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Great Britain And India

The British White Paper on India has renewed, as forecast, the Motherland's offer of eventual Dominion status...

Fluorine And Teeth

As nearly everybody—particularly in Brantford—has been told, the citizens of Great Britain, Texas, etc., are for some reason, almost immune to tooth decay.

Military Guessing-Games

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Monarchy In Europe

The return of King Haakon of Norway to his own country, amid popular acclaim, re-echoes the similar return of King Wilhelm, of Prussia, has been back in Holland for some time, and in Denmark the evacuation of the last of the Germans...

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Maybe the clothier, fearing a short supply of materials from which to make suits, are considering adopting "Roll Out the Barrel" as a theme song.

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Orthodox in many things, the Peterborough Examiner takes delight in going on an iconoclastic spree now and then...

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Current Freezing of Beef Higher

Current freezings of beef in London for export totalled 81,000 head for the year up to April 14. This compares with 71,340,000 lbs. in the same period of last year...

Outlook For Fruit, Vegetable Crops

Good weather has prevailed for some time in all the fruit producing areas throughout the province...

Need Increase, Bettered Hogs

Gushp, June 16 (CP)—The Ontario Department of Agriculture has reported that the percentage of bettered hogs that export markets for Canadian hogs are to be maintained...

Comments of the Press

It cannot be claimed that, up to date, the Allies have developed any effective plan against the Japanese suicide planes—and will we do the human losses are certain to cause further serious losses...

In Retrospect

Rev. Lewis Brown, of First Baptist Church, South Bend, Indiana, was named as a possible successor to E. S. J. Farmer at First Baptist Church here.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

A falling-off in real estate transactions was reported in Brantford.

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Book Review

Two Old Ladies. By Mrs. M. J. M. In "Prize's Way" Robert McRoy, in a setting in Charleston, S.C., tells the tale of two aged ladies, who, who looked upon life with very different viewpoints...

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WHAT MAKETH THE BORNEO WILD MAN WILD?



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By Jack Kravitz, Canadian Press Staff Writer. Ottawa, June 15 (CP)—Those quiet, diplomatic men who wear subdued greys and browns and often wear glasses...

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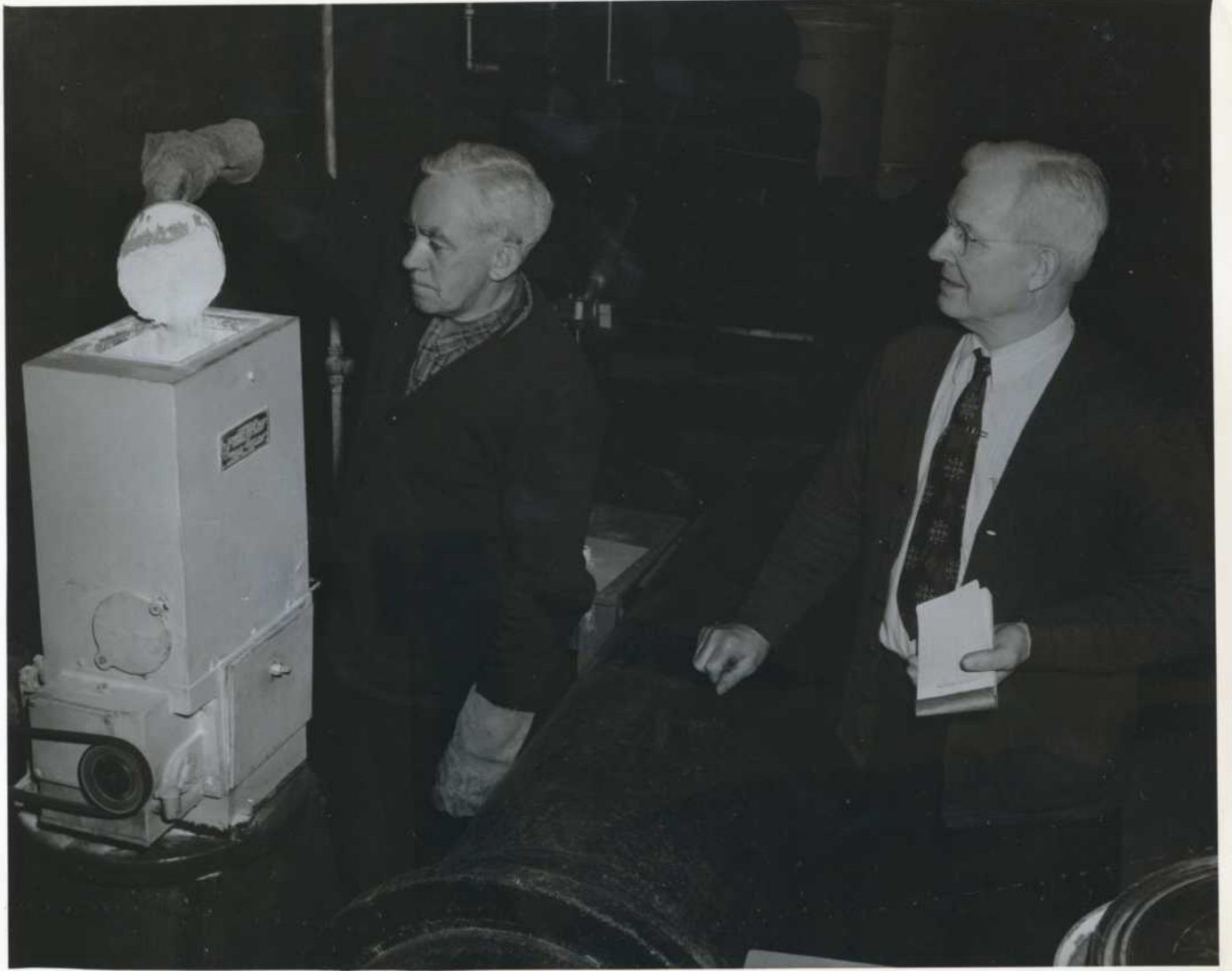
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RADIO PROGRAMS

Table listing radio programs for Monday, June 18, including programs like 'The Canadian Club', 'The Hour of Mystery', 'The Hour of Music', etc.



Bad Taste In Water Discussed

Criticism regarding the bad taste and smell of the City's water supply was forthcoming at last night's City Council meeting and Ald. Walter Bragg, participating in the discussion regarding the matter, said:

"In my opinion the water was all right before they started monkeying around with it a short time ago," and Ald. William Ballantyne added: "Two weeks ago was not too bad, two weeks ago was not too bad, but this newest taste, noticeable during the past couple of days, is simply unbearable. I would say they have the monkey up the tree and don't know how to get it down."

MUCH CONCERNED

The water question was brought to the attention of the Mayor by Ald. Art Pennell, who said he was much concerned about the matter. "I think it is high time it was cleaned up. Why, we have people here taking water home in bottles, jugs and other containers from wells. The water is making citizens sick," he complained.

Mayor Matthews stated he felt the Council had a "legitimate complaint," but added: "I must be fortunate, for thus far I have not detected this bad taste or smell." He said that Kitchener, Galt and Paris did not secure their water supply from the Grand River, as does Brantford.

The Provincial Department of Health, the Mayor went on, has men on the river continually endeavoring to track down the source. "I wonder if this trouble might result in efforts being made to have Brantford supplied from wells? Some say this could be done, although the wells may not provide a supply adequate to the needs of the community."

SOME ACTION SOON?

"The Department is working in close co-operation with the Brant County Health Unit and officials will be at a meeting of the Grand River Conservation Commission, scheduled for today at the site of the Grand Valley Dam. I am confident that phenol is responsible for the odor and taste. It only takes one part of phenol in 1,000,000 parts of water to produce a taste and, I am told that in a tributary of the Grand River, investigators found 10,000 parts of phenol per 1,000,000 parts of water. The phenol is not coming from the Grand but from the Conestoga River and tributaries above this river. I feel sure that present efforts to locate the source of the trouble will be successful shortly," the Mayor concluded.

Fresh Rooting...
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Mayor Seeking Report On Brantford's Water

A FULL, WRITTEN REPORT from the Ontario Department of Health covering its findings in regard to the objectionable smell and taste of Brantford's water supply was asked for by Mayor John H. Matthews, at Wednesday's meeting of the Grand River Conservation Commission at the Grand Valley Dam. Dr. W. L. Hutton and Dr. Murray Fraser, of the Brant County Health Unit, attended the meeting, at which the Commission discussed Brantford's water problem.

MAYOR MATTHEWS

Addressing the Commission, Mayor Matthews said: "Drs. W. L. Hutton and Murray Fraser of the Brant County Health Unit, have canvassed the situation thoroughly. Up to now, only verbal reports have been received from the Ontario Department of Health, but all signs point to an industry at Elmira being the offender. The City of Galt also has an industry that might have been an offender unknowingly, but that is now co-operating. I have every reason to believe that co-operation from the industry at Elmira will be forthcoming," the Mayor said.

MOVED RESOLUTION

Mayor Matthews moved a resolution, seconded by Mayor R. K. Serviss, Galt, that the Ontario Department of Health be asked for a full, written report on the condition of the Grand River from its mouth to its source and that municipal councils be asked to co-operating in preventing pollution of water in the Grand River.

The Mayor said: "Grand River municipalities have an investment of almost \$2,500,000 in the Grand Valley Dam. Above this dam are 46,000 acre feet of 'almost sterile water,' to use an engineer's term. It is an absurdity to have this amount of water in storage, released to provide a continuous flow of water in the river, only to have it polluted along the line.

FOR OWN ENGINEER

"I want to advise this commission that, failing a full, written report from the Department of Health in Toronto, I will, at its next meeting, move that this Commission engage a chemical engineer of its own with a view to taking steps designed to prevent river pollution and restore to the people their rightful heritage—a pure, healthy river running through the valley," the Mayor concluded.

DR. W. L. HUTTON

In his report to the Commission, Dr. W. L. Hutton stated that in regard to the present emergency and bad taste in Brantford's water, if the chlorine dioxide treatment, plus the extra amount of activated carbon did not completely remove and bad taste then "I do not know what else can be done to clear up the Brantford situation."

In reply to this, Fred A. Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission, stated: "I believe that the chlorine dioxide and activated carbon treatment will be successful.

Dr. Hutton stated the only real way to clear up the situation "is to prevent the pollution of the Grand River."

The Commissioners were told that summer also is adding to the bad taste, the warm weather bringing algae in the water. Phenol apparently attacks the algae, creating a compound which has an offensive taste.

The Commission granted land to provide Belwood Village with a ball park. Belwood's original

COMPLAINTS ON WATER CONTINUE

Complaints are still being received from citizens regarding the bad taste of Brantford's water supply. The Expositor was informed this morning. One woman wanted to know if the "Public Utilities Commission is still making a charge for this kind of water." The Grand River Conservation Commission at its first meeting Wednesday held a lengthy discussion on the City's water problem. Waterworks Manager W. R. Catton said this morning, Dr. A. E. Perry, Chief Engineer, Sanitary Division, Ontario Department of Health, would be in the City shortly for discussion regarding the water situation. . .

baseball diamond is under water, flooded when the lake was created.

A new baseball park and playground was granted Kitchener Lions Club, adjoining its camp site. This will replace land originally part of the campsite, which has been reforested.

VIEWED TREES

Members viewed 133,000 trees of various kinds, planted on 110 acres of the commission's property this year. Excellent growth also was noted at a nursery established last year to give a two years start to maple, birch and elm seedlings before they are planted out permanently.

New buildings noted around the lake shore were six huts and a dining hall at the Guelph Kewanis Club Boys' Camp, and six new cabins at the Kitchener Lions Camp, as well as several summer cottages.

TURN HEAT ON UNIONS TODAY

Washington, June 13—(AP)—

The United States Government hammered away at stubbornly resisting maritime unions today to swallow a Federal conciliation formula for averting a shipping tie-up on all coasts at midnight Friday.

Disgruntled employers, shunted to the sidelines Wednesday while Federal officials turned the heat on the unions, were invited back into today's sessions. But grim strike preparations went forward. CIO leaders reportedly were holding out for more money, and 200,000 union members girded for the crowding strike deadline.

Scores of soup kitchens were set up, strike rallies were called, and seaports were scoured for living quarters for thousands of seamen "on the beach."

FORETASTE TONIGHT

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Brantford Still Seeking Improvement in Water; Algae Now Given Blame

"THE BAD TASTE in Brantford's water supply may not be due entirely to industrial waste. It may be caused by river algae, a condition possibly inherent in the Grand River. If such is the case, there is very little we can do about it and this can only be controlled at the Waterworks," Dr. A. E. Berry, Chief Sanitary Engineer of the Ontario Department of Health, Toronto, told The Expositor in a telephone interview this morning.

The disagreeable water taste and odor which appeared to have reached its worst stage last Monday is still lingering, and still bringing public complaints.

INTERMITTENT CONDITION

Commenting on the bad taste, Dr. Berry told The Expositor this could be due to a number of things.

"The Grand is a long river, having a lot of industries along its banks," he said. The condition was an intermittent one. If it were a constant condition, it would be comparatively easy to trace the exact source.

"The Department has made a number of analyses but, due to the intermittency of the condition, the first analyses made were found to have nothing to do with the matter at all," Dr. Berry said.

"The task of making chemical analysis is necessarily slow, and as yet we have not sufficient information at the Department to definitely prove anything. I am confident, however, that everything possible is being done, and that we shall be able to trace the exact source before very long," Dr. Berry said.

ALGAE NOTHING NEW

Referring to Dr. Berry's statement regarding control of algae in the river, Waterworks Manager W. R. Catton, speaking to the Expositor this morning

from the Waterworks plant, said:

"I don't believe we have any different algae condition this year in the Grand River than in previous years. This algae condition is not new, by a long shot. We have combatted the condition successfully for many seasons by the use of activated carbon, which is just a glorified name for charcoal.

"We are, at the present time, putting in more activated carbon than at any time in the history of the Waterworks. Prior to this trouble we put in 24 pounds per day, eight pounds per shift. When the trouble started we stepped this up to 48 pounds, and now we are putting in 60 pounds per day—absolutely all the machine will take. The taste still persists.

"In addition, we are more frequently backwashing our filters. In short, we are doing everything in our power, and with

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ADJUSTMENT IN PRICE OF MEAT EXPECTED SOON

An adjustment to "rescue" Canadian meat retailers from what the Prices Board is re-

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"a great, brave, peace-loving

BRANTFORD SEEKING WATER IMPROVEMENT

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the machinery we have, to try to rectify this condition. Heretofore, our efforts have been successful, with the tools we have at our disposal.

CHLORINE DIOXIDE OUT

"Dr. Berry assured me Thursday the condition will definitely be corrected. It simply has to be, that's all there is to it. On his advice, we have discontinued the chlorine dioxide treatment.

"This treatment was used to eliminate the taste of phenol in the water, and Dr. Berry believes the phenol taste may now have disappeared and that the dioxide is counteracting the effect of activated carbon, 'supposed to eliminate algae tastes from the water. In other words, we are now back to the normal condition in which chlorine and activated carbon only are used, except for the step-up in the amount of carbon being introduced.'" Mr. Catton concluded.

"MUST BE CLEARED UP"

Mayor John H. Matthews was contacted this morning and in a brief statement said:

"Notwithstanding anything that has been said, I can only say the present unsavory condition of the City's water supply has got to be cleared up. If the present experts and equipment being used are unable to get to the bottom of the trouble, then we will have to go farther afield, and bring in other experts to do the job," the Mayor said.

It's the Needlecraft Shop for children's and infants' summer togs. 103 Dalhousie.

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PRESS RUSS

City Continuing Efforts To End Water Troubles; Women Call for Action

"WE ARE CONFIDENT that the situation is now well on the way to being cleared up," Waterworks Manager W. R. Catton informed The Expositor this morning, referring to the bad taste in Brantford's water supply. Friday, W. D. McLean, Associated Chemical Company Limited engineer, made a second visit to the Waterworks and certain technical readjustments were made which lead officials here to believe the bad taste will be altogether eliminated.

The visit here yesterday of the expert, coupled with Waterworks Manager Catton's statement this morning, followed on the heels of a resolution from the Brantford Local Council of Women, recommending that if the present water supply cannot be made palatable, a new source of drinking water for Brantford be found.

As a result of the technical readjustments made by Mr. McLean, chlorine dioxide has been reintroduced into the water supply, it was pointed out. Mr. Catton stated he had been in conversation again Friday with Dr. A. E. Berry, Chief Engineer, Sanitary Division, Ontario Department of Health, Toronto, and, as a result, the services of Mr. McLean were again sought. Action was forthcoming immediately and has resulted in this morning's expressions of confidence the entire situation will soon be under control.

WOMEN'S RESOLUTION

The Local Council of Women, representing more than 30 women's organizations in the City, met Friday and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Whereas, the pollution of Brantford's drinking water has become progressively worse since early January, 1946;

"And whereas, neither the Public Utilities Commission, the Board of Health or the Mayor or City Council seem to have a solution to the cure of the objectionable taste;

"And whereas, all beverages such as tea and coffee, as well as drinking water, are noticeably and disagreeably affected;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Brantford Local Council of Women hereby recommend to the Mayor and City Council, the Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Health that explorations be made to the end that if the water supply cannot be made palatable in the near future, a new source of drinking water for the City of Brantford be found."

Confer Sunday on Water Problems

All Aldermen and Public Utilities Commissioners have been invited to meet with Dr. W. L. Hutton, Medical Officer of Health, at the Waterworks at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to discuss problems in connection with the bad taste in Brantford's water and to advise as to their solution. The meeting, it was stated, was called at the suggestion of Ald. William Ballantyne, and after consultation with W. R. Catton, Waterworks Manager.

CORDAGE WORKERS CONTINUE PICKETS

Striking employees of the Brantford Cordage Company Ltd. were still picketing the plant this morning and negotiations for settlement of the walk-out are reported at a standstill.

The employees, numbering about 300, walked out Tuesday morning in protest against a new set of factory rules, and the discharging of two employees who had allegedly violated the regulations.

U. S. MARINES ISSUE WARNING

Tsingtao, June 15.—(AP)—Chinese Communists operating 12 miles north of the city

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BRITAIN MAY BLOCK REPORT

CIVIC OFFICIALS INSPECT WATER "INTAKE"



MEETING AT THE WATERWORKS Sunday afternoon to discuss the City's water problems members of the City Council, P.U.C., Brant County Health Unit, and Grand River Conservation Commission, went to the water "intake" in the Grand River, below the Wilkes Dam. Shown here, left to right, are: Dr. W. L. Hutton, M.O.H.; Fred Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand River Conservation Commission; Ald. William Ballastyne; Dr. W. A. Moynihan, Brant County Health Unit; George T. Gordon, Chairman of the P.U.C., and Public Utilities Commissioner George Chamberlin. While no solution of the water problem has yet been found, the civic representatives were given assurance yesterday that the present difficulty can and will be overcome.—Staff Photo.

Condition of City Water Disagreeable But Safe; Solution Is Still Sought

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT that the present taste and smell of the City's water are disagreeable, the water is quite safe for human consumption from a health standpoint. Definite assurance to that effect was forthcoming Sunday afternoon at a meeting held at the Waterworks, attended by members of the City Council, the Public Utilities Commission, officials of the Brant County Health Unit, and of the Grand River Conservation Commission, as well as W. D. MacLean, chemical expert from Associated Chemicals Company Limited, Toronto.

While efforts to eliminate the water nuisance were still continuing, the unpleasant taste and smell remained noticeable today.

NO HEALTH MENACE

It was during a round-table discussion concerning the present water situation, that the question came up about the probability of the objectionable taste and smell being a danger to public health. Waterworks Manager W. R. Catton stated the procedure of sending daily water samples to the Ontario Department of Health has been maintained throughout the period of the trouble "and the samples have been returned with an O.K. on them."

Mr. Catton said that if anything had been detected in the samples which might prove injurious to public health, immediate action would then have been taken.

The question of whether the introduction of fluorine in the water supply, instituted a year ago, was the cause of the bad taste or smell, was ruled out by Dr. W. L. Hutton, Medical Officer of Health, who stated that two cities in the United States introduced fluorine into the water supply at the same time Brantford did, and it had not in any way affected the water.

"Fluorine was introduced into Brantford's water supply many months before any thought of the present trouble came to light. We are confident fluorine has nothing whatever to do with the current situation," he said.

CONCERNED WITH REACTION

Members of the City Council said they were concerned "with the reaction of the people" to the water situation. It was pointed out there was danger of "the citizens being exploited," and that already a firm from another city had installed, "for about \$100," a private filtration plant in a home here. Other citizens were "seriously thinking about digging wells of their own in backyards."

Mr. MacLean expressed confidence the present trouble can and will be eradicated. Addressing the meeting he said:

"We know that introduction of chlorine dioxide into a water supply eliminates phenolic compounds, but to eliminate algae growths the trial and error method has to be used. In this connection, there is no book of rules to follow. Four methods of combatting this situation are known to have been successful in other cities. I intend to employ each of these in succession until I

find the right solution. I am here in Brantford to stay until the situation is completely cleared up. If none of these known methods work here, I intend to contact chemical engineers in Niagara Falls, N. Y., the originators of the means of eliminating algae growths from water supplies. (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

CABINET MEETS FOR REPORT ON EMPIRE TALKS

Ottawa, June 17 — (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King was to meet the full Cabinet today to outline the results of his talks with Empire leaders in London and hear an account of domestic problems.

He said on his arrival here last night he was anxious to see the business of Parliament facilitated and he had come home to try and assist this work if possible. He would not speculate on a date when the House might prorogue but it is understood the possibility of speeding up legislation was to be one of the most important topics.

Most important piece of forthcoming House business was the budget and it is likely Mr. King would participate in some budget decisions.

SIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER?

Members on all sides of the House — including some party leaders — have indicated they believe the House will sit right through to September if some way is not found to facilitate business.

Mr. King's reply to a suggestion he had cut short his European visit to take an important hand in settling domestic problems, was that the indefinite delay of the Paris peace conference and the difficulty of arranging transportation had contributed most to his decision to return to Canada at the early date.

He spoke of the London conferences as profitable and said that important matters had been placed before him and he would first discuss these with his Cabinet before possibly making a statement to the House.

See "Big Four" Success or Failure Decided by Russia's Trieste Attitude

Paris, June 17 — (AP)—The Big Four Foreign Ministers resumed today the task of writing an Italian peace treaty, and an American source said the success or failure of the conference might well hinge on the Russian attitude toward Trieste.

Since the United States as a "question of principle" apparently will not budge from the stand that Trieste must remain Italian, diplomatic observers anxiously awaited indications as to whether Russia would be willing to compromise on her demands that the Adriatic port be ceded to Yugoslavia.

A wave of optimism swept (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

Moslems Happy, Gandhi Not, Over Britain's New Proposal

New Delhi, June 17 — (AP)—The Moslem League appeared satisfied today with a British proposal for a 14-man interim government for India, but Mohandas K. Gandhi, Spiritual Leader of the powerful All-India Congress Party, was represented as "personally very unhappy" about the plan.

The proposed Government, announced yesterday by Viceroy Lord Wavell and the British Cabinet Mission, would administer India while a Constituent Assembly frames a charter for independence.

"HASN'T DONE JUSTICE"

A spokesman for Gandhi said the fact that the Moslem League and the Congress Party would have the same number of seats in the Government "has not done justice to the Congress."

The cabinet would be composed of five members of the League, including President M. A. Jinnah; five members of the

"unofficial reports said the Congress might accept the plan if it could obtain one more cabinet seat, even if this meant raising the total to 15.

"WAIT, WATCH AND PRAY"

Gandhi, addressing a prayer meeting, urged Indians to "wait, watch and pray" and said acceptance would hinge on "mature consideration of the greatest good to all."

The Cabinet Mission and the Viceroy issued a joint statement indicating Britain would proceed with the interim government even if the League, the Congress or any of the 14 individuals declined to participate.

Death Sentence For Placing of Bombs

Madrid, June 17 — (AP)—A military court Saturday sentenced to death two Spaniards whose names were not disclosed.

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WOLVES BRING \$175

Brookville, June 17 — (CP)—George Dadiash of Mastland, has found wolf-hunting a lucrative form of recreation. He re-

Condition of City Water

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We are going to get to the bottom of this matter and I am here to stay until Brantford's water supply is free from all tastes and odors," he declared.

"WITHIN A WEEK"

Queried as to how long it would take to apply the methods, Mr. MacLean stated that "within a week, I should know if any method is successful, or if I shall have to call in the originators of the equipment."

Alderman William Ballantyne made inquiry as to the cost of chemicals used at the Waterworks prior to the trouble, and wondered whether or not the P. U. C. "should consider appointment of a full-time chemist."

With regard to industries along the Grand River "dumping waste into the river," it was pointed out that only the Ontario Minister of Health can force an industry to treat phenolic compounds so that the water will not be polluted.

The idea of drafting a resolution to be sent to the Minister of Health came from Alderman George Patte who stated he felt such a resolution coming from the City Council might "do some good and get prompt action."

SEND DELEGATION

Public Utilities Commission Chairman George T. Gordon felt a delegation from the City Council, P. U. C. and Grand River Conservation Commission to interview the Minister of Health would be more effective. In reply E. F. Roberts stated the resolution idea was discussed at a recent meeting of the Conservation Commission, and representatives of "the eight municipalities affected" had agreed to draft resolutions, after which a joint delegation from the municipalities, including Brantford, would seek an interview with the Minister of Health.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Roberts said that industrial effluent in the river had increased considerably during the last few years. He spoke of requirements needed to maintain "a reasonable flow of water in the river so that its position as a receiving body is not affected."

At the present time, he went on, algae was not being produced in large quantities, but "due to climatic conditions it is maturing rapidly and in large sections of the river."

Referring to river flushing, Mr. Roberts said flushing the river meant releasing the water behind the Shand Dam at a rate of 1,500 cubic feet per second, and this meant "an additional seven to eight inches to Brantford every few hours."

Flushing the river, he explained, loosened weeds and caused a general turmoil in the river, besides hampering industry when intakes were plugged.

"I believe the secret to success in the present water situation lo-

cally lies in the operation of the plant here and the condition of the raw water. What we must have is more water and more authority. I believe also that industries along the Grand are co-operating fully, for there is no phenol compound in the river except what is being absorbed by algae growths.

LOCAL PLANT BEST

"Here in Brantford, we have one of the most modern and up-to-date filtration plants anywhere in the Province. It represents an investment of close to \$500,000. I cannot support any idea of abandoning this plant in favor of securing our water supply elsewhere," Mr. Roberts said.

"What we must have is more water and more control and the delegation of additional authority. It is criminal to allow an industry to dump enough waste matter in the Grand River to pollute the water, which, after all, is owned by the people. I contend, however, that no industry, alive to the situation created, would deliberately continue to dump waste matter into the river."

Alderman Wilton Reeder felt that "there is no reason why the citizens should not enjoy the finest of water for drinking purposes," and said that "now is a good opportunity to really clear up all objectionable tastes in the water." He said that even before the present trouble came to light, "the water here had a peculiar taste," but claimed he did not know the reason for it.

"GOOD WATER"

P. U. C. Chairman Gordon took exception to Alderman Reeder's remarks on the peculiar taste of the water, prior to the present trouble, and said that "it is generally agreed Brantford's water supply compared favorably to that in any other city." Mr. Roberts supported the Chairman's remarks, stating "I have traveled far and wide throughout Canada and tasted a lot of water, and there was none better than Brantford water."

Dr. Hutton, Chairman of the meeting, said: "The Grand can either be a blessing or a curse to Brantford. This filtration plant stands between the City and disaster, so far as typhoid fever is concerned."

He traced the history of the objectionable taste and smell of Brantford's water, saying that "the presence of phenolic compounds led us to believe the situation might be of an intermittent nature. But, by reason of algae growths, the situation now appears to be permanent, and must be treated differently. The suggestion of flushing the Grand River has been made, and the Brantford Local Council of Women resolution proposes changing the City's water supply source. I feel this proposal should be given consideration."

"THE ONLY CITY"

"Brantford is the only City along the Grand River which gets its supply of water from the river. The City of Kitchener relies on wells, but has found this supply to be inadequate.

"To change our source of water supply would involve a tremendous expense. If we turn to wells, we have no assurance a supply would be adequate, and a change-over would take months or even years to evolve and put into effective operation. The question now, therefore, is: 'Is it possible to overcome the present trouble?' I contend that it is."

Dr. Hutton said he was convinced the public should "know all the facts and be convinced that everything possible is being done to rectify a troublesome situation."

sixth. Ed. Jones and Murray Mogan were the big guns at bat for the winners, the former driving out a long home run to the right field dyke in the fourth and the latter batting safely three times in five trips to the plate. Ed. O'Neill, J. Sabaine and N. Curtiss were best at bat for the losers each having two hits.

As a result of these two games Ed. O'Neill's team are deeply entrenched in the cellar while Porter's are on top of the standing. Lineups:

T. O'Neill's—K. Neate 2b; Stanton 1b; Giles rf; Hartley c; E. Jones cf; J. Jasper 3b; M. Curtiss p; M. Mogan ss; Verity lf.

E. O'Neill's—J. Sabatine c; B. Marshall ss; E. O'Neill p. 1b; N. Curtiss 1b; J. Rook 2b; Anderson cf; Lewis cf; H. Gibbon lf; Conn 3b; J. Muckler rf.

To The Editor

The Expositor is glad to receive and publish letters to the Editor on subjects of public interest. It is required that such letters be kept to reasonable length, and be free of libel or other impropriety. All letters must bear, for publication, the names and addresses of the writers.

CITY'S WATER SUPPLY

Sir: It is not surprising to find that the feeling which has existed in Brantford for some time in respect to the condition of our water supply has changed from one of dissatisfaction to apprehension.

Citizens find little comfort in the description, which has been given through the press, of what is believed to be the trouble, and the remedies which we are advised are being applied.

Are we to understand that if the situation is cleared up now, we may still expect, at almost any time, a recurrence of the trouble, with the result that we shall have to periodically put up with a water supply that is impure to the extent that it must be "doped"?

The smell and the taste are bad enough, but is it possible for the authorities concerned to assure us that the many children and some grown up folk who are now suffering from unsettled stomach condition, are not the victims of this water or the materials which are added to it now to offset the smell and taste?

Most people do not need to be advised not to drink much water in its present state, but children are not so discriminating. If it is not advisable to drink much water at present, will our Health Department advise us, so that parents can do their best to keep the children from drinking too much of it?

Would it not be in the interests of all citizens, however, if we asked our authorities to turn their efforts, as soon as possible, to the question of a water supply which could not be polluted or affected by natural or industrial conditions?

Isn't it a fact, Mr. Editor, that some years ago, because of some doubts about the water supply of this City, that the Council of that time authorized and paid for an engineers' survey of Blue Lake? Is that report on file in the City Hall, and, if it is, does the report show that the water is pure? I seem to recall that there was a very favorable report published on the question of getting Brantford's water supply from that source. It should not be too difficult or costly, if this is the step to take, as water is drawn for great distances in Britain and in some parts of Canada. What is the opinion of other readers?

RAY MANN,

126 1/2 Alfred Street, City.

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O.S.B. Grounds. A.M.O.S. Garden
Party. Thurs., Fri. nites. \$100 in prizes.

City's Water Showing 'Decided Improvement'

It may be that experiments now under way, and designed to eliminate the bad taste in the City's water supply, will be pronounced completely successful within a day or two. At any rate, "decided improvement" in the water condition has been reported in the last 24 hours, and citizens have been able to verify for themselves that official report.

According to Waterworks Manager W. R. Catton, work on a "new process" was started Tuesday, and late in the day "a decided change was noted."

"We may be on top of the trouble at last," Mr. Catton said. "If such proves to be the case, it will result not only in the bad taste being totally eliminated, but will also make for much more efficient waterworks plant operation."

TROUBLE IN DETROIT

From Detroit came word today of "water trouble" similar to that in Brantford.

The Detroit Water Board attributes the taste to the dumping of a waste product by a synthetic rubber factory at Vernia. The waste has been identified as a benzene ring compound which reacts with Detroit's chlorine to form chlorophenol—harmless, but strong-

tasting, as Brantfordites have found out in recent weeks.

The Detroit Board says the taste would be much worse if chlorine were not used. As it is a periodic occurrence, the situation is expected to improve shortly. The waste product is to be discussed at a joint international boundary meeting this summer.

MISSING BOY'S BODY IS FOUND

Butler, N.J., June 19—(CP)—

The body of seven-year-old Larry Blossfield, who disappeared Saturday from a picnic at nearby Fort Hill Park, was found yesterday in the artificial lake of the picnic grove.

Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Blossfield of Teaneck, had been the object of three days' search. A sister, Marjorie, who also survives, was kept at home while the search for Larry was under way.

London — (CP) — Volunteer labor squads are proposed by the Blitzed Areas Committee of the Parliamentary Labor Party. To meet trade union objections, the volunteers would be paid.

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