

VOTE FOR ARTESIAN WELLS AND SPRING WATER

CITIZENS' MEETING INDORSES THE ARTESIAN WELLS RATEPAYERS APPROVE THE SPRING WATER SCHEME

Hon. Adam Beck Explained Fully the Scheme Which Has Been Thoroughly Tested and for Nearly a Month Has Proven Satisfactory.

ENGINEER MOORE CONTRADICTED

Four Wells Have Given the People an Average Flow of Not Less Than 922,000 Gallons Per Day—Citizens Enthusiastically Laud the Speeches on the Subject Last Night.

Judging from the temper of the meeting called last night to discuss the water question, the artesian well scheme will carry on Monday by a large majority. There was the greatest enthusiasm manifest when it was presented, and when the speeches were finished, the scheme was indorsed by the assemblage of voters by practically an unanimous vote. It was a very large meeting, one of the largest ever held at a time other than during a regular campaign. The city hall was filled. Mr. Henry Macklin presided.

SCHEME EXPLAINED.

Hon. Adam Beck went over his scheme in detail, explaining all the controversial points, and answering all questions propounded to him. He guaranteed to furnish three million gallons of water with a pumping plant adequate to handle it, and a million gallon reservoir, well within the estimates given the commissioners.

He criticised the statements of Engineer Moore that the wells showed less than four inches per day over the weir, which is close to a million gallons every twenty-four hours, and declared that the wells had always produced that quantity. Mr. Beck's explanations were most satisfactory to the audience.

When the meeting was brought to order, Mr. Henry Macklin was named for the chair. He thanked the audience for the honor, and called upon those interested in the proposition to speak.

MR. LUSCOMBE SPEAKS.

As Mr. Beck had not arrived, Mr. T. H. Luscombe addressed the audience for a few minutes. He declared that what the people wanted was plenty of water and pure water. Very little information had been given the public by Mr. Beck regarding his proposition, he said, and little was known of the McGregor scheme. Mr. Luscombe was anxious to discover whether the water would continue pure, or was there great danger of contamination because of the air lift. Dr. Amyot, the provincial analyst, had stated that the water was pure up to the present time, and that answer was satisfactory as far as it went. However, Dr. Amyot had not answered the question whether or not the wells would continue to be pure. Mr. Luscombe stated that the danger of the air lift was that it would pump the water faster than it would naturally filter, and consequently impure water would be drawn into the wells.

MOTION.

"I want an answer to the question as to whether or not the air lift will draw water faster than it can naturally be filtered," said Mr. Luscombe, "if that does not happen, the water will be pure. If it does, the supply will not continue pure. We want an authoritative statement on that subject."

He then made a motion to the effect that the water scheme, as submitted, should not be passed until a test had been made of the continuity of the supply, and the continued purity. There was no second to the motion.

Hon. Adam Beck was late in coming, and Commissioner Darch and Ald. Gerry said a few words.

HON. ADAM BECK.

Hon. Adam Beck came into the hall at this moment, and was called to the platform. He declared that he was in a somewhat delicate position, as he was loath to advise the people. It was for the people to say whether or not the wells were good. They have used the water, they have seen the wells, and they should judge of the feasibility of the proposition.

There were some statements of Engineer Moore, however, that were confusing, and it was necessary that they should be explained.

"If the proposition I submit to you is not sound from the standpoint of health, and of supply of water, vote it down," said Mr. Beck. "Do not consider my personal feelings or the money invested, but vote it down. But we must solve the problem. It is a big one. The citizens of London have held aloof from propositions before, when they should have got together. I say to friend and foe, let us get together, and make of London a greater city, and not knock, knock, knock, continually. We must get together if we are going to keep pace with the other Ontario cities that are forging ahead at a rapid rate. We have not been united, but they have, and they are outstripping us in the race. Let us be united on something that will help the city to be in a better position to compete with other cities."

THE SCHEME THAT WAS KILLED.

Mr. Beck touched upon the scheme put forth by the commissioners of January last. That had been years before submitted to himself, Col. Little and other commissioners for consideration, but they were told that the ultimate was to be decided by the people.

THE WATER VOTE.

The result of the vote on the water bylaws will be bulletined by The Advertiser as soon as the ballots are counted on Monday night. Special messengers will bring the results to the office.

10,000 LONDONERS ARE PICNICKING

Big Crowd Left the City Today on the G. T. R. Carshops Excursion.

ESTIMATED AT 5,000

All Other Lines Took Many People Away to Spend the Week-End.

Nearly 10,000 Londoners are out of the city today either picnicking or on excursions. The annual G. T. R. carshops picnic this morning to Detroit required five big trains to haul the crowd which is estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000.

The first trains left at 5 o'clock from the East End, and long before that time they were filled to their utmost capacity. At half-past 5 and a quarter to six two other well-filled trains left. At 6 o'clock a train left from the downtown depot, and carried a big crowd.

Big Business.
Both the traction company and the Pere Marquette have had a busy time handling the crowds to Fort Stanley. At 9 o'clock more than 1,000 of McCormick's employees and their friends went down on the Pere Marquette in a special train. Perrin's employees and their friends also went down in a special train, and had a big crowd. During the day many others went down both with Perrin's and McCormick's parties. The employees of the Columbia Handle Company also went down to the lakeside today, and this morning the traction company carried down a party from the Ottawa Avenue Christian Workers' Church.

RACING IN ENGLAND

Results at Hurst Park—Selling Plate and Hampton Court Stakes.

Hurst Park, England, July 24.—The 3-year-old selling plate of 22 sovereigns, distance one mile, was run here today and won by Virella. Misere was second and McNamara third. Seven horses started.

The Hampton Court stakes of 200 sovereigns, distance five furlongs, was won by John Splendid. The Trumpet colt was second, and August Belmont's Asticot II. third. Four horses started.



200,000 Gallons a Day From Four Wells

This cut is from a picture of the overflow weir at the collecting tank on Horton street. It was taken on July 23, at 5:45 p.m. At that moment there is one inch of water running over the weir or a little more than 200,000 gallons a day.

The cut shows what is going on there at least 14 hours of the 24. The city pump cannot use all the water pumped from the Beck wells. At night the flow from the exhaust weir is larger than usual, owing to the fact that there is less water used at that time.

It effectually answers the criticism that there is not plenty of water to be had from the wells.

CITIZENS INDORSE THE WELLS

London, Ont., July 23, 1909.

We, the members of the citizens' committee, at present in the city, after fully considering the report of qualified engineers as to the capacity and efficiency of the artesian wells recently sunk on Horton street, and in view of the provincial analyst's report as to the purity of the water from the wells, and the test to which it has been submitted during the past three weeks, feel justified in commending the artesian well scheme to the favorable consideration of our fellow ratepayers.

T. F. Kingsmill. Col. A. M. Smith.
Col. J. W. Little. R. J. Young.
Col. Gartshore. John Labatt.
Thomas Baker. C. R. Somerville.
Warren Thompson. Frank E. Leonard.
John H. Chapman.

LICENSE TO SELL SPECTACLES.

Winnipeg, July 23.—A board of optometry has been appointed for the province of Manitoba, and in future everyone desiring to practice optometry here must pass an examination under their direction. No one will be permitted to sell glasses or test eyes without a certificate from them.

HALL OF PT. STANLEY PAYS \$150 AND COSTS

For Selling Liquor Without a License—Option of Three Months in Jail.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
St. Thomas, July 24.—Alfred Hall, Port Stanley, who was charged as the result of a complaint lodged by Rev. Mr. Gilmore, of Fingal, with selling liquor without a license, was today found guilty by the presiding magistrate and fined \$150.

Hall must also pay the sum of \$15 to Inspector Andrews for costs.

The maximum fine is \$200, and the minimum \$100, so that the magistrate took a medium course and made the fine \$150, with costs. If it is not paid Hall must go to jail for three months at hard labor.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARMER.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, July 24—9 a.m.
Today—Strong northwest winds; fine and cool.
Sunday—Westerly winds; fine and a little warmer.

TEMPERATURES.		
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min. Low High.
London	52	50 58
Calgary	50	44 52
Winnipeg	52	46 50
Port Arthur	56	54 58
Parry Sound	54	50 60
Ottawa	60	58 62
Montreal	62	60 64
Quebec	62	60 64
Father Point	64	62 66
Dawson	64	62 66
Victoria	60	58 62
Edmonton	60	58 62
Battleford	60	58 62
Prince Albert	60	58 62
Mooselaw	60	58 62
Qu'Appelle	60	58 62
St. John	60	58 62
Halifax	60	58 62

WEATHER NOTES.
The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes for the past two days continues to move very slowly, and has not yet passed from the Ottawa Valley.

Heavy rain has occurred over most of Ontario, east of Lake Huron, but in the extreme southwest counties it has been light.

DR. M'CALLUM FOR THE WELLS PLENTY OF WATER IS AVAILABLE

All Voters Should Turn Out Monday and Vote for the Horton Street Spring Water Proposition—Medical Man's Strong Words of Commendation.

Dr. H. A. McCallum has come out strongly in support of the artesian well water bylaw and declares that all citizens should come out on Monday and register a vote in favor of the scheme.

"Mr. Beck has demonstrated that the under ground in the vicinity of London is loaded with pure water," said Dr. McCallum. "His wells, I believe, are reasonably safe, and an excellent proposition. There is no argument in the statement that the supply of water increases in summer time, as in the heated season all water supplies fall off, even our lakes and rivers. The question is, Has Mr. Beck two million gallons of water? I think he has. Even a proposition to give us a million and a half gallons would be a favorable one. I think it the duty of all citizens to turn out and support the wells bylaw. It is only the beginning of the exploitation of the under-ground water supply of the city of London."

Facts of the Artesian Well Scheme.

Vote will be on Monday.
Polls open at 9 and close at 5.
Freeholders alone can vote—one vote in each ward where they own property.

A majority of votes cast is necessary to carry the bylaw. There are two bylaws for consideration.

One calls for the expenditure of \$95,000 for main extension.

The other for the expenditure of \$123,700; \$98,700 to take over the Beck wells, and \$25,000 for present main extension.

The wells bylaw ballot will be yellow—the big main extension ballot red.

The wells number fifteen with an assured capacity of 1,500,000 gallons. They can be made to produce three million gallons, the engineers say.

It is spring water—perfectly pure and potable.

It is a softer quality than Springbank water, and much better for manufacturing and laundry work.

The supply can be increased indefinitely at small expense. Experts say the field is practically inexhaustible.

The pumping plant is the most modern that can be purchased.

It will contain two units—one electric pumping plant with a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons, and a gas plant of the same capacity.

The reservoir will be 1,000,000 gallons capacity.

The wells will be equipped with the most modern air lift, the best and most economical method of pumping.

They will also be encased in cement to prevent any possibility of contamination.

The pressure will be raised to 100 pounds over the city, guaranteeing adequate fire protection.

The city will hold the Gerry Flats for parks purposes—a consideration of much importance to the citizens.

The playgrounds there will be guaranteed the city for years to come.

The pumping station and hydro-electric distribution station will be operated together, the one staff doing the work of both departments.

This will save from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per annum.

The cost of pumping will be 3.6 cents per 1,000 gallons if 1,500,000 gallons are pumped daily.

If the capacity is doubled the cost will be 2.9 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Silas W. Titus offered to give water to the city for 7.5 cents per 1,000 gallons if 1,000,000 gallons were used, or at 5.5 cents if 2,000,000 gallons were used.

Mr. Beck's offer cuts this in half.

It would cost 6.6 cents per 1,000 gallons to bring the Kilworth springs to Springbank alone.

It would cost still more to take in the north branch springs.

It does not take an expert to figure out that the artesian well proposition is infinitely cheaper.

As for the continued purity of the supply, a six months' test has developed no traces of deleterious matter.

The McNamara well did not go dry when fifteen wells were being pumped for weeks.

It did go dry when the tank used as a reservoir was lowered by the water commissioners when only four wells were pumped. It is this reservoir and not the artesian wells that is draining the McNamara well, because the excavation for the reservoir tapped the springs which fed this well.

WATER COMMISSION AT MCGREGOR WELLS

It Was Impossible to Pump All of Them Yesterday at the Test.

The water commissioners and many citizens visited the McGregor wells yesterday afternoon at the invitation of the promoters, to see them pumped. Owing to the fact that some of the pipe ordered did not arrive until late yesterday it was impossible to pump all the wells.

Two of them were pumped and yielded a good flow of water. Among those who visited the wells

were Chairman Jones, Commissioner Darch, Engineer Moore, and Secretary Ellwood, of the water commission; A. H. Bremer, E. Reichter, Fred Mitchell, H. E. Buttery, H. J. Glaubitz, R. Lyons, and others.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE GENERAL WM. BOOTH

Starting Out on Another Motor Crusade Through England.

London, July 24.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, today started on another of his motor crusades through England.

The octogenarian salvationist has this time laid out a trip covering 1,400 miles, during which he will address 500 meetings.



Reservoir Filled to Capacity

The above cut shows the reservoir at Springbank on July 19. It can be clearly seen that the reservoir is filled to capacity. In fact, there is so much water there that it is flowing off in the exhaust pipe.

Before the Horton street wells were pumped the reservoir was usually but little more than half filled, and there was a constant drain on it. Since that time there has not been a time when the storage tank has not been filled.

In addition the water commissioners have been able to clean out all the pounds, or nearly all of them, a somewhat unusual procedure at this time of the year.

A full reservoir, with lawn services going, and the maximum supply of water being used by the citizens, speak eloquently of the great benefits of the artesian well scheme.

A cut of this same reservoir at this time last year would make an interesting comparison.