

# A clean car not an essential

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Editor:

I have written to you before on the subject of rainwater conservation, and you will not be surprised that I was astonished to be watching 'Compass' recently and to hear the operator of a car wash business in Charlottetown say that if people were discouraged from washing their cars in their driveways, it would probably be all the more business for him.

Surely, if there is, as we are told, a serious shortage of fresh drinking water, the first users to be cut off would be the car washes. Surely, enough safe water to drink, cook with and clean ourselves with is of far greater importance than having a clean car. Water is essential to human life; a dirty car will work just as well as a clean one.

If the City of Charlottetown cannot, for some legal reason, cut off the supply of water to car washes, it should at least severely ration them, or only turn on the water for an hour or two a day. drive horses at breakneck speed around a small track with wagons behind, and then are surprised and broken- hearted when there is an 'accident'.

Nothing I have heard, read or seen justifies this obscene, cruel and ugly event. It should be stopped by the civilized proportion of the population.

Almost as distressing is to see all the politicians 'yee- hawing' in silly hats at the Stampede, perhaps to demonstrate their 'Canadian' authenticity. It doesn't work for me.

It's high time a civilized society ended this cruelty once and for all.

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