

Mr. Dowden Writes on Civic Affairs

Dear Mr. Editor,—
I purpose today to give your readers some particulars of conditions at the Sanitary Stables as we found them, and I will leave it to the public to compare with the past.

The assuming office one of the first acts of the Mayor was to appoint committees to look after the various departments, and Councillors Collier and myself were nominated as the Sanitary Committee. We immediately met, and Mr. Collier was appointed Chairman and I continued to act as Secretary.

The committee at once held an inspection of the stables. The conditions we found there were simply appalling, though I was not surprised, for as a boy years before while playing in that vicinity, I had seen the state of things. Perhaps it is best not to give details, but I say fearlessly that the place was neither fit for man or beast. It was incomprehensible that matters could be allowed to reach such a state, and no wonder the horses were always ill while the men must have suffered untold hardship. It is a fact, too, that for years the various Councils had been discussing the erection of new stables, and Mr. Collier's Board, I think it was, had gone so far as to have plans prepared, but there the matter ended.

On the first opportunity after our inspection we reported to the full Board, and the Mayor and Councillors saw for themselves. The Council was of the opinion that something should be done without delay, for not only were men and horses suffering more than should be expected of them, but the waste in material was enormous. The quantity of hay purchased was 150 tons annually, not a small portion of which became rotten before it could be used.

The Mayor, who is a dear lover of horses, was incensed, and naturally so, and his opening remarks on discussing the subject at the following meeting was, "whatever else we do we must erect new stables."

Although, as I said previously, the Council was up against finances, the project was taken up enthusiastically. New plans were prepared and orders called for. The contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer and the spacious building is the result. The work was well performed and all who have seen it say it reflects creditably on all connected with it.

There is accommodation for thirty horses, each with sufficient space, while extra care was given to light and ventilation. Nor were the men's quarters overlooked, ample provision being made for the men to dry their clothes when wet, and facilities for wash, while there is hot and cold water and toilet. Because of the new condition than ever before, and the loss of time through illness is practically nil, while formerly the reverse was the case. The point I would like to emphasize, however, is the great saving in feed. Before the present stables were built the consumption of hay annually was 150 tons, while since then the amount purchased yearly is only 120 tons or a saving of 30 tons. This at \$80 per ton means a saving of \$2400 per year. The saving in quantity of oats is also considerable, while the animals are as well fed as ever. Apart from the comfort and convenience, this saving fully justifies the premises stables now owned by the city, and I am confident all those concerned in dumb animals, not to speak of our Social Welfare workers, must be pleased, for until the last few years the lot of the sanitary man was certainly a hard one.

To-morrow with your permission, Mr. Editor, I will deal with the question of water and sewerage. Thanking you for space, I remain, Sincerely yours, REG. DOWDEN.

Dec. 2, 1925.

General Booth

URGENT SUPPORT OF EMIGRATION SCHEME.

London, Eng.—(C.P.)—Addressing his men who were going out to Australia under the Salvation Army, General Booth said the saddest feature of Britain's unemployment was that a quarter of a million boys left the elementary schools each year, and only half of them could find regular work. If one of the unemployed boys joined the ranks of the paupers he would cost the country £50 a year, if the boy's dealings led him to prison, he would cost the country £80 a year. Yet he could be sent to Australia for £46, of which the Government had to find only £16. This small expenditure was cheaper than the cost, and he appealed to the country to assist more generously the Army's emigration scheme.

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where all the fairies stay,
The lovely land where little girls can
safely romp in play:
For there you never bruise a knee or
tumble down the stairs,
Or trip upon the parlor rug or fall
from rocking chairs;
So climb upon my back and I will
take you to the train,
And be right there to welcome you
when you come home again.

Now when you get to Slumberland you
needn't fear to run,
There are no dreadful hurts up there
to spoil the children's fun;
There you may climb the tallest trees
and have no fear at all.
For little girls in Slumberland are
never known to fall;
And should you play at hide and seek,
as fairies like to do,
There are no neighbors' ugly dogs to
come and frighten you.

In Slumberland are candy shops
where you may eat your fill,
There all you take of chocolate drops
will never make you ill.
There if you wish to, you may eat a
peck of sugar plums,
For up in Slumberland, my dear, no
doctor ever comes;
And you can make mud pies up there
and keep your dresses clean,
And never fear the nurse will frown
and ask you where you've been.

So climb upon my back, my dear, and
let us catch the train;
I'll see you off to Slumberland, till
morning comes again;
The fairies wait to welcome you, so
let's be on the way,
Where you can dream the loveliest
dreams and spend the night in
play;
It's only here that knees get bruised
and chins are sometimes cut,
But God keeps watch over Slumber-
land when little eyes are shut.

You should see the Centre
Stall presided over by the Girls'
Guild, at the L.C.A. Sale, Gaiety
Hall.—nov.30,31

WASTEFUL WAYS.



WALT MATON

Our domestic,
gentle Sally, is a
daisy and a pet,
but she throws
things in the
alley for the gar-
bage man to get,
wholesome meats
and luscious car-
rots, quantities
of kickless beer,
which would
maintain in their
garrets hun-
gry poets for a year. Now and then
I reprimand her, and I said to her
to-day, "Portions of that roasted
gander, half a pie you've thrown
away; after every meal you taster to
the alley garbage can; and that
course, so help me Peter, it would
bankrupt any man." I was seated,
while expounding, in my pewter
limousine, and the motor, wildly
sounding, burned up costly gasoline.
Long I talked of hard-earned riches
wasted by domestic means, but I
failed to move the switches which
controlled the gasoline. And my
wife, to battle hasting, took a hand
in the dispute; "Oh, this wild and
wanton wasting," she remarked,
"would bust a pite." By the miff-
est of collars she was leading Pom,
the dog, priced at seven hundred
dollars in the bench show catalogue.
Every one I know is wasting, throw-
ing useful things away, and the
whole push may be tasting famine's
bitter broth some day. And the broth
will then be wasted—we must waste,
what'er befalls, till our lordly names
are pasted on the doors of poorhouse
stalls.

Let T. E. Collett be the young-
est man ever elected in New-
foundland by giving him your
vote.—dec. 2.

Countries Down Under

WORKING UP CONTINENTAL MEAT
TRADE.

London, Eng.—(C.P.)—Australia
and New Zealand are working up a
continental trade in meat, and the
United States in a few years would be
buying food in the world's markets.
When the United States want Cana-
dian cattle, as they would then, they
would take off the tariff, and as busi-
ness men the Canadians would send
their cattle just over the border to
that nearer market rather than to
England. That would leave this coun-
try with the Argentine as the prin-
cipal source of supply.

These statements were made by W.
H. Walters, president of the National
Federation of Meat Traders, at a Bir-
mingham meeting. He pointed out
that since 1911 the population of this
country has increased by three mil-
lions, while the number of cattle has
decreased by 80,000 and sheep by
four millions. The Federation in-
tended to help the Food Council to
the best of their power, but there was
no prospect of cheaper meat here un-
less the farmers produced more. The
few isolated cases of profiteering cast
a stigma on the whole trade.

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stood for election in Newfound-
land.—dec. 2.

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