

HE PROPHESED THE TRUTH

HON. FRANK SMITH WARNED THE COUNCIL TWELVE YEARS AGO

That It Would Be a Mistake to Bring a Water Pipe Through the Bay—Whether of Wood or Iron Such a Pipe Would Be a Source of Difficulty and Expense

From Humber Bay. Editor World: I can scarcely be questioned that the most important matter now before the City Council and people of Toronto is the water supply. Much has been said and written on the subject, and it seems to be the general opinion that we can never be sure of the purity of water coming to us in a pipe or pipes across the bay. Notwithstanding this it appears to be in contemplation to continue and extend that wretched system which has already proved so costly, and is responsible for so much sickness and suffering, and which has brought death into so many of our homes.

In view of all this, I think it well to bring to your notice a circumstance that occurred in the year 1880, over 12 years ago. At that time the question of extending a pipe into the lake was under consideration, and among those who took an interest in the matter was the Hon. Frank Smith. That gentleman addressed a letter to the City Council on the subject of the water supply. This letter was read at a meeting of the council held on Nov. 29, 1880, at which Mr. Smith was present. He spoke in support of the scheme he advocated, but the authorities did not take to it and went on with that now in operation, and which has proved to be so miserable a failure.

At Mr. Smith's request I procured some information regarding his remarks, and was present at the council meeting above referred to, and have now in my possession the original draft of his letter. As the information in this letter may prove interesting just at present, I take the liberty of inserting here an almost entire copy of it.

To His Worship the Mayor of Toronto and Council assembled: Sir,—Having felt for a long time, in common with so many of my fellow-citizens, the absolute necessity of something being done to improve the quality of the water supplied to the city, and to see that the corporation had commenced taking action in the matter, I think there is only one opinion about the same, and that is, viz.: That it should come from some part of the lake, entirely free from any danger of contact with the city sewage. The scheme which has met with the approval of the council, to extend a pipe into the lake outside the Island, connecting with the wooden and iron pipes now lying across the bay, is, in my opinion, a mistake, and for this, if for no other reason, that there will always be a possibility, and judging from the past experience, a strong possibility of these pipes becoming leaky or getting broken. Of course, should this take place, there would be an end to the supply of pure water, and we would then be better off to dispense of certain bonds of the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway was adjourned, pending agreement between the city and the company.

Kingston and St. Street Railway Company partially settled their dispute. The concessions were on the line suggested by the Private Bills Committee.

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A Gigantic Snake. NARANJO, April 28.—Charles Ross has cleared out, leaving two wives. About 18 months ago he came here with wife No. 2 and took rooms at the Campbell House. Some time since wife No. 2 made the discovery that he had another wife in Montreal, and she refused to live with him.

Wife No. 1, with two children, has arrived here in search of the erring husband, who has fled.

ONTARIO ASSEMBLY

A Dull Day in the House—Meetings of the Several Committees—The T.E.B. Resolves to Resign

Yesterday was an eventful sitting of the House. A number of the Opposition enquiries were answered before the House went into Committee on Private Bills.

There was a passing tempest just at the start. It is known that both parties disclaim abeying the Martine bill and argue that it is a matter of precedence and in accordance with the inexorable law of parliamentary usage.

Hon. Mr. Fraser's short speech quoted from page 7 of the minutes of the House, Wednesday, Friday a motion on the order of the day was introduced and the same shall have precedence at the evening sitting.

Among the bills read a first time was Mr. Guthrie's to amend the Judicature Act. By this it is sought to confer authority on local judges of the High Court to hear and dispose of motions to continue or dissolve interlocutory injunctions which they have granted, and in cases in which all parties interested agree, to the disposal of the motion by the local judge.

Each Will Receive One-Half. That great and wealthy corporation, the Law Society of Upper Canada, has shown some small compassion for the little children who would be benefited by the liberal interpretation of the late T. P. B. Stewart's will.

By an arrangement effected at the meeting of the Private Bills Committee yesterday morning the Law Society consented to relinquish to the Sick Children's Hospital one-half the interest upon the bequest, which aggregates some \$10,000.

Hamilton Casuals, who appeared for the residuary legatees, Albert C. Cumming and Dr. T. G. Phillip, Winnipeg, protested that both corporations were endeavoring to defraud the Hospital and to deprive it of the spoils of its estate.

Mr. Wainwright was the only dissentient when a vote of the committee was taken. He thought that it was Mr. Stewart's express intention to leave his money to the Law Society and that in justice they ought to get it.

The residuary legatees receive a parcel of land in Winnipeg, their place of residence. After considerable discussion the bill adjourned. A resolution was passed that only such resolutions could make satisfactory arrangements with the respective Boards of Trustees should be adopted.

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OCEAN PENNY POSTAGE

The Idea is Regarded Favorably by English Liberal Leaders, But is Impossible at Present

LONDON, April 28.—General W. E. Loder, Conservative for Brighton, made a motion in the House of Commons to-day for ocean penny postage.

He spoke at length in favor of reducing to one penny the postal tariff for letters passing from one British colony to another and between any British colony and the Mother Country.

Arnold Morley, Postmaster-General, Mr. Gladstone and Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, expressed their approval of the principle of the motion, but maintained that financial considerations made the change impossible at present. The motion was withdrawn.

THE ESCAPED MURDERERS

An Alleged Clue to the Location of Booth and Falstaff

GREENWICH, Conn., April 28.—On Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock two boys, Willie Munson and Herbert Orr, were strolling in the woods near South Beach looking for wild flowers.

They were attracted to a lonely stretch of road called Lavin Rock, and when they heard the whinnying of a horse, they called up the animal and found that it was tied to a tree, and seemed to have been there a day or more.

It was a peculiar make not often seen in this locality. In the vehicle was a bag of feed, a tin of grease and some blankets. They went home and reported what they had seen to their parents.

Mr. Orr went back with his son. He looked the animal over and inspected the wagon and saw that it did not belong to any of his neighbors. His thought at once that it might have played its part in the escape of the Sing Sing prisoners.

He fed the horse and left it for the night, thinking that some one might come for it and thus a clue to its ownership would be obtained. He returned in the morning and found the horse still tied to the tree. He fastened it and drove it to his home.

He advised him to Constable Gilbert and Constable Smith, who took the horse and contents in his barn, awaiting developments. Those who have seen the horse and vehicle say that it does not belong to any of the prisoners.

Sing Sing is about 30 miles from Greenwich, and the idea is general that it was used by the Sing Sing escaped prisoners. The horse was tied only a short distance from the Sound, and the fact that the journey was made with this horse and wagon by a circuitous route to this place; that the boat was in readiness, and the convicts were taken up the Sound.

Sing Sing Keepers to Be Dismissed. SING SING, April 28.—Warden Brown has decided that keepers Murphy and Hulse, Night Sergeant Olyn and Roundman Maher must be dismissed. They were suspended last night after the escape of Booth and Falstaff took place. They will probably be notified of the Warden's decision to-morrow morning.

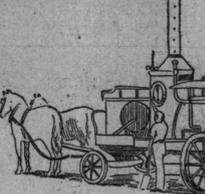
South York Teachers. WILSON, April 28.—The South York Teachers' Convention at Weston was closed yesterday afternoon. A resolution was passed that only such resolutions could make satisfactory arrangements with the respective Boards of Trustees should be adopted.

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The cylindrical disinfecting apparatus, together with the steam generator and all the belongings, is firmly fastened to a strongly-built wagon, which is drawn by two horses. The steam generator is a cylindrical tank, and the articles are taken out dry and odorless and without being in the least damaged by the steam.

The ventilation is so arranged that the vapors that are drawn from the interior must pass through the fire of the steam generator and are both consumed.

FISHERMEN BLOWN OUT TO SEA

A Terrible Storm Sweeps Over Prince Edward Island

HALIFAX, N.S., April 28.—A terrific storm swept over Prince Edward Island yesterday afternoon. The schooner Anna was wrecked at Merigonish, and the Rising Dawn is ashore at Caribou. The wind blew 40 miles an hour. It was bitterly cold, with heavy snow and hail. A large number of lobstermen were blown to sea and undoubtedly perished. The boats and crews were blown out to sea from Canoe Cove and six boats and their crews from Black Point.

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AN ORANGEVILLE EPOHEMONT

A Dufton Moller Deserts Home and is Hunted for

ORANGEVILLE, Ont., April 28.—Early last week a comparatively young woman who resides with her husband and wife in Orangeville, Ont., was told by her husband that he had a young girl, the sister of her husband's brother, who had been taken to the States by a runaway couple.

It is quite evident the runaway couple had the whole matter planned for some time before the wife was told. She secured her husband's consent to go on a visit to her father, but as she was not returning the trip from Toronto to the bridge would be there the discovery was made that something was wrong. Later on she wrote to her father informing him that her husband did not treat her well and she was going to leave him. She was as good as her word.

It is the old, old story—a silly woman and a dishonest man. The Ontario Industrial School Board. The regular meeting of the Toronto Industrial School Board was held yesterday afternoon at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The conduct of the girls, with one exception, was reported good. Dr. Robertson was asking for the probation of the girls named Kennedy, and a similar request was received on behalf of Mary Clow. But the superintendent was not prepared to recommend such a step until the present stay where they are.

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Struck by the Trolley. The failure of John, Salmon to turn off the car track in time caused car No. 8 to collide with his express wagon at the corner of Queen and Dundas at 6.30 p.m. yesterday. The car struck the hind wheel of the wagon as it was turning with sufficient force to break the shaft. Salmon was thrown out but not hurt, and P.O. 124 elversly captured the horse as it started to run away. John Wilson, 50 Bellevue-avenue, was the motorman.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL

The Finance Minister's Visit—Passenger Service Between Toronto and Buffalo

At a regular meeting of the council of the Board of Trade held yesterday a communication was received from Hon. George E. Foster, Finance Minister, stating that he accompanied by the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Customs, would be at the Board of Trade at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 3.

The Board of Trade and Transportation Committee submitted an amended report in connection with the Ottawa, Amperior and Bary Sound Railway. This was ordered to be printed and copies to be sent to the press. It was further ordered that the report be presented to the Ontario Government.

The Secretary reported that he had been advised by Mr. G. R. E. Cockburn, M.P., that active measures were being taken by the Postal Department at Ottawa to facilitate the transfer of mail between Toronto and New York.

The Railway and Transportation Committee submitted the result of their conference with Grand Trunk officials relative to the passenger service between Toronto and Buffalo. The council, whilst appreciating the improvements proposed by Mr. Seagraves, were not all satisfied with the result, as they considered that, at all events, the trip from Toronto to the bridge would be done in at least two and a half hours.

The president reported that the British journals had accepted his invitation to dinner at the Toronto Club on May 6, and the Finance Minister and the Lieutenant-Governor also accepted. A favorable reply was expected from the Minister of Trade and Commerce. The council of the Board of Trade has also been invited to dine at the Toronto Club on May 6.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the board: A. D. Beardmore, Treasurer; James Stickle, Secretary; C. H. McLaughlin & Co., Toronto, and Edward Hay, Inspector of the Imperial Bank, Toronto.

Sign the Petition. To the Mayor and Corporation of Toronto: The undersigned resident ratepayers of Toronto respectfully petition your honorable body to take the steps necessary to secure the removal of the bridge over the river connecting the Union Station and the northern limit of the city on Avenue-road.

The Obnoxious Coercion Bill Will Not Be Re-introduced. St. John's, Nfld., April 28.—The British Government has agreed to accept the proposal of the Newfoundland Government for the settlement of the French shore question.

The Gladstone Government will not re-introduce the obnoxious coercion bill into the Imperial Parliament, but requests the National discharge of the two British Ministers to the Newfoundland Government to both countries. This results in attributing to the action of the Opposition party in the Newfoundland Legislature, who have refused to pass the bill for three years.

Another Bank Collapse. The Standard Bank of Australia Suspends Payments. MELBOURNE, April 28.—The Standard Bank of Australia has suspended payments. The authorized capital of the bank is £1,000,000, and the reserve fund and undivided profits amount to £250,000. The Standard Bank has had a high reputation and has numerous branches.

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