

This Foul Menace Must Go! **GREAT DANGER TO HEALTH** *Fine New School Near Sanitary Site*

Within 200 yards of where hundreds of children romp the new Kent-street School playgrounds, the Victoria Park and South Perth sanitary depots reek their pestiferous presence to the skies.

Situated on a magnificent site, one of the highest spots in Victoria Park, the tip and sanitary depot are not only a menace to the health of children, but a positive bar to the growth of the district in that vicinity.

When the wind blows, there is no need to drive down Kent-street looking for the depot; the stench which pervades the school and nearby homes is sufficient guide.

In addition to that, all day long the carts rumble along past the new school gates; and the sight of them is calculated to give the children anything but an aesthetic thrill as they gaze out the window of their modern classrooms.

Kent-street school is modern and well equipped; yet it is built virtually on the edge of a sanitary and rubbish depot.

"The Mirror" says here and now that the nuisance must be shifted. And the City Council will have a chance to get on with the job when it meets on Monday.

Notice of motion has been given by Cr. H. S. Raphael for the immediate appointment of a committee to investigate a new site for the disposal of rubbish. It is expected that, if the Council makes the first move, sufficient pressure of public opinion can be brought to bear on the South Perth Road Board to force them to move their sanitary depot which is alongside that of Victoria Park.

THERE THEY STOP

Very few years ago the sanitary depots were in a more or less isolated spot. But the rapid growth of building has seen new streets open and new and attractive homes spring up in that vicinity. Now, however, progress is at a standstill. Houses have approached to within a few hundred yards of the depot and there they stop.

Sight of the carts all day long dumping their refuse in the very centre of a populated area is most unedifying.

Ironically enough, there are only two entrances to the depot. One is along Kent-street fronting the new school; the other along an avenue of pine trees at the side of the school. So that, whatever part of the grounds they happen to be in, the children are aware of the cavalcade of carts both by sight and smell.

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At present hundreds of pounds are being spent on the erection of school tennis courts situated a few hundred yards from the depots and along the very road in which the sanitary carts travel.

AIR POLLUTED

Not 50 years ago the great John Lister and Louis Pasteur proved that the very presence in a vicinity of putrifying matter not only polluted the air round about, but that microscopical particles of matter which floated into the atmosphere became attached to the clothes and limbs of humans, causing sepsis and often starting epidemics.

This site must therefore be a positive menace to the health of nearby residents and school children.

Mothers would not allow their children to play in that vicinity; yet school children are forced to sit all day in an atmosphere that is at times unpleasantly charged.

A lot of money was spent on the Kent-street school, providing special ventilation and other hygienic facilities.

It will have been so much waste if the atmosphere the kiddies breathe is polluted by the proximity of sanitary and rubbish depots.