New Bill may relieve Harbour Commissioners of onerous responsibility

Some memories of the Swivel Bridge

A Bill entitled "The Swivel Bridge Bill, 1963," which is intended to relieve the Harbour Commissioners from any liability to open the Swivel Bridge for the passage of ships and vessels, or to maintain or repair it so as to render it capable of being opened, will meet with strong opposition from the advocates of free waterways.

It is interesting to note, however, that as long ago as 1913, a report by a representative of the Board of Trade recommended the construction of a fixed bridge in lieu of the old Swivel Bridge at Penzance. But the provision was made that a swivel bridge should be substituted thereafter, "if at any time after the expiration of 20 years from the passing of the Bill." The Board of Trade called upon the Harbour Board to do so.

In 1929 the Great Western Railway asked the Board to consider the construction of a fixed bridge, and the Board decided to proceed with the work. The new bridge was opened in 1934 and is still in use today.

The Swivel Bridge takes the strain of the river. Many wrecks have occurred, and it has been necessary to repair the bridge several times.

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Annual meeting of Bruneau milk suppliers

I am proud of our Association and its achievements and I take this opportunity to convey the appreciation of the Bruneau Branch to our National Executive Council for the loyal and faithful service rendered to the creamery milk suppliers over the past thirteen years. I wish to thank our President, Mr. John F. Foley, who is here with us to-night, to be the bearer of this message to the members of his executive.

This was said by Mr. Michael O'Hara, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Creamery Milk Suppliers of the Bruneau Branch, held at the Hotel Metropole, London, on the 23rd of April.

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Big beagle hunt races

I was up early to catch the first of the hunting season's events at the local hunting meet. We set off at 8 am sharp, and by 9 am we were already on the hunt. We followed the hounds in a group, with each hunter having a dog.

Mr. John Paul Lyons, Chairman, thanked the officials, who had done an excellent job, and said that the hunt was a great success.