

## WELL ON THE MCGREGOR FARM WHERE WATER WAS CONDEMNED

City To Be Asked to Take  
Over the Latest Experi-  
ment in Westminster.

### THE LOCALITY IS HISTORIC

City Spent About \$3,000 to Get  
a Pipe to It and Then Found  
Water Was Bad.

The water commissioners will this  
afternoon be asked to take over the  
McGregor well.

This is the well sunk last week on  
the farm on the Pipe Line road, from  
which it is expected to obtain at least  
200,000 gallons of water a day. Some  
claim that it will run dry, but that  
estimate is much higher than the  
actual flow of the well.

If the commissioners will not take  
over the well, a request will be made  
for them to hand over to Mr. Barlett,  
the driller, pumps and other appar-  
atus necessary to work it. If the re-  
turns are satisfactory, another request  
will be made to the commissioners to  
take it over in preference to the Beck  
wells.

The commissioners will grant the  
request to loan the driller the appar-  
atus. Whether or not they will take  
over the well is another story. The  
commissioners will not discuss that  
phase of the question.

**A Famous Spot.**  
It is interesting to a little interest-  
ing for it was on this property that the  
water commissioners have sunk con-  
siderable money up to the present time.  
It will be remembered two years ago  
it was sunk there, and it proved to  
be so much that the water commis-  
sioners laid a mile of pipe out to it  
and made a contract with the Greg-  
arson syndicate, as it was called, for  
water.

The contract was made between the  
water commissioners and Mr. James H.  
McGregor, Alex. MacArthur, and W. H.  
Hodgson. These men were to supply  
water at the following rates—\$40,000  
gallons, \$5 per 100,000 up to 500,000  
gallons and \$7 per 100,000 above that.

**Very Bad Business This.**  
As stated above, a mile of pipe, cost-  
ing \$2,000, was laid out to the well.  
The commissioners had not reckoned  
with the provincial health de-  
partment, and when the water was  
drawn up, and the pipe laid it  
occurred to them that an analysis  
might be necessary.

At different intervals, analyses were  
taken, and all of them were most favor-  
able.

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showed considerable organic matter,  
and the water was declared unfit for  
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and also color. Both McGregor sam-  
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showcase well showed 10 parts,  
demonstrating that there was surface  
water in the well.

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bacteria in the water.

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that the water was unfit for domestic  
use, and he advised that the land be  
not purchased for the purpose of in-  
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and brought back to the city.

**Very Costly This.**

No definite information as to the  
cost of bringing the pipe to the well,  
but the McGregor property, but they  
must have cost at least \$500.

Thus the pipe costing \$2,000 was  
brought back to the city at a cost of  
\$500, because the precaution had not  
been taken to have the water analyzed  
before this step was taken.

Engineer Moore stated that the most  
of this pipe has since been used, but  
even with the very best construction  
placed upon the transaction, the city  
was out a considerable amount of  
money on this deal. That is not all.  
The commissioners paid for the ex-  
periment of digging this well. The total  
cost was \$487.92, itemized as fol-  
lows: Wages \$305.45, wood \$51, rent of  
engine \$11, well curbs \$11.70, lumber  
\$52.20, buckets \$4.50, standpipe and  
augur \$2, filling wells \$50; total \$487.92.  
This money was paid over to the syn-  
dicate.

**On the Same Ground.**

The present well is in the same  
neighborhood, or within a few feet of  
the other well.

It passes through the same strata,  
and is supposed to be of the same  
source of supply.

After several trials it was impos-  
sible to obtain a satisfactory analysis, and  
on repeated attempts to obtain it,  
the scheme was abandoned.

Last year the sum of \$5,000 was  
again placed in the estimates for wells,  
but the money was not used, owing  
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others of the commission not being  
kindly disposed towards the wells.

**Air of Mystery.**

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is financing the present scheme, but  
after several of them were run to  
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lett, the driller, took credit for the  
scheme.

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there is plenty of water of the right  
sort, I will offer it to the city. No  
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myself."

"Have you had the water analyzed?"  
he was asked.

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## ARTILLERYMEN ARE VERY WELL PLEASED

With the Selection of Lieutenant  
Wood Leonard to Compete  
in the Tournament.

Members of the Sixth (London) Field  
Battery are elated over the selection  
of Lieut. Leonard to compete for the King's  
prize at the tournament of the officers  
of the military forces of the empire to  
be held in London, England, in June.  
The Sixth Field Battery has a very  
high standing in the Canadian forces,  
and the selection of one of their officers  
to compete at this gathering is a recog-  
nition of the fact.

The battery is under orders to turn  
out and fire a salute on Victoria Day,  
May 24.

## A DARING RESCUER SAVES SIX MEN

French-Canadian Boatman Defies  
Death to Reach Workers  
Marooned 60 Hours.

Old Orchard, Me., May 2.—Un-  
doubtedly the fact that Edward  
Curren, a veteran boatman, nearly  
lost his life yesterday, when his  
dory was capsized, the second  
line of breakers, Eugene Hill, a  
French-Canadian, this morning re-  
scued the six workmen who had  
been marooned sixty hours on the  
ruined end of the famous old Or-  
chard pier. He made two trips, and  
the rescue was accomplished.

The Canadian had shot the La-  
cine Rapids many times in his  
younger days. Canoe fashion, with  
a single oar, he guided his dory  
through the first two lines of  
breakers, then rowed to the end of  
the pier, while 100 people on shore  
breathlessly watched him. The  
waves threatened a score of times  
to smash his dory against the iron  
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## LONDON BOY'S BRILLIANT FEAT WON FIRST-CLASS HONORS

Burriss Gahan Captured Prize of 50 Pounds and Was the Only  
Man in England to Secure First-Class Honors in Constitu-  
tional Law Examinations—A Splendid Career.

The London Times, of April 21, an-  
nounces that Mr. Burriss Gahan, a  
London boy, who is well known as a  
writer, and who for a time was in  
newspaper work in London, was the  
only candidate who won first-class  
honors in the examination in constitu-  
tional law in England. Mr. Gahan is  
connected with the Conservative en-  
terprise in London, England, but is  
in the inner Temple, and studies law  
during his spare moments. In win-  
ning first-class honors, he also won  
a prize of £50.

## A BIG BATTLE IN THE COUNCIL

Over Recommendation to Pur-  
chase Plant of the London  
Electric Company

ALDERMEN ARE DIVIDED

Eight Are Said to Favor the Buying  
of the Concern at the Price of  
\$400,000.

At the council meeting tonight there  
will be a battle on the purchase of the  
London Electric.  
Some time ago the sentiment was  
greatly in favor of purchasing the plant  
at their offer.

Since that time there has been a de-  
cided change, and it is not likely that  
the recommendation of the purchase  
of \$400,000 for their plant will be sent to  
the people.

Council Divided.

It was stated on the best of authority  
that there were eight of the twelve mem-  
bers of the council willing to pay the  
price, not four against it, some days ago.  
These men were willing to vote the  
money, provided Hon. Adam Beck sanc-  
tioned it.

There is no doubt now that there are  
not eight in the council who will  
vote for such a proposition.

On Saturday night, at the special  
power committee meeting, Ald. Parsons,  
Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Fitzgerald and Ald.  
Sawyer stated emphatically that they  
would not pay the price, and favored the  
city going ahead on its own hook.

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## NURSES OBJECT TO ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Want the Graduation Exercises  
To Take Place in the Grand  
Opera House

The nurses of Victoria Hospital, who  
graduate on May 19, are making the  
strongest objections to having the  
convocation take place in connection  
with the opening of the new isolation  
hospital. They claim that as it has  
always been held in the past in the  
Grand Opera House that they would  
like it to be held there again this  
year, and it is likely that they will  
ask the authorities to grant their re-  
quest, and then hold the exercises in  
the new building.

## INSPECTOR BUSY WITH ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

There Will Be Between 400 and  
500 Candidates Try Them  
This Year.

Inspector Edwards has received an  
invitation for himself and the teach-  
ers of the city to attend the annual  
congress of the Playgrounds Associa-  
tion of America at Pittsburgh on May  
10 to 14.

"I will not be able to attend," said  
Inspector Edwards. "It will be a very  
fine convention, but it will be impos-  
sible for me to get away. We will be  
very busy then."

At the present time he is busy with  
the entrance examination applications.  
He has just received about the same  
number of entrance pupils as last year,  
between 425 and 450," he stated.

## JAMES MCREARY'S FRIENDS WORRYING

Young Man Is Said To Have  
Disappeared From the  
Queen's Hotel on  
April 25.

Grave fears are being entertained as  
to the safety and whereabouts of  
James McCreary, a young man of 20  
years of age who disappeared from the  
Queen's Hotel on Sunday, April 25, and  
has not been seen or heard of since.

His friends are of the opinion that  
he has met with some mishap, as he  
had about \$30 on him at the time. He  
was employed by the Lawson & Jones  
company as a printer and left work as  
usual on Saturday night.

He remained in the house all day  
Sunday, till 7 o'clock, when he disap-  
peared. There had been no prepara-  
tion for a departure is evidenced by  
the fact that his trunk and personal ef-  
fects were all left untouched. He was  
a young man of good habits, and his  
mysterious absence is the cause of  
much anxiety to his friends and em-  
ployers.

When last seen he was wearing a  
brown suit, with a small peak cap  
in height, and is of fair complexion.

## WATCH FOR QUAKES

French Scientist Says Will Occur on  
Many Dates in May.

Paris, May 3.—A French scientist,  
M. DeParville, announces that seismic  
disturbances can be expected to occur  
at the principal declensions of the  
moon. Years of observation have  
brought him to this conclusion. To  
prove his theory of quakes, he cites the  
dates of the principal declensions of the  
moon, including that of Messina and the  
disturbance in Portugal.

He says that about May 10, 11, 12, 13,  
14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24,  
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

## WILLIAM PETRIE GOES TO ASYLUM

Conducted His Own Case and Was  
Instantly Adjudged Insane.

William Petrie, of Lobo, who was ar-  
rested some days ago, charged by his  
wife with being insane and acting in a  
dangerous manner, appeared before  
Squire Chittick this morning. Petrie  
conducted his own case, and in his  
search for evidence brought out some  
rather startling material.

Mrs. Petrie testified that her husband  
has been a heavy drinker for thirty  
years, though since coming to this  
country nearly two years ago he had  
been sober.

Other witnesses were called to tell  
of the wrangles between the two, and  
William Zavitz, of Lobo, for whom  
Petrie worked, told of several instances  
when he had been compelled to sepa-  
rate the two. Zavitz said that he felt  
certain that at times, at least, Petrie  
was insane and dangerous to be at  
large.

After the evidence had been heard,  
and Squire Chittick ordered him com-  
mitted to the asylum.

## A DANGEROUS MANIA.

Toronto, May 3.—Henry Waddell, aged  
18 years, appeared in the children's court  
today, charged with arson, it being al-  
leged he set fire to a shed in the rear  
of "Good Bros." grocery store, Saturday  
last. Just to see the firemen come.  
The boy is said to have a mania for  
setting fires. The magistrate  
remanded him for a week to await the  
result of an examination being made as to  
his sanity.

## DANCER SENTENCED.

Montreal, May 3.—Mills De Leon, the  
dancer who started habits of the  
Theatre Royal last week with the re-  
markable dance in which he makes a  
display of muscular control,  
and who was arrested on a charge of  
giving a lewd and suggestive dance, was  
sentenced today to serve eight days in  
jail.

## Redman in Trouble.

Rufus Henry, an Indian, who seems  
to be of a musical bent, appeared be-  
fore Squire Chittick Sunday morning  
charged with stealing and selling a  
cornet belonging to the Chippewa  
Brass Band of Carleton Place. Con-  
stable Shaver went out to Melburn on  
Saturday night and succeeded in locat-  
ing Henry. He was remanded till Mon-  
day, May 4.

## TRIP-TO-EUROPE STANDING UP TO FRIDAY NIGHT SHOWS CONTEST KEENER

The Ballots Keep Pouring in and Tell Story of the  
Close Contest in Most of the Districts—Only  
Two Weeks to the Finish and Every Vote a  
Factor in the Big Event.

Through a mistake, the vote in The  
Advertiser's Free Trip to Europe, pub-  
lished in Saturday's paper, was said to  
be up to Friday night. In reality the  
vote announced then was that up till  
Thursday night only. It has been im-  
possible to get the votes counted in  
time to have them recorded the follow-  
ing evening.

The vote as published today repre-  
sents the ballots entered up till Friday  
night. Tomorrow the votes recorded  
Saturday will be published. The Ad-  
vertiser regrets that the slip was made  
and hopes that this explanation will  
clear up the matter in the minds of  
the contestants.

The vote during the past week  
shows a decided increase for nearly all  
the candidates. There are only two  
weeks remaining now for the contest,  
and the contestants are beginning to  
close up on one another. Every day  
makes the contest in the different dis-  
tricts keener. In several of the dis-  
tricts the leaders are so close that they  
will only mean the matter of perhaps  
a thousand votes to determine who  
shall be the winner. It may be that  
one extra subscription will mean all  
the difference. It will be well in these  
remaining days for all the candidates  
to make the most of every opportunity  
and leave nothing to chance. It is hard  
work, and that is the reason why we  
decide who shall be the winners in the  
great contest.

**DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.**  
All that territory within the city  
limits, north and east, and including  
both sides of Dundas street, and west  
of and including both sides of Well-  
ington street.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hvy.  
man street ..... 131,746  
Mrs. May T. Macdonald, 130 Hvy.  
man street ..... 107,356  
Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street, 62,657  
Miss M. Underwood, 203  
Queen's avenue ..... 5,151  
Mrs. Norman Roberts, Richmond  
and John streets ..... 3,342

**DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.**  
All that territory inside the city  
limits, east of, but not including Well-  
ington street, and north of and in-  
cluding both sides of Dundas street.

Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide  
street ..... 77,976  
Miss Ella Dickson, 850 Hvy. man  
avenue ..... 27,316  
Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, 763 Main  
land street ..... 21,442  
Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess  
avenue ..... 18,324  
Miss Nellie Weston, 868 Dundas  
street ..... 15,493  
Miss Annie S. Stevenson, 391  
Dundas street ..... 7,120  
Mrs. Ronald Emery, 338 Dundas  
street ..... 102

**DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.**  
All that territory inside the city  
limits, south of, but not including Dun-  
das street, and east of, but not in-  
cluding Wellington street.

**KETCHEL FIGHTS  
ON FRIDAY NEXT**  
Will Mix It Up With Hugh McGann at  
Pittsburg.