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ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLD PICNIC

Enjoyable Time Spent at the River Park Yesterday.

Over 100 persons were present at the St. Luke's Sunday school, Broughdale, picnic at Springfield yesterday afternoon. A special car started at 1:30 from Brough's Bridge with the picnic party on board and all along the line others were added so there was a very respectable carload when the journey was once well under way. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the picnic, Richard Bowen, Richardson, Mr. W. A. Guest, Mrs. Wyatt and the Misses Mills, Brodick, Emily Stockwell and Irene Stockwell.

The Sports.

Shortly after reaching the grounds the series of sports were run off, and resulted as follows:

Girls, under 5 years—Ruth Berryhill, Enid Berry.
Girls, under 11 years—Lettie, Hales, Mabel Cox, Kate Dicker.
Boys, under 8 years—Theodore Chittie, Thomas Cattie, Richard Bowen.
Potato race—Nina Crittie, Irene Gardner, Levice Guest.

Girls, under 14 years—Edna Nagle, Annabel Blackall, Gertrude Ward and Emma Hales.
Boys, under 11 years—Ross Blackall, Milton Clare, William Jones.

Young ladies' race—Mrs. W. Wyatt, Miss Alice Burwell, Miss Ada Nagle.
Foot race—Ross Blackall, Cliff Mills, Willie Crittie.

Needle and thread—Miss Nagle, Miss Hester, Miss Spicer.
Three-legged race—Ross Blackall and Willie Hale, George Wilsie and Arthur Jones.

Throwing baseball—Miss Alice Burwell, Miss Spicer, Miss Nagle.
Long jump—Milton Clare, Arthur Jones, J. Shoebottom.

Throwing ball, boys—Milton Clare, Ross Mills.

CITIZEN'S MEETING INDORSERS

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mate outcome of that scheme was river water—something distasteful to them, and they had turned it down. It was submitted to the people in January last, and it was distasteful to the people, and they had turned it down. When this bylaw was under consideration, Mr. Beck drilled a well, which yielded a fair flow of water, and he promised the electors to drill wells until he had 1,500,000 gallons of water; some hundreds of thousands of gallons more than the other scheme promised. He did drill the wells, and for some months during the winter and spring he did pump 1,300,000 gallons of water each day. He consulted his experts, and they told him that he could rely on the continuity of the supply. Mr. Peat, of Petrolia, with many years of experience, informed him that the wells would last. So did Mr. Harvey, an expert driller and conservative man. So did Mr. Oliphant, an American expert. They based their opinions on the strata, the conformation of the ground, the neighborhood, and they risked their reputations on the statement that there was to be found practically an inexhaustible supply of water. The wells have been pumped since then under somewhat disadvantageous circumstances, and have not failed.

WATER IS BEING USED.

"I promised to have a million three hundred thousand gallons ready by June," said Mr. Beck. "I had it. I kept my promise. It was a great responsibility, and I can assure you that the anxiety was much greater than the money consideration."

"At the time I also promised a pumping plant at less than \$75,000. I had the advice of competent engineers to the effect that this could be done. I was convinced that I must make a concrete proposition to the city. I did not desire to pass by the com-

missioners, but I came to the conclusion that the concrete proposition was much to be preferred. I consulted my citizens' committee, who stood behind me in the project, and to whom the credit must be given, and they concurred in my views."

THE COST.

"I made a definite proposition to the city. My first plan was for a million and a half gallon plant, and I could have installed it for less than \$75,000, but I considered it advisable to put in three million gallons of water with a plant suitable to handle it, and a million gallons reservoir, so that the cost is now as you find it—\$98,700. I think the increased capacity and increased supply advisable. Engineer Moore could not find any fault with the construction or equipment of the building, nor could he criticize my estimates of the cost of pumping the water."

Mr. Beck stated that Springfield springs do not show 4,000,000 gallons of water in the summer time. For the sake of argument, however, he would allow that figure to stand. With a million and a half gallon plant, there would be 6,000,000 gallons available. Winnipeg with over twice the population, uses only five million gallons of water. In London the Grand Trunk does not use the city supply, and many other large manufacturers have their own wells. In Winnipeg, however, the city supply would last a man pays only for what he uses. The wasteful man must pay for what he wastes. With six millions of gallons of water, the city supply would last London for many years to come. Mr. Beck was convinced there was a great waste in this city, and it should be corrected. He pressed the water commissioners for installing the meters, and if they continued the good work, the city would be better off. To-day the city of London was using more water than in Winnipeg, a situation that needed explaining.

PLANT DESCRIBED.

Mr. Beck then gave some details of his plant. There were to be fifteen wells, with a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons per day, with the same quantity in reserve. An electric pump, capacity 1,500,000 gallons and a gas pump, capacity a million and a half gallons, with a million-gallon reservoir attached. This would be of the best, second to none in America. His offer was based on actual tenders from England, Germany, Canada and the United States. The firms tendering were among the most noted in the world, a guarantee that nothing but the very best equipment would be used.

In addition, the city would receive 12 acres of land, the Gerry flats, and would retain this park forever as a breathing spot for their children and themselves for all time to come. This, he thought, was worthy of some consideration.

UNDERWRITERS SCORED.

Mr. Beck scored the underwriters for demanding a 20,000,000-gallon reservoir. It was ridiculous, he stated. The amount of water used annually to fight fires in London only amounted to a million gallons of water, and were it not for evaporation, the reservoir proposed by the underwriters would last for 20 years.

The amount of water used annually for fires was 16,000,000. He thought the request of the underwriters absurd. "I think it is ridiculous," he said, "to make such a demand of a city that has cost them but little for fire losses," said Mr. Beck, amid cheers.

MR. LUSCOMBE AGAINS.

Mr. Luscombe, at the juncture, asked his question as to the continued purity of the water.

"I thought Dr. Amyot had answered this question," said Mr. Beck. "He informed us that he had made ten tests of the water, and in every instance he had found it pure. If there had been any possibility of contamination it would likely have manifested itself before this. Every test from January to July has shown pure water. For the picnic, however, much more was used. I have had it on my table exclusively for three weeks, and I am not afraid to risk the health of my family on it. It is pure water, and has been so far, and yet we have had no difficulty with the purity of the supply. The finished plant will absolutely prevent any contamination. There are from 40 to 100 feet of impervious clay above the supply. If the river was feeding the wells how was the water in the wells stood 12 feet above the level of the river, and when pumped many feet below it. If the wells were connected with the river this would not happen."

"I told Dr. Amyot to condemn the water immediately if he thought it unsafe, so then would not expend any more money on it. He is an honest man, and when he says the water is pure, you can rely upon it."

NOT RIVER WATER.

"Some capital has been made of the statement charged to Mr. Oliphant that the wells had the same source of supply as the river. There is no doubt about that, as all water comes from rain. The scheme does not depend on the same watershed. The surface water flows over the rock, and down into the depression, becoming the river. Other water flows through the gravel strata and becomes the springs."

"There can be no insinuation of impurity in that. It is pure and has been pure so it is reasonable to expect that it will continue to be pure."

CONTINUITY OF SUPPLY.

"As to the continuity of the supply, I have only the opinion of the experts. I am satisfied by using it. Our apparatus is very modern, and Mr. Oliphant stated that it was of the best."

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24-hour test will show the capacity of the well, and if the flow continues constant for that length of time, we could rest assured that it would continue so. These men stake their reputation on that. I placed the work of supervising and pumping into the hands of Mr. Lyons and Mr. Norris. These citizens worked without reward, or hope of reward, giving their time and experience for this work without stint. They looked after the pumping end of it, and they, too, are confident that the flow is constant. It varies a little, and the quality is the same."

Mr. Beck thought he might have made a mistake in drilling some of the wells too close together, but he had extended the field, and when he was through drilling there would be 3,000,000 gallons of water available at normal pressure, and this could easily be increased by forcing if the need was felt.

ENGINEER MOORE CRITICISED.

He had his compliments to Engineer Moore, of the water commission, whose tactics, to say the least, were unprofessional, Mr. Beck declared. If an engineer of the hydro-electric commission had entered into a controversy with the council of London or any other body without the consent of his superior officers, he would know about it in short order.

In contradiction of Mr. Moore's statement, they had the affidavit of Mr. Norris, who had been in the average flow of the wells was four inches over the weir. If, on the particular occasion when Mr. Moore did measure the flow, it fell to three and five-eighths inches, it was the only occasion since the wells began pumping. The average of the day would certainly be more than five inches. Mr. Moore's representative gave figures of the flow, and these did not show any falling off in the supply, save once, when a defect in a valve prevented the quantity being up to the standard. This was remedied, and at no other time did it show any falling off.

A COMPLETE CONTRADICTION.

"Even on the day that the wells measured only three and five-eighths inches at the weir, there was plenty of water in the wells, showing that the trouble was not with the supply, but with the pump," declared Mr. Beck.

The speaker then explained the air lift, and stated that it was no new invention, but had been used in England and Germany for many years. They have proved to be the best and most economical method of pumping, and were used in all modern plants. He had made inquiries as to whether the lift caused water to flow to the pump faster than it was being filtered naturally, and in every case he was informed that the air lift did not draw water faster than an ordinary pump.

There was absolutely no danger of forcing the supply. The water in the well was lowered, but it did not affect the purity of the supply.

THE PRICE OF WATER.

Mr. Beck criticised the statement of Engineer Moore that the price of water would be increased to the consumer.

If Mr. Moore thought that the method of pumping would raise the cost to the consumer, why did he not so report to the commissioners, and have experts come and look at the figures? "Since I submitted," asked Mr. Beck, "I submitted the figures he has offered no objection to them, nor has he criticised them. My figures showed that I could pump one and a half million gallons of water for 3.6 cents per 1,000 gallons, and three million gallons at the rate of 3.6 cents per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Moore did not tell you that it would cost 6.5 cents per 1,000 gallons to get the Kilworth water to the Springfield to say nothing of the pumping it to the city, and eventually a second main. He did not tell you that it would cost much more to pump the north branch springs. He did not tell you that Mr. Titus offered to give you water at 7.5 per 1,000 gallons, and for a much larger quantity 5.5 cents per 1,000 gallons. And now my engineers stake their reputations that it will not cost more than 3.6 cents per 1,000 gallons to pump this water."

STORY EASILY ENDED.

"Mr. Moore also makes some capital out of the fact that it costs me \$18 a day to pump the water. It does cost me that, and I am glad to get off so easy. The reason for this is obvious. The London street railway must run their whole plant after hours, and on Sundays to run one little pumping rig for me. No wonder it costs \$18 a day! If Mr. Beck is to be fair, why did he not base the cost of pumping on my estimates, and not on the cost of a makeshift plant that was bound by the nature of things to be excessive?"

"Why do they not criticise the statement that I will furnish water for 3.6 cents per 1,000 gallons? I hope he did not intend to mislead the public, but the effect was such."

"In conclusion, I must say that if the scheme does not appeal to you, do not come out and vote for it, but know it under. I make no personal appeal to you, appealing to abide by the results. I have been supplying water for three weeks. For 14 hours out of the 24 they have not been able to use it all. The reservoir at Springfield is overflowing. You are convinced that there is an abundant supply or you would not use it so lavishly on your lawn."

MR. JOHN LABATT.

Mr. John Labatt then read the report of the citizens' committee indorsing the scheme in toto. He gave his experience with the wells, and enthusiastically supported them. He declared that he had plenty of water left in his well, regardless of the statement that it had gone dry. He was installing apparatus that would make him independent of the city supply altogether.

MR. FRED DARCH.

Mr. F. Darch followed with a short speech, in which he explained his attitude to the wells. He declared that he did not oppose the scheme, but he did stand for a more thorough test of the water. He had been given them so far, and he would support anything adequate to solve the problem for the city. He stated that at one time Mr. Beck had made a mistake in installing the wells and high pressure, but had changed his opinion recently.

He asked Mr. Beck why he had shut off one of the wells, suggesting that it might have been impure, but Mr. Beck stated that it was because there was no need of it.

Mr. Darch favored taking the vote in January, because the wells should be tested during the dry weather of September and October. As for the quality of the water, it was for the people to decide. It might be right in its present proportions, but how would it be if the amount of well water was increased?

THE McNAMARA WELL.

The drying up of the McNamara well was for the board of health to decide. The question had been brought up, and he thought the water commissioners had acted wisely in asking the board of health to investigate and report.

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tion of Mr. Luscombe had been satisfactorily answered, as he thought there was still a danger that the water might be contaminated. A longer test would satisfactorily settle this matter. It was the duty of the commissioners to make all possible inquiries into the scheme, and he thought they had done so without fear or favor. It was an important matter, and the efficiency of the wells should be thoroughly tested.

MR. F. E. LEONARD.

Mr. F. E. Leonard followed, and favored the scheme. Professor Saunders many years ago stated that there was plenty of water underneath the city, and he was more than ever convinced of that fact.