

Mr. Clements, M.P., Advocates Cut-Off on River Thames

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sentations with regard to this matter. The Minister of Public Works was then busy in his election, and the Prime Minister informed us that as soon as his colleague returned he would give the question serious consideration and endeavor to come to some conclusion. My many discussions with the Minister of Public Works on this question, he seemed rather to be inclined to the idea that it was possibly one with which the Provincial Government should deal. I am not a lawyer, but I have taken the advice of the best counsel in the district and their opinion is that the Thames being a navigable river it is within the jurisdiction of the Dominion. However that may be, I am quite sure that the province of Ontario would be glad to join with the Dominion Government in endeavoring to find a remedy for the evil. In order that the important question of this river should not be lost sight of, I would point out that the district where the floods occur has rich and fertile farms worth from \$75 to \$100 an acre. It is one of the oldest settled districts in Ontario, and there is no more fertile land in that rich province. I remember that during one of these floods there was some seven to nine feet of water covering a great extent of water covering a great extent of the district. The residents of the Grand Trunk Railway, who are the farmers of that district and their families had to be taken from the tops of straw stacks and the roofs of houses to save their lives. I think I may safely say that during the last four or five years the damage caused by these floods would amount to not less than \$100,000. This winter, when the flood was not very serious, the residents of the city of Chatham lost \$30,000 by reason of it. There must be some action taken to prevent the renewal of these floods. While the country was in its original condition and clothed with forests, the snows melted gradually and the natural bed of the river was doubtless able to take care of the flow of the waters in it, but with the disappearance of the trees and the improved system of tilled draining and so forth, the water rushed down in the spring in four or five days, instead of the former gradualness. I did not in former times when I was in the district, a volume of water would take five or six weeks to discharge. I submit to the Minister of Public Works that he should send to that district one of the ablest engineers in his department to consider the question carefully and to propose some remedy. May I point out that the assessment of the one township of Raleigh amounts to not less than \$25,000,000, a fact which is sufficient to impress upon the members of this House that this question is one of vast importance. The Minister of Public Works promised me last session that he would see that the district was not left to suffer as it is now, and I have reason to believe that the Minister will every effort to relieve the situation. Last spring the ice melted away gradually with the heat of the sun and there were no abnormal conditions, but yet the flood was almost as disastrous as in former years. I do not wish to force upon the Government any suggestion of my own, but it does seem to me that there are several remedies which might be applied. There might be a cut-off made to Lake St. Clair or Lake Erie or Lake Huron which would give relief to the district. I am satisfied that according to the highest authorities on constitutional law, including that eminent lawyer, Mr. Clement, and others, that this is a Dominion matter and not a Provincial matter. I am not suggesting what should be done, but I do in all seriousness ask the Minister of Public Works, who I am sure is interested in the district as well as I am, to place that eminent engineer on the ground and endeavor to provide some solution for this difficulty, and thus save the vast amount of property which is going to waste each year, and which must necessarily increase as the years go by so long as this difficulty remains unsolved.

I ask the pardon of this House for taking up some of the time of the House, but I feel that it is a very important matter to a great many residents of that district. If I had the time I could mention a hundred families whose ancestors settled in that district seventy-five or one hundred years ago, who were well to do, and who were never troubled with these floods until the last few years, but whose farms have been practically ruined and who have lost every dollar they had through the overflow of the water of the Thames, and are at present working by the day upon any job they can get. Some of these farmers were worth \$10,000 or \$15,000 or \$20,000. I only mention this to show that the hon. minister who took this matter into his consideration and gave us some relief from the present difficulty.

Hon. C. S. Hyman (Minister of Public Works). Mr. Speaker, I can have no possible objection to the motion which the hon. gentleman has moved, and I have every sympathy with him in the case he has presented to the House. This is a matter that has been brought up in the House of Commons by the hon. gentlemen who have represented the county of Kent at various times and I realize its importance.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong (East Lambton). I think my hon. friend from Chatham deserves credit for the able manner in which he has placed this question before the House. I am sure the Minister of Public Works realizes its importance. He has frankly admitted that the river from Chatham to the St. Clair is navigable and therefore under his control and that that is the part

which requires dredging. Dredging is required especially at the mouth of that river, and I fail to see any reasonable excuse for not giving any assistance to those people whose case my hon. friend from Chatham so ably placed before the House. I have visited that section, part of my riding is tributary to it, and I can emphasize the remarks of my hon. friend with reference to the damage done in that country. This damage is continually going on. Year after year the people suffer great loss owing to the overflow of that river, and when we take into consideration the large expenditure being made on the rivers in this eastern province, I am sure the hon. minister will find that he is in duty bound to do something for the people at Chatham.

Mr. Clements. I think the hon. minister will bear me out when I say that in the district in question, I have prominent men whose opinion on such matters would have weight in any part of this Dominion. A great many letters have been written in the public press by prominent drainage men in that district, and the hon. minister knows, and I am sure the members of this House know, that in that district are the fathers of drainage in the Province of Ontario. These eminent men, thoroughly acquainted with drainage, have offered suggestions as to the solution of the trouble. In almost nine cases out of ten they have advised a cut-off, either to Lake Erie, or to other other points. My own personal opinion is that if the Government would dredge a cut equal in width to the river and out into deep water in Lake St. Clair, this would be a partial solution. But I am certain it would not entirely prevent trouble which will arise in future years. I am not asking for anything pertaining to drainage. I am simply asking the Dominion Government to take charge of a stream over which they have full control, and to take charge of the overflow of water.

Motion agreed to.

A LARGE MEETING

A good attendance of members of Court Hope of Ontario, A. O. F., was present on Wednesday evening, it being the Court's quarter night. A committee was appointed to get up an "open" lodge social evening for April 18th. A resolution of condolence was passed to Bro. John Longwell, on the death of his father, the late Peter Longwell. An interesting sketch of a draw in the Oldershaw was the fortunate one, the prize entitling him to a quarter's dues. A new set of paraphernalia will be procured for the Court's officers. Considerable other business was transacted, in which the members took a lively interest.

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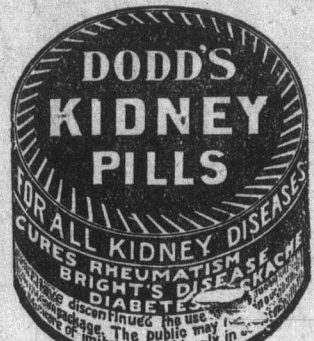
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"Fabio Romani," that picturesque and romantic play, adapted from the world-wide novel, "The Venetian," the most remarkable work in the literary career of the famous authoress, Marie Corelli, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House on Monday night, and judging from the unusual interest our theatre-goers are taking in its coming presentation, it will doubtless prove to be one of the important events of the season. The dramatization, which is a most clever piece of work, and the interest commences at the rise of the curtain and continues throughout, such is the strength of the plot and story which treats of a wife's unfaithfulness and duplicity, and her favor for a false suitor and friend, in which they jointly contrive to have the husband consigned to the horrible fate of being entombed alive. The tremendous eruption of Mount Vesuvius occurs during the period of his burial alive, which results in his Providence-wrought escape; thus giving him his freedom to execute the vow of vengeance registered during his entombment and is followed by the shocking death of the erring wife and false friend. There is nothing suggestive of sensationalism during the progress of the play, which is rather a romance of lofty theme and purpose, conveying a most impressive story, which is not without a moral.



DISTRICT

TILBURY

Mar. 30.—Miss Maggie Gilby, of Appleton, is the guest of Mrs. D. Smith. Robt. Henderson, of Tilbury East, has moved to town with his family. James J. Waddell, of Tilbury East, has purchased a house in Chatham and will move there in the fall. John A. Coutts, of Tilbury East, left on Saturday for Regina, where he expects to settle. George Munro, of Portage la Prairie, Man., late of Tilbury, has been appointed manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Merchants' Bank. W. J. Coutts, of Tilbury East, expects to leave next month for the West. Detective Mahony, of Windsor, was in town this week looking up a case of sneak thieving. Rev. Mr. Bell will preach a special sermon to young men on Sunday evening.

DRESDEN

March 30.—Mrs. R. P. Wright left Wednesday for a short visit with her son in Leamington. Some ten or twelve members of the I. O. F. attended the banquet in Chatham Tuesday evening. Miss Alice McVein had a finger badly crushed. N. Loucks left Wednesday evening for Winnipeg after spending the winter here with his wife. Captain and Mrs. Ribble have returned from Blenheim, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Samson. Miss Edna Gammon is unable to attend school owing to illness. Harold McVein left Thursday evening for Toronto. Wm. Rubie returned Thursday from Port Huron, where he has been visiting. Teachers and officers of the Methodist Sunday school met at D. V. Hicks' residence Thursday for a social evening. Morley Carswell spent Wednesday in Wallaceburg. Miss Gertrude Robinson is this week attending the millinery openings in Detroit.

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THAMESVILLE

March 30.—Miss Hind, from Shelbourne, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bert Harmer. Mr. Carter, of Windsor, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Murphy. Miss Margaret Sherman is spending the day in Chatham. Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Florence, will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Mr. McInnes to-morrow. Efforts are being made to prove that Wm. Ingalls, Justice of the Peace, cannot qualify. Mrs. Everett has recovered from her serious illness and will return home shortly. Miss Anna Coutts is spending the week end at her home. Morley Wilkinson is spending a few days in Selton.

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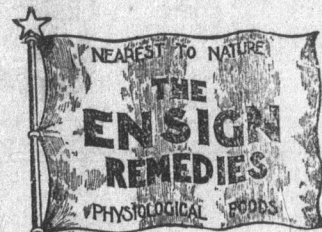
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