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The Dam Vs. Coal.

To the Editor of The Advertiser.

It appears that the city authorities are going to put their foot into more trouble than they anticipate in building a new dam, for I certainly think if they look into the matter, they will see that it has cost more to maintain the water power during the past 20 years than it would have cost for coal and steam to have pumped the same amount of water that has been pumped by the water power. If we take all the money that the dam and its connections cost in the first place, together with all the money that has been expended in damages, repairing and keeping the dam and river banks, etc., in order, would doubtless have been sufficient to have paid for coal and steam power to have run for at least 25 years. Now this immense expenditure is all swept away, principal and interest. Nothing to show for it, saying nothing about London West. The damage done here has averaged nearly \$1,000 a year, caused by flood. Take this, with the cost of breakwater, and it would have been sufficient to have run steam pumps for at least ten years. Now bear in mind that the city will have to foot all the damage she causes herself by flooding in West London. Just wait a year or two, the city knows nothing about it yet. She has only repaired after one freshet, which cost more than \$1,000, no doubt, and the first freshet that comes will sweep that much or more away every time West London is flooded. After a while the city will begin to investigate the cause. If the city will not see it now, mark my words, she will later on. I will just give a rough estimate between the cost of maintaining a dam to pump about two-thirds the water required. Building new dam, say \$50,000; interest, about \$2,000; keeping it and banks, etc., in repair, \$1,000; keeping old breakwater in repair, \$1,000; repairing damage in West London after every flood \$1,000; a new dam means new breakwater, say \$50,000; interest on this or more, \$2,000; depreciation of property in West London, \$200,000, or say \$2,000 in loss of taxes. Add to this \$1,000 for steam to assist the water power. Here you have, roughly speaking, \$10,000 to maintain a water power worth \$40,000 a year. Now take the cost of coal for pumping all the water by steam power. Say it takes \$5,000, which is a high estimate. You then have about \$5,000 a year saved in favor of steam power. Why then commit such a grave mistake as rebuilding a new dam without a full and impartial investigation. Not only this, a dam may be swept away any day and this immense expenditure all lost again. Now I am not talking as a West Londoner; I am talking as a heavy taxpayer of the city, and know whereof I speak, and if the city would delay the building of the dam until after the next spring freshets, think they would see the truth and force of my contentions. Where such a momentous question is at stake, the cost to do so is not very great. Some people contend that the city is building the dam to accommodate the boat clubs more than for its own use, but of that I know nothing. One thing I do know, and that is, that West London would in a few years be one of the best and most prosperous parts of the city were it not for those floods, and pay five times more in taxes than all the dams in the river are worth to the city. Yours sincerely,

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, July 6-8 p.m.—The weather today has been fine and warm over most of Ontario, and cool and showery in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. In Manitoba and the Northwest Territories it has been fair and moderately warm, with local showers. Another shallow low area is moving towards the lake region, and there are strong indications that showers and thunderstorms will be prevalent again Friday night in the Georgian Bay district; but it is quite probable that the drought existing near Lake Erie and Ontario will not yet be broken. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 60-66; Kamloops, 48-80; Calgary, 40-70; Qu'Appelle, 52-70; Winnipeg, 58-74; Port Arthur, 52-64; Parry Sound, 58-80; Toronto, 64-82; Ottawa, 66-70; Montreal, 68-72; Quebec, 64-66; Halifax, 58-68.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Thursday, July 6, were: Highest, 81°; lowest, 61.5°.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. E. R. Dromgole left yesterday for Montreal.

—License Inspector Smith, for North Middlesex, was in the city yesterday.

—Misses Chantler and McDermid, of this city, have left on a trip to England.

—Mr. William J. Traher has left for Ottawa on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Gaboury and family.

—Miss Grace Crosby, of Victoria, B. C., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. H. Hewitt, 418 Queen's Avenue.

—Mrs. Fred Talbot, of Palace street, has returned home after visiting friends and relatives in and about Wyoming.

—Miss Ada Chantler and Miss McDermid, of South London, left today on an extended trip to England and Scotland, via steamship Dominion.

—Judge Edward Elliott held sessions of the first and ninth division courts yesterday. Sixty-three cases were on the first court list and twenty-five on the ninth.

—Mr. Hubert G. Traher presided at the organ in St. Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, at the marriage ceremony of Miss Lizzie Fitzhenry to Mr. Joseph Pevier. St. Mary's choir rendered the music for the occasion. Mrs. Joan C. Traher sang the "Hymn of Consecration."

—The Parisian Steam Laundry have added another delivery rig in the shape of a handsome two-wheeled cart—a fac-simile of their large wagons. The driver, a young lad, is attired in a neat uniform, and altogether the turnout is a credit to the enterprise of the Parisian Steam Laundry.

—At a meeting of the London section of the Associated Musicians of Ontario, held on Wednesday in the Y. M. C. A. building, Messrs. St. John Hyttenrauch, W. Caven Barron and J. W. Featherston, with W. H. Hewitt, alternate, were elected delegates to the general council of the A. M. O., to be held in Toronto on Tuesday next.

—Mr. A. M. Campbell, of the Merchants' Bank in this city, has been promoted to the position of accountant in the branch at St. Thomas, and leaves for that city in the course of a few days. Mr. Campbell has been six years with the branch here and has made many friends, who will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

—At a meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education, held last night, the application of the St. James' Presbyterian Church for the use of the assembly hall at the Collegiate Institute, as a place of worship on Sundays

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during the construction of their new building, was granted. Tenders will be called for the painting and kalsomining required at the several schools. A number of accounts were passed. Messrs. McCormick (chairman), Wilkins, Weldon, Hamilton, Jones, Cole, Rick, Dr. English and Dr. Teasdale were present.

LONDON BOYS IN TROUBLE.

A constable on the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway arrested two London boys last night and lodged them in the St. Thomas lock-up. Their names are Thomas McKinnon and Fred A. Pegg. They are charged with stealing lunch baskets at Port Stanley. The baskets belonged to Mrs. Green, Brantford, and Mrs. Baker, of the London road.

LADY ABERDEEN'S GUEST.

The Countess of Aberdeen took Mrs. Boomer to a very interesting meeting of the London school board the other day. Mrs. Boomer has been hospitably entertained in London by Lady Aberdeen, and will visit her later at Haddo in Scotland. The president of the international council is showing great attention to the lady who represents the president of the Canadian Council of Women. Mrs. Boomer's health is much improved by her seaside stay in her native county of Devon.

THE MELBOURNE PRESBYTERIAN PICNIC.

The Melbourne Presbyterian Church held their annual picnic at Hyndman's Grove Saturday, and it was a big success. Revs. W. J. Clark and J. W. Pedley, of this city, gave short addresses, as also did Rev. Mr. Johnston, of North Elfrid, and Rev. Mr. Martin, of Melbourne. Quartet, city, and the Melbourne Quartet furnished music during the evening. The programme of sports was interesting. Owing to the favorable weather the crowd was a very large one. The proceeds totaled \$125.

PLEASED WITH THE SEVENTH

Battalion Inspected by Col. Otter Last Evening.

Some Kindly Criticism—The Inspector Likes Short-Haired Soldiers—Comments on the Band.

Col. Otter, inspector of infantry, inspected the books and equipment of the Seventh Fusiliers yesterday afternoon, and in the evening reviewed the battalion. Hundreds of citizens witnessed the review, and were much impressed with the fine appearance of the battalion, which turned out over 200 strong. Col. Otter was attended by Lieut. Laybourn, B. R. C. I., and the regiment paraded at 7:30 and lined up on Central Avenue, and, upon the colonel's arrival, gave the general salute. After an individual inspection the men were put through the manual and firing exercises by Major Wellington street, where they were inspected on the move. They proceeded then to the market square, where they drilled in four in quarter column, in column of route, and in line of attack.

Upon their return to the drill shed Col. Otter expressed his complete satisfaction with the battalion, considering the very short period during which the men had been receiving instruction. He said that there were some discrepancies which were to be expected in a young regiment, and which a hint from him would doubtless remedy.

The colonel is a disciple of Gen. Hutton in his belief that closely cropped hair adds greatly to the smart appearance of the men, and emphasized this particularly. He says also that the forage caps should be worn at a uniform angle, and not in any position to suit the pleasure of the wearer.

In his remarks to the band, he said they were too much like a civilian band. Their step was a little too free and easy, and their general appearance was not quite so soldier-like as it should be. The music, however, he praised greatly, and he was sure that in a short time the band would regain the position that it held when he knew it some years ago as one of the finest organizations in the Dominion. In expressing the hearty pleasure that it gave him to see the reorganized Seventh, Col. Otter said that the battalion had men with the required physique; it had excellent officers; it had a healthy spirit of co-operation, and with the necessary training it will soon occupy a position in the foremost rank of Canada militia.

A Correction.

Through inadvertence, a regrettable mistake was unintentionally made in the paragraph which appeared in Thursday evening's Advertiser, respecting the death of a most estimable lady, Miss Agnes Mitchell. The statement that deceased had died at the Old Peoples' Home should have read, at the old homestead, which would have conveyed the correct and a totally different impression. The estimable lady died at her late residence, 311 Bathurst street. Deceased was a lady of culture and refinement, and was influentially connected not only in Canada, but beyond the Atlantic. The Advertiser desires to express its deep regret that it has inadvertently caused pain to anyone in such a matter, as it is the last thing it would desire to do.

THE MEN WHO TEACH BUSINESS

Business Educators' Association of Canada in Annual Session.

President Westervelt's Optimistic Outlook—Interesting Papers and Addresses.

The Business Educators' Association of Canada began their annual meeting yesterday at the Forest City Business College in the Y. M. C. A. building. Among those in attendance are Messrs. D. Hoskins, W. H. Shaw, and A. M. Kennedy, Toronto; R. E. Gallagher and C. R. McCullough, Hamilton; John Keith and S. T. Willis, Ottawa; H. M. Kenney, Woodstock; W. Brooks, Galt; H. T. Gough, St. Thomas; P. Bradshaw, Stratford; W. A. Gowing, Berlin; E. Kaulbach and R. Schurman, Halifax, N. S., and J. W. Westervelt, London.

At 2:30 p.m. Mayor Wilson addressed the convention, welcoming the delegates to London, and expressing the appreciation on the part of the people of London of the value of the association's educational work.

Then followed the address of the president, Mr. J. W. Westervelt. In part, he said:

"Notwithstanding all the objections that were set forth, the association has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of the most enthusiastic educators, which goes to show that the business educators of Canada were alive to their best interests, ready for just such an organization, and that the structure has been reared upon foundations well and truly laid. We are as broad as the continent, and our association, defying all high tariffs, is attracting the attention of our American friends, and bringing forth their favorable comment. Like all similar educational organizations, to make it a general success demands considerable time and thought from its members. We believe that we have a good thing; then why not make it known? What have we, as a convention, done to place before our patrons and the business public the merits of our work? Nothing. Let us be up and doing and tell to the business world that the business educators of Canada have joined hands to elevate the standard of commercial education, and to advance the interests of our beloved profession."

"The time has arrived when our graduates should have some better recognition for the honest, faithful work performed in our classes, other than the apology for a diploma known as the 'sticker.' I feel sure that some action will be taken before the convention closes, whereby the successful pupils of 1899 and 1900 will carry away something more elaborate than the aforesaid 'sticker,' and something which the 'fortunates' will take pride in displaying to their friends."

"We hear a great deal these days about the cramming caused by our educational system, but are we not following in that direction as rapidly as we can travel? Is it not time to consider concerted action along the line of a lengthened course?"

In bidding farewell to the position in which you so kindly placed me, I desire to have you accept my thanks for the uniform kindness and consideration extended me during my term of office; my work has been made thereby a pleasure. I have endeavored to perform the duties of president in a manner alike befitting the office, and the best interests of the work. I assure you that any mistakes that I may have made were errors of judgment, and not chargeable to intent. I bespeak for my successor in office, whoever he may be, the same brotherly treatment which has been accorded me, and I feel

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A paper on correspondence was given by Mr. R. E. Gallagher, of Hamilton; a paper on rapid calculation, by Mr. H. M. Kenney, of Woodstock; a paper on bookkeeping by Mr. W. H. Shaw, of Toronto; a lesson on accounting by Mr. D. Hoskins, C. A., of Toronto, and a paper on spelling by Mr. J. Keith, of Ottawa.

Mr. W. J. Elliott, of Stratford, whose name appeared on the programme for a lesson on correspondence, was unable to attend, owing to the death of his son.

In the evening, Mr. R. M. Graham, principal of the London Model School, delivered an interesting and practical address on "The Factors in Educational Evolution."

The convention will close this evening.

THEY WANT SOMETHING NEW

Sewer Committee Has Changed Its Mind Since Last Year.

Another System of Sewage Disposal Now Favored.

Dr. O. T. Campbell Is Opposed to the Committee's Recommendation—And Presents a Minority Report.

The city council will be recommended by the sewer committee to adopt the septic tank system of sewage disposal, and to send a deputation to Mountain Grove and Champaign, Ill., with a view to obtaining all necessary information on the subject. These recommendations were contained in a report which Chairman McPhillips and Mayor Wilson submitted last night. The chairman and mayor, together with Dr. O. T. Campbell were named some time ago as a sub-committee to consider the matter, but Dr. Campbell did not agree with his fellow-committeemen. He submitted a minority report, as follows:

"Whatever system of sewage disposal may be adopted will involve a financial outlay, and the extent to which any system will be successful must depend on the efficiency of the method of filtration employed."

"Our object should be to secure the most effective system with the least expenditure. We do not want to construct anything which may be unnecessary, we do not want to spend more than is absolutely required. I would recommend: (1) That section 'A' be constructed; (2) that a half-acre of coarse filter beds be prepared. Having done that much we can see how it works. If it is satisfactory, and board, we can simply extend the area of filtration beds as required. If we find we need a little more thorough filtration we can add the fine beds, and thus have a complete rapid filtra-

tion or Diddin system. If we find that the open beds are defective in their work, or in any way unsatisfactory (though I do not anticipate anything of the kind), then the covered tank can be added, into which the sewage can be discharged before it passes into the filter beds, and in this way we would have the septic tank system."

"If the beds first laid down prove satisfactory, that will end the matter. If they do not there will be no wasted expenditure, because these beds would have to be constructed in any event, and no matter what other methods might be adopted."

The mayor and Ald. McPhillips presented a lengthy report, in which they stated that they could not recommend land filtration; that the "chemical precipitation" system (the system which the committee recommended) would be too costly to construct and maintain, and was also objectionable because of the sludge; that the septic system is the cheapest to construct and the most satisfactory to operate and the most satisfactory; that in Mountain Grove and Champaign, Ill., are septic tank systems such as the sub-committee recommends London to adopt. The report concludes with a recommendation that before plans and specifications be prepared that the city engineer and one member of the sewer committee visit Mountain Grove and Champaign. On motion of Ald. Garratt it was decided to recommend the council to adopt the majority report. There was very little discussion.

The chairman refused for some time to put a motion that the unexpended balance of the \$7,500 set aside last year from the sewer debt fund for repairing streets on which sewers have been laid be again placed at the disposal of No. 2 committee.

Several members of the committee claimed that no authority had been given to take the money back from No. 2 committee, and that it still stood available for the repairing of the streets. The matter will come up in the council. Dr. O. T. Campbell and Ald. Parnell were absent.

TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

A Chicago dispatch says: William Waddell, 19 years old, who ran away from his home in London, Canada, seven years ago, was tried today for his mental condition on complaint of the police. He arrived in Chicago two weeks ago. Monday he tried to drown himself. He walked out upon the pier shortly after 11 o'clock, and while several fishermen were watching him, jumped into the shallow water. James Ellis and J. J. McKenna, who were fishing near by, jumped into the water and drew Waddell to the shore before he had suffered any injury. He was sent to the Elgin Asylum.

SABBATH SCHOOLS AT PORT.

Askin Street Methodist and Wortley Road Baptist Sabbath schools held their annual picnic at Port Stanley yesterday, and it was attended by about 1,000 persons. The day was an ideal one for a picnic, and the pleasure steamer Urania carried a big crowd out for a two-hours' trip on the lake. The scholars and their friends were supplied with tickets gratis for the trip. This was thought by the committee in charge to be a better way of entertaining everybody than a programme of sports. The day was one of great enjoyment, and will long be remembered by the scholars. The picnicers, with a few exceptions, returned home early in the evening.