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ONTARIO VEGETATION 2 WEEKS BACKWARD, BUT VERY VIGOROUS

Likely To Come With Rush in Warmth.

SPRING SEEDING IS SLOW

Wet Weather Has Kept Many Farmers Off the Land.

The following is a summary of reports made by agricultural representatives to the Ontario department of agriculture on May 12:

Vegetation is considered to be about two weeks backward, but there is much vigor apparent in that which is showing, and growth is likely to rush forward with the warm weather.

Only a very small acreage of field crops was got in during the week, as it was impossible for some to get upon the soaked ground. While a few farmers on high or well-drained land have practically finished sowing their spring grains, others have very little in. Generally speaking, probably not more than half of the intended spring field work has as yet been done. There are scattered reports of mangels being sown, but roots generally will have to wait for the tardy grain sowing. The Elgin representative, however, says that some land intended for oats will be planted to corn. Tobacco beds in Essex are in good condition. Essex also reports that a considerable acreage of early potatoes has been planted.

Wheat Looks Well.

Fall wheat is still looking very promising, more especially on well-drained land.

Clover is much more uneven in appearance, as last year's seeding did not do very well, and some early spring heaving has left its mark.

Peach trees are in bloom in some counties and are making a good showing. Apples, cherries and small fruits generally also look very promising.

Cattle are on pasture in large numbers, in some cases rather too early. Shipments of beef animals are said to be light; prices range from 10 to 13½ cents a pound. Milk is in good flow, and dairy cows continue to be in strong demand. In Haldimand they bring $145.

Little Pigs Dear.

Hogs are not moving in such numbers as usual. Prices given range from $20 to $22.50 a cwt. Little pigs are treasured. In Wentworth they are valued at $20 a pair, and have sold in Brant at from $11 to $12 each. A farmer in Frontenac had an offer of $235 for a litter of twelve.

Horses are not in much demand generally. They are selling in Norfolk at from $100 to $275, the average for good farm chunks being $125.

Hay is scarce at from $25 to $30 a ton. Many farmers are also short of ensilage, which has been forcing them to put some cattle to grass a little too soon.

MATHERS PROBE HERE MAY 20

FORT WILLIAM, May 13.—Revised eastern itinerary of the industrial relations commission is as follows:

Cobalt, May 15-16; Sudbury, May 17; Sarnia, May 19; London, May 20; Hamilton, May 21-22; Kitchener, May 23; Toronto, May 26-27-28; Montreal, May 29-30-31; St. John, June 2; Halifax, June 4; New Glasgow, June 5; Sydney, June 6; Quebec, June 9.

WILL ASK COUNCIL TO APPOINT PLUMBER AS CITY INSPECTOR

Board of Health Told Bylaw Is Being Violated.

MILKMEN PROTESTING

Object to Prosecutions, Saying That Standard of Milk Varies.

As the result of E. H. Russell bringing the matter before the board of health on Tuesday afternoon, that body will recommend to the city council that a plumbing inspector be appointed in this city. Mr. Russell declared that there was a bylaw that distinctly stated that a pipe or tile could not be carried under a building, and yet there were many violations of this bylaw in the city. He did not think that the board was to blame, and the building inspector, he remarked, had too much work to do.

John Nichol, R. R. No. 2, Wilton Grove, who appeared to represent the Milk Producers' Association, declared that that organization was of the opinion that some of the prosecutions for failure to have the milk supply up to the standard were outrageous. It was the aim of the association, he said, to co-operate with the board as much as possible. If a producer's milk supply was found to be below the standard through no fault of his own, he should be forced to keep it out of the city, but if he was found to be tampering with the milk, he should be punished to the full extent of the law. It had been found, he said, that the quality of the milk from a cow varied very much in a day, and that the weather affected the quality of the supply.

Houses in Bad Condition.

Frank McVean, 393 Grey street, declared that he had been prosecuted by the board of health. Every year, he said, he had been brought to police court for having certain houses that he owned in an insanitary condition. At last he had been forced to close them, and they had been vacant so long that the moss grew on the walls. Next to his residence at one time there had been a disorderly house, and it had been allowed to remain in operation. At the present time the outhouse belonging to the coalyard next to his premises was buried under 40 cords of wood. Recently a soldier and his wife had come to him looking for a house, and at a cost of $180 he had put one of his houses in a sanitary condition. Then the garbage man did not take the garbage, and so he had to bury much of it. When he asked another garbage man about it, he said that he had given the other man a tip.

Other citizens had been summoned to attend the meeting for reasons similar to the one that resulted in Mr. McVean's presence being requested.

A. E. Hall, who keeps the barns at the rear of the Walper House, came to find out if it was necessary that he secure an air-tight box in which to keep fertilizer. Men who had taken away the fertilizer at various times each week would not remove it if they had to take it out of a box.

Dr. C. S. Tamlin declared that Mr. Hall kept the barn and its surroundings clean, and that the fertilizer was plied on a cement floor in the yard, and was disinfected with lime.

Power to Summon.

On the motion of Mrs. (Dr.) W. S. Partridge, it was decided that the power of summoning persons who violated the health bylaws be given the sanitary inspector, J. B. Lutman.

Miss B. Friend, public health nurse, asked permission to attend a Health Association convention in Toronto on May 26, 27, 28, and also to attend the Child Welfare meetings in this city on June 3, 4 and 5. The board was willing.

MILITIA WILL PAY $26,000 FOR USE OF QUEEN'S PARK

Council, Fair Board and Parks Will Get Share of Spoils.

WATERLOO ST. A STICKER

Will the Road Be Gravelled, and, if So, by Whom? Are Problems.

Expectations of "fireworks" at last evening's meeting of No. 2 committee of the city council were not fulfilled, but something approaching a pyrotechnic display did occur on two separate occasions, and in each case Ald. Sam. Manness and Ald. W. Wilson staged the exhibition. The first one occurred over the old and much-worked time mix-up. Several of the aldermen were not present at the appointed time and telephone calls had to be put in for them in order to secure a quorum. Ald. Wilson was among the late comers, as was also Ald. Manness. The former declared, directly he entered the room, that the meeting was not in order, and he directed at City Clerk Baker an accusation of having acted illegally in calling the meeting on daylight saving time. Ald. Manness backed him up, and for a time the discussion threatened to wax acrimonious, but the matter finally was dropped for more important business.

The second occasion when trouble loomed on the horizon occurred when a suggestion was made that a certain matter should be left over until the mayor's return. Ald. Wilson immediately took exception to this, declaring: "Does the mayor run the city council? I have as much say in it as he has. He had no right to go away without appointing someone to take his place."

The last part of the remark was taken to apply, not to the mayor, but to the acting mayor, who was out of the city for the day yesterday.

Gravel or What?

The question under discussion when Ald. Wilson indulged his criticism of the mayor was the petition for a gravel road on Waterloo street between Harvard and Grosvenor streets. The engineer's report, asked for in this connection, was to the effect that the work would cost in the neighborhood of $12,870, exclusive of oiling, of which about $3,738.40 would have to be paid by the city at large. The approximate frontage assessment for the work would be 80 cents a foot per annum for three years.

Ald. Wilson moved that the council be recommended to accede to the petition. This motion was carried. Ald. Manness then suggested that tenders be called for. He declared that according to the estimates of contractors in the city the work could be done for $3,000 less than the engineer's estimate. To this Engineer H. A. Brazier retorted that he would prefer that tenders should be invited, but he mentioned the fact, if the work were done by contract in the way suggested, the city would be unable to oil the road, because if it did so it would automatically relieve the contractors of responsibility under any guarantee given. It was pointed out until the bylaw was passed by the council nothing could be done in the way of deciding under what conditions the work should be carried on.

Cost About $90,000.

The engineer submitted a report on the subject of sanitary sewers for Knollwood Park. The report stated that, in order to do what is really necessary to provide proper drainage for that section of the city, an expenditure of between $85,000 and $95,000 would have to be shouldered. This would work out at about 45 cents or 50 cents a foot frontage a year for ten years for the propertyholders, while the city's proportion of the cost would be about 30 per cent of the total. The committee decided to have the necessary bylaw prepared for presentation to the council, and in the meantime the engineer was authorized to prepare detailed reports.

John Kirkpatrick, whose house is just south of the garage on the southwest corner of Dundas and Colborne streets, appeared as a deputation of one to support a request contained in a letter sent on behalf of a number of householders in the vicinity that something be done to compel the proprietors of the garage to discontinue the practice of dumping refuse out of the back door on to the adjoining lawn, sidewalk and boulevard, whence it ran in an evil-smelling stream down the street. The engineer was instructed to take up the matter with the city solicitor.

Will Purchase Lot.

The committee was advised by the city clerk that Mrs. Upchurch, whose property abutting on the river near the Ridout street bridge was gradually slipping away, had suggested that the city purchase her lot adjoining the one on which her dwelling is located, so that she could apply the proceeds to the construction of a breakwater to protect her property, while the city could do similar work on either side. It was decided to purchase the lot for $500, a figure which Mr. Baker said Mrs. Upchurch would accept.

When the question of opening Elias street came up no deputation was present, but Aldermen Seabrook, Manness and Wilson championed the property owners, who have asked that the grading of the road be done at the expense of the city. Ald. Seabrook declared that the assessment which it would be necessary to assess against the property to meet the cost of this work was so high that he would not take a lot there as a gift. Aldermen Manness and Wilson thought that the grading should be done out of the general tax rate, but the majority opinion was that this could not be done under existing regulations. The council will be recommended to go ahead with the work as a local improvement.

A request from the council that the committee would report on the opening of Eleanor street was left over, the committee deciding to put it up to the property owners to petition if they wanted the street opened.

Pay for Park Use.

The clerk reported that Lieut.-Col. Bishop, at that time commander of the engineer depot, had suggested an adjustment for putting Queen's Park into proper condition following its use for troop quarters and training grounds on the basis of payment to the city of $13,000, to the Western Fair board $9,500, and to the parks board of $3,500. The committee decided to recommend that this offer be accepted.

The committee recommended that the council pass a bylaw by two-thirds majority for a sidewalk on Gammage street from Oxford to Grosvenor. A petition was received asking that this work be done, and although it was insufficiently signed to the extent of one name, the fact that all the property owners were returned soldiers caused the committee to take the action it did.

A writ was received from the county solicitor claiming $5,000 for maintenance, $2,500 for construction, $35 costs, and 5 per cent interest, under the suburban roads regulation. This was referred to the city solicitor.

A request from the utilities commission for permission to erect a drinking fountain on Wellington street, south of Dundas, which had been asked for by the Humane Society, was granted.

Grant Wage Increases.

In spite of some opposition the committee approved a recommendation by the city engineer that a request for salary increases by members of his department. The increases asked for were as follows: H. McNab, instrument man, $1,400 to $1,700; J. R. Rostron, engineering assistant, $1,250 to $1,500; J. A. Moffatt, instrument man, $1,200 to $1,500; E. K. O'Connor, draftsman, $1,200 to $1,500.

Ald. Moorhead thought that in view of the fact that all of these men had been granted increases earlier in the year, a request for further increases now was not justified. To this the engineer replied that it was not a question of whether increases had been given earlier in the year, but of what the men were worth.

A request for a 5-cent increase by the construction work employees was partly met. The committee decided to raise the maximum to 45 cents an hour, being an increase of 5 cents, leaving to the discretion of the department the rate to be paid to individual men.

Fred. Landon Chosen President of Local Historical Society

Closing Meeting of Year Was Held Last Night—Other Other Officers.

At the closing meeting for the year of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, held last night in the Public Library, officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: Honorary president, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell; president, Fred Landon; first vice-president, Mrs Brickenden; second vice-president, Miss Evans; secretary, Harold Rennie; treasurer, J. Davis Barnett; auditors, T. J. Murphy and Henry Macklin; executive, J. Dearness, A. Stevenson, Miss S. Macklin and Miss Priddis. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance, which will be used in part at once in printing another issue of the society's historical papers. A resolution of appreciation was passed to Dr. Campbell for his great services in the past to the society. The president was named as official delegate to the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society in Woodstock in June. After the business had been concluded Miss Priddis read some interesting extracts from the Proudfoot papers.

INSPIRATION NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE, SAYS SPEAKER

Lecture on Christian Science by Miss Ewing.

Christian Science was the subject of a lecture by Miss M. G. Ewing, C. S. B., in the Masonic Hall last night, given to a large audience. Miss Ewing is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church in Boston and has been giving this address in many cities of the United States and Canada.

She said in part:

Chief Commandment.

"When the lawyer from among the group of Pharisees and Sadducees, harking back to the materialistic and mistaken sense of Judaism, asked Jesus, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? our Master replied, Thou shalt love the Lord they God with all they heart, and with all they soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. This is a profound and entirely metaphysical teaching; a setting forth in concise and direct fashion of the fact underlying all manifestation of life; a presentation of the truth about God and man, the absolutely necessary fundamental knowledge upon which, as Jesus says so tersely, hang all the law and the prophets.

Value of Bible.

"Now the Bible is valuable to us only in proportion to our recognition of the right idea of God. The Bible was written through inspiration, that same reflection of intelligence. The Bible is not only a history of ages of human experience, of a people, but it is a record and prophecy of the experience of each individual human consciousness in its putting off of the old man and its putting on of 'the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.' It is, indeed, in this aspect that it is most valuable to you and to me."

"Today, as in all the ages of history, the cry of men is for life, for love, for health, for freedom from the bondage to evil, for the coming of that day, which St. John so wonderfully describes, when 'God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying.' It is the sweet and simple demonstrable knowledge of God which brings to human consciousness the dawning light of this great day.

Grateful to Mrs. Eddy.

"We can never show too grateful a love, too humble an appreciation of the mighty spirit and the tender compassion which impelled Mrs. Eddy to seek and to gain this great gift of knowledge, and to pour it, a veritable balm, into the hearts of a waiting world. In the beginning she had to beg and beseech, with tears running down her cheeks, to be permitted to help the afflicted out of their sufferings, but today the warm and pulsating affection of tens of thousands of those resurrected from sin and disease bears witness to her magnificent achievement. We love and reverence her for her purity and devotion to good, for her self-abnegation and her generous and loving sacrifice for our welfare, for the keenness of her vision and her intuitive grasp of the deep things of mind. We pay her homage and acknowledge her absolutely unique place in the world's history of the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, and we heed both the spirit and the letter of her earnest admonition, 'Follow your leader only so far as she follows Christ.'"

Rev. William Lowe Will Succeed to St. Luke's Pastorate

Rev. William Lowe of Lucan, for several years rector of St. Matthew's Church, East London, has accepted the appointment to the rectorate of St. Luke's Church, Broughdale, and St. John's, London Township, to succeed Ven. Archdeacon Richardson, who resigned some weeks ago.

St. John's rectory, London Township, is being thoroughly renovated, and the new rector and his family will take up their residence there some time in July. The rectory is about two miles from the city.

Mr. Lowe, who has been in Lucan for the past six years, has hosts of warm friends in London, who are rejoicing that he has decided to return here.

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