

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1914

PURE SUPPLY OF GAS CAN BE SECURED FOR THIS CITY WITHOUT DOUBT, SAYS MAYOR

His Worship Speaks on His Trip to Oil Springs—Doherty Interests Have Not Started Purifier—City Must Get Busy, He Says.

That there is not the slightest question but that there is enough gas for the city is the opinion of Mayor Spence, who on his recent trip to Oil Springs, owned by Mr. W. J. Aikens, Brantford, to supply London, Berlin, Stratford, Woodstock, Galt, Ingersoll, Paris and Brantford, was the statement of Mayor Spence yesterday following a visit of inspection at the gas well in question. Representatives from other municipalities were present and held the same view. The Mayor said the gusher was one of the most wonderful phenomena covered by a coating of anti-phlogzine. As described by one of the municipal representatives present, it seemed as if "the very chimneys of hell had been tapped."

The gusher is giving over 25 million feet per day and Mr. Aikens has already opened negotiations for the distribution of gas to Berlin and Waterloo, and it is understood he is prepared to pipe the gas right through to Brantford. The quality of gas is superior to that of the Selkirk fields and is the purest natural gas in Canada. Just what effect the big strike will have on the Doherty interests is problematical. It is understood that Mr. Aikens will not sell out to the big interests but will enter into open competition with the sulphur gas from Tilbury. Other wells are being drilled thousands of acres having been secured.

While at Oil Springs, Mayor Spence got first hand news of what the Dominion Gas Company was doing regarding the erection of its purifiers at Glenwood. He was reliably informed that not one step had been taken there as yet to purify the gas, but that experiments were still being conducted at Denver Colorado. It was considered unlikely that the Doherty interests would spend three-quarters of a million on the erection of a purifier until they knew positively that purification was a success.

"If they don't get that gas purified," said Mayor Spence "we will invoke Mr. Brewster's legislation and drive the sulphur gas out of Brantford. We won't be cut off without a supply either, because it is the surest thing on earth that Oil Springs can supply Brantford with pure gas. In view of the fact that it was Mr. Brewster who secured the gas bill it looks as if the bill is to be invoked and it would be foolish for Brantford to send any other man to Toronto than Mr. Brewster to see this thing through."

Public Bathing Spot Is Promised For City

"The City Council will at once take up the matter of a regulated bathing place for boys in the Grand River," was the announcement of Mayor Spence last night. "In this regard I believe prevention against drowning accidents much more effective than any restorative appliances which might be secured. More over I believe there should be a by-law naming one place only where boys can swim and it would not be a bad idea to have a fireman or some other competent person stationed there all the time during the summer. In this way we could get a place of safety. Any money spent in this direction would meet with the approval of citizens in general and at the next meeting of the council the matter will be at once dealt with."

The reference in the Courier last night to a civic regulated bathing place in the Grand River evoked considerable interest and the feeling prevails that by the expenditure of a moderate sum each year there would not only be the prevention of loss of life, but parents would have the satisfaction of knowing at all times that their boys were safe at the river.

Brantford Workingman Challenges Mr. J. Ham To A Public Debate

The Courier to-day received the following letter, which is self explanatory.

To Joseph H. Ham:

Sir,—I notice in various copies of the Brantford Expositor, that you, as a "Liberal candidate," wish to represent the people of South Brant. The kindly mention of "Social Reform" and "Development" being greatly to the front, as some of the good things you would wish to give to the people. Now as the workers are always in the majority, I take it you intend to help them. If that is your way of doing so, I wish here and now to tell you that your interests are not as theirs, your Social Reform is only one of the old humbugs, revived, simply a drawing card to catch votes. I claim you cannot help the worker with these reforms, and I now challenge you to debate the point at issue, and not let the workers go to their eyes. I ask you fairly and squarely to prove your assertions in open debate.

If you are afraid of losing votes, then of course you will ignore this challenge. If you are not afraid to take a chance, I am ready any time and place to defend my end of the challenge.

Yours in readiness,
JAMES S. WITHERS.

NEW LODGE OF ODDFELLOWS IS INSTITUTED

Memorable Occasion Was Observed in This City Last Evening.

Last night was a memorable evening in Oddfellowship in this city, when a new lodge, Mohawk by name, was successfully instituted. Oddfellows were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Paris, and other points. The lodge was formerly instituted at 4:30 in the afternoon, and opened for the routine business at 7:30.

Fifty-seven candidates were initiated besides a class of 14 received from other lodges. Grand Secretary Oliver of Toronto, Ex-Mayor Joseph Thompson of Kingston, were present representing the Grand Lodge and complimented the brethren highly on their degree work. Paris lodge put on the Initiatory degree, Gore lodge conferred the first, Harmony the second and Ayr Lodge the third degree. The following were the officers of the new lodge, elected: N. G. A. Wedlake; V. G. R. F. Miller; P. G. W. M. Sovereign; R. Sec. F. Chart; Fin. Sec. J. D. Hall; Treasurer, Geo. Whitwell.

At the conclusion of the lodge session, the members and visitors adjourned to the Tea Pot Inn where Host Crumbach had prepared an excellent spread. Speeches were delivered by several of the visiting brethren. Mohawk Lodge has got off to a splendid start and a most successful future seems to be in store for it.

Fourth Floor Gets Phone

The fourth floor dormitory members of the M.M.C.A. will soon rejoice in a telephone established on their own floor. For some time the existing arrangement has been unsatisfactory and the fourth rose in their might in protest, and by an agreement they will soon be able to phone from their floor to their heart's content.

VANCOUVER, June 11.—Seven men formerly connected with the C. P. R. have been convicted of robbery at Kamloops and sentenced to three years each in the penitentiary.

For some time the Canadian Pacific divisional yards at Kamloops have been robbed and in all more than \$10,000 worth of goods taken.

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Bush Fires Start Again

[By Special Wire to The Courier] HAILEYBURY, Ont., June 11.—An exceptionally warm spell, coupled with a high wind, has fanned scores of bush fires into flame again in the north, and while no serious damage has been done to date, the fires are alarming. On Tuesday the Haileybury fire department were called upon to fight two fires in separate sections which threatened outlying buildings. In New Liskeard yesterday the fire department fought for eight hours to save Kennedy's lumber yard and the T. & M. O. station, two hundred men with the engine and hose being stationed there the better part of the night. From all points in the district smoke and flames may easily be seen. In the majority of cases the fires are springing up in sections which were previously burned.

PARIS PASTOR MAY GO WEST AS EVANGELIST

Rev. R. G. MacBeth Invited to Take Up Work in Western Canada.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., June 11.—Rev. R. G. MacBeth, pastor of the leading Presbyterian church in Paris has been invited to take up evangelical work in Western Canada, and it is altogether likely that he will accept the offer. The invitation has come from a number of wealthy men, who agree to bear all expenses in connection with the proposed campaign.

Mr. MacBeth will conduct the work not as a representative of the Presbyterian church, or as an official of the assembly, but as a private individual. He will be completely independent of any of the church boards. The group of men who have agreed to finance the undertaking believe that this is the best way in which to conduct the kind of work they have in mind, and have invited Mr. MacBeth to undertake it on account of his wide experience in the Western part of Canada. Though during the last few years his field has been in Ontario, he was for many years in the west, having been an officer in one of the forces sent out to put down the Riel rebellion, and is familiar with the country.

Since the beginning of the agitation for organic union Mr. MacBeth has achieved considerable prominence in the Canadian Church as a leader of the opposition. He was a moving spirit in the connection with the organization for continuing the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and has always been one of the strongest opponents of the movement. Mr. MacBeth has arranged to supply a pulpit in Vancouver for the month of September and while in the West will finally decide upon the proposal. The work he is asked to undertake is similar to that carried on by Dr. Wilbur Chapman, the United States evangelist, some years ago.

BRANT LOOKS GOOD

Mr. J. W. Westbrook Expresses Confidence in Outcome of Election.

"You need have little fear of North Brant" said Mr. J. W. Westbrook, the Conservative candidate to-day, Mr. Westbrook has just completed a thorough trip through the township and declares that he will have a larger majority from present indications than he did his first time out. Last night, with Mr. J. H. Fisher, M. P., he attended a garden party at Woodberry, near Princeton, just inside of the North Brant boundary.

"In Paris, the organization never was in better shape and they are all behind me fighting. I expect Burford will roll up a bigger majority than ever. In fact, all over the riding. I find nothing but enthusiasm prevailing in our ranks."

CROOKS TAKE WARNING

The full strength of the Brantford force will be on duty to-morrow on the occasion of the visit of the great Ringling Circus and special detectives will watch all incoming trains for crooks who intend to reap a harvest. The chief issues a warning to all members of thieving fraternities that suspects will be arrested and detained until the circus has departed.

IT BEGINS TO LOOK AS IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE WOMEN VOTES

Lloyd George's Recent Utterances Give Rise to That Belief—Liberal Papers Urge That An Injustice is Being Continued.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, June 11.—Some significant indications are visible of a possible change of policy on the part of the government with regard to the suffrage question. David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, addressing a meeting of the Women's Liberal Federation recently declared that only the militant campaign stood in the way of the women speedily getting the vote.

According to inspired statements, in the Liberal papers this morning, Home Secretary McKenna will make a statement in the House of Commons, but will suggest no new legislation on the subject.

It is understood that the cabinet has refused to consider all suggestions for legislation to indemnify the prison authorities in the case of death by hunger striking of the women prisoners, on the ground that such action would only lead to an increase in militancy and possibly to attacks on life.

According to the police view, not more than about thirty women are actually engaged in incendiarism and the destruction of property.

Editorials appear in the Liberal papers this morning urging it as an injustice that a long delayed reform should be refused to the large body of women innocent of crime, because a few obstinate women persist in the policy of militancy, and they urge as an imperative necessity the stoppage of financial supplies which alone render the crimes of militancy possible and, they assert, will encourage the militant policy even after the vote is granted because it has been found by experience that militancy is the best means of stimulating subscriptions.

The Government intends to institute a test case in the courts for the purpose of discovering whether an action for damages can be sustained against subscribers to the suffragette funds. The legal difficulties in the way of this course are admittedly great and the law officers of the crown are doubtful of its success, but it seems that no other course is possible as all the funds of the women's social and political union are deposited abroad.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ON IMPROVEMENTS; BETTER LIGHTING

Meeting Was Held Last Evening, When Hydro Proposition Was Explained.

The Township Council held a lengthy session last night when they gathered in full force to open the matter. Messrs. P. H. Secord and Sons secured the contract for 7 1/2 miles of sidewalk to be constructed in the township and their price was as follows: Echo Place and Cainsville at 11 1/2 cents per square foot; Parkdale at 11 cents and Mount Pleasant at 10 1/2 cents per square foot.

A deputation of Echo Place and Cainsville ratepayers put forward a strong plea for oiled roads in the district and they gave instances of the great inconveniences caused themselves by the dust nuisance. They had been driven from cool places on their lawns and windows had to be kept closed. They asked that the roads be oiled from the city limits to the railroad crossing on the Hamilton road. They also asked for \$1,000 to put the road in thorough repair. Their request will be considered.

Councillor Seace, who has worked hard for Hydro-Electric light in the township explained many details of his work in providing light for the Parkdale, Grandview and Echo Place districts. He showed a great knowledge of lighting systems and his views interested the council. Engineer Ireland introduced by Mr. Seace gave a talk on Hydro lighting and gave the procedure adopted. The council felt that the rural district must be efficiently lighted and they will give the matter early consideration.

The council adjourned at the hour of eleven o'clock.

THAW TO PITTSBURG.

NEW YORK, June 11.—William Travers Jerome, representing the state of New York and counsel for Harry K. Thaw met in conference in New York to discuss a proposal that Thaw be allowed to go to Pittsburgh to testify in the matter of his father's estate. This is agreed upon, the application before the United States Supreme Court to have Thaw admitted to bail pending decision on his habeas corpus writ, will be withdrawn. Thaw is now in New Hampshire. If he is allowed to go to Pittsburgh, he will be in the custody of a United States marshal.

BROTHER'S ARREST IS ORDERED BY THE JURY TODAY

Woman Who Drank Carbolic Thinking It Was Glass of Gin.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] RICHMOND, Que., June 11.—The coroner's jury investigating the death of Mrs. J. B. Viger, who died after partaking what she thought was gin, but proved to be carbolic acid, last night ordered the arrest of the victim's brother, Narcisse Petignat, in order he might be examined as to his sanity. He is believed to be responsible for placing poison in the bottle of gin. A motive was revealed in the evidence. In examination last night Labadie, the brother-in-law admitted having trouble with Petignat, but declared that it was not of the slightest consequence. In view of the feeble-minded of Petignat, however, this grievance may have been magnified.

Detective Samson of Montreal, worked on the case and it was largely on information that he was able to place before the jury that the order for Petignat's arrest was issued. The prisoner was taken to St. Francis district jail where he will await medical examination.

For some time the accused lived with his sister, the victim of the tragedy and appeared to be attached to her.

The crime for which he is held, took place on Sunday forenoon, May 31 when after Petignat, Mrs. Viger and Labadie each drank a glass of gin. Mrs. Viger fell over unconscious and died in half an hour.

The autopsy showed that Mrs. Viger's death had been caused by carbolic poisoning.

Bulletin Board For "Y"

A handsome bulletin board was yesterday established in the Y.M.C.A., and the first score it registered was as fitting, a meritorious win for Brantford over the league leaders. The board is made of quartered oak to match the fixtures of the building and is modelled after the pattern of the board used in the Cleveland Y.M.C.A. It is a fine acquisition and occupies a prominent position in the hallway.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

VANCOUVER, June 11.—Frank Bevanqua has been sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Dominic Gentile, a fellow Italian.

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