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WATER BOARD MAKES MONEY

Chairman Sheldon Says
They Now Have Bank
Balance of \$2,216.92

Salary Question Causes a
Little Trouble—Monthly
Meeting

The Water Commissioners and their Superintendent were in a talkative mood last night, and, as a result, this Board, which has shared a record with the Library Board and Board of Education, for short, business-like meetings, was longer than usual.

Chairman Sheldon pointed with pride to the month's financial record. The Water Board had paid out \$3,382.82 for extensions to the plant, \$288.81 for extension to service, and they have a balance of \$2,216.92 in the bank.

Dr. Cornell—We are making money for the city, and no doubt about it.

Night Fireman John Moore asked for an increase in salary. He is at present getting \$40 a month from the Water Board for his services as fireman for the Waterworks plant, and \$15 per month from the Council for his services as electric light fireman. He works on Sundays.

The members of the Board were of the opinion that if Mr. Moore considers his salary to be too small, he should apply to the Council, for if he is underpaid by anyone, it is by the city. The request was not granted, but Mr. Moore was granted the customary two weeks' holidays.

Second Engineer Thomas Neil sent in his resignation. Mr. Neil did not give his reasons, but from what Mr. Sheldon said, it seems that Mr. Neil believes that he did not receive all his overtime wages. Superintendent Jones was instructed to investigate Mr. Neil's complaint, and if there are any back wages owing to him to see that they are promptly paid. In the meantime, the Board will not accept his resignation if Mr. Neil is satisfied.

The Canadian Casualty and Boiler Insurance Company has sent the report on the condition of the Waterworks boilers. They reported them to be all in excellent shape but recommended certain minor repairs to the lining of one of the boilers.

James Palmer of the Palmer Bakery Company petitioned for water service in his new bakery on Patterson avenue. Mr. Jones was instructed to make an estimate of the probable cost of such an undertaking.

Chairman Sheldon said that he had recently been spoken to by a member of residents on Queen street south, asking for a water service out as far as Indian Creek. He deplored the fact that the Council have not the money to have this work done with.

CHATHAM LEADS

That Chatham is ahead in many municipal improvements is often evidenced by the commendation received from larger cities inquiring about local municipal equipment. The latest instance was that of a letter from the Secretary of the Water Board of Cleveland, Ohio, to Secretary Weir, asking how Chatham was satisfied with the Buffalo metre, which has been in use here for some time.

On the strength of a subsequent recommendation from Secretary Weir the authorities at Cleveland have decided to install 10,000 Buffalo metres. This proves that Chatham was one of the first cities in the Continent of America to install this up-to-date metre.

RESPECTED YOUNG MAN

Robert E. Ellerbeck, aged 21 years, passed away yesterday at his home, on Lot No. 1, Chatham Township. He was a son of Arian Ellerbeck, and was a very highly-respected young man. He took ill about a week ago, and his trouble affected his heart, which was the immediate cause of his death. He was a prosperous farmer, and has always been a resident of Kent County. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and a regular attendant.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, as the deceased's father is in Edmonton, and word has not yet been heard from him. His early death is a shock to the entire community, and the bereaved family have the sympathy of the surrounding community.

FENCE FOR SALE

Tenders, addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Education, Chatham, Ont., will be received up to September 10th, 1907, for the picket fence around the front of the Collegiate Institute grounds at Chatham, excepting that part of the fence across the front of the boys' playground, the purchaser to remove the fence and to fill up the post holes.

T. C. MACNABE,
Secretary Board of Education.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR R. L. BORDEN'S VISIT

This Will be one of the Biggest Political Meetings Ever
Held Here—Pere Marquette Train Leaving Chatham
at 6.15 Will Make Connections East and West
At Blenheim

All that is necessary now to complete the arrangements for the largest political meeting ever held in Chatham is fair weather. This meeting will be held to-morrow, and every possible precaution has been taken by the local executive and reception committee to insure the comfort and pleasure of both Mr. Borden and his party, and also the people who will attend the meetings.

To-day the Opera House is being decorated in preparation for the event with flags, bunting, streamers, etc.

Encouraging messages still continue to come in from the surrounding district, and these all tell of big crowds which will be on hand to hear this distinguished statesman. Never before was such interest taken in any political event in this county. Ever since Mr. Borden announced his platform in Halifax people generally have received his messages with approval and satisfaction. They recognize in him the man of their political ideals, and they are all anxious to hear the message from his own lips. The people of this county are fortunate in securing this meeting, and there is no doubt that they will show their appreciation of Mr. Borden's consideration in including Chatham in the list of places visited during his present tour.

Special attention has been given by the executive towards securing special transportation facilities for the accommodation of the visitors who will be in Chatham to-morrow. It will be learned with a great deal of pleasure that the 6.15 train leaving Chatham on the Pere Marquette for the south will to-morrow make connections east and west at Blenheim. This will give the people from the west another hour in the Maple City, so that they will not have to hurry away from the afternoon meeting in order to get home the same night. Owing to this everyone will be able to stay at the meeting until all of the speaking is over.

The men who will arrive with Mr. Borden, as far as is at present known, are—Claude Macdonell, M.P., of Toronto; W. B. Northrup, M.A., K. C., M.P., of Belleville; W. E. Bennett, M.P., of Midland; Andrew Brodeur, M.P., Morrisburg; Hon. Dr. J. O. Reame, M.D., M.P.P., Minister of Public Works of the Province; Rufus Pope, of Cookshire, Quebec; and T. Chas. Casgrain, Montreal. The gentlemen will be recognized as some of the finest orators in the Dominion. Among them, probably Mr. Rufus Pope, will be a particularly clever and fluent speaker, and his speech will be one of the treats of the day.

A BIG STRUGGLE IS ON BETWEEN TWO RAILROADS

C. W. & L. E. Has Been Blocked in Every Attempt to
Cross The M. C. R. — Michigan Central Station
May Be Future Reality

From further information, gained from a private source by The Planet, there seems to be no doubt that the Michigan Central Railway officials have entertained, and to some extent discussed, the project of erecting a depot in Chatham, as was announced some time ago. To do this, the Michigan Central would first have to come to some agreement with the C. W. & L. E. officials for the carrying of their passengers out to Charing Cross, to make connections with the American road.

The C. W. & L. E. officials, who have been interviewed regarding the matter, state that they know nothing about such a project, but the fact remains that it has been talked of, and it is an undertaking which will be realized some time in the future. It is understood that the Michigan Central is now anxious to have the crossing dispute settled before they seek terms with the C. W. & L. E. with regard to the carrying of passengers to Charing Cross. This opportunity to make good connections with Chatham, without making any alterations to their own road looks from the outside like a proposition the enterprising American road would scarcely turn down in scorn. That a Michigan Central station will eventually come to Chatham, is felt to be a sure thing in some quarters. The shrewd officials of that road are not likely to make any public announcement until such time as they are sure of their ground.

Meanwhile the crossing dispute with the C. W. & L. E. is unsettled, and it is understood that the M. C. R. Company intend to fight the matter out to the bitter end. This C. W. & L. E. are as a result tied up for operating purposes, until such time as the Railway Board hands down a decision. The idea the M. C. R. people have in mind is to force the traction line to build a subway under their tracks, much the same as that specified in the high-handed demand of the Grand Trunk a year ago.

The C. W. & L. E. were first blocked in their attempt to place a diamond on the M. C. R. at a spot

in direct line with their tracks on the right of way. This was disputed by the M. C. R., and as a temporary measure the C. W. & L. E. next tried to put their overhead wires across over the M. C. R. tracks at the same point, so as to supply power to cars operating at the other side. It then turned out that the steam road had control of the atmosphere above their tracks, "right up to the heavens," as one gentleman put it when speaking of the matter to The Planet. Thus, the C. W. & L. E. were even blocked in getting their wires across the tracks, even were they willing to run them any distance above the tracks. Their next move by the C. W. & L. E. was to attempt to run the power wire through a sewer under the M. C. R. track. This was promptly stopped, and the M. C. R. placed a detective within close range of every reach, that he might notify the officials of any move the traction company might make to get their wires across. Thus the fight between the two roads has waged all summer.

Now the C. W. & L. E. people, game to the end, are making another attempt to get across without recourse to litigation. This time they will divert ten feet from their right of way, and up onto the highway. Here, it is understood, the M. C. R. can do nothing to prevent them from getting across, as the highway being public property is as free to the traction line as it is to the M. C. R. This, possibly, will only be used as a temporary crossing by the C. W. & L. E. until such time as they can gain a decision from the Railway Board to place their diamond on the tracks directly in line with their right of way. This crossing will undoubtedly be an expensive one to both roads, both from a point of erection and for cost of maintenance. It will mean that derailling from crossing alarms, etc., will have to be installed.

A plucky fight being put up by the C. W. & L. E. has gained for its officials the admiration of all who have kept in touch with the mighty struggle.

THE HORSE THIEVES

Chief of Police John Holmes this morning received a telegram from Detective Campeau, of Windsor, bearing the following message: "Sent Dr. McFarlane, the man who had the horses stolen to Windsor on the first G. T. R. train to-day." The message did not contain any further information, but it is surmised that the border detective has got some important clue regarding the horse thieves. Dr. McFarlane, whose horses were stolen, as exclusively announced in last evening's Planet, left for Windsor this morning as directed.

BURNS WILL UMPIRE

Tommy Burns (Noah Brasso) the heavy-weight champion prize-fighter of the world, will umpire the ball game for the championship of Western Ontario, between Windsor and Detroit, on the Fair Grounds, Monday.

The game will be called at three o'clock, and will be formally opened by H. S. Clements, M.P., and A. B. McOgil, M.P.P.

Force of circumstances is a poor excuse for taking of a wrong path.

Two cannot fall out if one does not choose.

MORE DOG POISONING

This Time Gordon Everard
Loses a Very Valuable
Pet

It Will Soon Be Time For
The Authorities To take
Action

Another dog has been poisoned. In the meantime the people generally are commencing to wonder what the authorities are going to take some definite action to stop this unwarranted crusade against the canines of the city.

The last victim to fall as a result of the poisoner's work is a pet dog belonging to Gordon Everard, of Park Street. Mr. Everard woke up one morning to find that it was his turn to lament the evident insanity of some busy individual who has been venting his ill-temper upon the dogs in the vicinity of Queen Street for the past few weeks.

It appears that no one has interested himself enough in the prosecution to even examine any of the dogs after they were dead to discover the exact cause of death. It was apparent in all of the cases that the animals died of poisoning, but no one is in a position to state positively that poison is directly responsible for the slaughter, or to give any evidence as to what kind of poison was used.

It seems to be clearly up to the dog owners of the city to get together quietly and employ a detective to follow the case with some intelligence and care. It is understood that the police cannot be sent out of the city to follow the case up as it should be followed, and it is quite necessary to send someone to Detroit and other places to find out who purchased the poison.

It is an unfortunate thing that when a crime is committed in the community, the private citizens vitally interested have to put up the money to push the prosecution themselves to bring the criminal to justice. In other words, small bands of private citizens have to get actively and personally interested to see that the laws of the country are enforced. There should be some way of appointing officials who would have the power to perform their duties without looking for outside aid from private citizens.

WANT TO MAKE TEST

The Pitometer Company, of New York, recently wrote the local Water Board, asking if they might not make a demonstration with their pitometers in Chatham. This ingenious device can be placed on a water main anywhere, and will detect a leak or waste of water in the vicinity. Where flat rates are in vogue the pitometer should prove very useful and, therefore, were installed here there would be no need for the Water Board employing special men to watch the lawn services.

Secretary Weir, of the Water Board, has been instructed to write to the Pitometer Company giving them permission to make a demonstration in Chatham.

JENNY'S NEW VICTIM

The reversed repertorial representative for the Banner, who does the police write-ups for that organ, by all accounts, had a rather exciting experience on the Park recently. Our ecclesiastical confere was enjoying the cooling breezes from one of the Park benches, when his reverie was rudely disturbed by a female, whom he afterwards described to the police as a "very extraordinary person, by the way."

The lady in question, whom the young man describes as being a rather brilliant force facial adornment, approached him, and first proffered him a bouquet of flowers. On being turned down, she asked the young man if he was not aware that she was a first cousin of the late Queen Victoria, and proceeded to favor him with an enthusiastic embrace and kiss that brought a blush to his face almost as bright and red as the lady's nose. The young man made a hasty retreat, followed by the lady. He has applied for police protection, but the police are of the belief that if he persists in being so charming and attractive it will be difficult to keep enthusiastic females from annoying him with their attentions.

From the description given to the police the latter are of the belief that the lady is none other than one who has a surname similar to a certain kitchen utensil used in the boiling of water.

NOT IN HIS FAMILY.

Teacher—Now, children, remember the text—Eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow you die.

Paul—Please, teacher, in our family we don't. We all take a dose of castor oil the next day.

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