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BRANTFORD WATERWORKS.

For some thirty years the municipal waterworks, in their present shape, have served the city very well for a considerable portion of the period, and latterly not so much so. The truth of the matter is that the municipality long ago outgrew the filtration gallery plan, and that as an alternative we have for some time had to put up with the chlorinated article. This is not a proper, or a desirable state of affairs, and citizens in the near future will have to face the inevitable by the expenditure of probably half a million dollars.

There is nothing of more vital importance to any community than pure water, and citizens will hold up both hands for all necessary steps. A delay has been advised because of the present high cost of all materials, but this will only be of a temporary nature.

The water commissioners are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they have carried on under difficult circumstances, and are also to be commended for the very complete manner in which they have now had the entire facts of the case placed before the public.

THE SERVICES OF INDIA.

It was one of the dreams of the ex-All Highest that if Great Britain entered the war, India would at once seize upon the opportunity to revolt. History will record what a directly contrary course was pursued and that the people of John Bull's Eastern possession measured up in splendid style with all the rest of the Dominions who owe proud allegiance to the Union Jack.

On a recent occasion Lord Burnham (President) and members of the Council of the Empire Press Union, entertained representatives of the Indian press who had been invited to the Old Land and the battle front. During the course of an opening address the noted British newspaper man decanted upon "the glorious services India had rendered the Empire during the war."

That great dependency had not taken up the quiescent role which British writers had too often assigned to her in the past. She had not heard the legions of the West thunder without doing anything herself. On the contrary, she had been in the thick of the fight on all the fronts. In particular, she had contributed to the victories which had caused the surrender of Turkey.

A campaign might have effects far greater than its intrinsic success seemed to warrant. There was no doubt that General Allenby's dramatic and Napoleonic advance in Syria had been the turning point in the last phase of the war, and had produced that demobilization which had culminated in that day's glorious triumph. In that advance Indian troops not only bore a part, but bore a most important part. It was not only the Regular Army of India, but the Imperial Service troops also, which contributed to General Allenby's triumph. Therefore, if we had been able to say to Turkey, as to Austria, in Shakespeare's word, "You must buy the peace with full accord of all our just demands," it was very largely due to the magnificent qualities shown by the Indian Army in the field, and particularly in the Eastern campaigns, which had led to the present position for which we rejoiced so much.

It was therefore in the spirit of sincere admiration for what the Indian Army had done that they welcomed the Indian representatives. He felt certain that the comradeship of ideas in this war must have a profound effect on the mutual relations of the Indian Empire with Great Britain and the rest of our Commonwealth. No man could tell what the effect would be.

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but if it produced that unity of spirit and community of endeavor without which there was no hope for the future amongst the different parts of the Empire and the English-speaking world, then even the horrors of this war would not have been without recompense and return. India had played her part manfully, and we must strive to show that whilst we had never failed in our confidence in her spirit, that confidence had been emphasized and intensified by all that had happened during the past four years. The true brotherhood between men of all races and religions which made up our Empire would, he trusted, endure until the end of time.

One of the journalists to respond was Mr. Sandbrook, who said that while everybody realized the gallantry of the native troops he hoped it would also be recognized that the small English community in India had also played a very great part. It was an extra small band of them at the end of the war because so many had given their lives for the Empire. "They were faced with very difficult questions in India, but he felt sure that with the aid of this cautious old country they would reach a wise and just conclusion."

NOTES AND COMMENT. As far as Dr. Cody's visit to Brantford was concerned, his trip constituted one blooming speech after another, but he measured up to all demands in a most able and eloquent manner.

Five more shopping days to Christmas. Hang back purchasers had better hurry unless they want to get caught in the last minute madrastron.

It is announced that the Prince of Wales is to make a nlmperial tour, and he will most assuredly receive a warm welcome on all hands.

There is talk of Mayor Church running for a fifth term in Toronto. Why doesn't he take the majority chair home to his fireside and be done with it?

It is reported that returned German officers are still swagging around with the old time swank. Said splurge is the last flicker for them.

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UNITED FARMERS HAD A BUSY YEAR

Over \$1,750,000.00 of Sales Negotiated During the Past Year. The United Farmers' Co-operative Company, the business end of the United Farmers of Ontario, made sales this year aggregating over one and three-quarter million dollars.

This was the outstanding fact contained in the Presidential address at Mr. R. W. E. Burnaby at the annual meeting of the company, held in the Labor Temple in Toronto yesterday.

Almost equally striking was the statement of progress made. In 1914, when the company was first organized, the total sales made amounted to only \$3,300. In 1915 the first full business year, sales totaled \$222,000. In 1916 they reached \$410,335.73, for the first months) \$918,197.51, and for the present year \$1,765,378.48.

This year's record was, Mr. Burnaby said, the more remarkable because of disappointments due to war conditions. Coal bought for members could not be delivered because of the action of the United States Government in taking control of the output of mines; only half the amount of binder twine was secured that could have been handled and a sale of a million pounds of sugar was upset by the Food Controller's orders.

The business of the company has been handicapped in another way the increased cost of living having necessitated increase of wages for an office staff of 40. Still the company came out with an addition to the reserve fund of \$750.20, after paying a dividend of 7 per cent. on paid-up capital and writing off 10 per cent. for depreciation in office fittings, store equipment, delivery equipment, etc.

There was considerable discussion over the payment of the dividend. Mr. Cowan suggested, as most of the stock holdings are small, that the dividend be added to reserve instead of being paid out in small amounts to stockholders, most of whom hold one \$25 share each. It was pointed out, however, that some shareholders have ten shares, and it was stated that the plan proposed would be unjust to them. The further argument was advanced that the payment of dividends would be worth while as an incentive to further subscriptions.

During the year the subscribed capital of the company has been increased from \$275,000 to nearly \$1,000,000. With expanding car and increasing experience, President Burnaby said, a widening out of operations should be provided for. The first object of expansion should be to the organization of a place in the Toronto Stock yards, at which the company could sell cattle, sheep and hogs consigned by members. Several local branches of the company have their live stock co-operatively to Toronto, but it is sold there by private commission men. President Burnaby's proposal was that the company control this business itself.

This proposal was strongly endorsed by Mr. Manning W. Doherty of the Peel Milk and Cream Producers' Association. "What Western farm organizations have done in grain, we, in Ontario, should do in live stock," Mr. Doherty said. "I believe in two years we can build up a business in this one line exceeding our business in all the last year. The day is not far off, indeed, when 75 per cent. of the live stock of Ontario Stock Yards can be handled by the company."

Mr. Doherty further believed that all the milk and cream sent to Toronto, could be handled in the same way. The shareholders expressed their approval of both propositions by their applause.

Another Presidential proposal was in regard to the establishment of district warehouses throughout the Province, these to serve for the collection of butter, eggs and other farm produce for sale through the company's depot in Toronto, and for the distribution of bulky articles, such as milk cans, lime, twine, and fencing wire, to members in the country. The proposal was that these be controlled by local managers in close touch with clubs by "blowing" local stores," said Mr. Burnaby, "but something after the nature of local elevators such as are maintained by the Grain Growers of the West."

To Control Seed Trade. Still another scheme came from the fertile Presidential mind. This was in relation to the trade in clover and grass seeds and grains. "These are grown by farmers," he said, "and are sold to the trade in bulk, bought for seeding purposes and purchased by farmers. At present middlemen stand between farmers, both in buying and selling. Why not deal direct?" This would necessitate the establishing of a clearing plant, and this Mr. Burnaby thought should be established as soon as capital will permit.

YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D. (All rights reserved.) Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious case that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

Which of the Two? Miss C. B. Your problem in short is which of two young men you ought to marry, the man at home with whom you have kept company for four years, or the soldier in France whom you fell in love with during a temporary estrangement between you and the first mentioned. You say you love them both, but think you love the soldier the better, and that he is a scholar and a well known good young man, while the other has no occupation and you do not know much about him. You can only marry one of them and God only knows, for certain, which it should be. Ask God. If you do not know God, as I suspect from the fact that you have allowed two young men to make love to you at the same time, you had better seek to know Him. It is a risky business to marry a young man of no occupation, and if you are wicked as well to do so. If you are a good girl, you should know the other young man better. If you want a love that is a surcease from all sorrow then learn to love Jesus and He will save you from your life of folly and indecision and send you your matrimonial problems satisfactorily.

Judicial Impartiality. "A Loser" asks, "What should be done in case a judge constantly shows partiality in the decision of cases?" He, as you allege, there is a judge who does what you say he should be impeached. He should be charged with the crime of which he is guilty and the law makes provision for such a contingency. It is quite possible, however, that you having been "a loser" in a law suit are prejudiced, and think that the judge before whom your case was tried showed partiality when "he may be innocent of such a crime. Be careful therefore, what you do. When in Trouble: I am requested to answer the following: "What is the best thing to do when in trouble and perplexity?" When God walked upon the earth—as a man, he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." He also warned his followers not to allow themselves to be troubled, but to depend upon Him. I do not know of any better advice in your present emergency. If you accept Christ's remedy for trouble, you will be calm in your mind, nothing will perturb you, and the right thing will come to pass.

GERMANS RUTHLESS. By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 17.—Spanish investigators who have conducted an inquiry into the shooting of French prisoners of war at the German prison camp at Langensalzha have forwarded their report to the French government authorities, according to The Petit Journal. The newspaper says the report declares that the attitude of the prisoners did not justify the ruthless methods of the Germans. While at Langensalzha the prisoners erected a theatre. Before leaving the prison they attempted to tear it down, and while they were thus engaged were fired upon by German sentries.

HOLDING RALLY. The citizens of Ward Three are holding a meeting in the Municipal League Committee Rooms at 8 o'clock on Thursday night in support of Tom Lyle's candidature as Mayor. All interested are invited to attend.

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TO REMIT SENTENCES. By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 16.—(Canadian Press dispatch from Reuters)—The Home Secretary, after consultation with the presiding judge of the court of criminal appeal has advised the remission of the sentences of corporal punishment recently passed on two Canadian soldiers named Sawson and Cabba.

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MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISIT

Minister of Education Visited Schools and Factories of Our City. "Dr. Cody may not have spent an enjoyable day, but he has certainly spent a very busy one."

In these words, Mr. J. W. Shepperdson, chairman of the Board of Education last night summed up the visit of the Minister of Education to Brantford yesterday. From the moment of his arrival in the city, Dr. Cody was kept busy until ten o'clock at night at which hour the evening meeting closed.

Arriving at half past nine yesterday morning, the Minister was met at the station by Mr. Shepperdson, Mr. Overholt, principal of the Collegiate, Mr. Race, of the O.S.B., and others. The first visit was to the Collegiate where Dr. Cody addressed the pupils, and was presented with an address of welcome from the Board of Education.

Dr. Cody also went through the Central school, and paid a brief visit to Victoria also. He was then conducted to the School for the Blind, where he was welcomed by Principal Race and by a musical programme given by the pupils. The minister, in speaking to the students, told of his recent trip to the old land. He also reviewed the glorious achievements of the Canadian corps. Touching on the subject of technical education, he gave assurance that Brantford would receive consideration at the hands of the government.

In the afternoon, Dr. Cody concluded his tour of inspection, visiting St. Basil's, Dufferin, King George, St. Mary's and Alexandra schools. He was also taken through four of the city's factories, the Dominion Steel Products, the Vorty Flow works, the Waterous Engine works and the Niagara Silk Company. Dr. Cody expressed his satisfaction with the progress of the city's industrial development.

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Dopp. Shortening, special, per lb. .... 28c  
Allen Sweet Choc., quart ..... 15c  
Molasses, per can ..... 20c  
5 lb. pail syrup ..... 35c  
10 lb. pail syrup ..... 59c  
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LOCAL

NURSES MEMOR. A meeting of the committee was held at the Board of Trade.

WILL NOT RUN. Mr. W. H. La the Board of Education he stated definitely this morning.

LEFT FOR TORO. Hon. Dr. Cody, cation, who was Friday, left this morning for Toronto.

SOMEWHERE IN. "Well, and have is the laconic word. A. Mathewson, of Machine Gun Battalion, "Somewhere in the" is the laconic word. A. Mathewson, of Machine Gun Battalion, "Somewhere in the" is the laconic word.

THREE SAILORS. Three local sea from the Niobe, home this morning. George MacDonnell, Aid, Commission. Fred Richards, 15 Walter North, 54 and Fred Wright, three have seen on the water.

EXPECTED HOME. At least twelve pected home at 7 officials of the 86 mission state. The first of the local in Canada on the are being discharged and those whose letters before F. W. return home. The ly arrive some time.

DOUBLE PLATO. The double plato fire department for der discussion for ing put into Toronto. This gives for separate men on duty at the the always-on-the- once-a-week plan v operation in Br where. The chan quently advocated.

BI-YEARLY COL. Assistant Towns Tattersall and Com yesterday journey met the Private. B the Legislature. The trip was to see have the taxes in ship collected twice suburban areas. T force in Barton worth county, and satisfaction. Road. Church and these considered by the.

OBITU. SETH O'CO. The death occ morning of Seth O' years. The decea the best known a land Township. T take place to-mor St. Basil's Church to St. Joseph's Cem.

LAI D AT. MRS. BR. The funeral of the Brick took place ye from her late resi Pleasant Road, Church and these Cemetery.

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