

RIVER STAGNANT, NEW TRENCH MORTAR NOW POLUTED WITH SEWAGE; MENACE TO CITY HEALTH

Disposal Plant at Farm Said
To Be Badly Overloaded.

TWO MEANS OF REMEDY

Rebuilding Springbank Dam
or Improvement of Sewer-
age System.

The River Thames between London and Springbank dam is reported to be in a deplorable and unsanitary condition.

There seem to be two ways to remedy matters. One to replace the Springbank dam, and the other for the city to improve its sewage disposal plant. Either of these will call for the expenditure of a good sum of money.

Stagnant and Polluted.
At the present time the river is about equal to a small-sized creek in many places. Stagnant water lies in hundreds of places. Part of this water is the reduced but natural flow of the river, and the remainder is the flow from the sewage disposal plant. For the most part it is treated sewage, but it is said that there is a considerable flow into the river that is not treated. In other words the city is treating sewage to the capacity of its plant, but it is said that the present plant is not large enough.

May Help Somewhat.
This situation may be materially remedied, however, when the east end plant is in full operation, which may be in a week or two.

At a recent meeting of No. 2 committee, Controller J. M. Moore expressed regret that the river presented the deplorable sight that it did at present. Aid. P. J. Watt brought the matter up at the second July meeting of the council. He also stated that the river was in a deplorable state, and that the stagnant water was a menace.

Engineer Retired.
Engineer Watt was not prepared to discuss the situation. He said that he had not looked over the river for some time.

Controller Moore not only favors the reconstruction of the Springbank dam, but also the Saunby and Dexter dams, which would give the city a watercourse from the north end of the city to Springbank. He points out that the city owns practically all the land on the south side of the river, and that it is to Springbank, with the exception of the cemetery and another small piece. He would like to see it made into one large park.

Apples Are Roasted While On the Trees By Rays of the Sun

Sun-roasted apples, fresh from the trees!

No dealer who exhibited this sign outside his store would be believed, yet it might be true. In orchards near this city apples have been roasted by the sun's rays in the last few days. The cooking has not been uniform and has not affected all of the fruit, but where the sun's rays have struck directly, the roasting has been done. The dealers declare they have never seen this occur in any other year.

VAGUE ADDRESSES ARE CAUSE OF TROUBLE TO ARMY POSTOFFICE MEN

The postal authorities at Carling Heights have their own troubles. So do the postal clerks at the downtown postoffice.

Incidentally these troubles are multiplied to the "mail" division by relatives and friends of soldiers who persist in sending mail without addresses. In spite of the reams of instructions that have been written and printed regarding military mail, many people disregard them, according to the postal corps men.

There are Others.
This is what happens: Elizabeth sends a letter to her John, who is probably the only man in the world as far as Elizabeth is concerned, she forgets that there are four John's to seven hundred other men in camp, and sends her missive thus:

JOHN JONES,
CARLING HEIGHTS.

Or thus: JOHN BROWN.

Quite frequently JOHN D. ONT. is used. John Jones's mother constructs for his use a fruit cake or some other dainty article of confectionery, likewise, with her thoughts centred on John, forgets about the 6,000 other John's boarding on the same train.

The result is that the parcels or letters suffer much needless delay in delivery, and John Jones receives no letters that are indelible, while his letter is floating around the camp from one unit to another, looking for its rightful owner.

Parcels are also packed poorly, state the men of the postal corps, and at times when John should get two boxes of fresh raspberries he gets only one for the reason that the two have been mashed together into one, owing to insecure packing.

If John is to get his letters and parcels at once, he should instruct his relatives to address his mail thus (providing, of course, that he is in the platoon, company and battalion mentioned):

THE JOHN BROWN, 46785574,
No. 4 Platoon, A Company,
1st Depot Batt., W. O. R.,
Carling Heights Camp,
LONDON, ONT.

The Rich Man's Disease

"Angina Pectoris" is often called the rich man's disease, and persons suffering from it are liable to sudden death. This disease is often indicated by severe pain in the Region of the Heart, the Bloodvessels become partially clogged and the Arteries get hard and brittle, causing High Blood Pressure. Hacking's Heart and Blood Purifier is especially adapted for this dreaded disease and persons suffering from Angina Pectoris, Arterio Sclerosis or Hardening of the Arteries should not hesitate to start the treatment at once. What a few dollars in wharmanism is worth in health! This treatment is the most satisfactory real life insurance that you can get. Down with doubt, uncertainty and depression and up with assurance. Drive out Old Day's Gloom today by buying Hacking's. Price \$2.50 a box, 6 for \$2.50. Sold by all dealers or by mail, C. B. Hacking, Phm. B., Listowel, Ont.

PROTECT Your Profits

A National Cash Register System pays for itself out of the money it saves you.

The National Cash Register Co.

OF CANADA, LIMITED,
JULIUS MADDI, Sales Agent,
350 Dundas Street, London, Ont.
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BOTH FOUND GUILTY OF DESERTION, WILL BE SENTENCED LATER

Privates Buck and Flueling
Deserted From Units.

COURT CLOSING HEARING

Flueling Hid in Woods and
Lived On Wild
Fruits.

Ptes. Archie Buck and Manley Flueling, two members of the 1st Battalion Western Ontario Regiment, appeared before a general court-martial, with Lieut. Col. G. W. Nelson, 1st District Depot, as president, charged with absconding themselves without leave when wanted for court-martial. The court, which was ordered by Major-Gen. C. C. Ashton, adjutant-general at Ottawa, has power to inflict the death penalty on the accused, but it is not likely that such a drastic punishment will be meted out.

The court opened yesterday morning, and Pte. Buck was the first man to be tried. He was apprehended at the entrance to Carling Heights in civilian clothing, according to the charge, and pleaded not guilty, stating that he was in uniform when returning to the camp.

Counsel Provided.
At the suggestion of Major G. N. Weeks, judge advocate of the court, the proceedings were adjourned until 2 p.m., and in the meantime, Lieut. Joseph Frith of the Canadian Garrison Regiment was detailed to defend the prisoner.

In the afternoon the case being resumed, several witnesses were called. Pte. Buck answered his name on the first roll call of the court, but was ready on July 3 last. Sgt. E. Fitzgibbon, of the same unit, informed the court that the accused was over a week absent from company parades, and provided his company casualty book, which verified this statement. The sergeant of the guard on the Oxford street gate gave evidence that the prisoner was apprehended while in uniform, and not in civilian clothes as charged. Sgt. Kelly, who has charge of Pte. Buck's platoon, stated that he last answered the roll call on July 5, and that he had seen no record showing him absent since July 3.

Inside Information.
At this point the sergeant of the platoon, who gave a little inside information on army life, "Pte. Buck must have been absent for some time," said the witness, "and some one else may have answered his name when called on parade." The court then asked the sergeant if he had seen the prisoner since he was last seen.

In a statement to the court, Pte. Buck said that he had absented himself on the evening of July 6, as he had been informed that there was no further leave for the men on the night, which has since departed for overseas, and his father was very ill, and his mother in poor health. He wished to see them once more before he left. He had no intention of deserting, and was returning to his unit when arrested at the Oxford street gate at Carling Heights.

Lieut. Frith Deputed.
Lieut. Joseph Frith, M.C., Cde G. 1st Battalion Canadian Garrison Regiment, in defending the accused, pleaded for leniency on the ground that the man was not really a deserter, as he was returning to his unit when arrested.

At this point the court, in summing up evidence for the prosecution, stated that although there was some doubt as to the exact time of the prisoner's departure without leave, the fact remained that he absented himself from his unit, which constitutes desertion. The court then met in privacy for a few minutes. After which it was informed that Pte. Buck had been found guilty of desertion. The sentence of the court was that he be sentenced to be promulgated in a few days, be drawn up on parade.

Hid in Woods.

Pte. Manley Flueling appeared before the same court this morning on a similar charge, and pleaded not guilty, through his counsel, Lieut. Frith. He was reported absent from his unit from July 3 to July 26, his draft having departed for overseas in the meantime. In a statement to the court, the prisoner said that his mother was in poor health, and as he could not get legitimate leave he deserted on July 3. He stated that Pte. Buck, who has charge of his platoon, was with him during his absence from Carling Heights. He spent one night at a home in Elgin County, and the rest of the time he hid in the woods, fearing capture by the military police. He stated that he had received food from the woods, and that he subsisted on wild berries and fruit while in hiding.

Not to Be Punished.
In answer to a question Pte. Flueling said he returned to his unit, because he knew that he would be punished for his offence. He hired a man to drive him into London, where he was apprehended while returning to camp. He said he thought the draft, although he was wanted for desertion, to depart within a few days prior to deserting.

Cross-examined by Capt. S. C. Kirkland, the prosecutor, Pte. Buck said he knew before deserting he would be tried by court-martial for doing so.

Out of His Own Mouth.
In summing up the evidence for the prosecution, Capt. Kirkland said: "The witness has proved to me by his own mouth that he was not really a deserter, but that he was on the draft, and carefully warned of the consequences of deserting. He did not act in ignorance and there are no extenuating circumstances in the case. His mother was sick, and yet he spent but one night in her company during a few days."

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"WORLD OF GOOD" DONE BY RAIN, SAY DISTRICT FARMERS

Storm, However, Did Not Effect
Temperature Much.

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The thunderstorm that was prophesied for this city Thursday evening was welcomed with joy by every farmer. The rain continued at intervals during the evening and throughout the course of the night. Although old-time weather prophets state that rain cools and purifies the air, it cannot be proved by today. Of course, the purifying part may be right. Although much rain fell last evening, a steady downpour, it accomplished little in moderating the temperature. Following the storm this morning the air was slightly cooler, and a fresh breeze was blowing, which did a little in comforting the people after the discomforts they experienced during the hottest day that London has ever witnessed. Today the conditions are more bearable, but it is still anything but cool.

Farmers of the surrounding district are thankful that the rain of last evening did a "world of good" to their crops, but they are not so sure that the rain of today did a "world of good" to their crops. One farmer today stated that he, on his farm, had quite a quantity of rain while the farmer about a mile and a half south of him had hardly any. He also stated that the rain had practically worked wonders with the root crops, and was the means of saving these crops from rotting. The potatoes, mangels, beets, carrots, etc., are reported to be greatly benefited by the rain. It will also help the pasture land, as well as the second crop of clover, and the apples and pears. No damage has been done to the wheat and corn, as most of all of this crop has been cut, and the rain did not fall heavily enough to beat down what was standing.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

OUR PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
As the ad. man often hath it—The Advertiser scores again! Only yesterday, you printed an inspired poem—"Rain, rain, come today; don't get me and stay away." And the rain came copiously and deliciously wet, which proves that, together with all sensible people, you are a seer, and your worthy journal, our old and esteemed friend, Jupiter Pluvius, is also a seer of your columns, and when he sees therein such a hearty invitation to rain, he takes it as a representation of the wish of the entire population of London and its environs. And we'll say, "Rain, rain, come today; don't get me and stay away." The rain came copiously and deliciously wet, which proves that, together with all sensible people, you are a seer, and your worthy journal, our old and esteemed friend, Jupiter Pluvius, is also a seer of your columns, and when he sees therein such a hearty invitation to rain, he takes it as a representation of the wish of the entire population of London and its environs. 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