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MEN BORN IN 1962 NEED NEW I.D. CARDS

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MEN BORN IN 1962 WERE TODAY REMINDED TO APPLY FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THE THIRD PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME STARTS ON MONDAY (JULY 11).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE MEN MUST CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BEFORE APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 6.

HE EXPECTED ABOUT 62 000 MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP TO TURN UP DURING THE FOUR-WEEK PERIOD.

+ANYONE WHO FAILS TO EXCHANGE HIS OLD IDENTITY CARD FOR A NEW ONE DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, IF A PERSON HAPPENS TO BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THIS PERIOD, HE MAY APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF HIS RETURN.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED APPLICANTS TO BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY REPORT TO ANY OF THE ISSUE OFFICES.

HE SAID, +THESE OFFICES OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE BUSY IN THE DAYTIME CAN GO THERE IN THE EVENING OR AT WEEKENDS.+

THE PROCESSING OF AN APPLICATION SHOULD TAKE ONLY HALF AN HOUR. APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE DATE TO PICK UP THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS AND TO SURRENDER THEIR OLD ONES.

IF ANYONE IN THE AGE GROUP WANTS TO HAVE HIS LOST OR DAMAGED I.D. CARD REPLACED OR HIS PARTICULARS CHANGED, HE SHOULD GO TO THE REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW PATH OPENED FOR JOGGERS

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JOGGING ENTHUSIASTS IN TSUEN WAN HAVE A PURPOSE-BUILT TRACK TO JOG, WITH THE OPENING OF THE FU YUNG PATH THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT.

THE PATH IS A CIRCULAR ROUTE OF OVER ONE KILOMETRE ROUND THE FU YUNG SHAN AREA. IT WAS BUILT AT A COST OF $160 000, FUNDED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR SCOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, SAID THE PATH WOULD BENEFIT 250 WEEKDAY ENTHUSIASTS AND AN ADDITIONAL 150 VISITORS AT WEEKENDS.

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+BEFORE THE PATH WAS BUILT, JOGGERS, RUNNERS AND WALKERS IN TSUEN WAN HAD TO BRAVE HAZARDS FACED BY US JOGGERS ELSEWHERE IN HONG KONG, SUCH AS DISCONTINUOUS TRACKS, UNEVEN SURFACES AND FEW RESTING PLACES,+ HE SAID.

+THESE THINGS DO RATHER SPOIL THE ENJOYMENT, AND MAY EVEN DISCOURAGE POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS FROM TRYING IT OUT.

+AS WE ALL UNDERSTAND, JOGGING TRAILS HAVE TO TAKE THEIR TURN FOR FUNDS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND WHEN FUNDS ARE TIGHT, I AM AFRAID THEY ARE REGARDED AS NOT IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY AND DO NOT GET PRIORITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR SCOTT SAID THE COMPLETION OF THE FU YUNG PATH GAVE HIM PLEASURE IN THREE CAPACITIES.

+AS SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, I AM VERY GLAD TO SEE PEOPLE USING THEIR FEET= AS PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, I HOPE TO SEE JOGGERS PERSEVERE AND DEVELOP INTO RUNNERS= AND AS A MODEST JOGGER MYSELF I WELCOME THE NEW FACILITY ON BEHALF OF THE JOGGING COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID TSUEN WAN WAS AN OVERCROWDED INDUSTRIAL NEW TOWN WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING HARD TO REMEDY PLANNING DEFICIENCIES OF THE PAST ON THE ONE HAND AND TO MEET RISING EXPECTATIONS ON THE OTHER.

+I BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST JOGGING PATH OF ANY SIZEABLE LENGTH COMPLETED BY A DISTRICT BOARD,+ SHE SAID.

LAST YEAR, THE BOARD HAD FINANCED THE BUILDING OF AN INDOOR FITNESS CENTRE AND MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALL AT MEI WAN STREET, AND A SPORTS CENTRE AT CHEUNG HONG ESTATE ON TSING YI.

+WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH THE HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TOWARDS THE IDEA OF AN OUTDOOR EXERCISE TRAINING CAMP IN THE NORTHERN HILLS OF TSUEN WAN,+ SHE ADDED.

PRIOR TO THE OPENING CEREMONY, ABOUT 200 JOGGERS TOOK PART IN A COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN THE GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, MR ROBERT CHAN THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP AND MISS FRIENDSHIP OF THIS YEAR'S MISS HONG KONG CONTEST AND MR AND MISS VITALITY.

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WAN CHAI CLEAN UP NETS $10 000 FOR CHARITY

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A SUM OF $10 000 WAS RAISED AT THIS MORNING'S +SWEEPING FOR GOLD+ CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN WAN CHAI.

AT 9 AM, ABOUT 200 STUDENTS FROM THE HONG KONG WAH YAN COLLEGE GROUPED THEMSELVES INTO SIX TEAMS, AND EACH BEGAN CLEANING AN ENVIRONMENTAL BLACKSPOT IN THE DISTRICT.

THESE SIX LOCATIONS ARE STONE NULLAH LANE, CROSS STREET, JAFFE ROAD, BOWRINGTON STREET, TSAP CHEUNG STREET AND SUN CHUEN STREET.

BEFORE NOON, THEY HAD COLLECTED THE RUBBISH INTO DOZENS OF BAGS AND HANDED THEM TO THE NEARBY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS.

A SUM OF MONEY WAS DONATED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR EACH BAG OF RUBBISH.

THE DONATION WAS PRESENTED TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST AT A CLOSING CEREMONY HELD AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND AFTER THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

TODAY'S EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG WAH YAN COLLEGE.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS BY PARTICIPATING IN MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS,+ SAID A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN.

+IT ALSO AIMS AT DRIVING HOME THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE AND RAISING FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST,+ HE ADDED.

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TAI PO RAPIDLY CHANGING

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TAI PO IS BEING TRANSFORMED FROM AN OLD MARKET INTO A WELL PLANNED NEW TOWN WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY ACCOMMODATE A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL IN TAI PO.

JUST TWO YEARS AGO, THE POPULATION OF TAI PO WAS ONLY 74 000. TODAY, IT IS ALREADY NEAR THE 100 000 MARK.

+THIS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS MANY MORE NEWCOMERS FROM OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT WILL COME TO LIVE IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS THAT ARE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

/+DEVELOPMENT .....

+DEVELOPMENT SYMBOLISES PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT. A BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT TOGETHER WITH THE PROVISION OF A PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES WILL HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.+

HE STRESSED THAT WHILE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT WAS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT IT HAD TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY EQUALLY GOOD PROGRESS IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO ACHIEVE THE OVERALL PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT ENVISAGED FOR THE DISTRICT.

+IN THIS RESPECT, A GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION, CULTURE AND THE MOTIVATION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN COMMUNITY WILL ALL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE AIM OF DEVELOPING TAI PO INTO A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON SAID THAT THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL WHICH HAD A HISTORY OF OVER 30 YEARS IN THE DISTRICT HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR A FULL ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY BY OFFERING THEM A PROPER ENVIRONMENT FOR THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

+APART FROM THE VERY HIGH STANDARD OF THE TEACHING OF KNOWLEDGE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL, IT HAS ALSO ENCOURAGED ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

+THIS IS AMPLY REFLECTED IN THE EXTENT OF INVOLVEMENT OF YOUR SCHOOL SUPERVISORS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND THE ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL SPORTS AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

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WEEKLY CLEAN-UP AT TAI LONG WAN BEACH

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NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORKERS ARE NOW ENGAGED IN A WEEKLY OPERATION OF CLEARING AWAY REFUSE WASHED ASHORE AT TAI LONG WAN BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE CLEAN-UP WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE GOING THERE BY PLEASURE CRAFT AND HIRED FERRY BOATS DURING THE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, THE STRONG TIDAL CURRENTS AND SOUTH WESTERLY WINDS TEND TO WASH FLOATSAM AND JETSAM TO TAI LONG WAN, A NON-GAZETTED BEACH LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF CHI MA WAN PENINSULA, LANTAU.

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A LARGE AMOUNT OF THE RUBBISH IS ALSO LEFT BEHIND BY BEACHGOERS.

EVERY FRIDAY SOME 20 CLEANSING WORKERS PICK UP THE RUBBISH FROM THE BEACH. SIX SUCH OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SINCE EARLY JUNE.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE WORKERS HAVE TO WALK FOR 40 MINUTES FROM CHI MA WAN TO REACH THE BEACH, AS THERE IS NO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCESS ROAD TO THE REMOTE AREA.

ON THE RETURN TRIP, THE WORKERS HAVE TO BRING ALONG SOME 300 BASKETS OF WOODEN PLANKS, PLASTIC BAGS, BROKEN BOTTLES, EMPTY BEER AND SOFT DRINK CANS AND OTHER ITEMS TO THE MAIN ROAD OF CHI MA WAN FOR SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO BEACHGOERS AND OTHERS CRUISING ON YACHTS TO BE MORE CIVIC-MINDED BY DISPOSING OF THEIR REFUSE PROPERLY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT LITTER SHOULD TELEPHONE THE NEW TERRITORIES LITTER COMPLAINT HOTLINE AT 0-445555 OR CONTACT THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF ISLANDS AT 5-452416 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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HOUSING CHIEF BIDS FAREWELL TO STAFF

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR BERNARD WILLIAMS, TODAY BADE FAREWELL TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WHERE HE HAD WORKED FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS.

IN A FAREWELL PARTY HELD AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HEADQUARTERS, THE HOUSING CHIEF THANKED HIS STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND DEVOTION THAT HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE SUCCESS OF THE AMBITIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME.

+WHILE THE ANNUAL PRODUCTION TARGET OF 35 000 PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, EFFORTS SHOULD NOT BE SPARED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN, OR EVEN EXCEED, THESE ACHIEVEMENTS,+ MR WILLIAMS SAID.

MR WILLIAMS RETIRED TODAY AS DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE IS SUCCEEDED BY MR DAVID FORD.

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CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

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ABOUT 200 STUDENTS FROM THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL -- A SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HAPPY VALLEY -- WILL PARTICIPATE IN A CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION ON MONDAY (JULY 11).

ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE HAPPY VALLEY AREA COMMITTEE, THE COMPETITION AIMS TO PROVIDE DIVERSIFIED ACTIVITY AND TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN.

THE COMPETITION WILL START AT 10 AM AND WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS: PRIMARY ONE AND TWO, PRIMARY THREE AND FOUR, PRIMARY FIVE AND SIX, AND SECONDARY GROUP. PARENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

ADJUDICATORS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE HAPPY VALLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, MISS DEBRA CHAU.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AFTER THE COMPETITION AND THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE SCHOOL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 11) AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL AT 159 BLUE POOL ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

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FIRE DRILL YARD TO BE EXTENDED

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WORK ON THE EXTENSION OF A FIRE STATION DRILL YARD WILL SOON BE CARRIED OUT AT THE HUNG HOM FIRE STATION IN FAT KWONG STREET.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE WORK INVOLVES THE LAYING OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE SLAB, THE ERECTION OF A FENCE AND THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS.

IT WILL START NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL BE CARRYING OUT ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS WITHIN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION TO SERVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE WORK, SCHEDULED TO START LATER THIS YEAR, WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 7 500 METRES OF ROADS WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS. LANDSCAPING WORKS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON EAST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD; AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, 3RD AND 4TH FLOORS, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND AN OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER MAINS WORK

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 7 000 METRES OF DUCTILE IRON AND ASBESTOS CEMENT WATER MAINS IN SAI KUNG.

THE MAINS, RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 250 MM IN DIAMETER, WILL BE LAID FROM TAI MONG TSAI TO PAK TAM CHUNG AND FROM MANG KUNG UK TO TAI AU MUN ALONG TAI MONG TSAI ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD RESPECTIVELY.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF A PROJECT TO BOOST FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SAI KUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULAS.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CAUSEWAY BAY TRAFFIC CHANGE

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 11) TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND MORETON TERRACE WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EAST-BOUND TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG TUNG LO WAN ROAD HEADING FOR TAI HANG ROAD UPHILL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY ROAD WESTBOUND AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD EASTBOUND.

BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 2, 5, 19, 23B, 25 WESTBOUND AND MAXICABS ON ROUTES 14, 21, 25 AND 32 WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD.

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LONG-SERVING POSTMEN

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TWENTY-THREE POSTMEN WERE PRESENTED WITH LONG SERVICE BADGES IN A CEREMONY HELD AT THE POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR HUGH ARDLEY TO THE POSTMEN, EACH OF WHOM HAS COMPLETED MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.

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