

Aylmer Express

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

There was a good representation of ratepayers at the town hall on Tuesday evening last to attend the meeting called by the Mayor to get a final opinion as to whether the citizens desire the council to submit a by-law in connection with the proposed water works scheme or not. The meeting was unanimous and harmonious, to a degree which speaks well for the future welfare of our town. There were no kickers, or fault finders. People wanted information, and were willing to judge the scheme on its merits. The fellows who have no vote, and who practically pay no taxes, but spend their time in everlasting kicking, were not heard from. It is the duty of every citizen in Aylmer to use every possible means to thoroughly inform himself on every point in this whole scheme. Having done this, he is in a position to come to an intelligent decision as to whether he favors or opposes it, otherwise he is not. Do not take in all the street gossip you hear and accept it as facts. Ask some one who knows and you will find that the whole scheme is based on common sense and justice to all. We shall have more to say on this matter before the vote takes place, but in the meantime we will suggest that as it is an undisputed fact that some scheme for supplying the town with good water is absolutely necessary, no one should oppose the present scheme, without they have a better one to suggest. The water will not be forced on anyone; it can be installed without increasing the taxes in the slightest degree; it will cover the whole town to the very extreme limits, and those who have no water, or no good water, can have it by paying a small sum for it. If these statements are correct, and we believe they are, there should not be a single vote recorded against the by-law. The meeting passed the following resolution, without a dissenting voice, and if the double scheme is carried, as we believe it will be, Aylmer will hold an enviable position among the towns in Canada, pay for both without a dollar's extra taxes, and derive a revenue from them within 3 years, which will very materially help out finances. The resolution was as follows:—

Moved by D. Marshall, seconded by W. G. Bingham, that the council submit two by-laws, one for the erection, extension and maintenance of a system of waterworks alone; and one for the purchase and taking over of the Aylmer Electric Light plant, and the said erection and maintenance of the waterworks combined.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are not quite positive yet whether THE EXPRESS was published last week or not. We have been told that it was but up to the time of writing have not seen a copy. The boys in the back shop, as well as the front shop, had their hands more than full, and our readers must overlook all defects, mistakes or other omissions in last week's issue, and not be too critical in the perusal of this week's.

We have seen "Ananias Onlooker," had our hands on him, talked with him and did not know who he was until twelve hours after he escaped. It was during the fair that he called on us and presented his credentials in the way of a 'press complimentary, but it never dawned on our innocent mind that we were in the presence of so noted a personage. He must have put on his Sunday clothes, had a shave and a hair cut for the occasion, as he wasn't half as hard a looking customer as he had been described to us. In fact, we cannot account for our extra display of dullness, in any other way, except it be that the real Ananias assumed an entirely different earthly form for the time being, purposely to deceive us. Had we known who he was we would have piloted him around to each one of the side shows on the ground, and allowed him to listen to the wonderful stories of remarkable sights within. How it would have cheered his heart to see so many worthy followers; we would have introduced him to the "Irish Dago," the Japs, the lady trapeze performers, the man with the striking machine and the nutshell man. We would have bought him a bag of peanuts and "taken him in" to see the prize fight, and in other ways, entertained him. He will never know what he missed, and it serves him right for being so close mouthed and innocent looking when in our presence. Confound him anyway, we don't like being fooled in that way

and shall take the first opportunity of avenging ourselves.

At the conclusion of the sugar beet test, which is being so ably conducted in this section this year by Prof. Shuttleworth, our farmers will have positive and accurate information regarding the suitability of the soil in this section for the cultivation of the sugar beet, and will also know just what amount of money they can make per acre from this crop, based on actual factory dealings. Prof. Shuttleworth is doing his work thoroughly, fairly, systematically and well. He is not picking out the best beets in each patch for testing or weighing, just to make a big report, but he is selecting an average row for each purpose from each patch. The first beets for testing purposes were shipped to him last Thursday, and three other shipments will be made at intervals of about two weeks. In a letter received from the professor a few days ago he informed us that he had just returned from Michigan where he had been visiting several beet sugar factories and studying the conditions under which they are working, as it effects the farmer, and also inspecting the crops in that state for comparison with our own. He inspected many fields of from 3 to 20 acres and more. The season in Michigan has been an exceptionally favorable one for sugar beets, they having had plenty of rain at the right time, while here it has been exceptionally dry. The crop there will average about 11 tons to the acre, and he expects ours to average higher even under the unfavorable conditions. His visit, however, was particularly to learn exactly how the beets are handled by a factory, in order to inform our farmers just what they might expect from a factory located here. The beets are weighed as delivered, and then a sample is taken from the load and tested as to the amount of tare or dirt to be deducted. This leaves the farmer in the neighborhood of 92 per cent. of the original weight on an average. He will in his report represent exactly what the farmer may expect, and what the beets will contain in sugar as determined by a factory. As this test proceeds it grows in interest, and no one can dispute the fact of its thoroughness or value to the farmers of this section.

EAST ELGIN FAIR.

LARGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE.

The East Elgin County Fair is now established on a firm and substantial basis and barring some unforeseen circumstances its success for the future is assured. The fair for 1900 was a record-breaker in some particulars, and had it not been for the threatening weather all the last day, which culminated early in the afternoon in a very heavy rain storm, all records at the gate would have been beaten. As it was there was a big crowd present, but the cash receipts at the gate were between \$300 and \$400 below those of the last day of the previous year. There were probably 1,000 people who came to town who did not go to the grounds, while many hundreds did not start from home, fearing the rain. The membership this year is the largest in the history of the society, and this, with savings in some departments, it is hoped, will enable the directors to pay everything in full, although the exact figures cannot be known for a week or two yet. Those who are interested can have full information regarding all receipts and disbursements by attending the annual meeting in January, when a detailed statement will be given, together with auditors report, and the officers will be pleased to see a much larger turnout than usual.

In point of numbers the ladies' work fell short of last year, but the quality was excellent. Horses in all departments were more numerous than ever before, and the quality would be hard to beat anywhere. Cattle and sheep were also well represented, both in quantity and quality, while the display of poultry was simply immense, and the carriages out of sight. Other departments did not vary much from previous years.

The special attractions in front of the grand stand were strictly first-class in every particular. The Japs performed many startling and difficult feats, and are undoubtedly the leaders in their own peculiar specialties.

Their performance was varied and pleased the crowd immensely. The Dillworth family are all that is claimed for them as acrobats, and in fact exceeded the expectations of everyone. They do their work in very becoming costumes, the gentlemen all being in dress suits, and the ladies wore handsome, becoming and modest skirts, which did not seem to interfere with their difficult work in the least. They are simply first-class as the verdict of all. The Wertz family are hard to surpass on the trapeze, and their many graceful and difficult acts were fully appreciated. There were five large exhibits of pianos in the main building, including the Karn, Bell, Heintzman, Newcombe and Evans. Mr. E. L. Brown was in charge of the Karn exhibit, occupying a large space in the centre of the building, with a splendid exhibit beautifully arranged. The Bell exhibit was in charge of that old reliable agent, Mr. L. Cody, and Mr. E. McCredie, of St. Thomas, was present with the Newcombe, to tell of its excellence. Messrs. Burness and Purdy handled the Heintzman exhibit with their usual skill, and Mr. J. C. Hawkins, of St. Thomas, was with the Evans pianos and Blanchford organs. Accomplished players and singers were with each exhibit, and that section of the building attracted crowds of people at all times. Messrs. J. H. Glover and Wright & Allen made excellent exhibits of stoves and J. Palmer showed some nice furniture, while Mr. Frank Backhouse had a nice display of sewing machines, as did also F. Inman, of Vienna. At the head of the stairs Mr. J. E. Richards occupied his old space with the handsomest and most tastefully arranged exhibit he has ever made, and Mr. E. A. Caughell went to considerable expense in making a splendid exhibit in the south-east corner. Other merchants would have made good exhibits but there was no space to spare for them. The booths, side shows and peanut stands were more numerous than ever before, and made quite a show in themselves, for who cared to take them in. The I.O. O. F. band of this place supplied plenty of music of an excellent quality, and added much to the enjoyment of each performance. The attractions in the ring were also good on Wednesday, but the heavy rain on Thursday made it absolutely necessary to cancel the whole speeding programme with exception of the farmers' running race, which the contestants were anxious to have brought off. The mile bicycle race on Wednesday was won by Walter Newton of St. Thomas, with Jas. Fulton, of Southwold, 2nd. The trials of speed made good sport. M. F. W. Smith acted as starter and P. Farrell, of Woodstock, and J. McCarty, of Thamesford, as judges, Junius Bradley as secretary. The results were as follows:

2.35 trot or 2.40 pace, mile heats, 3 in 5, purse of \$75, 4 prizes.
Myrtle, A. W. Pierce, Aylmer.....1 1 1
Lady Mac, E. Adair, Otterville.....2 3 2
Bonnie Belle, James Peters, Aylmer.....3 2 3
Arab, J. B. Fick, Port Dover.....4 4 4
Time—2:39½, 2:39½, 2:34.
Farmers' green trot or pace, best 2 in 3, \$30, 3 prizes.
Duke, George Riddell.....2 1 1
Minnie S., Frank Smith.....3 2 2
Charlie, Swartz.....1 3 3
Doc, Wilson.....4 4 4
Time—2:40, 2:39½, 2:40.
Single roadster, half mile heats, 2 in 3, \$20, 4 prizes.
J. B. Fick, Port Dover.....1 1 1
Charles P. J. Peters, Aylmer.....2 2 2
Prince Mike, L. Corless, Avon.....3 3 3
Myrtle, A. A. Miller, Middlemarch.....4 4 4
Queen, W. J. Ostrander, Elen.....5 5 5
Time—1:15, 1:16.

NOTES.
Hutchinson & Thomson made a beautiful exhibit of monuments, which it would be hard to beat anywhere.

The grounds looked beautiful, and outside of Toronto and London are the finest by all odds between Windsor and Montreal.

Look over the prize list as published in this week's issue, and if there are any omissions or errors report to the secretary at once.

The association owns their own electric light plant, which is large and complete fully lighting the entire grounds and every building on it.

The special, commodious covered building for cattle, sheep and hogs were greatly appreciated by exhibitors, but we need much more stable room for horses.

Mr. Robt. Dawson exhibited some of his reliable hand-made carriages, which many people prefer to the machine made. Bob is up to date in style and work.

"Three days and three nights, rain or shine," was no joke. The rain Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon did not prevent the appearance

of the Japs, Dillworth or Wertz families.

The exhibit made by Geo. W. Copeland contained some of the most expensive and handsome carriages ever shown here, and his enterprise was rewarded by making several good sales.

Messrs. Trim & Newell made a very large and handsome exhibit of carriages, which would have done credit to any city firm in Canada. They showed almost all kinds of pleasure and business carriages, and everything was first class and up to date.

Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. A. A. Leslie for the splendid manner in which he beautified the grounds and managed the general affairs of the association. To his untiring zeal and energy is very largely due the success of the fair, and the high position it has assumed in the eyes of the public far and near.

PRIZE LIST.

HORSES.
Heavy Draft—Two year old, J. Fulton jr. 1. Yearling, H. Esselton 1, M. Smith 2. Brood Mare, J. Fulton jr. 1. Foal 1900, J. Fulton jr. 1. Span, G. Weir 1, A. E. Gilbert 2, J. Martin 3.

General Purpose—Three year old, Merritt Charlton 1, W. G. Sanders 2, J. Keesler 3. Two year old, Emerson Colborn 2, J. P. Pressey 3. Yearling, W. & F. Prowse 1, Jas. McLellan 2, E. Colborn 3. Brood Mare, L. Corless 1, J. McLellan 2, E. Laidlaw 3. Foal, J. McLellan 1, D. Sullivan 3. Span, C. P. Welter 1, J. Charlton 2, B. James 3.

Carriage—Three year old, Geo. Truman 1. Two year old, W. C. Bingham 1, D. J. Teple 2, E. Newell 3. Yearling, C. Brooks 2. Brood Mare, C. W. Hankinson 1, D. Carson 2, Geo. Franklin 3. Foal, C. W. Hankinson 1, D. J. Teple 2, Geo. Franklin 3. Span, 15½ and under, H. Fulton 1, W. C. Bingham 2, A. Hukness 3. Span, 15½ and over, C. H. Mabey 1, C. W. Charlton 2, S. & C. Charlton 3. Single, 15½ and under, T. Peiman 1, Geo. Barton 2, L. Van Patter 3. Single, 15½ and over, S. Hunt 1, W. C. Bingham 2, R. M. Wilson 3.

Roadsters—Three year old, Geo. Pike 1, P. L. Mabey 2. Two year old, John Wilkinson 1, W. F. Lutton 2, P. L. Mabey 3. Yearling, A. Harkness 1, John Johnson 2, Neil Taylor 3. Brood Mares, M. Ashton 1, D. J. Teple 2, H. A. Brown 3. Foal, H. A. Brown 1, W. Troughton 2, M. Ashton 3. Single roadsters, W. E. Smith & Son 1, A. V. Vanvelzer 2, G. H. Mayhew 3. Pair roadsters, Peter Odell 1, 1 M. Taggart 2.

CATTLE.

Durhams, Bull, 2 yrs, W. G. Sanders 1, J. O. Ferguson 2, Smith & Son 3. Bull, 1 yr, O. L. Westover 1, W. E. Leeson 2. Bull, 2 years, W. G. Sanders 1, J. O. Ferguson 2, Smith & Son 3. Bull calf, Smith & Son 1 and 2. Two year old heifer, W. E. Leeson 1, S. Charlton 2. Yearling heifer, Smith & Son 1 and 2, S. Charlton 3. Heifer calf, Smith & Son 1, W. G. Sanders 1 and 3. Best herd, Smith & Son 1.

Jerseys—Two year old bull, F. W. Ingram 3. One year old bull, J. Lawrence 2. Cow, F. W. Ingram 1, Lawrence 2 and 3. Two year old heifer, Lawrence 1, Ingram 2. Yearling heifer, Lawrence 1 and 2, Ingram 3. Heifer calf, Lawrence 1, Ingram 2. Best herd, Lawrence 1.

Ayrshires—Two year old bull, J. M. & V. Cline 1. Yearling bull, E. Marsh 1. Bull calf, E. Marsh 1. Cow, J. M. Cline 1, E. Marsh 2. Two year old heifer, Marsh 1 and 3, Cline 2. Heifer calf, Marsh 1 and 2. Best herd, Marsh 1.

Grades—Milch cow, E. Laidlaw 1 and 3, Egin Clark 2. Two year old heifer giving milk, C. Timpany 1, E. Laidlaw 2, C. M. Clarke 3. Two year old heifer not milking, C. Timpany 1, C. M. Clarke 2. Yearling heifer, E. Laidlaw 1 and 2, L. E. Hutchinson 3. Heifer calf, J. J. McGregor 1 and 2, E. Laidlaw 3. Yearling steer, C. M. Clarke 1 and 2, Laidlaw 3. Heir, Laidlaw 1, C. Timpany 2.

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