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OUR WATER SUPPLY.

The suggestion to have a public meeting for the discussion of our water supply is a good one—if it would materialize. Last year, meetings were called by the board of trade, and extensively advertised; but only a corporal's guard appeared. It may be that a meeting summoned by the mayor might be better attended.

The subject is certainly one of great interest. An ample supply of good water for domestic purposes, as well as a good supply for fire protection, is probably the most important requisite for the safety of the city. But the problem is by no means easy of solution.

We have good water now, and while the supply has not been abundant, we have had enough for our actual needs. But experience shows that there is always danger of a deficiency in the supply, even with our present population. And with the steady growth of the city it is certain that we shall soon need much more than we now have.

That there is more water to be obtained west of Springbank may be accepted as a fact. Investigations by expert engineers during the past few years shows that a million gallons can be obtained by gravitation; while by going further west, and pumping, another million is available. And these estimates were of a conservative character; the actual amount available is probably greater. Is that enough?

Ordinarily, we have a supply of between four and five millions. We are, therefore, assured of about seven millions by confining ourselves to Springbank and vicinity. We use over 80 gallons per capita. This is more than is needed. With a system of metering there would be much less wasted than there is now, and the consumption could be easily reduced to 50 gallons, which would give everyone an ample supply. With some exercise of economy in the use of water; going to the river for a supply for street sprinkling and for the railroads, and with the tendency of large factories to seek their own supply by wells, there should be enough water at Springbank and vicinity, for a city of 80,000 people.

It has been suggested that there should be a separate system for fire protection—using the water from the river for this purpose. This would be a good idea if it were practicable. But it would be very expensive. It would involve a separate system of mains, a pumping station and an annual expenditure for operating. To supply the business section of the city alone would cost over \$300,000, and \$100,000 per annum for operation. Then the question would arise—would the people outside the business section, who would not expect any direct benefit, vote for such an addition to the city's taxation? It is doubtful.

Another suggestion has been made—that we go directly to Lake Huron. That would certainly mean an inexhaustible supply. But to carry our water more than 40 miles and to pump it up to an elevator of several hundred feet, and to obtain the necessary lands and right-of-way for operating the system, means an expenditure that would be a serious consideration for a city of much larger population than ours. We have had no estimate of the cost. When that is obtained, it will be time enough to discuss the proposition.

DO WE EAT TOO MUCH?

Complaint is made from time to time that Canadians have to pay altogether too much for butcher meat. They can in some measure, ease themselves of this burden without in any way injuring themselves, by greatly curtailing the amount of meat ordinarily consumed. This is the statement made by Dr. Reeves, the newly-elected president of the British Medical Association, in his inaugural address. He said:

"Too much food not only means loss of vitality in the disposal of it, but entails a positive risk from the resulting poisons before these products of assimilative change are finally got rid of. Chittenden has shown that one-half or one-third of the nitrogenous (flesh) food ordinarily taken suffices, with, of course, so much the less tax upon liver, kidneys and digestive tract.

"Much of the joy of life depends upon a good digestion, and in those days of wear and tear, and taxing care, the less of useless work to be done because of faulty diet the more of energy to spare for life's duties. There will be less uric acid formed and requiring excretion if less flesh food is taken and the congenial soil for rheumatism may thus be greatly reduced.

"Not so deadly as the white plague rheumatism causes much more pain and misery in the world than tuberculosis. It is the prerogative of the profession to show that nature's laws rightly interpreted are the only safe

guide to good living—not men's whims, fads and fickle appetites or ingrained habits—and that much of the money that goes for patent foods as well as the millions spent on patent medicines (so-called) are as a rule mis-spent."

To secure the best results and avoid many of the ills that flesh is not heir to, but has forced upon it, the president of the British Association very properly emphasizes the necessity for thorough mastication of all food and for avoiding those mental states which divert nervous energy and interfere with digestion, by cutting off the appetite juices. In this, of course, he but brings forward old truths, but in the plenty of food, and the hurry and bustle in which the large majority of us almost invariably consume it, they are apt to be forgotten and if they are, we must suffer for it.

Defective fire alarms and apparatus in several Ontario towns have recently made it difficult to put out fires. Neglect of this nature is not creditable to the municipalities. It never pays. By it one more excuse—a legitimate one, unfortunately—is afforded to the insurance companies to keep up their rates to the highest possible notch.

Russia's wheat crop is short this year. So is that of New Zealand, which country is also reported short of potatoes. These shortages, however, will not make much difference to the world's markets. It is a rare year in which a shortage of one country's exports of food products are not made up in the British markets, where the price is fixed, by increases in the supplies from more favored lands. But year in and year out, Canada keeps increasing her sales to other countries—particularly to the motherland—and we have only just begun to develop our great natural resources.

Western newspapers and dealers keep speculating as to the yield of the harvest in Canada's new provinces. The farmer himself is too busy to take much note of these arithmetical goings-on.

He will be content to wait for results till the threshing is well under way. The one great satisfaction for all is that, in any event, he is a mighty poor farmer, or he has had shocking luck, if he has not managed to obtain satisfactory returns from his labor this year. For this he, as well as all of us, who are more or less dependent upon his prosperity for ours, ought to be most thankful.

King Edward entertains the highest regard for the friendly and benevolent societies of Great Britain, and the other day he gave a noteworthy illustration of the fact. The Ancient Order of Foresters held their high court at King's Lynn, and His Majesty sent a special invitation to the delegates, their wives, and local friends to visit Sandringham, his Norfolk home, and partake of luncheon. He also caused his secretary to send, on his behalf, a congratulatory telegram, warmly approving their mission. The King, as grand master of the Free Masons, had opportunity to see how beneficial these benevolent and friendly societies are.

It is well known that His Majesty gave up his active duties as head of that craft to his brother, the Duke of Connaught, with much regret; but it was not possible for His Majesty to continue in the office he held for about a quarter of a century, as the sovereign cannot hold any office outside his kingly duties. But he never fails to express approval of the efforts put forth by this and other organizations for the benefit of their race.

FATHER'S THOUGHT.

[New York Sun.]

Daughter—Let me show you his love letter.
Father—I'd rather see his pay envelope.

BACKWARD MAN!

[Lady Violet Greville, in "London Opinion."]

Men are more shy and self-conscious in this generation, and naturally need a little encouragement, which a true woman gives quite simply in a hundred different little ways, without departing one inch from maidenly modesty.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

[Lustige Blätter.]

Mrs. Newly Wed (hesitatingly).—I would like to give you something from our dinner, but—but—
Beggar—"O" that'll be all right, mum. I have the stomach of an ostrich."

NO CASE FOR LOGIC.

[Simplicius.]

Mrs. Bauer—Did you ask that young man whether he had been thinking over his decision to marry our daughter?
Mr. Bauer—No. If he thinks over it, he will never marry her.

HIS FRIEND'S ADVICE.

[Life.]

Poet—I think I will drop literature and go into business.
Friend—Don't do it! It takes 'brains' to succeed in business.

NUPTIAL NERVE TONIC.

[Lamberton (N. C.) Argus.]

Mr. J. T. Phillips tied the knot in the case of Mr. Walter Prevatt and Miss Lorena Freeman at his home Friday night, and served peaches as a nerve settler.

CLEAR ENOUGH TO HER.

[Harper's Weekly.]

Andrew Carnegie once delivered a little homily to the pupils of a public

school in Washington, wherein he endeavored to demonstrate that the judgment of men is apt to be warped by sentiment and feeling.

"In Scotland," asserted Mr. Carnegie, "the people abominated hymns simply because the Episcopalians used them. The Presbyterians sang only the Psalms of David. The Episcopalians used stained glass in their church windows, and for that reason the Scotch looked upon stained glass as something of unholy origin."

Continuing, Mr. Carnegie told a story of a Presbyterian minister who had been bold enough to introduce this hated innovation. He was showing it in triumph to one of his parishioners, and asked her how she liked it.
"Ay, it is handsome," said she, sadly, "but I prefer the glass just as God made it!"

POWER OF THE PRESS.

[Chicago Journal.]

Wendell Phillips, the famous American orator and abolitionist, had an effective way of dealing with disturbances. Once when he was interrupted by an unfriendly audience he stooped down and began talking in a low voice to the men at the reporters' table.

Some of the auditors, becoming curious, called, "Louder!" Whereupon Phillips straightened himself up and exclaimed:

"Go right on, gentlemen, with your noise. Through these pencils," pointing to the reporters, "I speak to 40,000,000 people."

A GRASS WIDOW.

[The Bystander.]

"Mamma, what is a grass widow?"
"A grass widow, dear—is a lady whose husband plays golf."

CONSISTENT

[Baltimore American.]

"Marie, can't you play tennis without making all that noise?"
"Now, ma, who in the world ever heard of anyone's playing tennis without raising a racket?"

A MONUMENTAL TASK.

[Everybody's Journal.]

Gussie—Landlord, can you let me have my bill this afternoon?
Hotel Proprietor—Worry sorry, can't possibly manage it, sir. Tomorrow morning, perhaps. My clerk's working at it night and day. (Collapse of Gussie).

REPARTEE.

[Exchange.]

The Doctor—Do you know, I think your profession is absolutely useless—it certainly doesn't make angels of men!
The Lawyer—Well, I must allow you have the advantage of us there!

NOT FOR GRANDMA.

[Exchange.]

Little Mary—Two penn'orth of bird seed, if yer please.
Shopman—Is it for your grandma, love?
Little Mary—No, it's for the canary.

HE EXPLAINED.

[Baltimore American.]

"Young man, I would like an explanation of my catching you hugging my daughter."
"Certainly, sir; you see, your daughter is a great chance for me, and I never let an opportunity slip by without embracing it."

LARGEST CHAIN CABLES.

[Export Implement Age.]

What are said to be the largest chain cables ever made for ship's use have been turned out in South Wales. The iron bar used in making the links is 3-4 inches in diameter at the smallest part. Each link is about 22-14 inches long and weighs about 150 pounds. When tested for strength, the breaking stress of 265.7 tons, required by law, instead of fracturing these gigantic links, simply elongated them about 1 inch. With the highest stress that the testing machine could give, about 370 tons, the links showed no signs of cracks or fracture.

THE NEWEST TYPE.

[Judge.]

"That doctor that examined me told me my heart was beating at the rate of 150 per minute."
"Well, he's the worst circulation liar I have ever heard of."

SUFFRAGETTE'S PROUD MOMENT.

[Liverpool Daily Post.]

Overheard during a conversation in which a flag-carrying suffragette took part:
Suffragette—The proudest moment of my life was when I was a passenger on an American liner and fell over the side.
Friend—The proudest moment; but how do you mean?
Suffragette—A sailor called out: "Man overboard!"

IN KANSAS.

[New York Sun.]

Stranger—How's corn?
Kansas Farmer—Say, the ears have grown so high above the ground that they have to use trumpets to hear what's going on.

A CIRCUS.

[New York Sun.]

Visitor—What a well-behaved boy.
Mother—Yes; I told him if he was good he could watch his father take up the carpet.

A WRONG TRANSLATION.

[Exchange.]

Senator Quay was fond of telling a story of an experience of his in a country hotel near Pittsburgh. Hanging on the wall in the parlor was an inscription, "Ici on parle Français." The senator noted the sign, and turning to the landlord said: "Do you speak French?"
"No," the man replied, "United States will do for me."
"Well, then," said Quay, "why do you have that notice on the wall? That means 'French is spoken here.'"
"Well, I'll be blamed!" ejaculated the hotelkeeper. "A young chap said that to me for 'God bless our home.'"

WELCOMED TO THE FIELD.

[Geary (Okla.) Bulletin.]

The Bulletin is in receipt of a copy of the Pay Observer. Notwithstanding the fact that it has the appearance of being printed in a elder mill with three-penny nails for type it is a credit to the town.



Stolen Pleasure

The children will show you the merits of Mooney's biscuits if you give them the chance.

Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas

have made themselves famous all over Canada in a very short time. Crisp, inviting, tasty. Different from any other cracker you have ever eaten.
Say "Mooney's" to your grocer.

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Breathed for a few minutes four times a day, through an inhaler that comes with every outfit. It soothes the irritated mucous membrane of the nose, throat and lungs, kills the cataractal germs, and restores complete health. Its healing, anti-septic fragrance penetrates to the most remote air passages, as no medicine taken into the stomach can possibly do. Immediate relief almost always follows the use of Hyomel, and great benefit is seen after a few days' treatment.

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Compare this small expense with the fees charged by specialists. If you cannot obtain Hyomel of your dealer, it will be forwarded by mail, postage paid, on receipt of price. Write today for consultation blank that will entitle you to services of our medical department, without charge. The R. T. Booth Company, Hyomel Building, Ithaca, N. Y.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

The following properties were sold by Wm. Needham & Sons, 418 Talbot street, from Aug. 20 to Aug. 25:

Aug. 20—100 acres in London Township, north half of lot 10, concession 12, owned by J. E. Reguey, sold to Robert McRoberts.

Aug. 22—100 acres in township of East Williams, lot 7, concession 3, owned by Charles Post, sold to Malcolm Graham.

Aug. 23—27 acres in township of Westminster, part of lot 15, concession 4, owned by Wm. J. Bates, sold to Wm. Williams, East Walsingham.

Aug. 24—35 acres in London Township, part of south part of lot 10, concession 3, owned by Mrs. Mary Lapthorn; sold to W. J. Fuller.

Aug. 25—100 acres in London Township, north half of lot 6, concession 11, owned by Charles Marshall, sold to Ernest Hodggett.

100 acres in London Township, being south half of lot 12, concession 11, owned by A. Tronside; sold to John Murray.

C. P. R. Harvest Excursions.
Harvest Excursions will leave on the Canadian Pacific to points in Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest on Sept. 11 and 25. Return tickets will be issued good for 60 days. Berth reservations in tourist sleepers should be attended to early. Full information from W. Fulton, C. P. and T. A., corner Dundas and Richmond streets. 20u

Reduced Rates To New York in September.

Sept. 9 and 10 the New York Central, "America's Greatest Railroad," will have a cheap rate of \$10.25 for the round trip from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo, West Shore, one to \$9 round trip, to New York City, tickets good returning to Sept. 14. Those who desire to use Hudson River steamers in either or both directions between Albany and New York may do so without extra charge. For further particulars, write or call on Louis Drago, Canadian Passenger Agent, 69 1-2 Yonge street, Toronto.

ENGLISH IRON FOR GERMANY.

Liverpool, Sept. 1.—During the last month no fewer than 10,000 tons of Northamptonshire pig iron have been consigned via King's Lynn to Belgium, and thence forwarded to the iron districts of Germany. This is a new trade development consequent on cheap freight arrangements.

I bought a horse with a supposedly incurable ringbone for \$10. Cured him with \$1 worth of MINARD'S LINIMENT, and sold him for \$85. Prompt on Liniment, \$5. MOISE DEROSCE, Hotelkeeper, St. Philippe, Que.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO

Get Your Holiday Needs Tonight

Monday is Labor Day, so today and tonight is your only chance to get your holiday needs. Our special bargains will help you in this. All summer goods have been finally reduced and the smallest prices—almost giving-away prices—are being asked. Come and see.

NEW FALL HATS—It's September now and you can begin wearing a fall hat as soon as you like—one of the early ones that's pretty, simple and full of style. Come in tonight and you'll see the right kinds. Prices.....\$1.75 to \$5.00

Elbow Length Gloves

If you're going away you will want elbow length gloves. Our qualities are extra fine.

20-button length Silk Gloves, in cream, white, champagne and black, finest quality. At.....\$1.50

18-button length Silk Gloves, 2 buttons. Special at.....\$1.25

18-button length Silk Gloves, in white, cream, brown, navy and green. Special.....\$1.00

18-button length White Glace Kid Gloves, buttoned. At.....\$2.00

White Wash Skirts

Just a few leftovers—Ladies' White Wash Skirts, tailor-made, full pleated, stitching at edge of pleats. Were \$2.50, at.....\$1.95

Girls' School Dresses

Half-price for Girls' Wash Dresses, just the thing for school wear. Not many to clear.

65c Dresses, for.....33c

75c Dresses, for.....38c

\$1.00 Dresses, for.....50c

\$1.25 Dresses, for.....63c

Percale House Skirts

Navy Blue White Spotted Percale House Skirts or underskirts, gored with flounce. Tonight.....50c

A small price to pay for good wrappers; light colors, all sizes.....42c

Men's Waterproofs

Here's a fine bargain in Men's Waterproof Coats, light and medium brown and gray, some with capes, well made throughout. Worth up to \$10.00, tonight.....\$3.00

Boys' School Suits; don't forget that school starts Tuesday. These suits a bargain, at.....\$2.25

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New and rich discoveries are being made weekly.

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I am a practical mining man, and was one of the first in the Cobalt field.

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A TIMELY DEATH

Fifteen Minutes Later and Big Policy Would Have Expired.

Kansas City, Aug. 31.—Dr. Shaw F. Neeley, formerly United States marshal of Kansas, and several times mayor of Leavenworth, died fifteen minutes before a policy of \$45,000 on his life would have expired. The filing of his will today developed that fact.

Dr. Neeley had a policy for \$45,000 in the Mutual Life of New York. He had permitted payments to become overdue and taken advantage of the thirty days' grace allowed by the policy. He died at 11:45 p.m. Had he lived until midnight the thirty days would have expired. F. N. Cheney, St. Louis manager for the company, says satisfactory proof of the time of Dr. Neeley's death has been furnished and the policy will be paid.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for all kinds of itching, bleeding and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. 6c, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & Co., Toronto.

PILES

GILLETTE ARRAIGNED.

Herkimer, N. Y., Aug. 31.—A special grand jury today reported an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Chester Gillette, who is alleged to have killed Miss Grace Brown at Big Moose Lake. Gillette was arraigned and counsel assigned to defend him.

CUCUMBERS and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is sure cure for all summer complaints.