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FOR GREATER TORONTO.
Owing to the village traditions clung to by many aldermen and a few city officials, there is some opposition to the view that immediate steps are necessary in preparation for the Greater Toronto which the wideawake business men of the city foresee. There has been opposition for a year or two to every proposal on a liberal scale for the advance of Toronto, and in a very large number of instances the opposition has been so successful that the city to-day is crippled and fettered in consequence.

To listen to some of the arguments adverse to the plan of The World that steps be taken to meet the emergency, it might be supposed that The World was advocating a policy of dragging people into residence. It should be unnecessary to point out that not a word in that direction has appeared in these columns. The World, in common with nearly everyone else, realizes that 15,000 people enter the city annually. This number will tend to increase rather than decrease, and merchants, manufacturers, bankers, railwaymen and others interested are taking steps accordingly.

There are aldermen and city officials, however, who declare that 15,000 is an entirely abnormal growth, and that 5,000 will more probably represent the annual growth for some years to come. It is useless to point to the experience of the past 20 years in such instances, for the experience of the past 20 years is due to just such views, and to the handicap placed on Toronto by those holding them.

In considering the growth of Toronto it is unnecessary to confine attention to the limits of the city as they stand. The whole tract of 120 square miles, more or less, from Mimico on the west to Scarborough Township on the east, including Toronto Junction, North Toronto and East Toronto, is to all intents and purposes Toronto. The departmental stores, for instance, which make deliveries over the whole district, so consider it.

The population of that tract is very considerably over 300,000, and the annual growth will be found to be much beyond the 15,000 which our city pessimists now dispute.

This growing population at the city gates constitutes a menace to Toronto in a number of ways, which no businesslike administration will fail to consider.

"Let them build their own sewage system and septic tanks," was the remark of an objector when the necessity was broached of providing for the sewage of the constantly growing population without the wall.

The City of Dublin was distinguished for years by the death rate of 29 per thousand, so long as it refused to unite with the many municipalities from which it was only separated by imaginary lines.

It is unnecessary to argue the point. Economy alone, independently of the risk to health, would dictate union for the protection of common interests. Now that the hot weather has set in, those who object to sanitary measures have no right to expect the protection of Providence from epidemic disease.

These localities require water. An outcry from Toronto Junction has just been recorded, the legislature having

refused to permit the creation of artesian wells.

The important thoroughfares leading from the city. The electric railway companies are straining every nerve to obtain control of the running rights on these roads, the future streets of the city which is inevitable at no remote date, whether our slow-coaches anticipate it or not. Only by extending the city boundaries to include the territory in question, can these road rights be assured to the people.

It is clear that water and sewage are the two urgent requirements of the municipalities to be annexed, as transportation is the important factor to Toronto.

It is held by many that Toronto should not be expected to assume the unlimited liabilities of paving and ornamenting and otherwise providing luxuries for the suburban districts. It is also believed that the suburbs would refuse to be cuffed unless some advantages were to be gained. It is also generally held that to include the suburban property in the city would increase its average value by 30 per cent. No difficulty should be experienced by the negotiators in arriving at terms under these circumstances.

In the United States and in Britain any land placed on the market for building purposes must first be improved by sewerage, paving, and so forth before the city takes it over. This is thought no hardship in any town where it has been customary. In Toronto, to which an unpleasant epithet has been affixed on account of alleged acquisitive tendencies, there are some who think this almost an outrage. This feeling descends from the time of the boom, when people bought lands of promise with paper money. When real sewers and pavements were to be built the credit of the city was engaged.

A return to business methods might very well be adopted in a spirit of compromise with the suburban districts. Necessary services, such as sewers and water and light, could be supplied them in return for a special assessment, the power to levy which could be obtained from the legislature. This plan would also meet the objection of suburbanites who plead heavy city taxes as an objection to annexation.

Having their necessities provided, if they desired luxuries such as asphalt pavements and concrete sidewalks, these could be provided on local terms, which would protect the city at large. The principle indicated could easily be worked out in detail, and as it has been put in practice elsewhere, anticipatory objections will lose their force. If some such step is not taken when matters are at a stage while negotiation is still possible, the lapse of a few years will impose a burden on the city, from which no relief will be possible.

BILL BOARD DISFIGUREMENTS.
After fifteen years of persistent effort on the part of the British National Society for Checking Abuses of Public Advertising the house of commons, by a large majority, has passed a bill conferring on local authorities, both of town and country, power to regulate or forbid any advertising display which affects injuriously the amenities of a public park or pleasure promenade, or disfigures the natural beauty of the landscape. As Mr. Richardson Evans, honorary secretary of the society, observed in a recent interview, the present success of the measure marks the introduction of a new principle into English jurisprudence, which will have an ever-growing influence on the future aspect of the country. "For the first time," he added, "a public statute recognizes the claims of the seeing eye to consideration, and for the first time scenery is treated as a national asset."

Mr. Evans has been the leading spirit in the crusade for the preservation of the beauties of nature from the intrusions of the advertising fiend. The society has found a warm friend in Prof. Bryce, British ambassador to the United States, and has also had the sympathy of many advertising firms who were forced against their will into following their more Philistine competitors into the pleasure grounds of the people. It has been materially aided, too, by the action of parliament in giving powers to various cities to protect their amenities from disfigurement.

The bill proposes to make it punishable to place advertisements on private premises without the leave of the owner, and existing notices are exempt for five years from the operation of the act. Among those who spoke in favor of the measure were Lord Evelyn Cecil and Mr. John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader. A similar movement has been in progress in the United States for some time, and the disfigurement of Niagara by advertisements was cited as an example of what to avoid. The regulation of billboards and where their appearance would destroy or impair its natural attraction ought to be carried out in this province. If regulation is impossible to a proper extent, the alternative is to take them. As Collier's Magazine observed the other week:

"If men wish to mutilate the landscape, they should at least be forced to pay for the profit thereby achieved, at least the amount in taxation they would be forced to pay for other structures. Erect a building and you are taxed more than you were when the lot was vacant. Erect a hideous sign, which horrifies your neighbors and is profitable to yourself, and you certainly should be taxed as severely as may be. Whenever it is impossible to regulate billboards, they should at least receive the mild discouragement of paying their share into the public treasury."

A Beautiful Steamer.
The new steamer "Cayuga" has captivated the Toronto people. The many original features that have been introduced in her deck and cabin arrangements charm all who go aboard of her, while her extraordinary speed and steadiness leave nothing to be desired.

ZINC IN DRINKING WATER NOT SUFFICIENT TO HURT

Waterworks Delegates Discuss Technical Subjects and Enjoy Moonlight Ride.

The waterworks men who are wearing the nice little badges are putting many bits of ginger into their convention by liberally airing their views on the papers which have been prepared for them. Opinions often differ on the technical matters which are holding the attention of the delegates and free expression of opinion seems to be appreciated.

The opening paper yesterday dealt with "Waterworks Plants and the Proper Rates for Domestic and Public Service" by J. E. B. of Chicago. The cost of water used for public purposes should be shared by the whole community, was his main contention.

The Action of Water Upon Lead and Zinc was the subject of a paper by Dr. W. P. Mason, Troy, N. Y. He quoted a recent report that zinc in drinking water supplies were galvanizing free carbonic acid, which dissolves zinc and many other metals very freely, the amount of zinc found in ordinary water supplies, where galvanizing pipes are used, is not sufficient in the opinion of the board to give anxiety.

The St. Louis Method of Purification was the subject of a paper by Wilson F. Monfort, St. Louis, who stated that the water was purified by sedimentation basins. After it passed the first basin the water was fairly well clarified.

Dr. John Galbraith, LL.D., of the University of Toronto, was appointed an honorary member of the American Waterworks Association.

Today is the day of the experience meeting and numerous subjects will be discussed from the standpoint of the association's work is meant to cover.

TATTOO AT NIAGARA.
Thirteen Bands Provide Program in the Spectacular Event.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, June 20.—(Special.)—Bedraggled and very tired, Lt.-Col. Mason's column, which left last night to defend the Welland Canal from the expected attack of Lt.-Col. Cruikshank's force, returned to the camp at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Every man was supposed to answer his name at roll call, under the eagle eye of the camp paymaster, Captain Shanly, and if the names are not on hand or accounted for, they are liable to lose their pay altogether.

To-night the tattoo was held with 15 bands, and the music was engaged. Ten thousand people enjoyed the spectacle, and with the first brazen notes of the national anthem every one seemed to begin to sing. The Canadian flag was hoisted, and the band from the other side joined in the strains of the "Michigan Central" band.

In every particular the details as arranged by Lt.-Col. Septimus Denison were carried out to the letter. The sound of the 9 o'clock gun, the bugles sounded the call "First Post," and as the last roll of the drums died away, the band began to play the "Tattoo." The "Michigan Central" band, the 34th "Lincolnshire Poachers," 77th "Lions of Govet."

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BARELY TIME TO FLEE FROM FOREST OF FIRE

R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., Believes Prospectors May Have Been Caught in Flames.

While it is known that forest fires are raging in many parts of New Ontario, the information which the department of lands and mines has received as yet is so indefinite that it is impossible for Deputy Minister White to say at present how much damage has been done, or how likely it is to be done.

R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., arrived in the city yesterday after a trip up the Montreal River. He says the fires covered an extensive tract of country that he will be greatly surprised if some of the prospectors and settlers in the country were not caught and burned to death.

Mr. Gamey himself was going up the Montreal River to visit his properties, when he met his men coming out. He placed the rescue of the supply for the timber destroyed in Jack pine and tie timber.

It will be impossible for weeks to come to tell the state of affairs of prospectors that struck out into the wilds early in the spring.

C.O.O.F. ELECT OFFICERS.
W. T. Junken, Grand Master, Robert Fleming, Grand Secretary.

LINDSAY, June 20.—At the closing session of the Grand Lodge, C.O.O.F., this afternoon the following officers were elected:

Grand master, W. T. Junken, Fenelon Falls; past grand master, D. A. Young, Montreal; deputy grand master, William Irwin, St. Thomas; grand secretary, Robert Fleming, Toronto; grand treasurer, W. H. Shaw, Toronto; grand chaplain, Rev. Dr. W. D. P. Wilson, Belleville; Rev. Dr. W. D. P. Wilson, Belleville; grand scribe, Dr. H. S. Bingham, Cannington; grand auditors, W. T. Young, Markdale, and C. J. Murray, Hamilton; grand solicitor, Lyman Lee, Hamilton; grand warden, Harry Bliss, St. Catharines; grand guard, A. Kennedy, Lindsay.

JOE GUROFSKY FREED.
And His Friends Almost Mob Him in Eagerness to Congratulate Him.

"Joe" Gurofsky, sentenced to one year in the Central Prison for wounding an Italian last Thanksgiving Day, was released yesterday. He had been in prison three months.

The release is based on a report of doctors, who found that the valves of the prisoner's heart were affected.

He left the prison at 4 o'clock. When his carriage reached Queen-street his friends began to mob him, and several times, the carriage was well-nigh mobbed by friends anxious to greet him. He fled to his home on Fleet-street last night the scene was repeated, and the door had to be locked at times.

"I thank the Lord I'm free and that it's all over," he said, "I never knew before how sweet it was to be at liberty. The reception I've had to-day, tho, almost makes me feel that I've been through the experience of prison life."

There I was treated with the greatest courtesy consistent with regulations. I had imagined I was going among barbarians, but instead I found myself among gentlemen."

POLICE MAGISTRATE'S JOB.
South Brant Conservative Association Favor Ex-Mayor Elliott.

BRANTFORD, June 20.—(Special.)—The executive of the South Brant Conservative Association will ask W. S. Brewster, defeated candidate at last provincial election, to recommend the appointment of ex-Mayor Thomas Elliott as police magistrate.

Magistrate Woodvart, who was asked to resign by the government, has not yet done so.

TO INVEST MILLIONS.
French Syndicate Willing to Spend \$15,000,000.

MONTREAL, June 20.—(Special.)—Hector Panneton, head of the Paris office of McIntyre, Son & Co., is a banker in Montreal, and is said to have at Lille, France, has \$15,000,000 to invest in Canada, and that their representative has already reached the Dominion.

Buffalo Races.
\$2.00 round trip. Going Saturday at 9:00 a.m., good returning Monday, June 24. Secure your tickets at Grand Trunk City Ticket Office, north-west corner King and Yonge-streets.

WILL ERECT CHURCH.
Congregation of St. Paul's English Lutheran Will Have New Home.

At the monthly meeting of the church council of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church were taken to commence the erection of a church and parsonage on the newly-acquired site on Markham and College-streets early in July.

C. H. Fliehrer was elected an alternate delegate to represent the church at the annual meeting of the synod in Morrisburg next week.

OPPOSES CHANGE OF NAME.
Historic Name of Colony Should Remain.

LONDON, June 20.—Lord Elgin, in addressing the Corona Club, London, presented a disposition to change the historic name of colonies for "dominions."

He was also opposed to drawing any artificial line of division between the self-governing and crown colonies.

The Shipman Syndicate.
KANE, Pa., June 20.—(Special.)—Stockholders of the Swoley Shipman Theatrical Co. voted an increase of capitalization of \$250,000, for acquiring new plays and dramatic properties.

Ernest Shipman was elected general manager for the coming year.

Bond Sells To-Day.
LONDON, June 20.—Premier Bond sells for home to-morrow by the Virginian.

EXPERT IS OPPOSED TO VIADUCT SCHEME

Cost and Other Things Against It—Beach Residents and Water Supply.

Pending the completion of the report of the board of trade's engineer the exact contents of report of Barclay Parsons are not being given publicity, but the provision made for the retention of York-street bridge and for bridges at Yonge and Church-streets make it clear that the viaduct scheme didn't figure in the draft. The facts understood to have weighed against the proposal are the cost, estimated at \$2,000,000, the fact that only four tracks could be accommodated and that shunting would not be prevented. The cement pillars also would affect the lighting of Esplanade establishment.

A deputa-tion of residents of Balm and Kew Beaches complained to the board of control yesterday of the shriekings of a foghorn in Scarborough Beach Park at night; that the park drew so much water that the supply for the district was quite inadequate. It was also objected that a strong current of air in one of the park attractions caused the skirts of lady operators to get beyond control, with embarrassing results.

A bylaw providing for the laying of a larger water main in the district will shortly be submitted.

Plans for waterworks improvements, to be submitted this summer, will provide for the raising of \$710,000, for a new pumping engine at the John-street station; a \$100,000 engine for the high level station and new mains for the north and northwest and one on East Queen-st.

Deputy City Engineer Fellows, referring to the low water pressure in the northwest section of the city, due to the depth of water in the reservoir having been decreased from 20 feet to 10 feet, says that no improvement can be provided until the tunnel to the island is completed.

J. Ross Robertson, the donor of a number of valuable historical paintings to the city, has agreed to allow his name to be placed thereon, as a guarantee of the authenticity of the pictures.

A full-grown African pelican has been added to the attractions at the Riverside Zoo.

NEW BATCH OF K.C.'S
About Two Hundred Lawyers Have Been Recommended.

One of the duties which the provincial government has to get off its hands before Premier Whitney leaves for his old country trip on July 1 is the appointment of King's counsel.

Among those who have been recommended are:

Toronto—Charles Miller, E. J. Hearn, N. Cash, W. E. Middleton, J. R. L. Starr, A. A. Masten, E. W. J. Owens, R. Neville, L. McCarthy, Seymour Corrie, Claude Macdonell, M.P.; James H. L. Drayton.

London—Joseph C. Judd, Percy Moore, Elliot, E. F. Essery, N. P. Graydon, R. Fisher.

Hamilton—S. D. Biggar, John Gault, F. R. Waddell and J. G. Farmer.

Windsor—Ernest Wright, A. St. George Ellis, J. W. Hanna and O. E. Fleming.

Guelph—J. J. Drew and W. H. Cullen.

The entire list contains about 200 names, but it is hardly likely that a majority of these will get the title.

REST FIELD FOR HORSES.
Humane Society Appoint Committee to