

MR. BECK ALLEGES UNFAIRNESS IN REGARD TO WATER AGREEMENT

Charges That Commissioners Have Unduly Dillydallied.

MAY COST THE CITY MORE MONEY

Scarcely Time Now, He Says, to Take Advantage of the Options He Secured.

An agreement between the water commissioners and Hon. Adam Beck will be drawn up at once.

At a conference between the commissioners, City Solicitor Meredith, Hon. Adam Beck, and Mr. J. C. Judd, K.C., solicitor for Mr. Beck, the situation was discussed this morning, and the decision arrived at.

It is more than likely that Mr. Beck will hold the water commissioner responsible for any extra cost that the delay of the commissioners in coming to an agreement with him has entailed.

Alleged Lack of Interest.

He complained of the lack of interest of the commissioners. He stated that he informed the board that his options on machinery, land and apparatus expired on Aug. 1. But he was able to have them extended until Aug. 15, expecting that the agreement will have been signed by that time, allowing him some time to close his options, settling the business.

But with the agreement only formulated today, it leaves but a few hours in which to close the deal.

Charges Unfairness.

"I think the commissioners have not acted fairly by me, nor by themselves, in delaying this matter," Mr. Beck informed the commission this morning. "The bylaw has been passed some days now, and nothing has been done. Mr. Judd informed you some time ago, that we were ready to enter into an agreement, but nothing has been done until this morning. I thought that the tenders could have been awarded, and the details of the agreement worked out before the bylaw was given its third reading. It leaves me in an awkward position with regard to my contracts, and I hardly think it fair."

Awaited Third Reading.

"We could not do anything until the bylaw was given its third reading," said Chairman Jones.

"The bylaw was read a third time nearly two weeks ago, and nothing has been done since," retorted Mr. Beck. "There was no doubt of the fact that it would be given a third reading, and the details of the agreement and closing of contracts could have been arranged in the meantime. When the discussion was on, the commissioner made the statement that they would make good anything lost by me if the options were not taken up, and I feel inclined to hold you to that. It is not fair to me to cause such a delay."

The commissioners did not feel inclined to grant Mr. Beck anything extra, but there was little discussion.

Situation of a Site.

Mr. Beck discussed with the board the selection of a site for the pumping plant. Commissioner Jones thought the board should have something to say regarding the location of the plant, and to this Mr. Beck agreed.

"I have options on several pieces of property, but some of them are high," said Mr. Beck. "If a site suitable to your engineer could be selected, we might be able to get it cheaper, and save money for the citizens."

Draw Up an Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Darch, the city solicitor was instructed to draw up an agreement in keeping with Mr. Beck's offer of May 12. They also agreed to accept Mr. Beck's tender.

The question of equipment was also referred to the engineers, Mr. Glauz and Mr. Moore, to come to some agreement regarding the best appliances to install.

Those present were Chairman W. Jones, Commissioner Darch, Mayor Stevely, Engineer Moore, City Solicitor Meredith, Hon. Adam Beck, J. C. Judd, K.C., and Secretary Ellwood.

NINE PERSONS INJURED

Runaway North Vancouver Car Fell Into Inlet.

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—Nine people were more or less seriously injured yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, when a North Vancouver street car ran away and fell into the inlet. The motorman, Kelly, jumped at First street and injured his skull, but Conductor Jones stuck to his post, because he said he was afraid the women and children would try and clamor out into the water. His nose was broken. Mr. Arnold Kealy was among the injured. The passengers were rather panicky, but several showed great pluck.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Patric Point, Que., Aug. 13.—Steamship Sardinian, Allan Line, from Havre, Inward, 12:30 a.m., with 35 second cabin and 10 steerage passengers. Steamship Montcalm, C. P. R. Line, from Bristol, Inward, 3 a.m. Steamship Lake Champlain, C. P. R. Line, from Liverpool, Inward, 5:30 a.m.

UNITED AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS.

An interesting family reunion took place at Port Stanley at the Irish picnic yesterday.

Mr. Jack Ryan, of Michigan, was a visitor at the picnic, having arrived in the city yesterday after an absence of 28 years.

His mother died when he was quite young, and his father married again. He lived with his father for a few years, and then went to Michigan to live with relatives. He never came back to London in all that time, and had seen nothing of his relatives.

When at the picnic he was introduced to a Mrs. Ryan by Mr. Charles Brennan.

The fact that the names were similar started them to questioning, and they discovered that Mrs. Ryan was his step-mother, whom he had not seen in over a quarter of a century.

Mr. Ryan will spend a few days in the city.

FIERCE BATTLE AT FT. WILLIAM BETWEEN STRIKERS AND POLICE

Troops Called Out to Suppress Riots Following Strike of C. P. R. Dock Laborers—Police Chief Fatally Injured—City Placed Under Martial Law.

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 12.—Fort William for the first time in its history is under martial law. A thousand dock laborers, principally Greeks, Hungarians and Italians, who have been on a strike for a week, enraged by the arrival of special Canadian Pacific police from Winnipeg, were incited to riot, and 300 of them engaged in a pitched battle with the police at noon today around the Canadian Pacific freight sheds.

Two men were injured, three at least fatally, including Chief Ball, of the railway company's local force, and two Greeks. Five of the wounded are Canadian Pacific special policemen, three are Greeks, one is a reporter. Others are Sgt. Taylor, of the city police force, and John Lane, a butcher. Constable Carpenter, of the Canadian Pacific force, had a leg shattered, and Ball was shot in the stomach. The Ninety-sixth Regiment of the militia was called out this afternoon, after Mayor Pettit had read the riot act.

Constables Pinned In.

The strikers have 25 railway constables pinned up in the Canadian Pacific Railroad bank house, and shots have been heard all afternoon. Soldiers are guarding the district under the command of Col. Steele, who was here at the time of the riot. He is head of the Canadian permanent force in Western Canada.

The latter will arrive by special train from Winnipeg early tomorrow. The city police department is absolutely unable to cope with the situation. It was impossible to control either the imported Canadian Pacific constables or the dock strikers. The strikers are intensely hostile to the Canadian Pacific force, had a leg

CITY OF LONDON MAY EXPROPRIATE

Mr. Meredith Says Corporation Can Go Ahead Re the Saunby Mill.

PROPERTY IS NOT JUNK

Valuation Would Likely Be on an Altogether Different Basis—Mr. Meredith Speaks.

The city of London has the power to expropriate the Saunby property, so City Solicitor Meredith informed the water commissioners today.

During the conference with Mr. Beck, Commissioner Darch asked Mr. Meredith the question that in expropriating the property, the city had the right to expropriate the property.

"That was one of the points at issue," said Mr. Meredith. "We were given the right on the decision of the court, and we can expropriate whenever we so desire."

The Valuation.

"Of course, the valuation of the property will not be as junk. The possibilities of the plant will have to be taken into consideration, and it may make the plant cost higher than some imagine."

The water commissioners took no action on the question today, but it is possible that action will be taken in the near future.

LEAPED FROM TRAIN

Baltimore, Aug. 13.—Scott Johnson, charged with the murder of James McAllister, a farmhand, near Rising Sun, Md., and who confessed the crime to the California authorities, jumped from a train near York, Pa., yesterday while Sheriff Hager was bringing him east. He dashed to the door and leaped over the rear platform. Johnson rolled along the road-bed for a few seconds, and then the sheriff, on the rear of the train, saw him straighten up, shake his fist and stalk off into the underbrush. Sheriff Hager appealed to the conductor to stop the train, but the latter refused to halt until New Freedom was reached. There Sheriff Hager left the train and started back with a hurriedly organized posse.

Only a Rumor.

There was a report around the city last night that a young Greek employed in a local candy kitchen, had been thrown from the Oxford street bridge by a gang of young men because he had accompanied a young woman to her home in that vicinity. There were various reports regarding the matter, some saying that the young man had fallen in the gravel, and escaped with slight injuries, and others that he had been seriously injured. The police report that nothing of the matter came to their notice.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 13—5 a.m.

Light to moderate variable winds; fine and warm today and Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Calgary. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Winnipeg. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Port Arthur. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Parry Sound. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Toronto. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Ottawa. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Montreal. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Quebec. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Father Point. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Vancouver. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Edmonton. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Moosonee. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Qu'Appelle. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Minnedosa. 44. 42. 58. 82.

St. John. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Halifax. 44. 42. 58. 82.

Weather Notes.

There are some slight indications of a tropical storm north of the Bahamas, and shipping on the Atlantic coast should exercise caution.

The weather is fine and warm throughout the Dominion, and yesterday the temperature was over 80° in all parts of the Western Provinces.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE IRISHMEN

Splendid Gathering at the Lakeside Last Night Had Big Time.

SOME OF THE SPEECHES

Mayor Stevely and Many Other Prominent Gentlemen Delivered Addresses—Some Presentations.

The annual banquet of the Irish Benevolent Society after the sports of the afternoon was a fine affair and was attended by a number of the leading Irishmen of the City, and many visitors.

President Ed. J. Ryan occupied the chair and introduced the toast list.

After the health of the King had been drunk, Mr. Ryan expressed his thanks for the kindly assistance of the members of the society in making the picnic the pronounced success it was. The attendance was the largest in the history of the I. B. S., and in every way, was highly successful.

There were no accidents and no unpleasant features to mar the pleasure of the day.

Mr. Ryan was delighted to have the visitors with them and hoped they would come again.

The Regrets.

Secretary Dr. Sheehan then read the regrets of Sir John Carling, Sir James Whitney, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Hon. A. G. Mackay, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Chief Tenbyck of Hamilton, Howard Beidler, Cleveland, Thos. Higgins, Cleveland, Dr. Guest, St. Thomas, G. W. Torrance, Toronto, Duran, C. Ross, M. P. P., Strathroy, T. H. Crothers, M. P., St. Thomas, and many others.

"Canada."

The first toast on the list was to "Canada," and was responded to by Mr. John Stevely. In a good speech, He spoke of the wonderful possibilities of the country and declared that with her unlimited resources, Canada was destined to play an important part in the world's history at no distant date.

Ireland.

Mr. Stephen Grant spoke to the toast, "The Land We Love—Ireland." He was proud to be an Irishman, and had the distinction of being born in the Emerald Isle, something that few of his hearers could boast of. The Irish race had left a deep impress upon history, with their statesmen, orators, poets and soldiers. The influence was widening, and would grow greater in the future.

City of London.

"The Corporation of the City of London," called forth speeches from Mayor Stevely and Ald. J. H. Saunders. His worship gave a short resume of his trip to the west, and spoke of the great progress that country is making. London boys, he declared, were making names for themselves. He was proud of London old boys, and proud of the city of London. He thought a more optimistic spirit should prevail in London. He was glad to have some of his American friends present as visitors, and hoped they would have a good time.

Ald. Saunders thought that London had a great future, judging from the baby show. It was a great pleasure to see so many fine babies, although he did not think it a joke to award the prizes.

Toast to Mr. Mason.

"Our Absent ex-President," a toast to Mr. Denis Mason, was drunk, and the president expressed the deep regret of the I. B. S. that Mr. Mason was not present.

Mayor Stevely as second vice-president, took charge of the toast-list at this juncture.

Mayor of St. Thomas.

He proposed the toast to the City of St. Thomas, and Mayor Geddes responded. He expressed his great pleasure at being present, and hoped that he would be invited often to attend the Irish picnic. He congratulated the officers of the society on their successful efforts.

The toast was always interesting in the I. B. S. picnic, and would continue to be so.

The United States.

"The United States of America," was responded to by Mr. Louis Kindling, of Milwaukee. Parks Commissioner Henry Weber, Milwaukee, L. Claffin, Chicago, and Customs Inspector, or Buzzell, of London.

"I was in your beautiful city some time ago, as the guest of your mayor, and I had such a good time that I said I would come again," said Mr. Kindling. "When I ask for the time, they say 'The Irish picnic.' I heard of it, and so I told my friend Weber that we would come. We did come 500 miles to the picnic, and I am coming again. It was one of the best times of my life."

Mr. Weber expressed his delight at this his first visit to London and he sincerely hoped that it would not be his last. Mr. Buzzell made a fine speech on the possibilities of Canada, and spoke of the fine feeling between the sister nations. This friendly feeling was bound to grow and develop.

Mayor Stevely and ex-Ald. John Forristal moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Pere Marquette for their excellent train service, and for their efficient handling of the picnic.

Mr. J. W. Kearns, on behalf of the P. M., made a short speech.

Prizes Presented.

During the evening the prizes for Montebello stakes, and Tecumseh stakes were presented. The booby prize was a gallon of Beck well water and D.

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12,000 PEOPLE AT I. B. S. PICNIC BIGGEST OUTING IN ITS HISTORY



GEORGE DEMERY LONGFIELD, Who Won a Valuable Prize in the Baby Show.

MRS. HELEN CAMPBELL DIES IN MONTREAL

Well-Known Resident of This City Passes Away While on a Visit.

Mrs. Helen Campbell, one of London's oldest residents, died yesterday afternoon, at Westmount, Quebec, where she was on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Richards. Mrs. Campbell was 87 years old, and lived with her daughter, Mrs. John Marr, at 385 Dufferin avenue. Some weeks ago she went on a visit to Mrs. Richards, and while there grew gradually weaker until her death occurred. Mrs. Campbell came to Canada 77 years ago from Invergoron, Scotland, and had resided in London almost ever since. Her husband, the late Alexander Campbell, died in 1870. Mrs. Campbell is survived by four sons and three daughters: Donald, of Memphis, Tenn.; Lock, of San Antonio, Texas; Alexander, in Saskatoon; John, of Toronto; Mrs. John Marr of this city; Mrs. A. G. McIntosh, of Alberta, and Mrs. Gordon Richards, of Montreal. She was a member of St. Andrew's Church. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery, and Rev. Mr. Stuart, of Knox Church, South London, will conduct the services.

DROGGED BY HORSE LOSES HIS LIFE

Underwood, Aug. 13.—A sad accident occurred here this morning, in which William, the 15-year-old son of Mr. Henry Roppell, lost his life. The lad was leading a horse, and attempted to get on the animal's back when he became entangled in the harness, and falling, was dragged for some distance. When he was found life was extinct.

NIXON STURDY DEAD

Clerk of Goderich Township Dies of Injuries Received in Accident.

Clinton, Aug. 13.—Nixon Sturdy, clerk of Goderich Township, and a prosperous farmer, died in the Clinton Hospital last night as a result of the injuries received yesterday afternoon by falling from the railing of a bridge crossing the Maitland River near Holmesville.

ROT IN JAIL FIRST

Westmount Residents Say They Will Not Pay Non-Resident Tax.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—Eighteen suits altogether have been entered by the city of Montreal against citizens of Westmount to collect the non-resident income tax imposed by the council on non-residents and non-taxpayers employed in Montreal whose income exceeds \$1,200 per annum. A meeting of those interested has been called to protest. One man interviewed yesterday said: "I'll rot in jail the rest of my life before I submit to the proposed imposition."

A RECORD WEEK IN BUILDING PERMITS

The last week was one of the record weeks for building permits. No less than 25 permits, valued at \$26,573, have been issued by City Engineer Graydon's office.

"That is one of our good weeks," said City Architect Nutter.

A considerable number of them were for alterations, and several were for substantial houses. The most important one was that of Mr. A. McClary, for a house on Queen's avenue and Colborne street, to cost \$12,000.

Among the others were: S. E. Jeffrey, story and a half brick veneer on Adelaide street; W. M. Gray, two-story and attic, on Adelaide street; Robert Shepherd, one-story veneer, on Langarth street; Harrison Bros., alterations to hotel on Talbot street, and Mrs. J. Rawlings, story and a quarter brick residence on Langarth street.

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A Day of Real Enjoyment From Beginning to End.

BABY SHOW A GRAND SUCCESS

Yards and Yards of Kiddies Were on Exhibition—Sports the Best Ever Held.

The Irish picnic yesterday was the greatest that has ever been held by the I. B. S.

About 12,000 people were at the Port yesterday to enjoy the fine programme, and from every side come reports of a great time.

There was fun galore—there always is at an Irish picnic—so much of it that it takes days and weeks to appreciate the numerous really funny things seen on that day.

There was not a dull minute from the time the visitors landed at the Port until the last train out.

Surprises were as frequent as speeches at a suffragette convention, and the unexpected things kept the crowd in the best of humor.

District Represented.

Not alone was London well represented, but St. Thomas, Woodstock, Aylmer and all the smaller places within a radius of 40 miles, sent their visitors to the greatest of all picnics. There were also many visitors from across the line, who had heard of the fame of the celebration and had come to take it in.

The crowd, white extremely large, was orderly and well behaved, and there was little disturbance for such a crowd.

There were few unpleasant features, and many pleasant episodes. It was a time to be remembered.

And the fun! The Irish can beat the man who invented fun at having a good time, and yesterday they out-did themselves in their fun-making.

The freak contests, the impromptu races, everything that would conduce to pleasure, was presented and pleased.

The Baby Show.

That baby show! It was predicted long before the day that the baby show would be a record-smasher, but it exceeded by far the anticipations of the most optimistic.

There were scores and scores of kiddies, all sorts and sizes, all healthy, and for the most part happy.

The heights seemed literally swarming with youngsters. Teddy Roosevelt would have revised his lecture on race suicide had he been there. They were as fine babies as one could well imagine.

What a time the judges had. The women crowded and jostled, and it was simply impossible for the judges to do their work efficiently.

The youngsters became somewhat fretful, and it was not an easy task to allot the prizes.

It was just as well that the arbiters of the fine points of babies were out-of-town visitors with orders to inspect. The task of placing the awards was given to Mr. Louis Kindling, Milwaukee, Mr. H. Weber, parks superintendent, of Milwaukee, Mr. L. Claffin, of Chicago, Mr. C. H. Tiffin, of the International Railway, Toronto, and Ald. J. H. Saunders.

They do say that Mr. Kindling, when he saw what a proposition it was, dodged the issue, and left the judging to be done by the others. They did their work well, and while they could not suit everybody, they did the best they could under the circumstances.

"What a lot of babies," said Mr. Kindling. "This is a good country."

The prize list was ample, but not sufficient to meet the demands of the crowd.

And there were twins exhibited, not one pair, but three, and they were handsome kiddies, too.

The Sports.

The sports programme was one of the best. There were several new features, the bun-eating contest proving a great laugh producer. It was funny in the extreme. The boxing in barrels and the pillow fights were immense, especially the bout between James Hickey and Jack Loughlin. Nothing could beat that.

The dancing programme was a very extensive one, and it proved to be a great attraction.

The great race for past-presidents was won by ex-Ald. Forristal in one of the greatest finishes ever witnessed in a footrace. The speed limit was exceeded on several occasions. The secretary's race was also a most attractive one.

Has The Eel Beaten.

Mayor Geddes again demonstrated that he is the fastest mayor in captivity by defeating Mayor Stevely of London. This race aroused the greatest enthusiasm, and it is rumored that thousands of dollars changed hands on the event.

The American visitors also had a race—a handicap event, weight for age. There was a lot of jockeying for position in this affair, and it looked at one time as if the demon athletes would never be sent away. However, they did get started, and Louis Kindling, of Milwaukee, the fastest and gamest

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