

## The Office Window

What a beautiful season of the year, with blossoms and air lovely with their perfume! Now for riddance from black flies and mosquitos and these weeks would be about all one could ask for. . . . Water, especially in the deep northern lakes, must still be very cold, but the warm weather at the weekend brought out some of the swimmers and water-skiers. There may be waters in the Province where there is sufficient police patrol to keep water-skiing and speed boats from becoming dangerous to swimmers and even small craft, but on some of the small lakes, one selfish family can become such a nuisance and public menace, by skiing so close to shore, and monopolizing the water so continually, that others, and especially small children, scarcely dare go into the water. It would appear that the time is at hand for regulations on water as strict as on land. . . . Note that in Richmond Hill the same idea is being expressed that we have been advocating in this column for Bradford, that is, making attractive the main highways through the town for the purpose of good advertising for the town. In Richmond Hill, Yonge Street is referred to as the town's "show case" and it is said that money is going to have to be spent along Yonge Street in that town to make money in the future. A committee has been appointed to select a planning consultant, the town's engineering firm's planning consultant having worked in that capacity on a temporary basis to date, it is reported. The new consultant, when chosen, will have several big tasks, but the first will be the Yonge Street area—the town's "show case". . . . Now that the

new post office is definitely in sight, with tenders advertised, has anyone plans for the use of the present building? Until we hear of a better plan, we know what we would like to see that building used for, and bring an additional service into this town to serve this entire district. It's a good building and would serve several purposes admirably. . . . At the weekend an M.O.H. was telling us some of the problems of his office and he mentioned the difficulty of enforcing health regulations where there did not appear to be municipal law to provide for their enforcement, and as a result he told of conditions in a certain place. We were proud to tell him that in Bradford municipal by-laws provided for the enforcement of such regulations and that here, where sewers are laid, they are in use, because their use is compulsory. As a doctor and an M.O.H. he was quite interested in the laws regulating the use of water and sewers here and thought the town has a very fine system. Guess one has to have to work with a poor one to appreciate a good one. . . . Wonder how many of West Gwillimbury folk heard their former Deputy-Reeve Viola MacMillan on Front Page Challenge last evening. Her story was the Texas Gulf discovery near Timmins and she was on the program as president of the Prospectors and Developers' Association. . . . It was not the idea of an additional 1% on the Ontario Sales Tax which divided opinion on council yesterday, but rather that the request for such a tax was not to make it uniform throughout the province and might be imposed by one municipality and not by its neighbour, thus placing business in the higher taxed municipality at a disadvantage. When this fact was mentioned, the remark was made that a town would not levy such a tax

unless neighbouring towns were doing likewise, but, as there are changes in councils as years pass, no one knows what may happen if a law is passed. For a town like Bradford, the bulk of the business comes from outside of the town. Distance matters little to people, and if prices are not kept right a town could be priced off the market. It is surprising how much gas some people will use to "save" a few cents on their shopping and it's those few words "such Ontario municipalities that indicate a desire to participate" that would make possible unfair competition.

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