

CITY TO USE ARTESIAN WELLS WILL TURN WATER INTO MAINS

Important Statement Is Made by Commissioner Jones.

NO SHORTAGE THIS SUMMER

Commissioners Will See That the Citizens Are Not Inconvenienced During the Dry Period.

The city will not be without water during the summer months. Arrangements are now being made to turn the water from the Beck wells into the city mains, as soon as possible.

This statement was made by Mr. Wm. Jones, chairman of the water commission, to The Advertiser, this afternoon.

In the meantime the commissioners will go on with their investigations into the artesian well scheme, and will report in a short time.

Will Use the Water.
"We will turn the water into the city mains as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made," said Mr. Jones. "This will be necessary if we are going to profit by this water, and prevent a shortage this coming summer. We would not be able to utilize the Beck scheme until late in the fall at the very earliest, if it is decided to take it over by turning the water into the mains we can overcome the shortage, and prevent any danger that may arise from that fact."

Still Non-Committal.
Mr. Jones would not commit himself on the merits of the artesian well scheme, other than to say it would be given a square deal by the water commissioners. Commissioner Darch went over the wells with Hon. Adam Beck, and afterwards went to the McGregor farm, where the well was examined.

Mr. Jones would not state what conclusions they had come to.

No. 13 Is a Success.
In the meantime, the latest well sunk on the Parke property has proved successful. It is No. 13, and there were some superstitions enough to think that there would probably be a failure with this one. But the test on May 13 was a success. The test was made of it yesterday and it yielded about 200,000 gallons of water, running very easily.

The strainer was not put in at first, and after testing it for a couple of hours it was shut down and the strainer inserted.

Some time this afternoon the real test of the well will be made by the driller.

The Fourteenth Well.
The fourteenth well has been staked out, and work will commence on it in a very short time. It will also be located on the Parke flats.

Mr. Darch had no opinion to give on the plan as yet, but is investigating the whole question.

The engineers, Mr. Moore and Mr. H. J. Glaubitz, had a lengthy conference yesterday.

Looked Over Plans.
"We looked over the plans of the buildings and checked the figures," said Mr. Moore. "He had not all the information with him that I desired, such as specifications and the like. He sent them to me this morning, and I have been busy with them ever since."

"I have no opinion to offer as yet, but will make my report to the commissioners in the space of a week or two. It is quite a big problem, as you can understand, and it will take some time to go over the work with any thoroughness."

If nothing further comes of the scheme, the city will not suffer from the drought this summer, as in the past.

No report has been received from Toronto as to the purity of the McGregor farm water, but this is expected within a very short time, possibly next week.

A CLAM BAKE.
Boston, May 13.—A suspension of railway conductors of America, which is holding its annual grand convention in this city, while the visiting conductors and members of the ladies' auxiliary devoted the day to pleasure seeking. In the forenoon the delegates left for Providence on a special train. Arriving in that city the conductors were guests of the Providence division of the order and were taken to Crescent Park, where a clam bake was provided.

ABDUL'S GOLD.
Constantinople, May 14.—The minister of finance has decided that the cash found in the Imperial palace of Yildiz, the residence of Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan, shall be used in meeting the expenditures incurred by the mobilization of the first and second army corps and the march on Constantinople, to restore constitutional government. The funds in question amount to nearly \$5,000,000.

UNIQUE MEDICAL CASE.
Port Hope, May 14.—Henry Beauchamp, a well-known town character, 32 years ago was a victim of paralytic stroke, which besides partially crippling his legs and arms, rendered him almost dumb. This morning he was again a victim, and now lies dumb, sightless, deaf, and a total cripple. The medical fraternity are investigating the case, which is almost unique in medical annals.

Off For Toronto.
Sergeant Kingsnorth left for Toronto this morning, where he will attend the sergeants' dinner given by the Tenth Royal Grenadiers in that city tomorrow night. He will represent the sergeants' mess of the Seventh Regiment.

REAL ESTATE BRISK IN APRIL.

There is still a healthy movement in real estate, as shown by the transfers during April.

The number of deals shows a very marked increase, although the consideration is somewhat less. There were more properties changing hands than usual, but they were smaller parcels.

In April, 1909, there were 114 transfers, as compared with 84 during the same period of 1908, an increase of 30. The assessed value was \$93,886, as compared with \$106,210 in 1908, a decrease of \$12,324.

The consideration was \$136,117, as compared with \$147,953 last year, or \$11,836 less.

The assessment was 69 per cent of the consideration in April last, as compared with 71 per cent in 1908.

HAS THE CITY THE POWER TO REPEAL THE FRANCHISES

Story Around the City Hall Is That Mayor and Aldermen Have the Matter In Their Own Hands—No Power Solution as Yet.

There is nothing new regarding the electric franchises in the city, and there will be little known until the full text of Mr. Meredith's opinion as to their validity is made public.

If the report is correct—and there is no reason to suspect otherwise—that the four franchises are good, then all negotiations for the purchase of the London Electric will likely fall through as in the opinion of many of the aldermen, nothing would be gained by buying the London Electric out, as the process would have to be continued indefinitely if competition was to be eliminated.

At the meeting of the special power committee this evening the opinion of Mr. Meredith will be presented to the committee, and considered. It promises to be a lengthy session.

Council Has the Power?
Some of the London Electric Company advocates state that the question of the other franchises, the Power Equipment, the Helena Costume Company, and the Sifton franchise, is in the hands of the council, and that they can repeal them at any time without difficulty.

This does not appear to be the case, however. The Sifton franchise can be cancelled at three months' notice, but there is nothing in either of the other two to permit of any such action.

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INTEND TO SOLVE KINRADE MYSTERY

Attorney-General Foy Says the Government Has No Intention of Dropping the Matter.

Toronto, May 14.—The crown investigation of the Kinrade murder will continue. The case has not been dropped, it is being investigated until it has been solved. The mills of justice may seem for a time to grind slowly, but in the view of the department, the slow course is the sure course in this unusual and unfortunate case.

Hon. J. J. Foy, the attorney-general, made the foregoing official statement in an interview following the meeting of the provincial cabinet yesterday. The statement bespeaks the decision of the government.

Hon. Mr. Foy stated that the government reward offered was still standing, and the department would appreciate all information. In the meantime, the department is in touch with the United States authorities through the American consul.

The Attorney-General has gone over the reports of the crown counsel and the allied details. He has also had before him the letter of Foreman R. B. Spera of the coroner's jury, and the verdict, and the crown counsel has been taking in view of all these documents.

Speaking of the foreman's communication, Mr. Foy said it had been fully considered, and the department is in a position to make a recommendation in the verdict. In view of the fact that the responsibility now rests with the department, the minister felt that his course must be determined with that fact in view. There had been too much speculative sensationalism. The crown could not afford to precipitate an abortive action in so serious a case.

TO BANQUET MR. PUGSLEY.
St. John, N. B., May 13.—Friends and supporters of Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, met last night and decided to tender the minister a banquet here. They wired him asking his acceptance and asking him to name the date.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

Today—Moderate variable winds; a few scattered showers, but generally fair.

Saturday—Showers or thunderstorms in many localities, with stationary or lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
London..... 63 40 Cloudy
Victoria..... 40 20 Clear
Calgary..... 32 20 Clear
Winnipeg..... 44 38 Cloudy
Perry Sound..... 44 38 Cloudy
Toronto..... 64 50 Clear
Ottawa..... 66 52 Fair
Montreal..... 68 54 Fair
Quebec..... 46 44 Cloudy
Father Point..... 46 44 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.
A few scattered moderate showers have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and a few local showers in the Western Provinces.

The weather has been cool in Alberta, elsewhere the most part moderately warm.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Toronto, May 13—5 p.m.—Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 48-72; Victoria, 48-60; Vancouver, 46-53; Calgary, 38-46; Edmonton, 44-52; Battleford, 38-44; Prince Albert, 34-42; Qu'Appelle, 36-52; Winnipeg, 38-52; Port Arthur, 40-54; Pelly Sound, 44-52; Toronto, 48-68; Ottawa, 46-54; Montreal, 52-64; Quebec, 38-52; St. John, 42-64; Halifax, 40-62.

FORECASTS.
Ottawa Valley—Moderate winds, mostly south and southwest; a few scattered thunder showers, but mostly fair and warm.

Gulf—Moderate winds; fair; stationary or higher temperature.

Maritime—Moderate winds, mostly north and west; fine and about fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Lake Superior—Moderate winds; a few local showers or thunderstorms, but partly fair and cool.

Manitoba—Some local showers or thunderstorms, but partly fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Saskatchewan—Local showers, but partly fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Alberta—A few local showers, but mostly fair and cool.

EAST LONDON MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

John Hatton, a Cobbler, Had Artery in Wrist Severed and Throat Cut.

THE DOCTOR WON'T TALK

Man is in a Serious Condition—Wrist Was Cut to the Bone.

John Hatton, a cobbler and tobaccoist, of Dundas street, east of English street, lies in Victoria Hospital in a very serious condition as a result of having an artery in his wrist severed. It is said, however, that there are wounds also on Hatton's throat, and that his side is badly cut, as though with a knife.

A Mystery.
The affair happened shortly after 12 o'clock, and although he was rushed to the hospital immediately, the physicians were working on him in the operating-room at 2:30 o'clock.

Dr. Seabrook, who attended him, refused absolutely to make any statement regarding the accident. It is known that the man is in a serious condition by the physician refusing to discuss the case.

It seems that the cut is a very deep one, and that Hatton's wrist was cut to the bone.

His Brother's Story.
His brother, Mr. George Hatton, entered the store at 12:30 and found him attempting to tie up the wound, he told The Advertiser.

Hatton had been ill for some time and was somewhat despondent.

Will Recover.
A later report from Victoria Hospital says that Hatton's side, throat and wrist are cut deeply, and that he lost a great deal of blood. He will probably recover, however.

How such wounds could be inflicted accidentally could not be learned.

WESTERN CANADA IS ON THE BOOM

General Manager of Bradstreet's Is Very Optimistic After Tour of Inspection.

AMERICANS POURING IN

As Well as Many People From Ontario—The New Grain Route to England.

Mr. Thomas C. Irving, of Toronto, general manager of Bradstreet's for Western Canada, arrived in the city last night after having recently completed a tour of the Canadian West, and when seen by The Advertiser was most optimistic regarding trade.

"Conditions in the west everywhere are most favorable at the present time, and the outlook is for the best and most prosperous year in its history," he said. "Seeding was delayed some on account of the weather, but the fine spell of the last week has been taken advantage of, and the work has gone ahead at a great rate. American farmers are pouring into the country in thousands, and are taking up lands with the intention of becoming permanent settlers. They are a fine type of farmer, understand their business, and will be the backbone of the country. Some of the finest young farmers from Ontario and Quebec are also settling in the west, and also a great many English people."

Rapid Development.
"One of the features that struck me particularly was the very rapid development that is taking place in the Okanagan valley. This is the great fruit district of British Columbia, and in a few years it will be raising immense quantities of fruit for the Northwest trade. A splendid climate and magnificent soil makes the valley one of the richest districts in the west, and apples and pears; in fact, all the best fruits grow there readily."

New Grain Route.
"An experiment that is being watched with the greatest interest, by railroad men, steamship companies and businessmen in general is the opening of the grain traffic between Vancouver and Liverpool, via the Pacific Ocean route. The experiments so far have successfully demonstrated that western grain can be shipped more cheaply to Liverpool by this route than it can by being shipped from Montreal or New York. The shippers now are considering whether to ship the grain in bulk. The problem is to keep the cargo from heating while it is passing through the tropics. Thorough tests are to be made, both of shipments in bulk and in sacks, and which system proves the more satisfactory will be adopted."

Railroad Construction.
"The immense amount of railroad construction that is going on at the present time in the west is booming everything, and it will be in time before all the lines that are projected will be completed. Winnipeg is going ahead very fast. So is Vancouver. The westerners look upon Winnipeg as the coming Chicago of the Canadian West and Vancouver as its New York. One thing noticeable there is the aggressiveness of the Americans in looking after the trade. They are not bound by any traditions, and go after it for all there is in it."

The Jap Trouble.
"The trouble that arose some time ago between the people and the Japanese and the Hindus has to a large extent subsided, although I would not care to say that it is dead by any means."

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DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE WILL APPEAL TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Two C. P. R. FREIGHTS CRASH NEAR GALT

Met Head-On, No One Injured. Line Blocked for Several Hours.

Two C. P. R. freight trains, a regular and an extra, met in head-on collision near Schaw, a small station situated midway between Guelph Junction and Galt, about 5:30 yesterday evening. No one was injured, but the two locomotives were badly damaged and two freight cars were demolished. Although particulars are scarce, it would appear that both engines had seen each other's train and had had time to lower considerably the speed of their respective trains.

The road was closed 8:45 p.m., allowing of the Detroit flyer from Toronto and the local to Galt from Toronto to pass through.

Failure on the part of an employee at Guelph Junction to deliver a train order is thought to have been the cause of the accident. The up-bound train, it is said, should have been held at the junction.

A LIVELY RUNAWAY
ON RICHMOND STREET

Horse Became Frightened at a Car and Scared Another Animal.

A serious runaway occurred at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets this morning about 11 o'clock, when a delivery horse attached to a wagon belonging to a local confectioner took fright at the construction car of the street railway company and dashed into Dr. Drake's buggy, which was standing on Richmond street, near the G. T. R. ticket office, causing the doctor's horse to run away and meeting with serious injuries about the legs.

The construction car was coming north on Richmond, as was the wagon, when the horse suddenly reared and collided with Dr. Drake's buggy.

The doctor's horse became frightened and nearly upset the buggy before dashing up Dundas street, where he ran as far as Talbot, but was finally brought under control by the driver, who displayed great ability as a horseman. The animal fell while going up Dundas street, however, and cut its front legs badly.

The confectioner's horse ran south on Richmond, but was caught in front of the Masonic Temple.

A FUSILLADE FOR
NON-UNION CREW

Strike Sympathizers Fire on the Steamer Republic as She Leaves Port.

Cleveland, May 14.—Through a fusillade of revolver shots, said by the police to have been fired by strike sympathizers, the steamer Republic left port here last night. It is supposed that no one on board was injured, as the boat did not turn back after the firing ceased. The Republic is bound for the head of the lakes.

Prior to the departure of the boat strike sympathizers talked with the non-union crew aboard the vessel and tried to induce them not to ship.

The Republic belongs to the Hanna fleet.

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