



PLANNING TO ELIMINATE WASTE OUTLET

A BLACK, smelly waste outlet now twisting its way through the tufted grass of a New Plymouth beauty spot, Paritutu Centennial Park, should soon disappear, the managing director of Ivon Watkins Ltd, Mr D. A. Watkins, said today.

The stream, which has spread a "killer path" through the grass and spoiled it, had been a problem to his company for a long time, said Mr Watkins.

However, a modified trap would soon be in use at the factory which would eliminate the effluent. "It is hoped that in time the outlet will disappear," he said.

Complaints

Commenting on recent complaints about smells from the factory, Mr Watkins said his company was very conscious of its civic responsibility. Everything possible was being done to overcome the smells.

Mr Watkins emphasised that no poisons were being manufactured at the factory. "There is no danger to human, animal, bird or fish life," he said.

"I would like to assure the public that we are doing everything possible about

the smell problem. In the present plant we have installed the best equipment available to reduce any odours to the minimum.

"We sited the plant so that it would be least objectionable to the city population."

Opinions

Several western suburb residents told the Taranaki Herald today that the smells from the factory were a nuisance. Others said they "aren't so bad as made out."

A Cutfield Rd man claimed the smell was "thick and objectionable" and to some extent "alarming."

A Devon St West man said: "It was bad again this morning and has been for four or five months."

However, his next door neighbour said the smell only came infrequently—perhaps once a month. She did not take much notice of it but her husband found it "quite strong."