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Water Commission Inquiry

In turning down the request of the City Council for fluoridation of the City's water supply, the Board of Water Commissioners, in a letter signed by its office manager, states that the Board has had the matter under observation for the past few years, that it has studied much material "both pro and con", and has not yet made up its mind.

If the Board has full jurisdiction in this matter, and can override the recommendation expressed in a City Council resolution, it has also obligations to give a much more comprehensive account of its investigations to the public than appears in its office manager's letter, which we publish in full in today's issue.

Normally this information is probably quite enough. The business transacted at Board meetings is usually of a routine nature, and no public interest would be served by reporting it at length. In the present case, however, we submit that much more light should be thrown on the matter. We understand that our local members of the medical and dental professions are, for the most part, strongly in favor of fluoridation.

One Redeeming Feature

Within a few hours another Geneva Conference will have passed into history; and it must be said that its passing will not have much glory about it. The problems which brought the Foreign Ministers together remain very much as they were.

In these circumstances, the obvious comment is that the Big Four meeting was an utter failure. Certainly, any speaker with the slightest knowledge of debating techniques should be able to put up a strong argument for that assumption.

native—a decision to attempt by force what diplomacy, thus far, has been unable to accomplish. The world may be sick of conferences; it would be sicker still if negotiations were to be replaced by the use of arms.

Another Championship

Island hogs are so far ahead of those produced in other parts of Canada that their supremacy seems assured for all time; provided, of course, Island producers do not allow themselves to become victims of complacency.

The achievement of Central Creameries Ltd. in winning first place for their skim milk power has added another laurel to the Province's agricultural honours. And it deserves more than usual attention, perhaps, because milk processing is a comparatively new industry here, and it has had to compete with a score or more of old established firms in other parts of the country.

Doubtless, there are problems in this milk processing business as in all other commercial undertakings. One would imagine, however—without knowing much about the technicalities involved—that this is one industry which has almost unlimited possibilities.

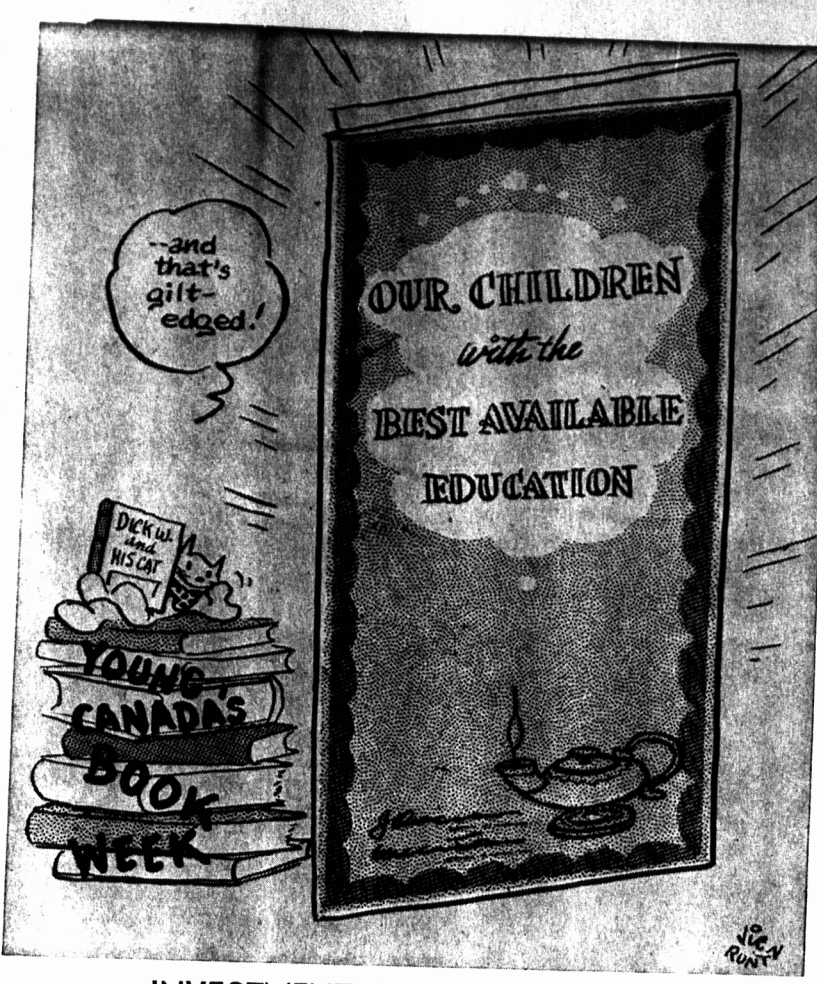
EDITORIAL NOTES

Whatever has happened to President Chiang Kai-Shek of Formosa? His name hasn't appeared in the news for weeks and weeks. If he doesn't soon say something or do something out of the ordinary he'll lose face just as sure as his name is Chiang.

According to Peiping's Minister of Education, "the lack of teachers in general and of well qualified ones in particular is a most grave problem". Evidently, this is one problem that is no respecter of ideologies.

Halldor Kiljan Laxness, Iceland's most distinguished novelist and this year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature says he is not a Communist, although he admires many things about the Soviet Union and was awarded a Stalin Prize in 1952.

Theoretically, Communism might idolize the masses; but it is apparent that managers of government operated stores in Russia don't trust them too far. When a person enters a super-market, so a report says, he must go immediately to the cashier and pay for what he intends to take out.



INVESTMENT WITH A FUTURE

A Pattern For Canada

By Irving C. Whynot Canadian Press, Boston

PUBLIC FORUM

GAME BIRD SUPPLY Sir: Re "Local Gunner's" in Guardian of November 14th. He sure has plenty of company who feel the same as he does regarding the non-resident hunter. I am glad to read that someone is interested enough to take the time to write on the subject before it is too late.

BOSTON (CP)—In 30 years the New England Council, already a pattern for a similar group in Canada, has done much to stabilize and improve the economy of the six states.

Its method the council has found pays off. The council, either on its own or in co-operation with others, has helped in studies covering everything from power resources to tourist attractions and aviation.

But Walter H. Wheeler, Jr., a former council president, says "much is yet to be done." "We... have the same challenge we had when the council began, and we'll likely have it indefinitely. That is the challenge to continue demonstrating that an older culture and economy can maintain its vitality, that there is no historical necessity which in fact we can perpetuate a vigorous, responsible, and progressive leadership."

Our main weapon is our faith—that we are capable of solving a problem using the sort of methods by which other difficult problems have been solved. Just how successful the council will be is too early to tell. But there are high hopes, and those who have studied the New England Council say there is no reason why there shouldn't be results.

The Poets Corner EPITAPH (From Ding Dong Bell) These be the ashes of Jacob Todd, Sexton now in the land of Nod. Digging he lived, and digging died, Pick, mattock, spade, and night beside.

INSPIRATIONAL JOB But, says Walter Raleigh, executive vice-president, "the main job is an 'inspirational' one. Our big task is to do an interpretative job to New England and the rest of the United States."

POTATO PRICE SUPPORT Sir—I think the Marketing Board was barking up the wrong tree when they asked for support for the whole of the potato crop. You couldn't expect any government to take the taxpayers' money to support big potato companies and large growers to any extent.

The Age Old Story There was none to help; then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

AIRPORT CRIPPLED PARIS (Reuters)—All air traffic came to a halt at Marseille airport Tuesday when the French air strike, which has crippled air traffic in the Paris region since Thursday, spread to the south of France.

Medically Speaking

ALLERGY VICTIM MAY BECOME BLOOD DONOR

You can still donate blood to the Red Cross blood banks even if you have an allergy such as hay fever, asthma, rhinitis and the like. While there has been some discussion as to whether allergy victims should aid the blood program, the Committee of the American Academy of Allergy pleases they can. Except for some limitations, the committee reported recently that blood from allergic donors can be stored and processed safely.

SOME PRECAUTIONS

However, some precautions must be taken to prevent transfusion from causing allergic reactions among sensitive persons receiving blood from donors suffering allergies. If you have received an injection of an allergen such as pollen, dust or mold extracts, wait at least two weeks before offering to donate your blood.

Don't give blood while you are having allergic symptoms. Drs. Matthew Walzer, Oscar Swineford, Jr., and Carl E. Arbesman, members of the allergy committee, point out that transfusions may cause allergic reactions in recipients in various ways. Donors can transfer sensitizing antibodies to allergic or non-allergic recipients who have recently inhaled, eaten or been injected with corresponding allergens.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS E. W.: What causes pinworms and what can be done to eliminate them? Answer: Pinworms are brought into the body probably by water or food. Treatment with one of several drugs, given orally, should be carried out under the direction of a physician.

Statue Of A King

(Manchester Guardian) The statue of King George VI which the Queen has unveiled in Carlton Gardens is unlikely to experience the neglect suffered in the past by London's outdoor monuments of the earlier Georges.

The most unfortunate was a richly gilt figure of George I in Roman full dress. It was erected in Leicester Square in 1750. So long as the wealthy and respectable, who paid for it, lived there the "Golden Horse and Man" remained one of the minor sights of the town. But the square deteriorated, and along with it the royal effigy—rather faster than most "mixed metal" figures in the Dutch taste. First an arm disappeared then a leg. Finally some drunken regicide decapitated it, propping the battered torso under the "caracoling tallies", now three-legged and tailless.

The last humiliation came in 1866. One morning passers-by were astonished to see the king on horse, astride his horse. But his toga had been replaced by stage armour, the imperial laurels by an enormous fool's cap, and instead of a baton he clutched an outside broom. Overnight the king had grown a pantomime mandarin's moustache, while his horse had sprouted horns and its coat, freshly whitewashed, had been stippled in color. The Alhambra Music-hall was suspected of the restoration but this was never proved.

The statue was later sold for 15 pounds, and is believed to have gone into the melting-pot.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There's no grounds for the hydrogen bomb to get puffed up over those predictions that it could snarl the traffic in any major city. So can a one-inch snowfall, or the opening of a new hamburger stand. —Hamilton Spectator.

The boy who doesn't get into fights pleases his mother, and the man who doesn't get into arguments pleases his wife, but otherwise there's not much to be said for either. —Orilla Pocket and Times.

Of the 14 major industries in Peterborough, 11 are of foreign ownership or branches of foreign parent companies, eight of these are American, two are British and one is Swedish. Only three are Canadian, and in the entire city there is only one non-left of the dozens which originated in Peterborough. The biggest of Peterborough's industries are all American or American affiliates. Peterborough Examiner.

We agree with Attorney-General Kelslo Roberts that magistrates should wear their robes in court and that would lead to a more dignified atmosphere; while, might have, a good effect on offenders being tried. We do know that some magistrates started off wearing robes, but so many didn't, that they also quit. We hope they will follow the advice of Attorney-General Roberts and start wearing them again. Niagara Falls Review.

A curious case came up the other day in the city magistrate's court in Winnipeg. A motorist was charged with overtaking and passing a streetcar on the wrong side. But the culprit was not fined. In fact he was let off with no penalty whatsoever. What explains such extraordinary leniency on the part of the magistrate? The accused was the last person who could ever be charged with such a crime in Winnipeg. For streetcars in Winnipeg are now a thing of the past. As Magistrate Gieson commented on the case: "This is quite an occasion. We will probably never have a charge like this in court again." —Montreal Gazette.

Theoretically, every driver should inspect his own lights. The complicated sealed-beam construction discourages that; so the best he can do is use them until they blink out. This naturally happens, in daytime when garages and service stations are all open, but at night when they are all closed. So the Toronto driver has three choices: He can park on a quiet street somewhere, and be promptly ticketed; or he can head for home, or for the suburbs where service stations live up to their name by staying open, and in either case encounter police discipline on the way. This early and universal closing bylaw for service stations came into, and stays in, existence under enabling Provincial legislation. So one law is in effect, making obedience of another law difficult if not, in some cases, impossible. Plainly they should mutually conform, not only in the interests of the law but in the interests of the public. Twenty-four hour traffic service makes twelve-hour road service makes no sense. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

Without the help of hundreds of people who have never seen a leaf, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company would never have been able to survive. It would have died in the fire which, a year ago last June, destroyed its headquarters and all its possessions. Ballet is still a relatively new art in Winnipeg. It was only a few years ago that Miss Gweneth Lloyd organized the original Winnipeg Ballet Club. Of the 105 young people who auditioned for her class not one could dance. Winnipeg Free Press.

When one of the touring Russian farmers was told, in Quebec that use of more fertilizer would solve the Soviet Union's food problems, he replied "You not only feed people but also weeds." A thriving weed patch nearby gave him his cue. This Russian was speaking simple truth, although perhaps his intent was to turn aside a suggestion of inefficiency in Soviet agricultural practices. We do not feed a lot of weeds in Canada annually. And as they take their sustenance from the soil, it must be left poorer year by year as a result. The Canadian farmer, of course, is not the main offender. He recognizes weeds for what they are, and combats them, especially in his harvest fields. But often they will be found growing in fence corners, by roadsides, in pastures, on vacant acreages, and in a dozen other places where they can complete their growth cycle and produce seed for another year. Windsor Star.

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