

## PUT ARTESIAN WELL SCHEME TO THE PEOPLE AND COMMISSIONERS MAY HAVE THE WATER

Hon. Adam Beck Lays  
Proposition Before the  
City.

GUSHER WAS  
STRUCK TODAY

Fourteenth Well Is a Wonder—  
Mr. Beck Says He Is Willing  
to Take Verdict of the  
People.

The terms upon which Hon. Adam Beck will allow the water commissioners to use the water from his wells to supply the city during the coming summer, were handed to Secretary Ellwood, of the board, at noon today. The terms are very simple, and if they are accepted, the ratepayers will be called upon to vote on the water question at a very early date.

In brief, Mr. Beck asks the commissioners to put the whole question up to the citizens. He will allow them to use the water provided that they will agree to submit his scheme to the people. He advises that this be done at an early date, so that he can make use of the options on property and material to be used in the plant before Aug. 1, at which date the options expire.

A Fair Proposition.  
"I think the proposition is a fair one," said Mr. Beck. "It is all in favor of the commissioners. I give my wells, and the plant to the city at cost price, if the people want them. They have as much information on the subject as I have. I am willing to have the whole question stand on its merits. If the commissioners will bring any expert who can claim that the wells are not right, then they can do more than I can, as every man I have consulted, not where he came from, has been of the same opinion as myself, that the wells are the only solution."

The Offer.  
The letter to the commissioners contains his offer, and the reasons why the scheme has been a success. They are as follows:

London, May 18, 1909.  
"O. Ellwood, secretary of water commissioners, London, Ont."

"Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I am glad to hear that the water commissioners may use a sufficient number of wells on Horton street to provide a temporary supply of about 1,000,000 gallons of water per day to be pumped into city mains, provided that the commissioners feel justified in approving of and entering into a contract, upon the terms of my letter to the commissioners of the 12th inst., when the bylaw to raise money by debentures has been assented to by the ratepayers, and will recommend, at once, to the city council the submission of the necessary bylaw to the ratepayers, in order that the tenders and options which I have taken for the property, plant and buildings, may be closed before the 1st of August next."

"My reason for urging prompt action by the commissioners is that I cannot expect to be able to renew the tenders and options which I have upon as favorable terms after the 1st of August, as the approach of the winter season will increase the difficulties and cost of the work."

"The information that I have been able to secure has been laid fully before the commissioners, and the commissioners have an equal knowledge with me of all the facts."

Some Facts.  
"In order to assist the commissioners to come to an early decision, I desire to call attention to the following facts:

"1. The length of time that the wells have been tested.  
"2. The undiminished supply of water from the wells, according to information from Mr. Norris.  
"3. The hygienic purity of the water, as shown by the analysis of the provincial analyst, Dr. Amyot.

"4. The expert opinion as to the permanency of the supply, corroborated by the offer of Mr. Oilphart, to take over the wells and enter into a contract to furnish the city with 4,000,000 gallons of water per day for an unlimited period of time."

"5. The low first cost of the system guaranteed in my letter of the 12th inst."

"6. The low operating cost based on the first cost."

"7. The plant is available in case of breakdown and stoppage of the Springbank supply."

"8. The reserve capacity of the wells for fire purposes being about 50 per cent. in excess of the working capacity, and the consequent lowering of the insurance rates."

"9. The thorough aeration of the water."

"10. The possible extension of the system within a radius of two miles or more."

"Yours truly,  
"ADAM BECK."

In connection with the scheme it should be stated that the first well (Continued on Page Eight)

## MR. JOHN BOWMAN IS DEAD AS RESULT OF A BAD COLD

Well-Known Business Man Passed Away—Was at One Time  
President of London Board of Trade—Prominent in  
Y. M. C. A. and Methodist Church Work.

Mr. John Bowman died very suddenly at his home, 635 Wellington street, yesterday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock.

Mr. Bowman had been ill during the winter with a cold, which grew gradually worse. He was able, however, to attend to his duties, and was downtown frequently.

Nothing serious was thought of the matter, and although he was taken quite ill on Tuesday, it was fully expected, however, that he would recover.

Shortly afterwards, however, he became unconscious, and never rallied. Yesterday afternoon death occurred from heart failure.

Mr. Bowman was 58 years old and came to this city from London, Eng., when a boy. He engaged for some time in the coal and wood business with his grandfather, and later conducted a large wholesale hardware business. He retired about five years ago.

A Prominent Figure.  
Mr. Bowman was formerly president of the board of trade, and also of the Canadian Hardware Association. He was a prominent member of the Baconian Club, and a life-long Methodist. He took a deep interest in church work, and was prominently connected with the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Bowman was also keenly interested in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and was president of the association for some time.

In 1880 he was married to Miss Alicia Taylor, daughter of the late Henry Taylor, and besides her is survived by two sons, William and Percy, of this city, and three daughters, Misses Mabel, Marguerite and Constance, all at home.

His father, William Bowman, two brothers, Professor James H. Bowman and Charles Bowman, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma and Elizabeth Bowman, all of this city, also survive.

The funeral, which will be of a private nature, will be held on Friday afternoon at Mount Pleasant cemetery, the services to be conducted by Rev. W. L. Rutledge.

Commissioner Darch is in favor of having the people declare themselves on the Beck Artesian wells proposition. His only question is whether or not a vote by Aug. 1 might not be hurrying the matter too much, and the fact that the people are not informed of the proposition.

"I certainly am in favor of letting the people have the opportunity to declare themselves on it. I have not seen the proposal, but I am given to understand that the vote must be taken before Aug. 1. My only objection is that it is that it might appear to be hurrying the question too much. The whole scheme will have to be investigated, and the citizens should have an opportunity of thoroughly informing themselves on the proposition."

The McGregor Well.  
"As for a company taking over the McGregor well, I know nothing of that. I have never been interested, nor am I now in any company that has sold or is trying to sell anything to the city."

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## CAMERON CURRIE IS EXONERATED

Was the Victim of Case and His  
Employees in Detroit.

BIG BROKER WAS HONEST

Thorough Investigation Shows That  
He Did Not Know What Was Going  
On in His Office—Did  
Not Draw on Firm's  
Funds.

Detroit, May 20.—An inspection of the books and sifting of the testimony is all that remains to be done in the grand jury investigation into the failure of the brokerage firm of Cameron Currie & Co., says the Journal. While the officials interested in the inquiry, Justice Stein and Assistant Prosecutor Aldrich, are reticent about the possible outcome of the investigation, it is known:

First, that there will be criminal charges.

Second, that no charges will be made against Cameron Currie and that he will be exonerated from all blame and responsibility for the lamentable condition of affairs in his own firm.

Indeed, if anything at all was demonstrated by the inquiry, it was that Mr. Currie was as much the victim of the failure as the most outrageously treated customer.

The only question that the authorities are considering is whether he was made the victim designedly by his own employees.

In other words, the form of prosecution that will result from the investigation may take the form of a charge of conspiracy on the part of Louis H. Case, the junior member of the firm, and several employees, to wreck the firm and ruin Mr. Currie, for their own financial benefit. While this result will, no doubt, cause considerable surprise, the facts and testimony of several witnesses strongly have this tendency.

Case Ran the Business.  
It will be recalled that Mr. Case had charge of the office management and that, with his knowledge and consent, several employees made fictitious accounts of others, carried on private transactions of their own, and drew large amounts of money from the firm.

The only one who did not draw on the firm's funds was Mr. Currie. He, in fact, paid in \$50,000 more than he drew. He was a witness before the grand jury Mr. Currie made a full and frank statement of his own case, and was fully convinced the justice and assistant prosecutor that he was the victim of his fate in Case, and employees, carried on private transactions of their own, and drew large amounts of money from the firm.

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## GOVERNMENT SPOTTERS ROUNDING UP HOTELS

One Proprietor Appeared in the  
Police Court Charged With  
Selling After Hours.

A local hotelkeeper was charged in court this morning by Inspector Galpin with breaking the license laws by selling after hours. The case was adjourned until Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The evidence in the case will be that of two Ontario Government spotters, who have been working in the city. They laid the charge through Inspector Galpin.

It is rumored that there are some other charges to be laid shortly as a result of discoveries made by the Government men.

ATTEMPT WAS MADE  
TO ROB A HOUSE

Family Living Near Wolsley  
Barracks Have Made Report  
to the Police

A family living near Wolsley Barracks have reported to the police that a few nights ago an attempt was made to rob their house. Shortly after midnight a woman in the house was awakened by noise, and aroused her husband. He got up just in time to see a man climbing through a bedroom window and escape down a ladder. He hurried downstairs, but could find no trace of the man, except a swagger stick, which was picked up at the foot of the ladder. It was apparent that the ladder had been taken from the yard and carried to the house and placed against the window.

MRS. CLARA HUNTLEY  
APPEARS INCORRIGIBLE

Was Allowed to Go on Theft  
Charge, But Was Soon in  
Trouble Again

Clara Huntley, the young woman who was allowed to go last week by the court on a charge of stealing shoes, was arrested again last night on a charge of vagrancy. In court last week Mrs. Huntley made promises to try and live better, but last night she was arrested in a private stable in the company of a number of tough characters.

"I have been working right along," she replied, "and have a home to go to, if you will let me go."

Mrs. Huntley said she is 22 years old and was married in Toronto two years ago. She had left her husband, she said, and has since been working in hotels and cigar factories.

About four years ago, Mrs. Huntley, then 18 years old, was sent down to the Mercer for two years by the magistrate. She was remanded a week while the court considers what to do with her.

COLORED MAN TRIED  
FOR BEATING ANOTHER

Levi Coughlin Says He Had an  
Excuse, But Court Fined  
Him Nevertheless.

Levi Coughlin, a young colored man, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning on a charge of assaulting John Scheldt, who works in the same shop with him. According to the evidence, Coughlin knocked Scheldt down and struck him repeatedly. Coughlin admitted striking Scheldt, but said he had been called names. The court, however, held that the assault was of a nature that could not be overlooked, and fined him \$5 and \$5 costs, or one month in jail.

"These assaults have got to stop," said the court. "If I can I am going to stop them in this city."

Coughlin was up last summer, and was found guilty of shooting a dog under rather cruel circumstances.

THE WEATHER.  
TOMORROW—FINE.  
FORECASTS.  
Toronto, May 20—8 a.m. — Fair; light breeze; fine and moderately warm.

Friday—East and north winds; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.  
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.  
London 55 35 Clear  
Victoria 42 32 Fair  
Calgary 36 24 Fair  
Winnipeg 46 26 Cloudy  
Port Arthur 44 26 Clear  
Perry Sound 40 40 Clear  
Ottawa 52 46 Cloudy  
Montreal 48 46 Cloudy  
Quebec 48 46 Rain  
Father Point 44 35 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.  
The pressure continues high from Lake Superior to our Atlantic coast, while the depression is advancing slowly northward.

The weather has been fine and moderately warm in Ontario and Western Quebec.

Elsewhere scattered showers have been experienced.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.  
Toronto, May 19—8 p.m.—London, 46-65; Dawson, 34-56; Victoria, 42-56; Vancouver, 41-59; Edmonton, 30-56; Calgary, 32-56; Moose Jaw, 38-61; Qu'Appelle, 40-56; Winnipeg, 42-56; Port Arthur, 38-54; Perry Sound, 38-54; Toronto, 50-64; Ottawa, 52-64; Montreal, 48-54; Quebec, 48-54; St. John, 40-58; Halifax, 40-54.

FORECASTS.  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Light to moderate winds; fine and moderately warm.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Light to moderate winds; fine and moderately warm.

Lower St. Lawrence—Fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Gulf and Maritime Provinces—Moderate easterly winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

Lake Superior—Light to moderate winds; fine, a little higher temperature.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fine and comparatively warm.

## ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TO INSPECT LONDON BUILDINGS

BRANDY CHOCOLATES  
FOR SALE IN LONDON

Charge Is Laid Against Peter  
Mandas, a Dundas Street  
Confectioner.

A case which promises to be an interesting one commenced in court this morning, as a result of a charge laid against Peter Mandas, a Greek confectioner, to the effect that he sold liquor without a license. Some time ago the inspector visited Mandas' store and found there a quantity of chocolate drops, which, it is alleged, contain brandy.

Quite a number have been sold, and at the time the case was up in Toronto Inspector Galpin got busy here, with the result that he found similar goods in Mandas' store.

It is claimed that the candies were sold to Mandas by a Montreal firm, but that will not in any way clear him. The fine for such a breach of the liquor laws is from \$10 to \$50.

As the case is not yet in shape to be proceeded with, Magistrate Love postponed the hearing of it until Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

C. P. R. ENGINE HIT  
A GROCERY WAGON

Wm. Knapp Had a Very Close  
Call From Death on  
Adelaide Street  
Today.

Struck by a rapidly approaching yard engine, which demolished the wagon, while he and the horse were dragged for a distance of twenty feet and both emerged unscathed, was the miraculous escape that Wm. Knapp, the grocer, of 835 Adelaide street, experienced this morning at 11 o'clock at the Adelaide street crossing of the C. P. R.

Mr. Knapp was driving south on Adelaide at the time, and on reaching the tracks pulled up to let two yard engines go by.

One was going east, and the other west, and they passed each other on the crossing. Upon the engines clearing the street, Mr. Knapp naturally supposed that all was right, and proceeded to cross. On reaching the centre of the tracks he saw that the westbound engine, which had just gone by, was backing down on him at a rapid rate. He urged the horse to clear the tracks, and was successful in getting at the but the hind part of the wheels of the wagon over. The wagon was struck with violent force by the locomotive, breaking it to matchwood, while the driver was thrown almost in the path of the engine.

With his horse he was dragged till the engine was brought to a standstill on the tracks.

Mr. Knapp and the horse were not injured in the least.

About ten dozen eggs were in the wagon at the time of the accident, and of course they are a total loss.

MOSLEM ABDUCTORS  
REFUSE TO FREE GIRLS

And Government Has Taken No  
Steps to Compel Their  
Liberation.

Adana, Asiatic Turkey, Wednesday, May 19.—The situation generally is improving, and the Government is completing its preparations to send the Armenians back to their homes. Moslem abductors, from the country districts, who have abducted Armenian women and girls during the raids steadfastly refuse to give them up, and the Government has not yet taken any steps to compel their return. The doctors and other officers from the British cruiser Minerva, and the American cruiser North Carolina, have performed splendid service in the hospital and other relief work.

Constantinople, May 20.—An international commission has been formed under the patronage of the Sultan to collect and distribute relief in Adana, and the districts of Syria, where there is suffering. The American representative is W. W. Peet, treasurer in Constantinople of the American bureau of commissioners for foreign missions.

PLUNGE DOWN BANK  
Accident at Jackfish Bay Which Results in Injuries to Several.

North Bay, Ont., May 20.—No. 97 westbound C. P. R. express, with a big passenger list, met with an accident at Red Sucker, near Jackfish, 484 miles west of North Bay, at three o'clock yesterday morning. From some unknown cause the baggage car and express car jumped the rails, and plunged down a steep embankment, the engine and other cars fortunately staying on the rails.

The express car was demolished, and Messenger Demers, of Montreal, was severely injured, but will recover. Engineer Ben Ward, of White River, was injured, but not seriously. The passengers were severely shaken up, but no injuries other than bruises and scratches are reported.

Traffic was delayed eight hours by the wreck.

A HAMILTON AEROPLANE.  
Hamilton, May 19.—John Burton, of this city, son of a former well-known official of the Grand Trunk Railway, has invented an aeroplane, and a trial trip of the machine made on the mountain is declared to have been very successful. Details of the principle of the new aeroplane are not obtainable.

Underwriters Name Man  
To Reside Here and  
Watch Wiring

SALARY COMES  
OUT OF PEOPLE

Insurance Will Be Cancelled  
Unless Alterations Demanded  
Are Made.

The Canadian Fire Underwriters Association have determined upon placing a permanent electrical inspector in London and other important centres, whose duty it will be to inspect all wiring so that there may be no fires from defective insulation.

People Will Pay.  
It is stated merely in an offhand manner that the salary of this inspector will come out of these who do electric wiring, which means that the people who pay for the wiring will pay the inspector, as the charges will not come out of the pocket of the wiring man by any means.

What Is Alleged.  
It is said that at present fires from alleged defective wiring in London make up about 15 to 2 per cent of the total losses each year, and the underwriters say that there is a possibility that if a rigid inspection is not adopted, the percentage may run up to 15, or even 25.

The New Inspector.  
Mr. B. Van Winkler, of Toronto, is now in the city making the arrangements for the placing of an inspector here, who, it is understood, will be Mr. Migon, already in London. Mr. Van Winkler is inspector for the Canadian department of the underwriters' association.

Rigid Inspection.  
All buildings wired must be inspected, and all existing structures will be thoroughly inspected, and any changes suggested by the inspectors must be made, or the insurance will be cancelled. Also, when applying for new insurance, a man must be able to produce a certificate of inspection, or he will be refused a policy.

STRATFORD LADY  
HAS A FATAL FALL

Stratford, Ont., May 20.—Mrs. John Rehberg, aged 77 years, who resided at the corner of Nelson and Cambria streets, fell downstairs at 3:30 this morning, breaking her neck. She died shortly afterwards.

DEATH OF ROGERS  
AFFECTS THE MARKET

New York, May 20.—Arrangements for the funeral of H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil capitalist, railroad builder and philanthropist, who died yesterday, were completed today. The services will be held in Church of the Messiah in this city at 10 a.m. tomorrow. The funeral will be held in the city of New York, where Mr. Rogers was born, and simple services will be held on Saturday in the Memorial Church, which Mr. Rogers gave to that community. The interment will be in a mausoleum which Mr. Rogers caused to be erected some years ago in Riverside Cemetery, near Fair Haven.

The pallbearers at the funeral will be Messrs. Eldridge T. Gerry, George W. Perkins, James A. Moffatt, John D. Archbold, C. A. Peabody, E. S. Payne, F. M. Rockefeller, E. H. Harriman, Edward T. Belford, James M. Beck, McVillie B. Stone, James H. Johnston, D. Ryan, Samuel L. Clemens, Dr. C. C. Rice and Raymond DuPont.

TURKS TAKE THE OATH  
Members Promise to Stand by the  
Sheriat and the Nation.

Constantinople, May 20.—The members of the Chamber of Deputies took oath this afternoon in the presence of the Sultan to uphold the constitution of Turkey and to protect the Sheriat and the rights of the nation.

Accompanied by the grand vizier his majesty ascended the presidential tribune. He then handed his speech to the grand vizier, who read it. The address made reference to the good relations existing between Turkey and all the powers, and the desire of Turkey to strengthen the ties.

Referring to the disturbances in Asiatic Turkey the Sultan expressed his regret, and gave assurance that they would not occur again. This passage made a very good impression.

PARES CORN, DIES.  
Kingston, May 19.—Some weeks ago James A. Lochhead, of Centreville, pared a corn on the outside of his foot to a close, and blood poisoning developed. He was brought to Kingston hospital, where his leg was amputated. But the disease was too far extended. Gangrene developed, and his death occurred yesterday.

Deceased was aged 78. He was for 21 years treasurer of Camden Township, and before that had served in the council. He was a prominent Orangeman and Methodist.