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## Barbara tenants fight 20% rent hike

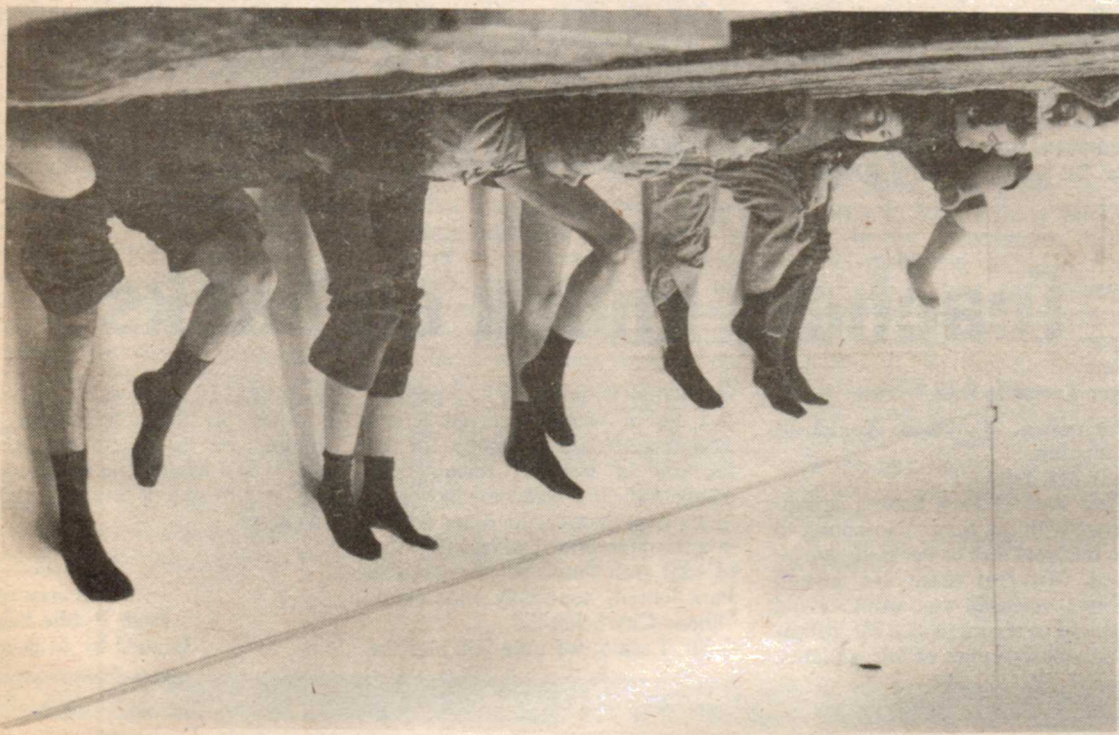


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Zero gravity Manoevers in the Massage and Movement Workshop at Unlimited Space, 95 Danforth (at Broadview). The six-session workshop course is co-taught by dancer Carolyn Shaffer and massage therapist Chris Hurst.

## More floods in St. Jamestown

Another building in St. Jamestown was hit by floods recently. A hot-water valve gave way in the 325 Bleecker St. building, drenching a third-floor apartment, and flooding seven other apartments on the third and second floors.

Hot water shot out of the pipe in a jet, missing, but only by inches, a woman resident sitting across the kitchen from the pipe. The force of the hot water splintered the bottom of the kitchen table, warped the tile floor, destroyed the carpeting in the adjacent living room, and damaged the TV.

In the two hours it took to get the water turned off, steam poured out the balcony, with the result that residents in the adjacent building,

thinking it was smoke, called the fire department to the scene.

George Barthelmas, whose apartment bore the brunt of the eruption, and whose handicapped wife was almost hit by the hot water, charges that the building management has an "I-don't-care-attitude" to repairing the damage. He says the damaged floor was only given a patching job, when it needed to be sanded down and relacquered, and complains that the building management will give him no commitment about when other damage, such as repairing a kitchen cabinet, will be dealt with.

Barthelmas says that he is fortunate to have insurance to pay for replacing the carpeting, table and

TV, because building management takes no responsibility for replacing belongings destroyed by the hot water. Other residents, he says, are not so fortunate.

Barthelmas says he has been in touch with Alderman Janet Howard and John Sewell, and with St. George MPP Margaret Campbell, but they have been unable to do anything. He says that tenants in the 325 Bleecker building are handicapped in dealing with management because they don't have a tenants' organization that could "band tenants together" so they have someone to fight for them and their problems. Two previous attempts to get a tenants' organization started in the building failed to get off the ground.



Don McLaughlin 3/3/78

## Winchester Square battle enters last round

The fight over the future of South St. Jamestown has almost come to its bitter end. Hearings at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) ended last week, and all that now remains is the wait for the OMB's decision. If the OMB gives its approval, construction on the project can begin, unless the very unlikely happens and the Ontario Government decides to over-rule the OMB.

Local residents (those who remain in the area — many were thrown out of their homes by Meridian several years ago) made a strong presentation to the OMB opposing ratification of the agreement between the developer, Meridian, and the City of Toronto. (The city earlier approved Meridian's plan for South St. Jamestown despite the strong opposition of local residents and both local aldermen.)

Residents are objecting to the project in its fundamentals, not only in details.

They argue that the very high density (3 times coverage) will aggravate local traffic and parking problems, overcrowd already inadequate park space and social facilities, and overwhelm the area with yet more highrises. They see the project as an extension of St. Jamestown, which already occupies the entire area north of Wellesley between Sherbourne and Parliament. They point to the problems that exist in St. Jamestown, saying that the very concept of dense high-rise development has proven itself to be "an obsolete planning and development concept."

The new "Winchester Square" development would provide for 1261 new housing units, 3200 more people, and at least 858 more cars (not including visitors). The project will include one building of 28 stories, one of 18 stories, one each of 15, 14, and 12, and 4 more of 8 storeys, as well as smaller townhouse buildings.

The density of the development will actually be slightly higher than even St. Jamestown itself. Residents are afraid that St. Jamestown's problems will inevitably repeat themselves in the new project. The St. Jamestown highrises are currently known for problems with vandalism, maintenance, and cockroaches, and have required their own security force to supplement the police. Critics say these kinds of problems are almost inevitable in highrises. Critics also say that highrises are poor environments for children, and point out that the projected ratio of children in Winchester Square will be significantly higher than either St. Jamestown or Regent Park, both of which have problems with inadequate facilities and environment for kids.

One resident, Graham Mudge of Ontario St., says that in his opinion a sensible development for the area would see the density for the project cut in half to 1.5 times coverage (still 50% more than allowed under the present bylaw), and would have no buildings higher than five stories. It is extremely unlikely that the developer would agree however, even if the OMB refused to accept the current plan, since higher densities mean higher profits.





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### Queen A kids fight multiple sclerosis

Dear Editor:

We at Queen Alexandra Senior School are particularly pleased with our recently completed participation in Read-A-Thon on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and thought that it may also be of interest to your paper.

The interest in reading that was generated was in itself rewarding for the students and of course the

financial contribution of nearly \$500.00 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society was extremely generous.

A special presentation to our top reader, Wanda Lok, was arranged by the M-S Society but also a school presentation was made to 44 students who received awards and prizes. At the school presentation photographs were taken and afterwards refreshments were served.

Queen Alexandra Senior School and the Multiple Sclerosis Society would like to thank all the sponsors who gave financial support to our students and the parents who encouraged their children in a most worthwhile project.

Yours truly,  
G. N. Harris  
Vice-Principal.

### Teachers knock cutbacks

Open Letter to Dan Leckie

Chairman, Toronto Board of Education

Dear Mr. Leckie:

The staff of Park School is concerned with the Board's intention to fire teachers due to declining enrolment. We feel there are several options available that would avoid cuts and in turn enhance the educational opportunities of our students.

Our school is staffed by 45.5 personnel, 16 of whom received letters assigning seniority numbers for the purpose of contract termination. Many of these 16 teachers have previous experience with other school boards in Ontario. The ramifications of staff cuts would be disastrous to Park School, especially since it is an "Inner-City School".

Mr. Leckie, we urge you and the

trustees to re-evaluate your priorities in the interests of the children we teach and the school system as a whole, and not use staff cuts as a means of lowering budget pressures.

Respectfully,  
Teaching Staff  
Park Public School  
(signed by 44 people)

### Why are the streets so dirty?

Dear 7 News:

Perhaps I am being premature because of the slow thaw and damp winds but it seems to me as I stroll the streets of Toronto that they aren't as clean as they used to be. Just yesterday I went west along the side streets through Queens Park to Spadina Road and it seemed as though things were a bit cleaner than they are on this side of town. It seems the streets are somehow covered with wet cigarette packs and little hoards of butts and squished cans and little blobs of muddied dog manure all somehow covered with that gray unkempt look.

I suppose this has something to do with landlords and tenants and transients and unemployed and insecurity as to our future which calls to my mind an old war saying we kids had then which said: "There's no such thing as can't" and so I can't understand why the city and the district can't keep themselves clean. Considering the high rate of unemployment and the discontent and restlessness among the young I can't see why the city has not begun a clean up works campaign to employ some of the restless people in washing down, painting, sweeping, staking falling fences and other nice physical work to clean up the place. And we could use a few more trees too instead of all this continuous pavement.

Sincerely,  
J. Donnelly  
Sherbourne St.

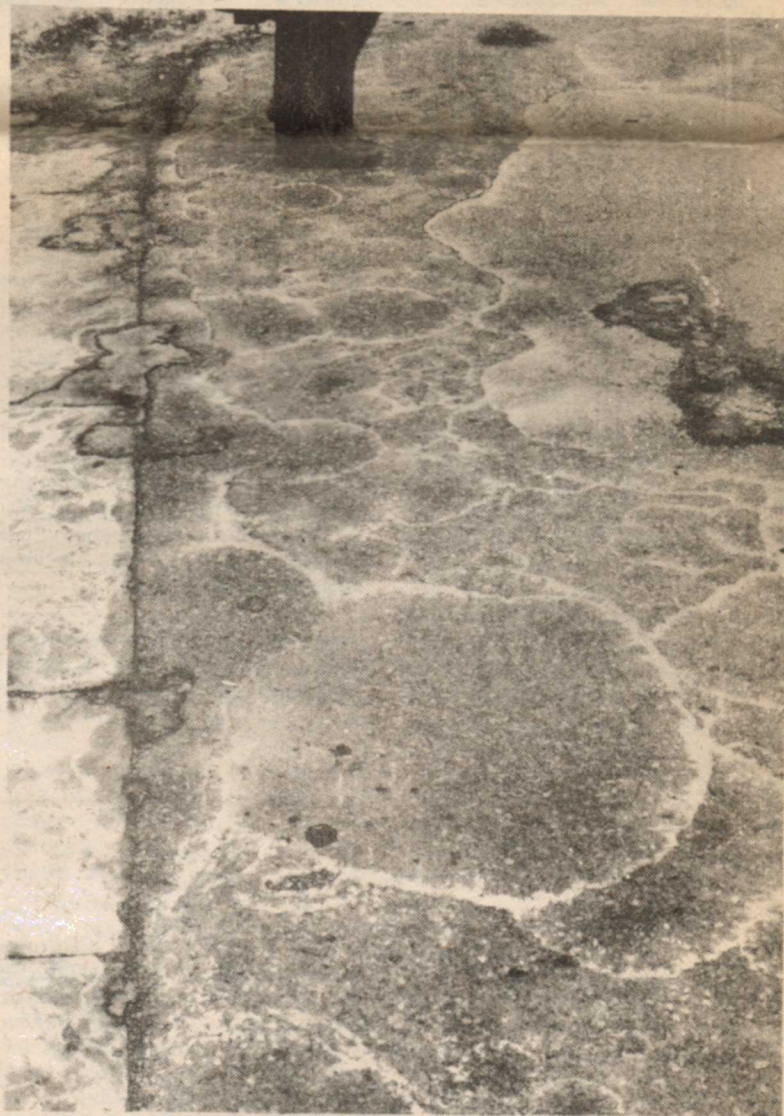
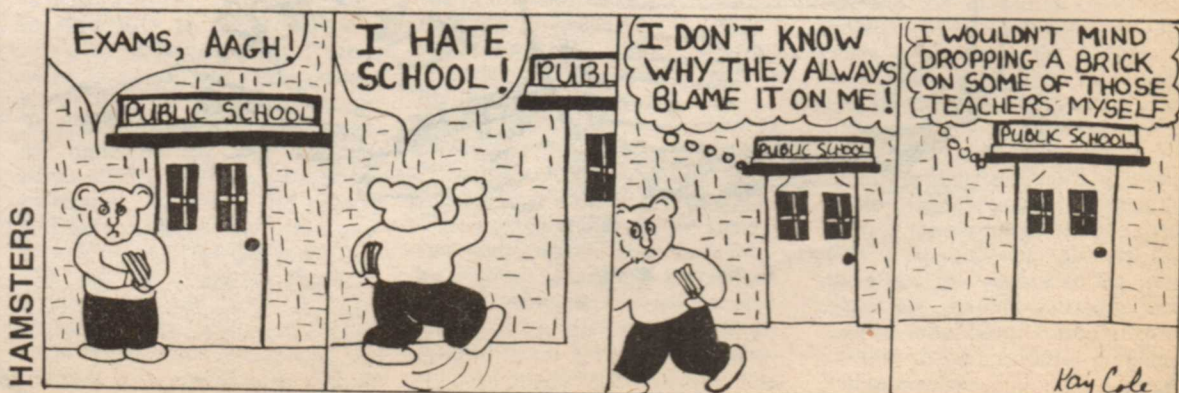


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# Meeting tackles racism

By FRANCES WATMAN

What is racism? What can police do to protect people from racist attacks? How can a person lay charges against an attack?

These were some of the questions under discussion at last week's Racism and the Law seminar at Woodgreen Community Centre co-sponsored by the Toronto Community Law Program and Riverdale Socio-Legal Services.

Participants included lawyer Marika Omatsu, Human Rights Officer Mark Krakowski, Metropolitan Toronto Police Staff Sergeant Howard Cameron and moderator Dick Renshaw, a community resident.

Lawyer Omatsu outlined several courses of action for the person who has been the victim of a racial attack to take. He can go to Room Six at Old City Hall and get a Justice of the Peace to lay a complaint against the attacker. This must be done within six months of the attack and the victim must provide the name and address of the attacker. If attacked by a police officer, the victim is going to have difficulty, according to Omatsu, both in getting the J.P. to lay the initial complaint and getting a judge to convict. A victim of a police attack can take his case to the Police Complaint Bureau where again, Omatsu stressed, a decision is unlikely to go in the victim's favour. Finally, compensation is available to victims of proven racial attacks through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board provided certain criteria are met.

Human Rights Officer Mark Krakowski explained both the working philosophy behind the Human Rights Commission, the body set up to enforce the Ontario Human Rights Code, and the process whereby a victim of non-violent racism in the areas of housing, employment, etc., can have his complaint investigated and, hopefully, resolved. Krakowski stated that about 60% of complaints to the Commission are concerned with racial discrimination and, of these, 50% are from members of so-called visible minorities.

Staff Sergeant Howard Cameron, who heads up Metro's Ethnic Relations Squad, outlined the background of the squad and described how this attempt to more effectively police Toronto's multicultural communities operates. Cameron stated that at present the force maintains a 14-member ethnic squad in the Italian, Black and East Asian communities, and hopes to expand into others in future. This is in addition to the plain-clothes community service officers who work out of each division.

If anything became clear over the course of the evening, was that people are now concerned about the possibility of having themselves to deal with some form of racist attack, and want information on how to effectively deal with this. While there is certainly recourse under present laws for victims of both physical and non-physical racist attacks, the legal process is both complicated and slow. According to Cameron, 80% of people who lay summary complaints — the type of complaint you would lay if a violent racial attack was made against you, and was not witnessed by police

(in other words, almost every such attack) — wait up to two years for their case to come to court. There is no recourse for someone who is verbally assaulted. Hurling racial invectives is not considered a crime in our society.

On the plus side, public education

is resulting in an increasingly prevalent attitude among ethnic communities as a whole that individual communities deserve law enforcement that responds sensitively and adequately to each community's specific needs. In attempting to accomplish this, the Metro police maintains its Ethnic Public Relations Squad, and, last February, initiated a two-day training program for all police officers on how to police a multicultural community.

Finally, studies like the Pitman Report which recommends that the traditional weight and height requirements for police officers be lowered in order to admit to the force candidates from non Anglo Saxon backgrounds, suggest that society is beginning to seriously challenge its own concept of itself as being essentially WASP, and to accept its new image as a multi-racial society.

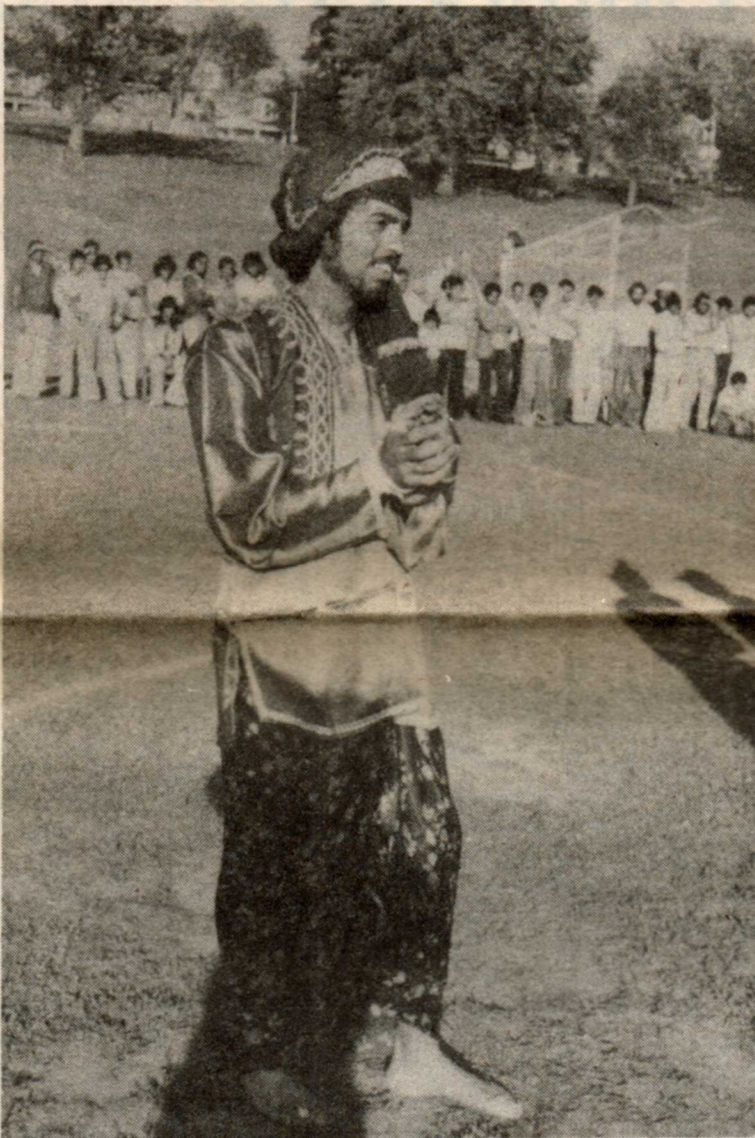


Photo by Rajan Bakshi  
One of the East Indian Punjabi Bhangra Dancers performs a multicultural dance, in Riverdale Park.

## Co-ops get a boost

Have you ever considered joining a fuel co-operative to help reduce your heating bills? Or wondered how food and housing co-ops work? Or wanted to know the difference between credit unions and chartered banks?

If you have, you probably didn't know how to get the necessary information, at least no without a lot of detective work. Now a project called the Main St. Group is trying to provide a solution to this problem — a directory of all Metro Toronto co-ops.

But the Group needs the help of all active members of the various co-ops around the city to make sure that the final listing is as comprehensive as possible. For though the project already has some partial lists of functioning co-ops, new applications of the co-operative method are appearing regularly. Information about such experiments or inquiries about the directory should be directed to the Main

St. Group, 186 Main St., Toronto M4E 2W1, telephone 698-1125.

The directory, which should be ready by early summer, will be distributed to all co-operatives included in it for the use of their members, and to libraries, schools, community centres, and other likely distributors.

However, the project extends beyond the publication of the directory. In the process of its preparation, attempts will be made to determine more particularly needs of the various co-ops. And throughout the life of this seven month programme, the ten staff members, most of whom have experience working in co-ops and credit unions, will be trying to promote the co-operative idea and strengthen what is called the "third sector".

The first of these promotional events open to the public is scheduled for Saturday, May 13,

from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 186 Main St. It will be an informal open house with representatives from various co-ops present to answer questions about their organizations. Films and other audio-visual resources will be viewed.

## HELP!

If you like reading 7 News, but don't get it delivered to your home, then maybe you would like to deliver it yourself on all or part of your street or in your apartment building. It's easy, and it gives you a chance to get out and meet your neighbours. If you are interested, or know someone who is, call 7 News at 465-3810.

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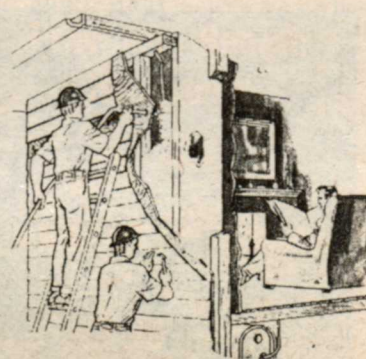
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# Should front yard parking be allowed?

JOHN SEWELL

On April 10, City Council will in all likelihood make a decision about whether Toronto residents should be allowed to continue to park on their front yards.

Front yard parking: it hasn't really come to Ward Seven, but it's almost a way of life in other parts of the City. Most of Ward 7 is served by back laneways, so that front yard parking isn't necessary; or the houses are so close to the sidewalk that there simply isn't room to park. But in other parts of town — the Beaches and North Toronto particularly — it is a frequent occurrence.

Most front yard parking is illegal. The process required to obtain front yard parking is long and tortuous; a rezoning is required, and the idea of cars replacing grass is such a conten-

tious matter that most attempts to rezone for it end up at the Ontario Municipal Board with neighbour fighting neighbour. While perhaps some 7,000-8,000 cars park on front lawns, only about 200 of these cars are legally there.

The problem, according to offenders, is that there aren't enough parking spaces on the street. Although Toronto's population in houses is decreasing (it's increasing in apartment buildings, where underground parking is offered), car ownership is either climbing or people aren't telling the truth. I suspect that car ownership is increasing; we're more in love with automobiles than ever, and it's only natural that people want to park as close to their bedroom as possible.

So what's the fight? Some on

Council (I'm one of them) aren't prepared to see more of the City turned over to the carriage and storage of cars. Toronto is known for trees (many of them being on the street side of the house), and parking on front yards will, in time, mean that fewer and fewer new trees are planted, as well as existing trees becoming damaged as their root systems are interfered with. Losing the feel of the city because of a parking problem in the 1979's isn't a good enough reason.

And it's not as though you can allow some people to park on front yards legally, and prevent others from doing it illegally. The great incidence of illegal front yard parking surely tells us that.

Thus there appears to be only two options available: either let every-

one park on their front yard, or allow no one to do so. I support the latter option, even though I recognize it causes some people problems, in that they might have to park a block away from their home. I suspect that this only happens to a relatively small number of people any given night.

To be fair, no one is arguing that everyone should do it. David Smith, the strongest supporter of front yard parking, wants to set up a procedural maze that relies on community support — but like the present process, you won't be able to distinguish between who is parking legitimately and who is not.

And there might be solutions in the wind. American cars are getting much smaller, so that streets can

accommodate more cars parking on the road. As well, gasoline prices are jumping beyond reason, and perhaps more people will forego the luxury of owning a car in the city.

As for us politicians, we'll make a decision one way or the other on April 10. At the moment, the vote looks to be very close. Those opposed to front yard parking are, by Ward: David White, Dick Gilbert, Joe Piccininni, George Ben, Dan Heap, Allan Sparrow, Janet Howard, John Sewell, Pat Sheppard. Those in favour: Ed Negridge, Ying Hope, Fred Beavis, Tom Clifford, Tom Wardle, John Bosley, Anne Johnston, David Smith. The rest are unclear: Elizabeth Eayrs, Tony O'Donohue, Art Eggleton, Susan Fish, June Rowlands, Mayor David Crombie.

## Oak St. group talks

FRANCES WATMAN

The Oak Street School Site Committee met last week to discuss possible uses for the 2.2 acre parcel of land owned by the Board of Education between Oak and Cornwall Streets. This meeting was another in a continuing series with interested residents to determine how best to develop the land.

Malcolm Robertson, a committee member, briefly recapped the past work of the committee for the benefit of those residents who had not attended previous meetings. Robertson explained that subcommittees were currently looking into four areas of concern: housing, commercial use, community needs

and unemployment. Reports on the housing and commercial possibilities for the land have been prepared. The committee is now looking at the social and recreational as well as the employment potential of the site.

Alderman Janet Howard discussed with the group use of a portion of the future Oak Site development for a community mental health facility. This concept will be expanded at a later meeting.

Community residents are urged to attend the next meeting of the Oak Site Committee Tuesday April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the portable on the site.

## Library drop-in closing

The Parliament Street Library House, long a neighbourhood institution and an informal drop-in centre for single men in the area, is going to be closed in the spring.

The building at 265 Gerrard Street East is going to become the "programming arm" of the library, according to head librarian Janice Long.

Although Long says that this "is what it's supposed to be," the staff of the library house, Jack Heighton and Jim Wyburg, feel differently. According to Heighton, the dozens of men who now use the centre

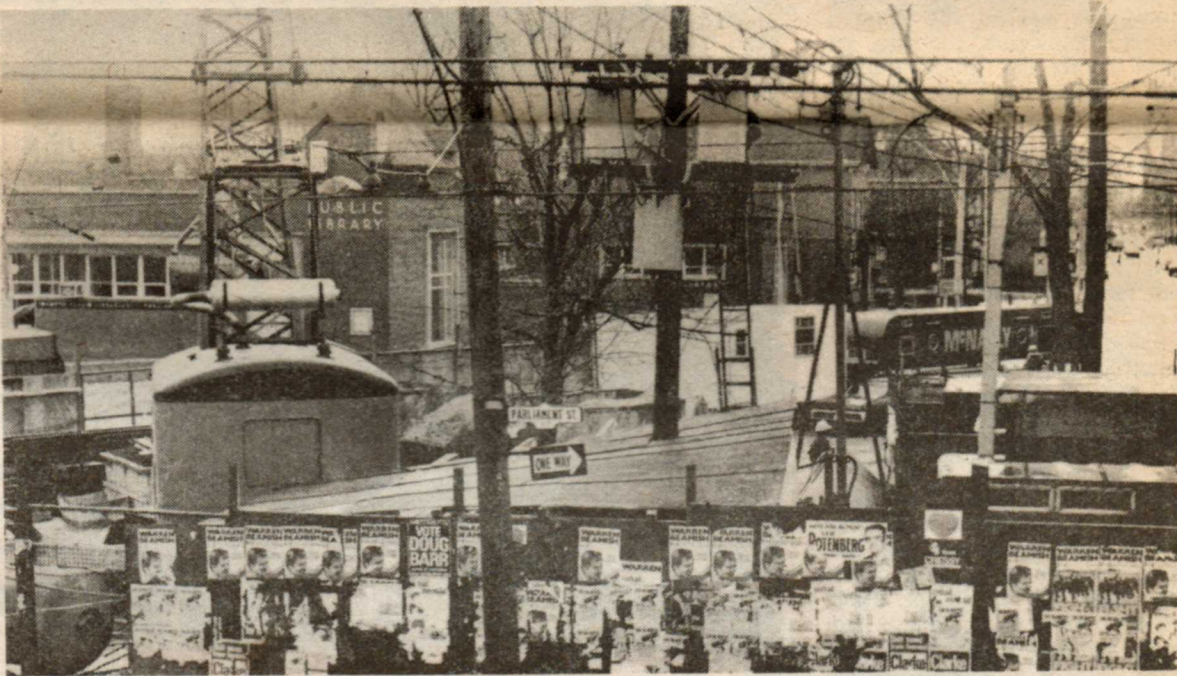
daily will have no place to go. He feels the plans for renovating the library, scheduled for this spring and summer, should have made provision for retaining the drop-in.

Long says that the new library will have some alternate facilities for watching TV and playing chess, but says it will be more of a "structured thing". The more informal kind of drop-in which is now most of the library house will not exist.

Another part of the changes will see the Neighbourhood Information Post (NIP), which now has a room at the back of the building moving

to the large room at the front. NIP is "not very happy" to see the drop-in closing, even though it is benefiting by getting one of the rooms formerly used for the drop-in rent free.

The changes in the library have been approved by the "Friends of the Library" committee. However, the committee, according to a former member, now consists almost entirely of "whitepainters" who are openly hostile to the poorer residents in the area, and who were not happy to see the library house being used as a drop-in.



## Regent tenant beats eviction

The Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) has given up in its efforts to evict tenant Joy Wade from her Regent Park apartment. OHC had given her an eviction notice for overcrowding her two-bedroom apartment, after three of her children moved in with her after the death of her mother. Wade had explained the circumstances to OHC immediately, and applied for a transfer to a larger unit, only to come up against a blank wall in the OHC bureaucracy. Her case

sparked a protest in OHC offices in December. OHC made no promises or statements in the case, but quietly dropped eviction proceedings. OHC has lost a similar case in Scarborough in January when a judge ruled that OHC seemed to have two separate policies, one for

children born to residents and one for children brought in. Wade, meanwhile, is still waiting to hear about her request for a transfer, made more than a year ago.

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But remember: you can't take the head off of old shoulders and place it on the young beholders it's like taking a mother away from her baby son.

We learn from our mistakes heal those open wounds for tomorrow we will be an "adult" someday very soon so from now on when you find ALL wrong in the lives in which we live look back when YOU were young and accept what us TEENAGERS have to give.

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## Friday April 7

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Registration is being accepted today at St. Ann's Separate School, 70 Boulton Avenue, for the **East Toronto Lacrosse Club (EAGLES)**. Boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 9 (born between 1969 to 1972) and their parents are invited to St. Ann's to register the kids and to view the display of equipment. For more information call 694-7212.

## Saturday April 8

Jamaican singer Ernie Smith will headline an **evening of Caribbean music** from 8:30 tonight until 2 a.m. in the Brigantine Room at Harbourfront. The proceeds for this fundraising dance go to the **Black Heritage Program** which runs a weekly program for about 200 kids held at Valley Park Junior High School. The program is intended to get black kids oriented to black culture. All the staff on the Black Heritage Programs are volunteer, and the only way the program can keep running is through selling family memberships and especially through fund-raising evenings like the one tonight. So, if you care about their work — and want to have a great night out — come out to hear Ernie Smith. Tickets are \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance. For further information call 497-7293 or 493-3251.

A **Daffodil Tea, Bake Sale, and White Elephant Table** has been arranged for St. Jamestown residents in the 200 Rec Room from 1 to 4 p.m. today. Money raised will go towards transportation for the club.

## Sunday April 9

You are invited to this afternoon's **forum at St. Luke's Church**, 353 Sherbourne Street, at 2:30 to hear Rev. David McKane, from Hope United Church, speak.

Regent Park United Church presents "**La Petite Musicale**", an evening of religious and folk music at the church at 40 Oak Street starting at 7:30. "**La Petite Musicale**" is composed of from 15 to 20 artists including voice, guitar, bass and drum. The program will include spirituals, and West Indian folk songs. While there is no admission charge, a free-will collection will be taken to defray costs.

Monday April 10

Central Neighbourhood House has a **display of art by children aged 3 to 12** today from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone welcome

## Tuesday April 11

The People and Places film series continues at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape, at 7:30 tonight when films on Japan will be screened. Admission is free and coffee is served.

## Wednesday April 12

You are invited to attend the **Regent Park United Church family night** tonight at the church located at 40 Oak Street. There will be games and activities for everyone. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m.

April Fools Day will this year be celebrated from April 12 through April 23 at Factory Theatre Lab, 209 Adelaide Street East, under the auspices of Theatre Passe Muraille. In plain English, this means that CODCO, those weird folks with the Newfie humour, will perform a two week run — could you stand them for longer? For tickets and information, call 363-0555.

## Thursday April 13

The popular series of noon recitals continues today at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor Street East, from noon to 12:30. Admission is always free. **Today Roma Page-Lynde will perform.**

## Friday April 14

The Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament Street, presents **two flicks**, "Top Hat" with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, and "The Ballad of Frankie and Johny" tonight at 7:30.

## Saturday April 15

Donlands United Church is holding an **auction** today in the church hall at 40 Donlands Avenue starting at 11 a.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. so early shoppers can look over bargains.

There will be a "**Bash the Banks**" "Bank Bash" tonight at St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd.: a party to raise money for the campaign against bank loans to South Africa. There will be a cash bar, music, and food. Admission is \$2.00, and the festivities start at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Toronto Committee for the Liberation of South Africa.

Today, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Serena Gundy Park, is the sixth annual **Don River Canoe Day**. Canoes will travel down the Don, then eventually end up at Harbourfront. The trip is designed to encourage people to experience what was once an important and beautiful river. For information call George Luste at 534-9313 or Bruce Bolin at 531-1847.

## Sunday April 16

**St. Luke's Sunday Forum** at the church located at 353 Sherbourne Street invites you to an afternoon with Alec Jeffries of readings and records. Starting time is 2:30 p.m. and everyone is invited.

The **Choir of St. Thomas Church** will sing Evening song at St. Paul's Anglican Church 227 Bloor Street East, tonight at 7:30. There is no admission charge but an offering will be received during the service to the benefit of St. Paul's Church.

## Tuesday April 18

The Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue, is offering a **workshop on "Fixing Up Your Bike For Spring"** tonight at 7:00. Best news: it's free.

The Danforth Library is showing **films tonight about Mississippi** at 7:30 in the library located at 701 Pape Avenue. Admission is free.

## Thursday April 20

St. Paul's Anglican Church continues its popular noon recital today with a **performance by James Chalmers**. Bring your lunch and mellow out at today's recital. Admission is free.

Michael Cassidy, the new Ontario NDP leader, will speak on "**Unemployment and the Ontario Economy**" tonight at 7:30 at the 519 Church Street Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

## Friday April 21

The **Friday Night Film Series** continues at the Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament Street, on the subject — brings on the violins, please — of love and romance. "**Blue Angel**" starring Marlene Dietrich is screened tonight at 7:30. Admission is free.

It's **Castle Frank's Big Show!** Tonight for a mere 50¢ you can join in Castle Frank's annual school exhibition. The program for the evening will feature student exhibits ranging from students learning to repair cars to students learning hairdressing to students making furniture. You can look in on displays in the classrooms and take in a gym show and swim events. Activities in the auditorium feature a fashion show and a play by the students. Gourmets, take heed. You will be able to feast on great delicacies prepared by the students in the Food Services Area.

## General

**Dixon Hall is looking for volunteers** for its senior citizens friendly visit program. If you enjoy seniors and think you'd like to help, call Linda at Dixon Hall, 863-0499.

Calling all parents! **Pre-school registration is happening now.** Children and parents who register now will have a chance to visit the kindergarten and meet the teacher. They will also receive an eye test and an ear examination before starting school. In this way it's hoped that kids who have any problems that could affect their success in school will have them attended to before they begin school. Following are the area schools and their phone numbers: Lord Dufferin, 921-2107; Regent Park, 363-3441; Sprucecourt, 922-6321; Duke of York, 368-6194; Dundas, 461-0947; Morse, 461-9209; and Park, 364-8717.

Just a reminder! **International Cyclists Day is coming** on June 4 with a ride and a rally culminating in Nathan Phillips Square. Stay glued to this page for news on this event.

Come on out, St. Jamestown, and give generously when the Cancer Drive Canvasser comes to your apartment door. You can support the Cancer Campaign in other ways, too. Join your neighbours in participating in the Flea Market and the Bingo. **The Flea Market** starts at 6 p.m. Friday April 14, 10 a.m. Saturday April 15, and 10 a.m. Sunday April 16. **Bingo, with great prizes**, happens on Wednesday April 19 at 7 p.m. and Thursday April 20 at the same time. Call Maureen Konnyu or Debby Fraser at 925-5522 for information on locations.

You are invited to join the **Adult Drop-in** at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East, on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 461-1168 for more information.

A **youth employment program** is located at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, under the co-sponsorship of the RPCIA and Dixon Hall. If you've experienced difficulty in looking for a job, perhaps this program can be of some assistance. Give them a call at 863-0499.

Harbourfront is offering **National Folk Dance Classes** every Monday or Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8 in the North Craft Studio this month. Tuition is \$16.00 for four hour-and-a-half sessions. Call Susan Thomas at 364-7127, extension 39, for more information.

The **Annex is a multi-use space for Japanese Canadians** which offers a drop-in, legal aid services, history courses, lectures, demonstrations, art exhibits, a specialized library, films, and social events. Intended primarily for all generations of Japanese Canadians and newly arrived Japanese, the Annex is open to all interested persons. Situated at 1468 Danforth between Coxwell and Monarch Park, regular business hours are maintained 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Phone 463-7441 for information.

The Ward Seven Business and Professional Association is planning its **Spring Fling at Casa Loma** Thursday May 4 at 7 p.m. This is going to be an enjoyable evening of dining and dancing in a very elegant space. A deliciously elegant dinner will be served and dancing will be to the Art Hallman Orchestra. Tickets are \$22.50 per person. There is limited seating for dinners so call early for tickets. Phone Heather Aspinall at 961-7733 or Darrell Kent at 465-7527.

The Regent Action Group, a group of **Regent Park Tenants**, meets in Regent Park United Church (40 Oak St.) on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is on April 18 at 7:30. The purpose of the group is to talk about tenants' problems and what to do about them. All Regent tenants welcome.

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- b) to receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st 1977 and the report thereon of the Auditors, McCarney, Swinerton, Newlands and Company
- c) to elect Directors
- d) to appoint auditors
- e) to generally transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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By ROGER ROLFE  
**MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING.** A Survival Manual for Nonprofit Organizations. By John Fisher. Available from the Management and Fundraising Centre, 123 Edward Street, Suite 301, Toronto, Ont. M5G 1E2. 213 p. \$8.95

To be honest the first thing about this book that caught my attention was the quotable quotes. I mean when you fan through a few pages and see, "A newspaper is a circulating library with high blood pressure", you've got to be a bit curious. And when you read, "Journalism is literature in a hurry", well, that's edifying eh? And "A great many people think they are thinking when they are only rearranging their prejudices" is really funny.

No, *Money Isn't Everything*, is not a rival for Columbo's "Canadian Quotations", and true a lot of the quotes are, in the author's words, "dippy". But they're not a bad introduction to a book that's been dropped into your lap with the words "Review It!" by the editor of this, YOUR, paper.

Actually, there was a lot of method in your editor's madness, since it happens to be the case that the book is about nonprofit organizations and I just happen to work for one such organization.

*Money Isn't Everything* is directed at nonprofit organizations in the fields of health and fitness, education, welfare, and arts and culture. That's everything form a local theatre group to *Seven News*. The author assumes fairly that most nonprofit organizations begin as an ad hoc group of enthusiastic individuals confronted by a particular problem and setting out to achieve a particular goal. No one is too concerned about formal structures for the group, or procedures or expertise. Everyone simply wants to get on and work or organize or fight or whatever.

John Fisher's main point is that this sort of enthusiasm can benefit from some structure, knowledge, and skill. The bulk of the book then goes on to lay out ways of doing this: How to hold a first meeting; How to determine your constituency; How to pick a board of directors; Whether and how to incorporate or obtain charitable status; How to raise funds, find volunteers, equipment and materials; How to write a press release or put together a t.v. spot; How to deal with the printer, or the local community newspaper. . . you can see why this book is called a manual.

All this info is really useful. It can save a lot of time, effort and money. Together with the quotes and jokes, I would say that all these tips make the book worth the lay-out of nine dollars asked for the manual.

*Money Isn't Everything* does have a bias however. In stressing the need for formalizing structures, and developing expertise, I'm afraid it runs the risk of dampening the grass roots enthusiasm that drives community groups by swamping it with the creation of an overreaching "organization".

Formal structures and expertise must always be a *means* serving the objectives of the nonprofit group.

Whether a group should select a board of directors, write a constitution etc. should be determined by the benefits of doing this, in concrete and practical terms, while at the same time weighing in carefully the costs. Many structures do have a way of staying around, hampering change, and serving themselves. Think back a few years to the struggles that were fought in this ward to save low income housing. If the people living in South of St. Jamestown had decided to select a board, write their constitution, apply for a few government grants, and map out seven sub-committees, they would have a fine organization but no houses to live in.

Another related bias is that much of this book's advice applies well to non-political organizations but poorly to political ones. I mean if you're going to start a theatre devoted to exploring new, alternative, avant-garde, areas of cultural self-expression then you can probably go after a range of government, corporate and foundation grants, put together a classy list of patrons, and get all kinds of positive media coverage. BUT don't dare include a production on oppression in South Africa that points the finger at Canadian corporate or government complicity, or you'll bring the house down on your heads, literally.

This sort of relationship, especially between a group's funding sources and their activities is a very important one for "political" or "advocacy" groups. I've seen a lot of organisations coopted or muzzled by being overdependent on funding sources that get lost when the going gets tough. Greater attention deserves to be paid to these problems by the manual.

Future editions of the manual are being planned, so the author can file these remarks away for future reference. With a little broadening of the scope, the biases that I've mentioned can be removed. Still if you are a nonprofit organization, in a community or not, pick up a copy of this book. It is really valuable and the quotes are great.

**The Dog as Artist**

We know there are a few dissenters out there, people of narrow scope and vision who fail to appreciate the creative artistry of our work. Compared with other street artists we feel that we bring a sense of reckless abandon into a rather difficult creative situation, one in which we as artists don't know until the last minute which materials we will be working with. Even though we know we can expect quantities of paper, plastic, glass, tin, and a variety of aged food products, the exact contents and proportions on any particular project remains a mystery until the bag is opened.

It is often said that you can tell a lot about a society by looking at its garbage; however you can't tell much about something you can't see because of its imprisonment in a green bag. Thus is creating our street collages we feel that we are not only artists at work but we are also helping to expose the excesses of our society.

Finally, a word of thanks must be given to those of you who make our work much easier — you beautiful people who not only changed over from cans to bags but who so thoughtfully put your bags, the very source of our creativity, on the street at least two days before the next scheduled pick-up. We love you. And for the rest of you, the next time you see one of our completed projects, stop for a moment and contemplate the profound nature of our work. Who knows, perhaps you will be so moved as to give us two days to work on your garbage too. We'll love you for it.

The Street Artists of Cabbagetown



# Forget snow: think greenhouse

By HOWARD HUGGETT

It really begins to look as if the winter of 1977-78 is over. Pretty soon we will not have to listen to the furnace humming away to itself as it burns up our money. Now comes the time of the year when people turn their thoughts more to outside activity, so let's think about greenhouses. For the past few years there has been a considerable demand for small family-size structures to be used in connection with a private house.

The companies that are marketing this type of greenhouse emphasize the savings that can be gained by growing your own vegetables. It certainly is possible to lengthen the growing season considerably this way, and you can produce your own vegetables even in mid winter if you provide a back up source of heat for nights and cloudy days. But you can also buy a lot of lettuce and tomatoes for the price of the smallest greenhouse available on the market. The lowest price quoted at the recent Garden Show held in the C.N.E. grounds was \$550 for a ten by twelve structure. The highest was \$1249, also for a ten by twelve. Needless to say, there are extras, such as thermostatically controlled fans and automatic louvers. Then

there is the cost of back-up heat, which is quoted from \$75 to about \$300 per season. And don't forget the maintenance — glass is easily broken and polyethylene deteriorates in sunlight. There is also damage from falling icicles, and don't overlook small boys.

No, spending money on a greenhouse just to save on the cost of vegetables would not likely pay off, but there are other reasons for doing it. Some people use them for winter barbecuing (barbecuing?), and they would come in handy for winter sun-bathing. If you can grow vegetables in a greenhouse and have fun at the same time, then it should be worth the time and money.

There is another good reason for building yourself a glass house. On lots of sunny winter days they develop more warmth than the plants need, and if you can arrange it so that the excess heat goes into your house it will help to pay for the costs. Of course, this is easier to do if the greenhouse is the lean-to variety, built against one wall of the house. This arrangement also cuts down on heat loss from both structures.

Needless to say, the best location for a greenhouse is one with a

southern exposure, affording at least four hours of sunshine per day.

As happens so often with worthwhile hobbies, there is a tendency for the building of greenhouses to become a fad. The companies that sell these structures admit that for some people they have become a status symbol. Before investing a lot of money it would be wise to think the matter through, and even the firms that sell the structures advise prospective buyers to first learn the basics of greenhouse gardening. There are other problems, such as building regulations.

For those who prefer to look before they leap, there is the Canadian Hobby Greenhouse Association, made up of people who already own their own structures together with many who are only thinking about it. The mailing address is R. R. 3, Stouville, Ontario, L0H 1L0. There is also a hobby group that meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Civic Garden Centre at the Edwards Gardens, Leslie Street at Lawrence Avenue.

If you like gardening it might be worth a try.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Cabbagetown youth do it again.

Gerrard Kiwanis Boys and Girls club has won the southern area, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, table tennis championship. There were 11 teams competing from Ottawa, Oshawa, Brantford, and Toronto. The Gerrard K team members were Tom Moriarity, Patrick Moriarity, Ticky Forrester, and Jamie Bogdanovich. Gerrard K club is at Spruce & Sumach and has

a membership of 700 boys and girls from 7 to 17 years.

### Kids register for school.

The Toronto Board of Education's public schools are offering spring registration from now until mid-May for children starting kindergarten in September. The purpose is to give parents the oppor-

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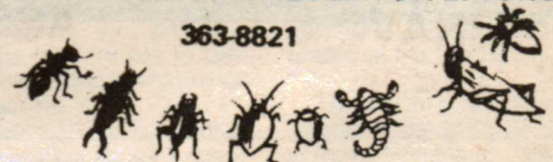
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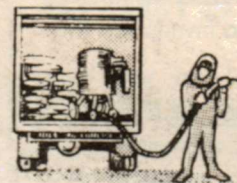


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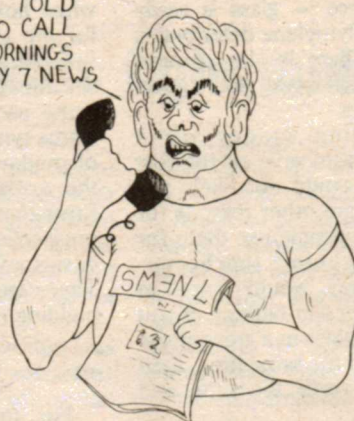
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## Immigration law and marriage

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Two aims of the Immigration Act are in conflict on this issue. Immigration law is essentially exclusive, with the goal of controlling the numbers and qualifications of people seeking to enter the country. On the other hand, an expressed goal is to facilitate the reunion in Canada of Canadian citizens and permanent residents with their close relatives from abroad. The department therefore tends to take a cautious view of marriages that take place between Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and citizens of other countries.

There will be no discussion here of the situation of married couples who are accepted as immigrants together, or where one spouse joins the other later in this country. The subject will be the sponsorship relationship when the marriage takes place after one spouse is already landed, as this is where most problems arise.

The present Immigration Act permits a citizen or landed immigrant to sponsor his spouse, among other family members, or a fiancé or fiancée. It is unlikely that the new Act, expected to become law in April 1978, will significantly change this. Technically, the sponsored person is to be out of the country at the time the application is made. However it is practice now to allow such an application to be made while both are here, under some circumstances. This practice is, of course, subject to change. Sponsorship means that the sponsor undertakes to take complete responsibility for the support of the newcomer. In return the relative gets landed status. The major concern of Immigration is that a couple will establish a sponsorship relationship, that is, marry, in order that one of them can enter Canada who might not otherwise be accepted as an immigrant, and for

that reason only. The suspicion of officials is reflected in certain practices with regard to marriage and sponsorship.

If a citizen or landed immigrant applies to sponsor his or her fiancée or fiancé, as the case may be, the expectation is that the couple will marry shortly after the new immigrant gets an immigrant visa and arrives here. If this does not happen, the department will ask for an explanation.

If a couple is married here and then go to Immigration to arrange a sponsorship, the "bona fides" or good faith of the marriage will be explored. This will often mean that the couple must go through a Special Inquiry and examination before the Officer-in-Charge. The examination will be a long series of very detailed questions about the reasons for the marriage, the present living arrangements of the couple, how much they know about each other, and their plans for the future. Each spouse is examined separately. If the officer is satisfied that the marriage is not entered into just to get around immigration law, a Minister's Permit will be issued to the spouse, which is permission to remain in the country while the sponsorship application is processed. It is important at this point that the application be made as soon as possible.

If the marriage is believed to be a sham, the spouse could be ordered deported once his or her present status as a visitor, student or holder of a work permit expires, if he does not leave voluntarily.

The sponsorship application in any case will take several months to be approved. In the case of married couples who wait out this period in Canada together, there are several common problems. The most common arises when there are serious marital difficulties which become known to Immigration. Sometimes this will result in the delay of landing until things have improved. It is

important to note that a Minister's Permit can be withdrawn at any time by the department.

Occasionally the sponsor will decide for any number of reasons that he is no longer willing to carry out his undertaking, and informs Immigration that he is withdrawing his sponsorship. A sponsor has a legal right to do this. In this case, the other party usually is interviewed to determine what happened and to determine whether he could maintain himself alone. The latter means that he must be able to achieve a high number of points of assessment, or be a person who for reasons of national interest should be allowed to remain. Needless to say, few people meet these criteria. Unless the sponsor changes his mind, the permit is generally cancelled and the spouse is told to leave the country within a certain period. Should the sponsor change his mind, and be able to convince Immigration that he is sincere in doing so, the sponsorship is allowed to go forward, but a sort of "probation" may be added, that is, landing is delayed for another year or so. The couple may also be called in periodically to report on the way things are going for them.

Once the sponsored person is landed, however, he is no longer vulnerable to the actions of the sponsor in this way. She or she then has his or her own status, independent of the sponsor's. Up to that time, however, unfortunate situations arise where the sponsor is very abusive towards his spouse and threatens at every turn to withdraw support if all demands are not met. This puts the new arrival in a real trap, as he may very well have made progress toward establishing himself here and not wish to leave. For a sponsored individual, therefore, the success of the marriage has added importance, and careful judgement must be exercised to avoid the above problems where possible.