two seats."

All this put him into debt. His money trouble really became serious, he said, when he tried gambling to get out of his hole. Now he owes \$2,854.

Martin's diet knocked off 76 pounds and 20 inches from his waistline. This enabled him to get a job as a cab driver—his present occupation.

"I'm a banker's examiner asked how he managed to reduce so drastically.

"I partly by cutting down on starch and liquids—and partly by worrying over money," Martin said.

under the federal Lord's Day Act, which forbids certain work on that day, including pulp and paper operations. The commission must present its report within six months. Budget for the inquiry is \$50,000.

YORK
Mr. and Mrs. Leith Watts and son Douglas were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Watts on Sunday, Aug. 23. Mrs. Benjamin MacMillan, Marlfield spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vessey.

Graham Hardy, Dartmouth, N.S., and his boys at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts, York.

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Tighter Regulations Urged For Investors Protection

TORONTO (CP)—Sharp demands for tighter government regulation of stock exchanges were in the wake of the suspension of John H. Campbell, administrator of the Ontario Securities Commission, for possible involvement in the trading of shares of a mining company under OSC scrutiny.

Members of the legislature called for more stringent regulations to protect the investing public and for efforts to prevent conflicts of interest.

Mr. Campbell, 50, was suspended indefinitely Tuesday by Attorney-General Arthur Wishart, who said the OSC director may have been involved directly or indirectly in trading of shares of Windfall Oils and Mines Ltd.

A spectacular and unexplained rise in the price of Windfall shares and their equally shocking collapse has touched off a continuing barrage of criticism.

Three investigations, including a one-man royal commission, was related to Windfall. Alfred Cowling, member of High Park riding in the Progressive Conservative government, said he would favor a law forbidding public officials holding stock if it conflicted with their jobs.

George H. Peck (PC—Scarborough Centre said any official involved in conflicts of interest "has got to go."

Donald MacDonald, NDP leader in Ontario, demanded an investigation of the relationship between the OSC and the Toronto Stock Exchange and described Mr. Campbell's suspension as "simply one more of the persistent scandals which have plagued the Ontario government."

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Justice Minister Plans Probe Of Grievance Against RCMP

OTTAWA (CP)—Justice Minister Favreau said in the Commons he will investigate a grievance against the RCMP which led to the "blood bomb" incident in the House Monday.

The minister was replying to Reid Scott (NDP—Toronto Danforth), who referred to some reports that David Cowlishaw, who pleaded guilty to throwing a milk carton full of cow's blood into the Commons floor, may return to Ottawa if nothing is done to redress a grievance party as an RCMP undercover agent and wants the force

to acknowledge this publicly. The RCMP has declined to comment.

Mr. Scott urged the justice minister to investigate in the interests of the safety of MPs.

"It may be on your head if you don't," Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) shouted to Mr. Favreau amid laughter.

Mr. Scott said an officer of Parliament, like the Scandinavian ombudsman, could deal effectively and less dramatically with personal grievances against the government.

Mr. Favreau said he is ready to consider the suggestion, personally.

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