

five times as much per lineal foot fall, as a twelve inch pipe.

There are also other points to be taken into consideration. London, at the City Hall has an elevation of 24 feet above Lake Erie, and at a point 7 1/2 miles south of the city, the summit is at an elevation of 347 feet above Lake Erie is crossed.

The cost of this conduit line with lake intake and pumping machinery would exceed one million dollars, and the operating expenses would be heavy owing to the high head to be pumped against. This scheme is altogether too expensive.

(H) RIVER THAMES.

In 1898 the late Professor Harrison analyzed samples of water taken from both branches of the Thames River immediately above London, from a point near Byron, at Delaware and immediately above Chatham.

The results of these analyses demonstrate that there was no appreciable deterioration in the river water in flowing from above London to Delaware, although the crude sewage of the City of London was being discharged directly into the river. These analyses were, however, chemical, and it is probable that a bacteriological examination would have shown a great difference.

Sedimentation in the ponds of spring water formed by the dams at Springbank and Byron contribute materially to the purification of the water, and aeration is effected by the low over the numerous rapids.

Although water inferior to the river water at Springbank is used as a public supply by many cities in the civilized world, after purification, and although the chemical analyses show so little difference in the water, it would prefer to take water from above the city, at such a distance as would render it comparatively free from direct pollution from sewage, and drainage from slaughter houses, packing houses, garbage fields, nuisances, and other sources of contamination that are generally found in the suburbs of a city.

There is but a slight difference in quality between the water of the north branch of the river and that of the south branch. On the south branch are the Towns of Luganville, Weststock and on the north branch St. Marys and Stratford.

Although the average daily flow in the north branch may be larger than that of the south branch, the dry weather flow is probably more in the latter.

By acquiring the Meadow Lily Mill site on Lot 8, Con. A, on the south side of the river, about two miles above the city, a sedimentation basin could be made by cleaning up the pond above the dam, and the water carried to the vicinity of Rectory street, the pumping station, filters, etc., to be located between Trafalgar street and the river.

In the vicinity of the pumping station, a second sedimentation basin would be advisable, the water to be pumped from it after filtration into the city distribution system. This would give an ample supply for all future requirements.

I believe that the mechanical filters of the gravity type would give more satisfactory than pressure filters, and the slow sand filtration process for several reasons, not necessary to be stated here.

On the north branch a short distance above Helmut College, a mill dam forms a pond from which a dam has been constructed westward and across Richmond street to a small mill, the tail race of which enters the river below Helmut College. This available is about seven feet.

At the point where Adelaide street crosses the river, there is another available site for a dam for sedimentation purposes, and the water might be conveyed westerly to some point nearer the city.

No doubt satisfactory arrangements could be made with the average dam company to lay tracks to the pump house wherever located and to haul the coal in cars to the pump house.

The choice between the north branch and the south branch would depend principally upon the results of a series of chemical analyses of Thames River water in 1898 by the late Prof. F. T. Harrison:

In parts per million.									
Free ammonia.	Alumina.	Ammonia.	Nitrogen.	Chlorine.	Sulphur.	Iron.	Copper.	Lead.	Mercury.
Date.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
June 30, 1898.	.016	.057	.897	8.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
July 1, 1898.	.016	.046	.313	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Aug. 1, 1898.	.016	.046	.313	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Sept. 1, 1898.	.016	.046	.313	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Oct. 1, 1898.	.016	.046	.313	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Nov. 1, 1898.	.016	.046	.313	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Dec. 1, 1898.	.016	.046	.313	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

First sample was taken above Vauxhall Bridge.

Second sample was taken above Helmut College.

Third sample was taken just below G. T. R. bridge.

Fourth sample was taken just below Byron Mills.

Fifth sample was taken at Delaware.

Sixth sample was taken at Chatham.

Compare these with those taken at Chatham by the Provincial Board of Health.

This method of increasing the supply is simple, and the cost easily estimated. The only objection is the quality of the water, which is certain to be improved by filtration and sedimentation will remove all deleterious matter and all disease germs, and it may also be added that from experience gained during the last few years in designing and operating filtration works in America, that it is not to be feared that the water from the Thames can be so purified so as to be a safe, wholesome water at all times, and at a moderate cost.

The citizens of London have been supplied with a pure spring water for so many years, that they are doubtless prejudiced against river water, however purified. The results attained at Chatham, St. Thomas and other places should be studied carefully, before condemning filtration.

REDMUND FOND

About a mile north of Springbank on the north side of the river, there is a small pond of water known as Redmund Pond, that has been suggested as a possible source of an increased supply. This pond is situated on Lot 25 in the first concession of London Township, and contains about 40 acres of water, surrounded by a peat bog.

There is no permanent inlet or outlet visible, and the surface area draining to it is probably less than 500 acres. The surface of the water in the pond is about 16 feet above the river.

Soundings made in March, 1896, gave an average of 24 feet of water and 70 feet of mud, the bottom being white sand.

In February and March, 1897, a test was made by pumping from the pond by a centrifugal pump with a nominal capacity, when running, of one million gallons per 24 hours.

This test was witnessed on February 24th and concluded on March 2th, the water being discharged to the northward.

For fifteen days out of twenty-five, the rate of pumping for tests 1 to 11 inclusive was 42,000 gallons per day, for tests 12 to 17 inclusive 37,000 gallons per day, and for tests 18 to 21 inclusive 40,000 gallons per day.

In tests No. 1 to 11 inclusive 0.73 grains of alum per gallon were used; for tests 12 to 17 inclusive 1.18 grains per gallon, and for tests 18 to 21 inclusive two grains.

Sand resistance was determined for tests 1 to 15 inclusive and was found to be five pounds.

RESULTS OF FILTRATION AT ST. THOMAS BY BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS IN 1891.

Date.	Bacteria per c.c. before filtration.	Bacteria per c.c. after filtration.	Percentage of reduction.	Cleaning of filter.
Oct. 23, 1891.	1,240	44	96	No. 1 filter, 10 hours before
Oct. 24, 1891.	1,360	No. 1 filter.	96	No. 2 filter, 10 hours before
Oct. 25, 1891.	1,360	No. 2 filter.	96	Just before taking sample
Oct. 26, 1891.	1,546	No. 2 filter.	97	Cleaned as in first case

The monthly averages of weekly examination of Toronto Water are here given for comparison:

Month.	Bacteria per c.c.	Proportion of city supplied.	Remarks.
March, 1894.	1,172	Analysis of Mr. Shuttleworth.	
April, 1894.	1,333		
May, 1894.	1,172		
June, 1894.	1,172		
July, 1894.	1,172		
Aug., 1894.	1,172		
Sept., 1894.	1,172		
Oct., 1894.	1,172		
Nov., 1894.	1,172		
Dec., 1894.	1,172		

The cost of filtering at St. Thomas is given as about \$2 per million gallons. Results of bacteriological analyses of Thames River water at Chatham, 1893, (unfiltered).

Date.	Bacteria per c.c.	Proportion of city supplied.	Remarks.
March 29, 1893.	1,070		
April 5, 1893.	1,070		
April 10, 1893.	1,070		
April 15, 1893.	1,070		
April 20, 1893.	1,070		
April 25, 1893.	1,070		
May 1, 1893.	1,070		
May 6, 1893.	1,070		
May 11, 1893.	1,070		
May 16, 1893.	1,070		
May 21, 1893.	1,070		
May 26, 1893.	1,070		
May 31, 1893.	1,070		

RESULTS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSES OF THAMES RIVER WATER AT CHATHAM.

Date.	Free ammonia.	Alumina.	Ammonia.	Nitrogen.	Chlorine.	Sulphur.	Iron.	Copper.	Lead.	Mercury.
Before.										
After.										
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4. The pumping machinery is of simple capacity, but in case of a failure of the water power and a mishap to the large steam pumping engine, the small engine could not maintain the supply.
5. The reservoir holding about two days' supply, is in first class condition, but the elevation is not sufficient to give the required fire service in town.
6. The supply main from the reservoir to the city is ample for the domestic demand, but inadequate for the fire supply.
7. The distribution system within the city contains too great a proportion of small pipes, and the fire service is insufficient in all parts of the city.
8. The tariff now in force is on the flat rate principle, depending on the number of rooms, the number of fixtures, etc. The meter rate requires revision.
9. The revenue now exceeds the operating expenses, maintenance charges, interest on sinking fund and debentures, by \$27,000 per annum.
10. If the rates charged for fire hydrants and other municipal purposes be excluded from the revenue, the surplus becomes \$11,850.
11. There are no proper records and plans of the existing works.

SCHEMES FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Of the several suggested methods of increasing the supply, there remain three to be further considered:

1. Increasing the supply by one-fourth, by placing meters on 75 per cent of the services.
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CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN A NUMBER OF CITIES IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

Place.	Population.	Number of services.	Number of meters.	Per day, per capita.
Toronto, Ont.	236,000	45,907	1,830	88
Hamilton, Ont.	100,000	14,300	1,165	99
London, Ont.	29,500	3,500	235	90
Berlin, Ont.	10,500	1,250	631	88
Brockville, Ont.	9,500	1,100	540	87
Brantford, Ont.	19,000	2,240	141	85
Windsor, Ont.	14,000	2,212	102	82
Port Huron, Mich.	9,000	1,000	286	116
Atlanta, Ga.	90,000	12,775	8,500	67
Bayonne, N. J.	32,722	3,000	3,000	100
Blighamton, N. Y.	20,647	2,000	2,000	100
Buffalo, N. Y.	352,400	64,838	1,049	107
Covington, Ky.	42,388	5,000	4,159	107
Detroit, Mich.	283,700	55,340	5,555	117
Duluth, Minn.	29,983	2,706	1,261	218
Erie, Pa.	32,733	11,185	3,700	117
Evansville, Ind.	24,273	2,800	2,800	116
Fort Wayne, Ind.	45,112	7,804	12	100
Lawrence, Mass.	62,560	5,228	5,228	100
Lebanon, N. H.	10,185	1,000	1,000	100
Madison, Wis.	20,000	2,123	2,123	100
Manchester, N. H.	36,367	5,000	5,000	100
Brookline, Mass.	24,273	2,800	2,800	100
Waukegan, Wis.	28,300	4,186	28,093	64
Norfolk, Va.	46,620	6,000	6,000	100
Peoria, Ill.	36,252	2,700	1,300	37
Quincy, Ill.	23,345	3,500	3,500	100
Racine, Wis.	54,344	8,000	8,000	100
Savannah, Ga.	54,344	8,000	8,000	100
Springfield, O.	36,252	2,700	1,300	37
Terra Haute, Ind.	36,252	2,700	1,300	37
Utica, N. Y.	56,383	7,000	6,388	42
Waterbury, Conn.	28,300	4,186	4,186	100
Yonkers, N. Y.	47,331	4,968	4,968	100
York, Pa.	33,708	8,300	275	69

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ago, and have not been rebuilt. The banks of the pond would require to be thoroughly cleaned, all vegetable matter, sunken logs, etc., removed, the dam repaired, roadways and runnkings put in good order. From the pond the water should be conveyed in a closed conduit of wood, concrete, tile or iron (or a part of each), to the pumping station, to be erected near the north bank of the river opposite Rectory street.

At the pumping station four large basins should be constructed, two for the raw water from Meadow Lily Mills, and two for the pure filtered water. By building the basins in duplicate, one of each pair may be