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STOP THE WATER WASTE

The annual convention of the American Waterworks Association at Toronto to this week brought out some interesting papers from eminent waterworks engineers of the United States and Canada.

Two subjects of special interest to Londoners at this juncture—the use of meters, and the waste of water—were discussed by experts. Mr. Edward S. Cole, of New York, declared that “waste” was the foremost problem in waterworks engineering today. Broadly speaking, waste is not the generous or even lavish use of water by consumers, but the willful and careless misuse—the streams which run continually from faulty fixtures and leaky underground pipes. “Many persons,” says Mr. Cole, “will let a stream of water run rather than pay a plumber for making repairs, and few realize how much a small stream will waste in 24 hours. An ordinary faucet on a first floor may run as much as 5,000 gallons a day.”

In New York city a recent report by Mr. James H. Fuertes, C. E., places the waste and unaccounted for loss at 45 per cent of the total supply. In Chicago the waste was lately estimated by Mr. John Ericson, C. E., at 76 per cent of the total pumpage. In Boston Mr. Dexter Brackett, C. E., estimated the total consumption of water at 55 gallons per capita, whereas the pumpage was 122 gallons per capita.

In Worcester, Mass., the total domestic use as shown by meters is 16.3 gallons per capita per day, varying from 12 gallons in the cheaper houses to 23 gallons in the best residential streets.

In Fall River, Mass., the average class of dwellings, generally with bath and water-closet, use 8 gallons per capita daily, while in the most expensive houses the consumption is reported at 25 gallons.

Contrast these figures with London's per capita daily consumption of 90 gallons! Is there not a strong case for a policy of checking this reckless waste?

Mr. Cole, in his carefully-prepared paper, defined the chief sources of waste as follows:

1. Defective plumbing in houses.
2. Willful waste, such as allowing water to run to prevent freezing; extravagant use of hose, etc.
3. Leaks beyond the consumer's premises in mains and service pipes.
4. Slip of pump and careless station use.
5. Surreptitious uses not paid for.

Mr. Cole says that in reviewing statistics it is found that the use of meters is always attended by a reduction of waste. An interesting diagram prepared by Mr. John R. Freeman, C. E., gives the per capita use of many cities, and the percentage of taps metered in each. “No better argument for the judicious use of meters should be needed,” adds Mr. Cole. He was of opinion, however, that it was not economy to place meters upon more than about 40 per cent of the premises taking water if all trade uses and the more wasteful consumers were included.

Another member of the association, Mr. W. Volkhardt, advocated installing meters on every service. A feature of the meter system that appealed to the consumer was the fact that with a meter on his service he was independent; he could do as he pleased with the water after it had passed through his meter; he could add many spigots without asking permission. The city's authority ended at the meter. “The water meter,” said Mr. Volkhardt, “has long since passed the experimental stage.”

Mr. J. L. Tighe, the waterworks engineer of the city of Holyoke, Mass., added his tribute to the efficiency of the meter system. He related the experience in his own city, which went to show, he said, “what has been well known to all waterworks men, that while consumption and waste can be controlled to a certain extent by vigilant inspection, it is best controlled by the meter, which, figuratively speaking, makes each water-taker an inspector.”

It will be seen that Engineer Chapman had good authority for his advocacy of the meter system in London. There is no city which presents a stronger argument for its adoption. The supply of spring water, so far as ascertained, is limited; the waste of water is enormous. The businesslike policy will be to check this waste. This will not mean a check on the legitimate use of water, or necessarily higher water rates.

THE CITY AND THE CAMP.

Some hard things have been said of London, anent the agitation for the removal of the militia camp, but the critics of the city have been generalizing too freely. The scrutiny of temperance officials is resented in some quarters, but this is no reason for saying that citizens have unfriendly sentiments toward the soldiery. A local contemporary does London an injustice in seconding this reproach. “Another complaint,” it says, “is the alleged disrespect shown in this city by the veriest street urchin for the uniform of the militia. It is only fair to assume that the disrespect is the outcome of home training, and truthfully bespeaks the general feeling of the citizens. This disrespect is not manifested in any other Canadian city, but on the contrary his majesty's uniform is cordially welcomed and highly respected in any and all of them.” It is surprising to find a London newspaper libeling its own city. Citizens—parents especially—resent such an aspersion. It is absurd to indict a whole community in this fashion.

There is not the slightest prejudice among the people of London against the camp or the militia. There may be some excuse for saying that they show a lack of interest in the tented city. The camp has been held here for twenty years, with an interruption or two, and citizens have grown so accustomed to it that they take it as a matter of course. In a city of 50,000 the addition of two or three thousand visitors is not the overshadowing event it would be in a small town. If the camp were removed to a smaller place it would be a novelty and a dominating attraction, and it is likely that the redcoats would receive more attention and more evidences of welcome than here. While this may be true, it is no proof that Londoners have anything but goodwill for the volunteers. The city prides itself in its own militia battalion, and is not deficient in the spirit necessary to create and sustain a citizen soldiery. The militiamen perform an absolutely essential service, many of them at considerable personal sacrifice, and from sentiments of pure patriotism. The citizens of London would be unworthy of the names of Canadians if they were not appreciative of such a body.

STRUGGLE WITH THE LORDS.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has decided to test the sentiment of the country on the subject of the House of Lords, and on Monday next he will introduce a resolution which declares that in order to give effect to the will of the electors, “it is necessary that the power of the other House to alter or reject bills passed by this House should be so restricted by law as to secure that within the limits of a single Parliament the final decision of the House of Commons shall prevail.” Vague as these words may appear, it is clearly not the present purpose of the Government to attempt to improve the composition of the Upper Chamber; the intention rather is to lessen its powers. In substance, the meaning is that while the Lords should retain the power of vetoing bills, this power should be exercised but once on any given bill, and that if a bill rejected by the Lords be passed a second time by the Commons, with or without immaterial amendments, it should become law. The evident theory is that one veto will insure deliberation and thorough consideration of the subject in question, while a second will amount to defeat of the Commons and the people, and to nullification of the Lower Chamber as a law-making body. This would bring matters to a crisis and possibly lead to a real popular demand for a thorough reorganization, if not the actual abolition, of the hereditary chamber.

The present resolution is doubtless the first move of the ministry, whose future course will be gauged by developments. It is not to be expected that the peers will passively yield to a proposition, which would destroy their power to check or amend legislation. Hence, it may be concluded that a severe struggle between the two branches of Parliament is about to begin. The ministry is evidently in earnest in this matter, and there is reason to believe the country is at the back of it.

Exit the toll road!

Western Canadians are predicting a wheat crop of 120,000,000 bushels. Nothing can daunt the optimism of those people.

The Tory press on both sides of the Atlantic is grousing because it could not use the Imperial Conference as a pawn in a party game.

It turns out that Harry Orchard was a strong supporter of Dr. Willoughby, M. P., when in Northumberland County. It was easy to see he would come to some bad end.

Pittsburg has an epidemic of typhoid fever. The city drinks the water of the Allegheny River, but an outbreak of typhoid in another municipality up the river carried the infection to Pittsburg. It is impossible to guard a river for its whole length.

The Russian delegate declared at the opening of The Hague Conference that

universal peace was an ideal, a star floating above the earth, to be always striven for, but never attained. A famous orator once said that an ideal was like a star; the mariner did not hope to attain it, but it served to guide him toward the harbor which he sought. Let the nations be guided by the ideal of universal peace, and they will reach that port some day.

ANNIE'S WATERLOO.

(Toronto News.)
Gentle Annie was a wonder,
Nursing was her constant bliss,
Had diplomas by the dozen,
Scientific little miss.
Knew the names of all the “organs”
Playing in the human frame,
Always showed the deepest interest
When a friend's left lung went lame.

Knew the uses of the lancelet,
Joyed to see it at its work,
Filled the patient full of ether
If he made the slightest jerk.
On the verminiform appendix
Was presented to her view,
Annie saw the operations
With exceeding interest, too.

Every tiny diplococcus
She beheld with keenest joy,
Staring through a magnifier,
Was delight without alloy.
On the leukemia, meningitis,
Tumor of lymphatic gland,
Brought a glint to Annie's optics
Every nurse will understand.

Operations by the dozen
Never bother Annie's nerves,
For her scientific nature
Gloried in the surgeon's “curves.”
But one afternoon while resting
On the lawn beside the house,
Annie screamed, and climbed in terror
Up a tree—she saw a mouse.

WHY THEY MOVED.

(Toronto World.)
“What's everybody crowding out of the drawing-room for? Have refreshments been announced?”
“No, but Aunt Matilda is getting ready to sing.”

JOE'S INSIGNIA.

(Toronto Star.)
In consideration of Mayor Judd's usefulness to the state, Premier Whitney thinks of conferring on him special insignia, consisting of a black mass and a sweater embroidered with a dripping axe.

SCOFF NOT!

(Chicago News.)
Then gently soan the weather man,
Nor scoff at his forecast;
Though he may miss, remember this:
That he is only human.

COUNTING ECONOMY.

(Hamilton Times.)
Perhaps the appointment of Rev. Mr. Chambers as governor of Toronto jail was a measure of economy. It should not be necessary to pay a chaplain.

A SONG IN CAMP.

(Bayard Taylor.)
“Give us a song,” the soldiers cried,
The outer trenches guarding,
When the heated guns of the camps allied
Grew weary of bombarding;
The dark Redan, in silent scoff,
Lay grim and threatening under,
And the tawny mound of the Malakoff
No longer belched its thunder.

There was a pause. A guard-man said:
“We storm the forts tomorrow;
Sing while you may, another day
Will bring enough of sorrow.”
They lay along the batt'ry's side,
Below the smoking cannon,
Brave hearts from Severn and from Clyde,
And from the banks of Shannon.

They sang of love, and not of fame,
Forgot was Britain's glory,
Each heart recalled a different name,
But all sang “Annie Laurie.”
Voices after voices took up the song,
Until its tender passion
Rang like an anthem, rich and strong,
Their battle eve's confession.

Dear girl, her name he dared not speak,
But as the song grew louder
Something upon the soldier's cheek
Washed out the stain of powder.
Beyond the darkness ocean burned
The bloody sunset's embers;
While the Crimean valleys learned
How English love remembers.

And once again a fire of hell
Rained on the Russian quarters;
And scream of shot, and burst of shell,
And bellying of mortars;
And Irish Nora's eyes are dim
For a stranger, dumb and gory,
And English Mary weeps for him
Who sang of “Annie Laurie.”

Sleep, soldiers, still in honored rest,
Your truth and valor bearing;
The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring.

WILLIE BUTTED IN.

(Judge.)
“Now, children,” said the teacher, who had been giving a lesson on military fortifications, “can any of you tell me what a buttress is?”
“Please, ma'am,” cried little Willie, “it's a nannygoat.”

REDUCING THE SUPPLY.

(Hamilton Spectator.)
The churches are shouting for more preachers, and the Ontario Government is still further reducing the force by making jallies of them.

NOBILITY.

(Puck.)
There was a moment of profound silence. He was the first to speak. “You are richer than I am,” he faltered, with emotion.

She bowed her head, replying nothing. But now the true nobility of his character manifested itself.
“Yes for all that I am no better than you are,” he cried, and folded her to his breast.

And when, her conscience accusing her, she tried to tell him that not only her father, but four of her uncles were Pittsburg billionaires, he sealed her lips with kisses, and would hear nothing.

A HINT TO NICK.

(Ottawa Journal.)
A French king, and an English king, too, lost their heads for doing exactly what the Czar of Russia is doing now.

WISE OLD NATURE.

(New York World.)
Over all is a wise arrangement of nature. If little women married little men and big women married big men, the human race would gradually tend to the production of millions of dwarfs and giants. If amiable women married only amiable men and cross-patches mated with each other, the temper of the human race would tend to extremes. If all blondes married blondes and if all red-haired people married other red-haired people, the human race would

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tend to develop into extreme types of complexion and temperament.

The contrary has been ordained. A big, stalwart, muscular woman picks out some little man for her husband, and their children are about average citizens. The giant man is chosen by some little woman, who winds him around her finger, reduces him to docility and bears him children who grow up to tower above her in height, but do not attain their father's stature.

WORK OF GRAND JURORS.

(Toronto Globe.)
Grand juries are expected to look into the administration of justice, and it is highly proper and necessary that such duties should be performed frequently by bodies of citizens removed as far as possible from association with or dependence upon official authority. The grand juries are the right kind of bodies for such duties, and should have all the authority necessary to make their work thorough and useful.

IT GENERALLY HELPS.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)
“There is,” she sighed, “no balm for a wounded heart.”
“Did you ever try making the fellow jealous?” asked her experienced friend.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INFANTS.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)
An important feature of the synod address of his Lordship Bishop Williams was that which dealt with the appalling infant mortality. He pointed out that, taking the average for three years, a multitude of 8,545 children under 5 years of age have been taken to their graves each year in this Province.

No wonder the good bishop was shocked by a contemplation of these figures, and the fact that many, perhaps most, of these young lives that are snuffed at the very beginning might be saved does not tend to lessen the shock. And yet it is a fact to which capable medical men bear abundant testimony that the awful sacrifice of infant lives is mainly due to ignorance and carelessness, ignorance of the laws of health or carelessness in applying these laws. Improper feeding, improper conditions of living account for a very large proportion of the early deaths.

SOMETHING OF A LINGUIST.

(Washington Star.)
“Is your son proficient in any foreign languages?”

“Well,” answered Farmer Cornetson, “I dunno as he's much on French or German; but he kin understand every word of the baseball news.”

IMMATERIAL.

(Life.)
“Did Perkins die a natural death?”
“Oh, yes. But I can't remember now whether he was murdered, killed in a railroad accident or hit by an automobile.”

THINKIN' O' MOTHER.

(Sam Kiser.)
“Thinkin' o' mother,” he said, “and thinkin' o' what she'd say,
Was the reason I didn't give up and start to the bad that day;
Thinkin' o' mother again, and thinkin' o' what she'd feel,
Is the reason I ain't a thief—the money was there to steal!”

“Thinkin' o' mother at home was the reason I went ahead
Facin' the world again, no matter what people said;
Thinkin' o' mother was all that could ever have held me back
When I stood on the pier that night where the water was deep and black.

“Thinkin' o' mother, I stopped when my blade was raised in the air,
And I uttered a prayer instead o' doin' ‘bout it selfish;
Thinkin' o' mother was all that could ever be useless to try,
And I ain't goin' hungry no more, and I'm lookin' you square in the eye!”

“Thinkin' o' mother, that's all; you put the story in rhyme;
It ain't no beautiful tale, there's nothin' ‘bout it sublime;
But tell this feller who's down—I'm passin' the lesson to you—
To just keep thinkin' o' mother, and I guess that he'll worry through.”

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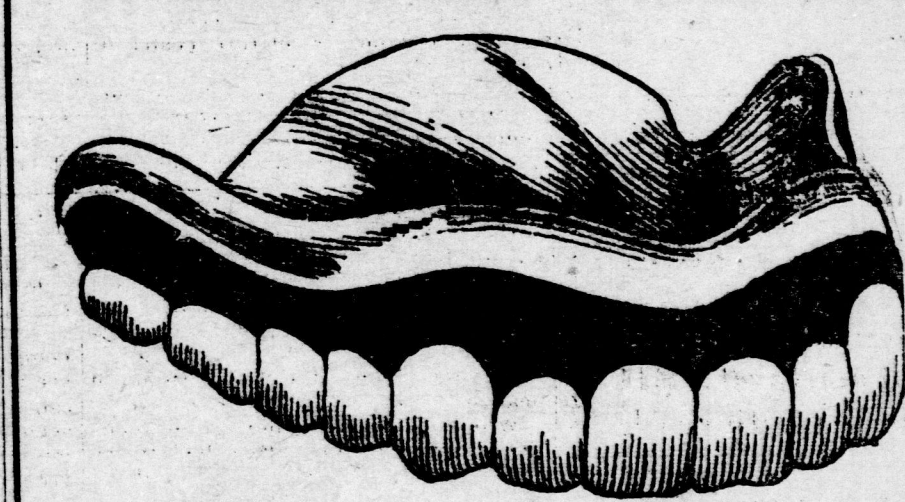
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WARRING ON THE BILLBOARD ADS

British Legislation May Do Away With Much Unsightliness.

London, June 21.—Chances of the bill for the regulation of outdoor advertising being introduced into the House of Commons and becoming a law seem to be brighter.

Though several attempts were made years ago to abolish the hideous advertisements which destroy the beauty of so much English scenery, it was not until two years ago that a real serious attempt was made to get an advertisement regulation bill passed. This was done after the bill had been approved by the Municipal Corporations Association, and the parliamentary committee of the Association of County Councils.

It met with almost general approval, but owing to the pressure of parliamentary work it did not get beyond the stage of second reading. It was introduced again last session, when it was once more included in the “massacre of the innocents.”

This year the bill as drafted was considered by the parliamentary committee of the Association of County Councils, and they accorded it “general approval,” which meant that they would, if deemed necessary, use their influence in making some of the clauses more stringent than they were in the original draft. The executive committee of the association “received and adopted” the report of the parliamentary committee.

This bill was introduced by Mr. Hart Davies, and supported by many other members. The measure provides that any local authority may make bylaws for the regulation and control of hoardings and similar structures used for the purpose of advertising and “for regulating, restricting or preventing the exhibition of advertisements in such places and in such manner or by such means as affect injuriously the amenities of a public park or

pleasure promenade or disfigure the natural beauty of the landscape.

The bill was read a first and second time early in the present session and was referred to a standing committee consisting of 15 members. It received most careful consideration and many verbal amendments were made. Owing to the amendments, although they are chiefly of a verbal nature, the bill will have to be reported to the House of Commons.

A majority of the members of both Houses of Parliament are understood to be in favor of the provisions of the measure, and two great professions, medicine and art, are actively co-operating with the promoters of the bill with a view to bringing pressure to bear upon his majesty's ministers.

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To adopt the rule once given to a gushing girl by a friend who knew the world, “Never speak of yourself, and never say anything which is unflattering for,” would at first seem likely to make Trappists of all the world; yet it is to be questioned whether, after all, the advice was not wise. There always are people who like to talk, whose favor is to be won by interested listening, and good listeners are rare—Woman's Life.

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