

Spend \$392,000 on Storm Sewers and Conserve City's Health, Advises Engineer Willis Chipman in Report to City Council

LONDON URGED YEARS AGO TO BUILD STORM SEWERS BY ENGINEERS WHO CONSTRUCTED THE PRESENT SYSTEM

Consulting Expert Outlines Plans Upon Which the Flooding of Cellars Will Be Averted and Cuts Previous Estimate Enormously.

HALF OF THE CITY NEEDS DRAINAGE BEFORE GOOD ROADS ARE POSSIBLE

Vehicular traffic rendered practically impossible, street-pavings delayed, building operations impeded and a serious menace to health, are the conditions existing from lack of storm sewers, according to Engineer Willis Chipman, which will require \$392,000 to remedy.

Mr. Chipman's report on storm sewers arrived today, and will go before the city council tonight. He advises that the city:

1. Retain natural watercourses as open outlets, where practical.
2. Construct a trunk storm sewer in the valley of Carling's Creek, from Waterloo street, east to Eva street, to be left open between Colborne and Maitland streets.
3. Construct main storm sewers in South London, on the Wharncliffe road, discharging southward to Elmwood avenue, and on Ridout street, discharging at Carfrae Crescent.
4. Construct a storm sewer on the Hamilton road, from Maitland street to Hyla street.
5. Construct a central storm sewer on Colborne street, northward from the river to York street, and on to Queen's avenue, with branches on Simcoe street to Hamilton road, and on York street to Lyle street.
6. Construct proper catch-basins and abolish the open gullies as far as possible.
7. Construct storm sewers in the future at least one year in advance of the laying of permanent roadways.
8. Adopt an equitable frontage tax system to meet part of the cost.

A storm sewer system is not needed in the central business district, which Mr. Chipman roughly defines as the area between Thames and Colborne streets.

The Carling's Creek area should have short storm sewers extending half a block or so on some streets.

Proper outlets are needed for existing storm sewers in South London, on Bruce, Langarth and Wreay streets, and Duchess avenue.

Carling's Creek should be retained as an open waterway west of Richmond street, and east of Richmond street to Waterloo street across the C. P. R. property, but larger culverts should be constructed.

NOT NECESSARY IN CHELSEA GREEN.

In Chelsea Green storm sewers are not yet necessary, and storm sewers should not be laid on the Hamilton road southeast from Hyla street until permanent pavements are laid.

He reports that fully one-half the city is unprovided with storm sewers. He refers to his report, begun in 1891, and submitted in 1892, and over which the city councils wrangled until 1896, when construction was begun, and he points out as a serious mistake, that directly contrary to the advice of consulting engineers in 1896, since then street water has been run into sanitary sewers.

THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

The total extent of sewerage system in the city at present is 361,400 feet, made up as follows:

Combined sewers, 24 inches and larger in diameter.	14,800
Ditto, under 24 inches.	59,200
Storm sewers under 24 inches.	9,600
Sanitary sewers under 18 inches.	206,800
Trunk sewer and three interceptors.	71,000

Total feet 361,400

WATERSHEDS IN CITY.

He divides up the watersheds within the city limits as below:

Carling's Creek area, acres.	2,600
Central area, west of Maitland street.	300
Hamilton road.	700
Chelsea Green.	500
South London.	550
West London.	250
Cove area.	382

Total acres 6,302

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TWO PORT BURWELL BOYS DROWNED IN OTTER CREEK

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Burwell, April 21.—George and Marlow Chalk, aged 21 and 8 years, sons of Samuel Chalk, a farmer residing here, lost their lives yesterday, when in attempting to cross Otter Creek to a small island a rowboat in which they were rowing, upset.

No one saw the accident, but the bodies were found in ten feet of water today, when a search was instituted as a result of the boys' not coming home.

They died locked in one another's arms and apparently the bigger boy had made every effort to save his brother, and then both sank together. Their sister saw them putting out in

the boat yesterday afternoon, but as they rowed about she thought nothing of the matter.

Smashed His Nose.—Daniel McCallum was brought into Victoria Hospital Saturday night with a smashed nose and other bruises, which were at first thought to have been caused by his being struck by a Pere Marquette train. When questioned, however, McCallum said he did not know what had caused his injuries. He left the institution Sunday afternoon.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. From April 21. Reported at: Saxonia.....New York.....Naples.....Niagara.....New York.....Havre.....

What Aldermen Have to Say

Members of the city council who could be reached were asked as to their attitude on storm sewers going to the property-owners. Engineer Chipman's report having been received. The replies are given below:

Ald. W. E. Robinson.—I think something should be done with the report right away, as nothing can be done to the streets until the sewers are laid. The amount is not large compared with that submitted by Engineer Brazier, but, of course, the system will not cover as much territory.

Ald. Bennett.—I think it should go to the people when the question of electrification is submitted.

Ald. Moore.—I don't care to make any comment at present. I have not seen the report yet, so I cannot say what I favor.

Ald. Glass.—I don't see any reason why the question should not be dealt with at once.

Ald. Ashplant.—I have been away from council proceedings for several weeks, so I am not prepared to make any statement.

Ald. Johnston.—I think the sooner we send the question to the people, the better. I would favor submitting the bill immediately if possible.

Ald. Spittal.—I have not seen the report yet and am in no position to make any comment.

Ald. Stein.—I have not given the question enough consideration to make a statement committing myself one way or the other. The amount is gratifying, as we were given to understand at first that the total would reach the half-million mark.

Ald. Rose.—I think the matter should go to the people as soon as possible. It is the only thing that will relieve the trouble in all sections of the city.

LIKE "BABE IN THE WOODS" CHILD DESERTED BY UNCLE

Pretty Little Helen Poloneski Seems to Have Been Heartlessly Cast Aside—Tells Reporter She Longs for "Grandma's Farm."

What is apparently a case of the most heartless desertion is engaging the attention of the local detectives. The victim, Helen Poloneski, a pretty little girl of 12 years, who says her home is at 3975 East Fifty-fifth street, Cleveland, is at present in the Children's Shelter in this city, while efforts are being made to communicate with her parents.

According to the story told by the little maid, who was exceedingly well dressed and of good education, was to the effect that she left her home in Cleveland two weeks ago to visit an uncle, Antonio Hynotski, and aunt, living in Detroit. They quarrelled over her, and it was finally decided to send her back to Cleveland.

Telling her that he would accompany her there, the uncle boarded a Grand Trunk train in Detroit Saturday night, and they began the journey eastward. Confident that she would find her way, and leaving her nothing but the dress she was wearing, the brakeman on the train, becoming aware of her plight, brought her on to London and turned her over to the authorities. Inspector Sanders wired her father in Cleveland, but has not yet received a reply.

The little girl was interviewed by an Advertiser reporter this morning. She was dressed in dark blue and wore a long linen coat and straw hat. Her complexion was fair and her eyes a light blue.

Tells Story to Reporter.—"I went to Detroit about a week ago to visit my uncle there," she said, in answer to the reporter's question. "He was there then, and took me back with him for a visit."

"Do your father and mother live in Cleveland?" asked the reporter. "I have no mother," she replied. Her lips trembled, as he hastily changed the subject.

"I'm told that you speak four languages," he said.

"Yes, I speak English, Polish, Bohemian and Italian," replied the little girl.

"Where did you learn Italian?" "My grandmother has a farm not far from Cleveland. We often used to go there in the summer, and I learned to milk the cows, and I learned from them."

The Joys of Grandma's Farm.

The little face lighted up, and her troubles were apparently forgotten for the moment, as she plunged into a description of the joys of grandma's farm, where were chickens and ducks and cows, and no less than four horses.

Coming back to the subject of her desertion, the little girl said that her uncle was drunk when he got on the train with her Saturday night. "And he had four bottles of beer in the valise," she said. She did not know where he lived in Detroit, or what he did.

"If they'll just take me to the station in Cleveland, I'll know my way home all by myself," she told the newspaper man.

CLAIM BARBERS
IGNORE ORDERS

Alleged That the Early Closing Regulations Are Disobeyed by Some.

IS NOT FAIR TO OTHERS

A number of the proprietors of barber shops in the central part of the city have expressed themselves as displeased with the way that the early closing bylaw is being enforced, and they claim that several barbers in the suburban sections of the city are breaking the regulations every day.

One of the bosses stated this morning that he was considering the advisability of breaking the bylaw and making a test case, as he had been advised by a lawyer that there was no authority for fining the offender. The case at present before the police magistrate in Toronto is being watched closely by those in this city who are interested in the matter, and if the barber who broke the law in that city is discharged it is likely that several of the local shops will remain open until a later hour than is now allowed.

One barber who was an opponent of the early closing measure, stated that he was now a firm advocate of the system, but if others were allowed to remain open he would have to do the same in order to get his patrons.

"ADAM BECK SAID IT, AND HE SAID OTHER THINGS TOO"

Controller Church Stands by His Allegation That Mr. Beck Threatened to Resign—Says He Hopes Mr. Beck Will Stand By It Too.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 21.—"I stand by everything I said in reference to the interview on Friday of Hon. Adam Beck with members of the board of control, and I hope the Hon. Mr. Beck will stand by what he said. Mr. Beck not only said what I stated he said, but he said a lot of other things which I did not mention."

Thus spoke Controller T. L. Church, this morning, in refutation of the allegation that he had misrepresented the power minister's statements to the board of control, in expressing his opposition to the mayor's plan of purchasing the Toronto railway and the Toronto electric light system.

Searching for the Bill.

"I learned of Mr. Beck's opposition to the proposition before his interview with the board of control on Friday," continued Controller Church. "I was up at the Parliament Buildings on Thursday night and I endeavored, without success, to obtain a copy of the bill. The Toronto members complained that the mayor had again brought forward a proposal regarding which they had no previous knowledge."

"I will stand by everything I say, and I hope that Hon. Adam Beck will stand by everything he said. I would like the mayor, and I would like Hon. Adam Beck to explain our change of attitude on this question, after we heard his representations in the board of control, if what he said in reference to the hydro did not influence us. How could

we explain our change of attitude unless we made public his opposition to the bill?"

Not a Secret Meeting.
"They talk about this being a secret meeting. It was no such thing, Hon. Adam Beck came to the city hall to meet the board in reference to a motion made by himself at a public meeting, and there was no mention of the intention that the meeting should be secret or that its proceedings should be kept from the public. I do not believe in secret meetings, anyway."

Forced to Reveal It.

"I was forced to make public the true story of that meeting in consequence of the garbled version of it given at the council meeting by the mayor and Controller McCarthy, and by the garbled reports which appeared in some of the papers, and especially the alleged timetable of events published by The Star."

"Life and Death," Said Mr. Beck.

"This is my fourth year on the board of control, and I have never betrayed a confidence. Mr. Beck came down to influence the board of control against the passage of this proposal, and I had no hesitation when I heard of the gravity of the situation, and that it involved the life or death of the hydro electric enterprise, to take my stand against it."

"I would like to know who suggested taking up the Toronto railway and the Toronto Electric Light in this bill? They joined together because the Toronto Railway Company and the Toronto Electric Light are tied up to agreements to take power from the Electric Development Company for all time, and no legislature can let them out."

MR. BECK INCENSED BECAUSE COLLEAGUES IGNORED HIM IN CITY OF TORONTO POWER BILL

With Hon. Adam Beck making a characteristic denial of having said that he would resign from the Ontario Government, as reported by Controller Church, of Toronto, in the event of the city of Toronto being permitted to purchase the Toronto Street Railway and the Toronto Electric Light Company, the Queen City has been thrown into a state of excitement unparalleled in the hydro-electric era.

Mr. Church, who, with Controller Foster, was the only man to stand with Mr. Beck among the twenty members of the Toronto City Council, stated to the Toronto Telegram, Mr. Beck's favorite Toronto newspaper, in an attempt to aid Mr. Beck, that Mr. Beck had delivered himself of a statement to the effect that if his will was gainsaid by the city of Toronto, by the Ontario Government, or by anyone else, he would take the stump and fight the city and the Government.

Against the Premier.
Just as Mr. Beck bludgeoned the city council of London when he attempted to force electrification through, so he is alleged to have threatened the powers at Toronto, despite the fact that Premier Whitney had given his willing sanction to the bill, whereby Toronto hopes to gain control of its transportation facilities and to secure an improved service.

Mr. Beck's conferees, W. K. McNaught, on the Ontario hydro-electric commission, also a member of the Legislature, introduced the bill into the Legislature without consulting Mr. Beck. Wonder of wonders that the man most interested should have been sidetracked by his own assistant, and greater wonder that Sir James Whitney should have refused to call Mr. Beck into conference and to have given the bill his complete approval. Continued on Page Four.

DRINK CRAZED; GIVES HIS WIFE BRUTAL BEATING

James Arnott's Blows Send Wife to Hospital Bruised and With Throat Swollen.

"I was drunk," was the only explanation James Arnott offered, when charged with assaulting and wounding his wife Saturday afternoon. He pleaded guilty and was remanded until Wednesday for sentence, until it could be seen what the outcome of his wife's injuries would be. She was taken to Victoria Hospital in a serious condition, inflicted by her husband. The whole upper part of her face is discolored by blows, and her head is swollen to almost twice its natural size. She was taken to her home this morning.

Arnott has been in similar trouble before, and the magistrate reminded him of promises he made, not to assault his wife. "I was drunk," he replied, "and didn't know what I was doing. I don't remember now what happened. I worked all Saturday morning from 6 o'clock until 1. Then I went down town and got drunk."

He went home later in the afternoon, at 512 Simcoe street, where the assault occurred. Neighbors summoned the police, and Sergt. Monaghan arrested Arnott. The woman was found to be badly injured, and was removed to Victoria Hospital in the ambulance, to a place of safety.

ELECTION TALK IS RIFE AT CAPITAL; VOTE IN SUMMER?

Borden Said To Be Willing, But Rogers Will Not Hear of It.

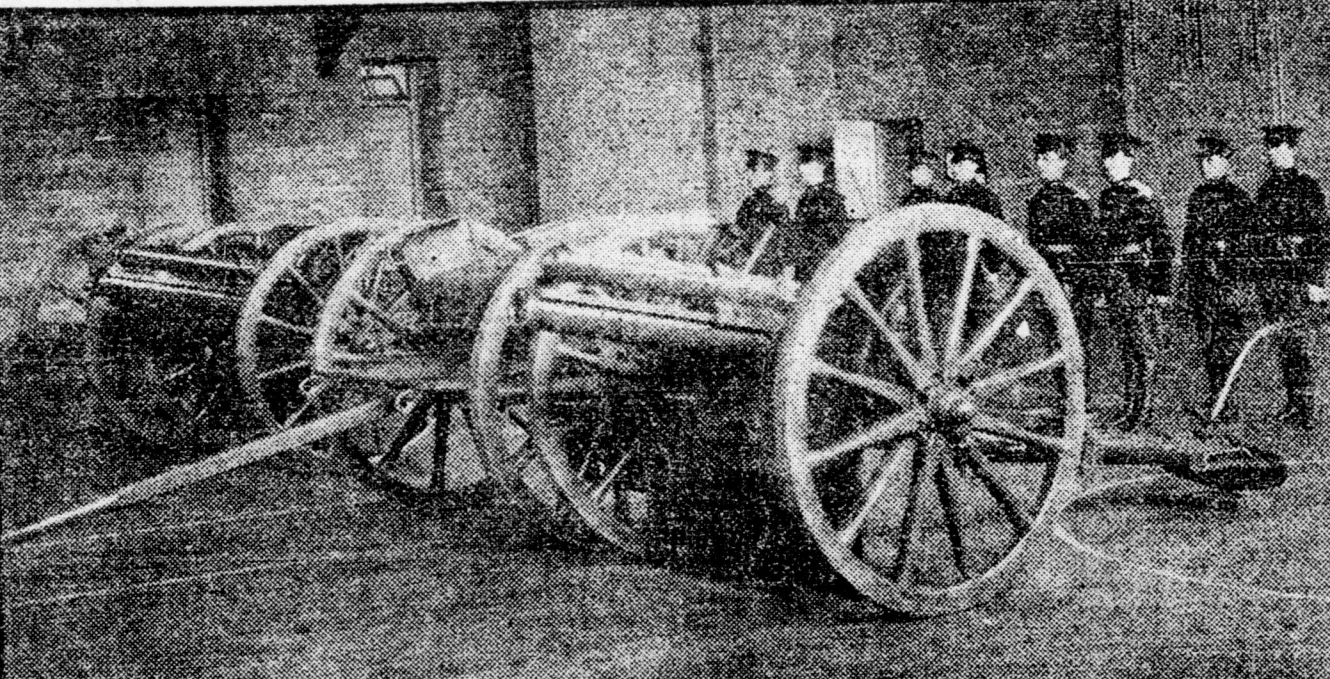
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 21.—Talk of dissolution and election is rife in the corridors of Parliament this morning. The Liberals have been seeking for an election during the past two months, and it is said that a group in the cabinet, headed by Premier Borden, is willing to give it to them. Hon. Mr. Rogers, the head of the other group, is not willing to leave the fortunes of the Conservative party at the polls just now, and insists that there shall be no election until he has been given two years in which to get his machinery perfected.

However, the election idea seems to be growing in spite of him, and one Conservative member stated openly this morning that Parliament would be away from Ottawa within three weeks. This is taken to mean an election. It is known that in a good many Canadian constituencies the Conservative workers have been told to get busy and make all possible preparations for speedy election.

Traffic Policeman Saves Boy.—Edgar Fowler figured in a rescue at Richmond and this afternoon, when a wheel was struck by a car, 62, northbound. The "reached out, caught the shoulder and threw him, to a place of safety."

HERE are some of the thirteen-pound field guns that are to be used at Petawawa camp this year. They are of the most approved modern type of field piece. London's battery will attend the camp and take guns along.



PLAINS OF SASKATCHEWAN SWEEPED BY GREAT FIRES

Wave of Flame Fifty Miles in Width Sweeping Everything Before It, and Many Homesteaders Have Lost Their All.

[Canadian Press.]
Moose Jaw, Sask., April 21.—A rider from the south country reports a fierce prairie fire which started Saturday afternoon and continued all night, beginning at Butterworth, on the expansive line and sweeping the Blue Hills and around them stopping at Fort Walsh trail, nine miles distant. James Farnsworth and his father's farm buildings suffered badly. Paddy Doyle and a man named Plaster, of Blue Hills, lost their all. No fatalities are reported.

Large Area Burned.
Morse, Sask., April 21.—A bad prairie fire is raging in the country to the south, estimated to be fifty miles in width and sweeping everything before it. Already half a dozen or more homesteaders have lost everything, and several have had narrow escapes for their lives. It is the worst fire known here, and has already burned over a large area with no signs of abating. Rumors of lives lost lack confirmation.

Hundreds of men are fighting the flames, but with little or no success. An order for Miller's release will probably be issued. The experience of this state prisoner has shown that it is not easy to get out of the clutches of parliament when they have formally fixed anything on you. Acting on the advice of counsel it took Miller just two minutes to get comfortably into jail and in two months they have not been able to get him out. It looks now as if the medical profession would succeed where the law profession has failed.

State Prisoner
May Be Released
Ottawa, April 21.—The Government is likely to lose its state prisoner. After more than two months in jail the health of R. C. Miller is beginning to yield to prison confinement. A petition for his release is being circulated in Montreal, and when it is presented to the Government and to the Speaker of the House of Com-

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILD.

Forecasts.

Today—Fine and a little milder.

Tuesday—Moderate to fresh southeast to south winds, and mild.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	44	Rain.
Calgary	72	46	Cloudy
Winnipeg	64	44	Cloudy
Port Arthur	40	36	Cloudy
Perry Sound	42	26	Clear
Toronto	42	30	Clear
Ottawa	44	28	Cloudy
Montreal	44	34	Cloudy
Quebec	40	28	Cloudy
Father Point	34	24	Cloudy

Weather Notes.
A pronounced area of high pressure covers the continent east of the Mississippi, while pressure is low in the West. Fine weather prevails generally.