

King Street,
Kitchener, Ontario.

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Mr. Jack Meadows,
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Dear Jack,

This letter is on plain paper so that NO ONE can complain about it being an official communication. It is simply my personal opinion expressed privately to you.

The idea of bringing the National to St. Catherines originated with John Martin who is an alderman on the local council. He put in an invitation at Milwaukee on behalf of the St. Catherines and Niagara Welsh Society. They would not have been strong enough to organize it, but in any case, the invitation was turned down.

Soon afterwards, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the OGGA was called by Lewis Edwards who was then president, at the Holiday Inn, St. Catherines. Representatives of the local convention committee of the council were present and made a very good presentation, also entertaining us to a steak lunch. At THAT TIME the proposition was that Holiday Inn be the headquarters for the Gymanfa (110 rooms all told) that the overflow of guests be accommodated at the Brock University three miles away, and the sessions being held in a large barn-like building (but with quite good acoustics) which had originally been a roller-skating rink. The city council promised free bus service to and from Holiday Inn and the hall - one mile - and to and from Brock University - 3 miles.

After the city officials had left us to discuss the matter, I spoke against it because the quality of the accommodation, both hotel and hall were not up to the standard expected by those attending the "National". Much to my chagrin, the others went for it because they felt that it was time to have the National in Canada again, but that Toronto was not ready to tackle it for some time.

Lewis was appointed to present the invitation at Salt Lake City. I do not recall that he was elected chairman for the 1973 National, but will look up my minutes on this point.

While I still consider Lewis my friend, I will tell you

