

MUST FALL BACK ON LAKE HURON

Dr. Niven's Views on the Increasing of London's Water Supply.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Every year, when water is most required for every purpose, we find the same conditions—none to spare. Consumers are cautioned, the pressure is cut off, streets go without water when the dust is thickest, gardens are not to be watered, grass is not to be sprinkled, while all the time, the water-rate-payer is expected to pay just the same as if he had all the privileges. Year by year the commissioners find a thimbleful of water, which requires much expenditure to get it to the pumping station, with no better result, than that there is less water in the reservoir, and now again, the old story is to be repeated, that it is necessary to expend more money to obtain a very doubtful supply, from springs further west. It has been proved beyond a doubt that every spring that has been tapped by the water commissioners in a very short time loses its supply and the city is in a worse position than ever, as far as its water supply is concerned. Let the commissioners take a wider view of this matter, and not continue to flit away money, without any permanent results.

London has now over 40,000 of a population, and if it grows, as it has done for the last decade, there will be 50,000 to supply in a few years.

There is great talk about getting manufacturers to establish their businesses in London, when it is well known that the ones that are here already cannot get sufficient water, except at prices which are almost prohibitive.

I do not write to throw cold water on any manufacturing interest that may wish to come to London, for I wish most heartily to see the city prosper, and to see them prospering, but so long as they cannot get water at a reasonable figure, and in sufficient quantity for their business, it stands to reason that we won't get them. If London ever expects to be anything of a manufacturing city, it must have water, plenty of it, and to spare. The present system was all very well twenty years ago, when London had about 20,000 inhabitants, and even then some men who were considered chronic grumblers said that there would not be sufficient spring water to supply the need in the near future.

So much for the amount, as to what the citizens of London should prepare themselves for, and now I give what should be done, and if not done now, will have to be done in the future, and why should not those who have helped to build up London reap some of the benefits of an enlarged privilege?

What is needed to make our water system right can be stated in a few words, but to fulfill our needs it will require a great deal of money and much clever engineering, but it has to come some time soon.

First the reservoir capacity wants to be doubled, as the present one is barely able to supply water for a very small fire.

Second there should be two mains from the reservoir to the city.

Third, and most important, is that sufficient good water should be available to keep these reservoirs full at all times. Where is it to be obtained? Not from springs down the river, but from Lake Huron. The nearest part of this body of water from London is about 40 miles, and it will be needed to have a pumping station at the lake to supply the reservoirs. The cost of this will be considerable, and not being a hydraulic or engineering expert, I cannot give the amount, but this scheme has to come, if London is to grow, and most decidedly I object to further expenses in looking for sufficient water in our near neighborhood, which in the end will prove an abortive effort, as all former ones have.

In conclusion, I do not wish to blame any former water commissioner. They did all they could without getting what they wished, and I write this to get our present commissioners to think over the fruitless efforts of their predecessors to obtain water, and to take steps that will place the water question, for all time, on a firm basis.

J. S. NIVEN.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

Chester McFarlane has taken out a building permit for a story and a half brick dwelling on Edward street.

Sergeant Major Utton and Sergeant Black of No. 10 Company, R. C. R., left this morning for Toronto to attend the big shooting competition in progress there.

One of the barns belonging to W. M. Taylor, of the Beswick line, was burned on Sunday afternoon. Part of the contents were saved. Lightning was the cause of the fire.

A meeting of the water commissioners will be held tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that Engineer Moore will report on the available water supply down the river. It is intended that the commissioners make a trip of inspection of the springs on Wednesday.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Alexandra Park

DANCING—Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening.

Dayton's Orchestra. Splendid floor. Half hour car service. 10-n.

DRIVER FOR COUNTRY BREAD wagon, must be honest and temperate. Apply 2 Peel street. 10-n.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRY woman for small family. Apply 375 Maitland street. 10-n.

LAUNDRESSES, HOUSEMAIDS and dining-room girls wanted. Apply House-keeper, Victoria Hospital. 10-n.

LOST ON PALL MALL STREET. BETWEEN Coburne and Maitland, a pair of eyeglasses, in case. Return to 42 Peel Mall. 10-n.

THEIR THIRD ANNUAL

Tuckett's Employees Have Picnic at Port Stanley.

The third annual picnic of the employees of Tuckett & Sons was held on Saturday at Port Stanley, and like its two predecessors it was a splendid outing. The employees were accompanied by their families and scores of friends, and they participated in the sports with a keenness that made every event interesting. The affair was in the hands of energetic committees, as follows:

Sports Committee—George Nelson, Wm. Everett, John McLeod.

Door Committee—A. Brazier, J. Watson, W. Carrothers, George Nelson.

Reception Committee—Miss Johnson, Mrs. Garver, Miss Lark, Miss Dougherty, Miss Hilbert, Mrs. L. White, Miss Saunders, Miss Wilson, Miss Miles, Miss Hursly, Miss Wheatcroft, and Messrs. McEgan, Carrothers and McKeough.

Chairman—Mr. C. Stuart.

Secretary—Mr. E. White.

Judges—Messrs. Donnelly, Cliff and Wilkinson.

Single Ladies' Race—Miss L. White.

Married Ladies' Race—Mrs. B. Smart.

Boys' Race (7 years and under)—Nevin 1, McEgan 2, Cotterell 3.

Girls' Race (7 years and under)—M. Meaden 1, E. Meaden 2, P. Cotterell 3.

Men's Three-Legged Race—Schleiber and Gash 1, Wren and Hier 2.

Blind Pig Race—A. Stevens 1, W. Maitland 2, G. Gash 3.

Necktie Race—Pevler and Smart 1, Mr. and Mrs. Hier 2, Hennessy and Tierney 3.

Sack Race—Hier 1, Stevens 2, White 3.

Boys' Race (16 years and under)—Murphy 1, Murdoch 2, Tierney 3.

Girls' Race (16 years and under)—M. Meaden 1, L. Hilbert 2, E. McEgan 3.

Fat Men's Race—Wren 1, Roe 2, Everett 3.

Ladies' Biscuit-Eating Race—Miss Hier 1, Miss Brown 2, Mrs. Smart 3.

Wheelbarrow Race—Hier and Wren 1, Gash and Stevens 2.

Ladies' Backward Race—E. Brown 1, E. Fitch 2, M. Brown 3.

Watermelon Contest—C. Stuart 1, Rollins 2, Gash 3.

Ladies' Committee Race—Miss Johnson 1, Miss Legg 2, Miss Saunders 3.

Men's Committee Race—Hennessy 1, Wheatcroft 2, Everett 3.

Hundred Yard Dash—Hennessy 1, Cunningham 2, Wheatcroft 3.

Ladies' Spoon and Lemon Race—M. Hilbert 1, M. Brown 2, R. Epstein 3.

Root and Shoe Race—Hennessy 1, Stevens 2, Middleton 3.

The baseball game was called off.

DEATH OF A TRAVELER

Mr. W. R. Langridge Succumbs to an Attack of Heart Disease.

Mr. Walter Raleigh Langridge, of 588 King street, one of the best-known travelers in the city, died at his residence yesterday morning. He had been ill for some time with heart trouble, which was the cause of his death. He was about 60 years of age, and had been in the C. R. Somerville Company for some years.

The late Mr. Langridge was born in London, England, in 1846, and was the son of a clergyman. He came to this country when quite young, and many years ago came to London, where he has resided continuously since. Deceased was a member of the First Congregational Church, and was for some time a deacon. He was also a trustee of the church. He is survived by two sons—John, formerly with the Huron and Erie, now of Toronto, and Walter, with the C. R. Somerville Company. One daughter, Miss Olive, at home, also survives.

The funeral of the late Mr. Walter R. Langridge will be held from the family residence, 588 King street, tomorrow afternoon, at 2:30. Mr. Langridge was a son of the late Rev. N. T. Langridge, of London, England, and was married to a maiden named Mary O'Brien. Two brothers and two sisters still live in England, namely, Dr. Frank Langridge, of Lifford, and William Bryan, Misses Alma Olivia and Jessie Mabel, of London. Mr. Langridge came to Canada 36 years ago, and in 1879 married Miss Annie Northmore, of this city, by whom he is survived also by their three children: Walter, of this city, by whom he is survived, also by at home. Mr. Langridge was a member of the First Congregational Church during his residence in London, and served for nine years on the deacons' board. He was also a member of the trustee board, which position he held up to the time of his death, and of the Royal Arcanum. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. D. S. Hamilton, of the First Congregational Church.

HURLED FROM A TRAIN

Traveler Has Unpleasant Experience on G. T. R. Near Stratford.

Two narrow escapes were reported on the Grand Trunk trains Saturday night, and two travelers are rejoicing today that they got out alive. One happened on the train that arrives here from Toronto about 11 o'clock, and the other was reported on the train from Detroit that arrives here a little later.

A young man named Ford, who resides on Thames street, was a passenger on the Detroit train. He desired to see Conductor McAuliffe, who was a coach ahead, and he was passing between the coaches, when he fell between the cars, but the churning action of the wheels saved him. He fell directly across them, where he was stuck for several minutes, but by an almost superhuman effort he pulled himself up out of danger.

Ford was examined by a physician, and he was found to be bruised considerably. No serious results are anticipated from his injuries.

A traveler named Stamford walked off the Stratford train near that place. He had his grip with him, and must have been walking off at a station. The train was traveling at about thirty miles an hour, and he was hurled down a 20-foot embankment and stunned.

A passenger on the train saw him fall, and he tried to stop the train, but it was too late. Stamford was stunned and his face was badly cut. He did not know for how long he was lying there, but he felt that his injuries were dressed and he felt better.

He is anticipated from his mishap.

MR. COOK EXPLAINS

Tells of the Case in Which Aged Woman Recently Figured.

William Cook, of the Grove post-office, declares that the reports published in regard to his leaving an aged woman at the city hall a week ago, do him great injustice.

Mr. Cook says that the woman, Hannah O'Day, is no relation of his, and has no claim upon him. For eight years she lived with a lady on Pall Mall street city, and about two months ago she was compelled to leave this home because of the breaking up of the lady's household. Then Mrs. O'Day started for the country to call on some friends. It was getting on toward nightfall, when she neared Mr. Cook's place, and as she was acquainted with the Cooks she stepped in. She was given refreshment and a night's lodging. She had nowhere to go, however, and for five weeks she remained on the Cook farm.

Mr. Cook then made application to the city to have the old woman placed in the Aged People's Home, but as he did not write his address on the application, the city was unable to act on the matter. Finally, after interviewing Inspector McCallum Mr. Cook became convinced that the city did not propose to do anything in the matter, and as he could not see why he should be called upon to run an aged people's home for strangers, he brought Mrs. O'Day to this city and left her in the arcade, in the city hall, where the city would have to look after her.

This is the whole truth of the matter, Mr. Cook says.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Charles Warren, 565 Hill street, is spending a two-weeks' visit with her brother in Detroit.

Mrs. A. Hicks, of Centralia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Paisley, John street.

Mr. John Delaney, of the north end, is visiting Mr. Wm. Watson, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox, son Stewart and wife, daughter leave for their home in the west on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Miss Minnie Trebilcock and Miss Frances Scream are at Ferndale House, Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. David, of Belgrave, are the guests of Mrs. Cattermole, John street.

Mr. Emily Clunas, of Hamilton, is the guest of Miss Lucia Hallie, of 339 Simcoe street.

Miss Kathryn McGuire, of the South Chicago Hospital, is the guest of relatives in this city.

Mr. W. O. McGuire, of Denison, Texas, is the guest of Sgt. A. W. McGuire, of the local police force.

Mr. Richard Knapton, of Richmond street north, is at Montreal and other eastern points, visiting old friends.

Mr. T. H. Smallman is able to be about again after being confined to the house with a lame foot for several weeks.

Miss Emma J. Cattermole, of 133 John street, has returned home after spending two weeks with friends in Almyer and Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis, of Hyde Park, and Mr. Joe Winter, have returned from visiting friends in Cornwall and other eastern places.

Mr. E. A. Hensworth, principal of Tache School, Winnipeg, accompanied by his wife and children, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hensworth, Kitchener avenue.

Mrs. J. H. Anderson, of Orangeville, accompanied by her children, has returned to this city after spending a pleasant month with Mrs. Lawrence, of Hyde Park.

Messrs. George Garfart, Roland Ferns, John Ferns and Oliver Hippie are spending their holidays in New York City, Rockaway and other places of interest around New York.

Mr. Alex. Harper, expert accountant and auditor, of Chicago, is visiting his mother in this city. Mr. Harper is an old Londoner, and was at one time in the employ of The Advertiser.

Mrs. Willie Robinson and little daughter, and Mrs. Bert Glover and Miss Geraldine Glover are among the Londoners registered at Wees Beach Hotel, Lake Huron Shore.

Mrs. T. J. Lattimer and daughter Fern, of 178 Wellington street, have gone to Ionia, Mich., to visit the former's aunt, Mrs. Arthur Gaut. While there Mrs. Lattimer expects to meet her grandfather, Mr. S. D. Hunter, of Stanton, Mich.; her mother, Mrs. M. W. Munce, of Chicago, Ill., and a brother, H. E. Steele, of Detroit.

MCCONNELL—MADISON

Former Londoner Wedded to New York Lady Recently.

Robert S. McConnell, floor-walker in Sterns Bros' department store, in New York, and Miss Nettie Madison, daughter of Mr. Peter Madison, superintendent of a chain of New York markets, were united in marriage recently at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Oscar Schroedel, proprietor of the Union Hotel.

The bride is an accomplished young lady. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother the wedding was very quiet, only a few relatives being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Caspar Brunner, pastor of the German Reformed Church.

The bride was attired in white silk, and was attended by her aunt, Mrs. Oscar Schroedel, of the railway on ERIE Island, New York, a cousin of the bride, was best man.

The bride was given away by her father. She received a number of costly presents. An elaborate supper was served, followed by the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell will reside at One Hundred and Fifteenth street, near Fifth avenue, New York. The groom has many friends in London who will extend best wishes.

You hear about a word to the wise being sufficient, but if he is really wise a recent wedding in Britany was celebrated according to old customs of days and entertaining the 2,000 guests cost nearly \$5,000.

HIS LIFE FOR A PEAR

Lindenhurst Man Falls from Tree While Seeking Fruit.

Lindenhurst, L. I., Aug. 20.—Henry Ludolf, who has made his home on the Bruno, Gnika place for some months past, died as a result of a desire to obtain some luscious pears that grew at the top of a tree on the place.

Ludolf left his wife sleeping, and climbed to the top of the tree. He was in the act of grasping one of the largest of the pears, when the limb on which he was standing, broke, hurling him to the ground 20 feet below, where he was later found in a dying condition.

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Then the premises were entered, but nobody was discovered, and still the bell kept ringing.

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