

ARTESIAN WELLS ARE PURE AFTER TEN TESTS MADE DR. AMYOT CERTIFIES

Provincial Analyst Gives Straightforward Answers to the Businesslike Questions of Mr. T. H. Luscombe—Plans Prepared for Protection of Wells Will Keep Them Pure.

NO RIVER WATER IN THE WELLS

Cannot Get Through the 40 Feet of Impervious Clay—People Will Be Called Upon to Vote on the Water Bylaw on July 26.

On July 26 the property-owners of London will be called upon to say whether they approve of the spending of a sum of something in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for the purpose of taking over and erecting a permanent plant for the artesian wells on Horton street.

Mr. T. H. Luscombe, the respected citizen of London, writes The Advertiser, and asks some important questions in regard to the matter. It is well that Mr. Luscombe and all citizens should interest themselves in the proposition. The water supply of a city the size of London is all-important, and the maintaining of a spring water supply is doubly so to Londoners, who have always enjoyed spring water, and who will not give it up for any artificially filtered supply, such as St. Thomas is now being compelled to boil at the order of the health authorities.

PEOPLE USING THE WATER.

For some time Londoners have been drinking the water from the Beck wells. There has been but one complaint. There has been no outcry against the water. Instead the effect it has had in softening the rather hard quality of the Springbank supply has been praised. The wells have been put to a severe test—that is, the four that are now being pumped—and they are giving the people a flow over one million gallons a day, with no signs of diminution, despite the dry weather, which, it had been predicted, would lower the springs.

But the citizens have a right to ask questions. It will be their money which will be spent if the wells are taken over. And Mr. Luscombe is entitled to an answer.

THE WATER IS PURE.

Yesterday, Dr. Amyot, the provincial analyst, was in the city, and The Advertiser secured from him the answers Mr. Luscombe desires.

In a letter to The Advertiser, Mr. Luscombe asks several important questions. First, he puts the question: "Is the water pure?"

1. The present purity of the water. We should be told in direct terms that the water is fit for drinking purposes and free from anything inimical to health.

Dr. Amyot's answer is as follows:

"THIS WATER HAS BEEN ANALYZED SOME TEN TIMES BY ME UNDER THE MOST TRYING CONDITIONS, AND HAS NOT ONCE BEEN FOUND TO CONTAIN ANYTHING HARMFUL TO HEALTH. The water is fit for drinking purposes, and it does not contain anything inimical to health."

CONTINUED PURITY IS ASSURED.

Mr. Luscombe next says: "The future purity of the water. It is useless to say the water is pure now, if it is likely soon to become impure. Possible impurity may come in many ways. . . . Where the well passes through the clay some small spaces may be left which would allow contaminated water from surface stratum of gravel to pass into the lower stratum and thence into the wells. We want to be assured that the water cannot become impure in any of these ways or in any other way."

To this Dr. Amyot replies:

"The plans proposed for the protection of the wells, the well casings, will insure protection from future contamination. There is an impervious clay stratum of over forty feet between the bottom of the river and the water gravel. IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT ANY RIVER WATER COULD GET THROUGH THIS."

CONTINUITY OF SUPPLY.

Mr. Luscombe's third question relates to the continuity of the supply. The water commissioners should be best able to answer this. Their engineer has been checking the flow daily for some weeks. His figures will give Mr. Luscombe the information he seeks. So far there has been no assertion that the artesian wells are diminishing in flow. And four of them have been giving the people about 1,000,000 gallons of good, potable spring water daily. There are eleven other wells to be pumped. The people will vote on a proposition to take them all over on July 26. Mr. Beck says he will give the people no less than 2,000,000 gallons of water from them. And the chances are they will flow nearer 3,000,000 gallons daily.

And this can be had for \$100,000 odd. It's up to the people to say what they want. Do they want this spring water at a small cost, or river water, filtered, but not made pure, as is the case in St. Thomas, at a great cost, a cost of \$500,000 at least?

Mr. Luscombe's entire letter will be found in another column.

SIXTY-NINE FREE DELIVERY MAIL ROUTES

Will Be in Operation in This Section of Ontario, Says the Inspector.

That rural free mail delivery is becoming extremely popular with the farmers of this district is shown by the fact that within three weeks there will be 69 routes in operation in this section of Western Ontario. Of these two are running out of London, London to Lucan, and London to Delaware, and a third will go into operation between London and Byron within a few days.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE FOR HOTELKEEPER

North Bay, July 16.—As a result of the inquest into the death of Elmer Kline at New Liskeard Hospital, Captain Montgomery, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, New Liskeard, is under arrest on a charge of manslaughter. Kline's death resulting, it is alleged, from injuries received in being ejected from the Windsor Hotel by Montgomery. Bail was fixed at \$20,000.

HAD THE PLANS LAID TO ENMESH ANDERSON

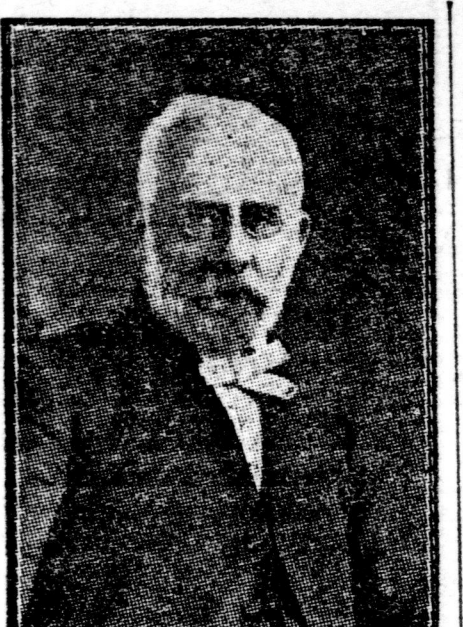
Young Ex-Bank Ledger Keeper Was Wanted by the Toronto Police.

Toronto, July 17.—The city police are said to be none too well pleased over the news of their search for John A. G. Anderson, former ledgerkeeper of the Bank of Montreal's Portland street branch, being published. Anderson is reported to have been in Toronto not more than a week ago, and it is said the authorities had hoped to enmesh him today or tomorrow. Anderson being today at Newcastle, Ont., where his father and a brother are living. The former is a doctor, and the latter a druggist. They have heard nothing of the missing man since March last, and have no idea of his present whereabouts. That Anderson's operations have been far and wide is evident by the fact that checks have arrived from Chicago and California, as well as the Eastern States and Europe. Only a couple of Ontario banks are said to have been caught.

THREE PERSONS KILLED IN HEAD-ON CRASH

Danville, Ill., July 16.—In a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, near Royal, Ill., this morning, three passengers were killed and several others reported badly injured. Wrecking crews have been sent from this city.

THE DANGEROUS CROSSINGS. Ottawa, July 17.—The railway commission is asking the railways to give their views as to what are the more dangerous crossings to be immediately considered in respect of protection.



R. W. BRO. JUDGE D. F. MACWATT
Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada.

QUEBEC TRIP PLEASED ALL

Lady Who Was With the Party Speaks of Treatment Accorded Advertiser Guests

A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

Old Quebec, Montmorency Falls, the Shrine of St. Anne, Montreal and Other Places.

The following letter is from Mrs. Ida H. Willis, one of the ladies who comprised The Advertiser's Quebec trip party:

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Dear Sir,—I would like to let your readers know that the Quebec trip was all and even more than promised. The steps were short going, but returning the cities were visited and all points of interest noted. Chicoutimi is a thriving town at the end of navigation. As we arrived at 2 a.m. and left at 4 a.m. with the tide, we only saw it dimly, but conspicuously prominent was the white spire with the cross, showing, never absent, no matter how small, the hamlet.

The still grandeur of the coast line inspires a feeling of awe and reverence for the creator of so much beauty. The sunsets are very beautiful—the sun sinking into the water casts such lovely tints.

Touching here and there at one port and another we stopped off at Tadoussac and took a walk, passing the salmon hatcheries on our way, to see the first church built in Canada, A.D. 1647, in good preservation, teeming with legends, and containing many relics and some fine old paintings. Tadoussac Hotel is very noticeable, and affords a view of the River Saguenay, but is situated on the St. Lawrence. Murray Bay was our next port. It has a very fine hotel, Manoir Richelieu. The Episcopalians and Presbyterians have churches there.

St. Irene is one of the latest summer resorts. Rodolphe Forget, M. P., president of the R. and O. Navigation Company, has a fine summer home there. Many other places were seen, all worthy of note, but time and space do not permit mention.

Old Quebec. Quebec! Who can describe it? So unique and replete with history! Wherever you turn you find something to interest you.

I was very much amused by their driving of vehicles. They do not keep to one side as we do in London, but just cross any way, so reckless that you expect to see an accident any time. The citadel, Plains of Abraham, the fort, Little Champlain street and many other places were noted. We drove along. Weeks not hours would be required to see all to be seen in Quebec, if you are a lover of history. Montmorency Falls was viewed; also the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, the mecca of health to pilgrims for 250 years. The canes, pipes and jewelry of every description left there in a crate, are wonderful to see. We would have liked to tarry longer there, there were so many things to study. Leaving Quebec at 6 p.m. we had a delightful sail and reached Montreal at 7 a.m. After a carriage ride to the Place Vigier Hotel we remained over. The night there was very beautiful. The churches were beautiful. Very strikingly the old world mingles with the new in Montreal, as it still retains in its streets and inhabitants many traces of the old French and English occupation. Like Quebec it is full of historical relics.

Later we were in Toronto, with its good roads, fine public buildings and statues. Just a word about our personal director, who was so thoughtful and considerate, and anxious that we should have everything right. I am sure all will remember Mr. and Mrs. Decker with loving thoughts in the years to come. Again thanking my friends, I remain sincerely, IDA WILLIS.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

July 16.—At Cape Race—Hesperian, from Glasgow; Numidian, from Glasgow. At Liverpool—Virginia, from Liverpool. At Fame Point—Victorian, from Liverpool. At New York—Campania, from Liverpool. At Manchester—Caledonian, from Boston. At Naples—Verona, from New York; Romano, from Boston. At London—Seymour, from Montreal. At Havre—Caroline, from New York.

Dumps Caught Fire.

The fire department were called twice last night to Saunby and Gunn streets in West London, to extinguish fires which broke out in the West London dump. The smoke from the dump caused a great deal of annoyance to those in the vicinity.

No Filtration for London

Filtration in St. Thomas is not the ideal system it was said to be. At the present time the residents of the Railroad City boil all the water they are using. They do not use it "raw," but must destroy the germs by boiling it for some time. And even then some of it has rather a bad odor. Complaints have been numerous about the water. This is rather illuminating in view of the fact that the filtration system of St. Thomas was held up as a model to the citizens of London. Spring water for London, and plenty of it, is what the people want. The artesian wells are "delivering the goods."

A MIGHTY BRITISH ARMADA AS AN ANTI-PANIC SHOW

Fleet of 148 Fighting Ships, Not One Obsolete and Magnificently Manned, Sails Up the Thames to Show Britishers There Need Be No Worry.

New York, July 17.—A London dispatch says that 148 British warships dropped anchor in the Thames River last night, the array extending from the estuary at the south end of the river to Westminster bridge, in the heart of London. The total tonnage of this fleet is 750,000; its cost is \$310,000,000, and it is officered and manned by 42,000 of the picked sons of the nation. More warships—165 to be exact, assembled for the naval review at Spithead in 1897, but at least 80 of those could neither steam nor fight, and were simply for show purposes.

The fleet now converging on the Thames is without a useless or obsolete unit. Every one of the 148 vessels could go into battle at a moment's notice. An Anti-Panic Show. The object of this extended and superb display of Britain's fighting power is largely that of an anti-panic show. Uneasiness prevails in every quarter of Britain. Anxiety in the higher circles as to the condition of the country's defense has bred apprehension and pessimism throughout the body politic.

The mighty armada on the Thames, the assembling of which had been saddened by the loss of a submarine in the North Sea Wednesday night, is the admiral's heroic sedative. "They have made the country think that we have no navy," says Admiral Fisher. "The British millions may now line up along the Thames, go out in boats, and see the great reality for themselves."

HYMAN & CO.'S CONTRACT HITS NIAGARA POWER HARD

Ten Per Cent of the Probable Market in This City Has Disappeared—Engineer Sifton Does Not Believe That Gas Power Can Be Secured at \$19 Per Horsepower.

The statement made yesterday that C. S. Hyman & Co. had signed a contract for a producer gas plant has created great interest in city hall circles.

This contract takes 350 horsepower from the probable market for Niagara power in the city, and complicates the power question still more. The quantity is more than 10 per cent of the 3,000 horsepower which is proposed to be contracted for by the city.

Engineer Sifton Skeptical. Engineer Sifton is of the opinion that the price quoted, \$19 a horsepower, is too low, and that the goods cannot be delivered at that price.

"The quantity to be informed what is included in the figures," he stated today. "Interest, sinking fund, depreciation, and several other items should be considered in compiling the figures for the cost of power, and I wish somebody would tell me whether this has been done or not."

MASONIC GRAND LODGE TO MEET

Will Open Most Important Session in London Next Week.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Judge D. F. MacWatt, Who Will Be Elevated to High Honor Next Week, Is Prominent Figure.

Final preparations for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada have been made, and the brethren are already gathering for the convention. The first meeting in connection with the session was held last night, when the committee on benevolence, of which Wor. Bro. Judge Harding, of Lindsay, is chairman, met to get their report ready.

Other committees will meet from this time on, and further their work. On Monday the board of general purposes will meet at 2:30 p.m., to arrange for the presentation of the business of the Grand Lodge. Some of the members of this committee are already in the city.

There is a great deal of work to be done, and when the Grand Lodge opens on Wednesday morning, the attention of the brethren will be devoted to the work of the session. Mayor Stevely and the council will welcome the visiting brethren to the city. After these formalities are disposed of, the Grand Lodge will immediately get down to business.

Representatives of Twenty-Two Districts. On Wednesday evening the representatives of the twenty-two districts will meet and elect their D.P.G.M. This is always an interesting event, as (Continued on Page Ten.)

FEARS FOR A FORMER LONDONER YACHT DISAPPEARS ON LAKE



John C. Kennedy and O. Boulton Probably Drowned.

FATHER KEPT A CAFE HERE

And Was Well-Known to Londoners—Last Seen in Boat on Sunday Last.

John C. Kennedy, the young man who, with F. Oswald Boulton, of Toronto, has been missing since Sunday evening, and is supposed to have been drowned near Port Huron, Mich., London boy, and the youngest son of Mr. John Kennedy, who formerly conducted the Palace Cafe on Richmond street.

He only left London about three years ago to reside in Toronto, and is widely known here.

He received the greater part of his schooling here, and even though very young was well known as a baseball and football player.

He is a nephew of Mrs. Johnston, of 226 Richmond street, and Miss Ethel Johnston, of this city, and Mr. Ewart Johnston, of Toronto, formerly of London, are cousins. His grandmother, Mrs. John Kennedy, and several aunts live in London Township on the 12th concession.

Drowning Feared. Miss Ethel Johnston stated to The Advertiser today, when seen at her home on Richmond street, that she had heard from her brother in Toronto, and he feared that both the young men had been drowned. Miss Johnston stated that young Kennedy was very skilful in handling a boat, and she could not imagine that any accident could have occurred through carelessness of any kind. The relatives here are anxiously awaiting any further reports of the finding of the boat.

Well-Known Here. Kennedy, Boulton, Boulton were chums, and together with the former's brother, Verne, well-known here, had been cruising about Lake Ontario and the Niagara River for some time. Last Sunday afternoon they left Niagara-on-the-Lake to sail to Winona, where Kennedy's mother is summering.

Mr. Verne Kennedy left the party at Niagara, intending to meet them later.

The last seen of the boat was on Sunday afternoon, when some fishermen in the vicinity of Port Huron saw it.

The weather at the time was very sunny and several fishing launches that were out had to be towed in. The yacht, however, was going along at a great rate toward Hamilton, and as far as could be seen, all was well. Nothing, however, has been seen or heard of the boat since, although searching parties have been out continually.

A Bank Clerk. F. Oswald Boulton is a son of the late Rev. Arthur Boulton, and for some time has been an employee of the Sovereign Bank, and worked for a time in Berlin, before entering the bank. He is 26 years of age, and an employee of the Ontario Securities Company. Since going to Toronto, he had made his home with Mr. Frank Turner, of Brantford. Mr. Boulton has several brothers in the Canadian banks. One is Mr. Arthur Boulton, of the Bank of Toronto at Port Hope; another is in a bank at Winnipeg; and another in the Imperial Bank at the Soo. Mr. Boulton's mother is at present in Hamilton, living with her daughter, Mrs. Percival Bell, wife of the manager of the Bank of Hamilton at Hamilton.

Kennedy an Athlete. J. C. Kennedy lived with his brother Verne at 212 Sherbourne street. He is well known in Hamilton, Toronto, as an athlete of no mean ability, being an expert jumper and runner. He played centre half for Parkdale Canoe Club Rugby team last fall, and was one of the best men. He is about 17 years of age.

The yacht in which the two young men were sailing was the property of Mr. Charles Jones, of 101 Denison avenue. It was a 23-foot craft, and was known by the name of Roma. The young men rented this yacht when starting their vacation on June 29. Mr. Jones has not yet heard where his yacht is.

WRONG MAN SUMMONED IN A WAGES CASE

Jabez Metcalfe Taken From His Work Through a Curious Error—Mrs. Chrysler Sentenced.

Magistrate Love had a five-minute session at court this morning and only three cases appeared on the blotter. Mrs. Harriet Chrysler, charged with being drunk and a vag, was sentenced to two months in jail.

Jabez Metcalfe was charged by John Armstrong with non-payment of wages.

It appeared, however, that Armstrong summoned the wrong man, as it was his brother George for whom Armstrong worked.

"You should do your business in a businesslike way," the court told Armstrong, "and then you wouldn't make mistakes of this kind."

"He has taken me out of the hayfield," said Metcalfe, "and I think he should pay for the time I have lost."

The court, however, would not allow this and dismissed the charge against Jabez Metcalfe.

Armstrong will summon George Metcalfe.

LONDON BRIDGE AND ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Advertiser's Guests Are Still Sight Seeing in the Metropolis of the World.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.] London, England, July 17.—

The Advertiser's European party have had some delightful drives, and have seen many points of interest, including London Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Hyde Park. Today is being devoted to visiting some of the great shops. London is wonderful, and words fail to describe it.

M. Refused To Elect. From Thompson, the Greek who was committed for trial by the police magistrate on the charge of stealing \$125 from a companion, appeared before Judge Elliott this morning. He refused to elect, and was remanded till Monday.

MAN FOUND DEAD CORONER NOTIFIED

Alleged Mysterious Death of a Mr. Sully, of South London.

WIDOW WILL NOT TALK

Came Home and Retired as Usual Last Night and Was Later Discovered Dead in His Bedroom.

A Mr. Sully, at the corner of Bruce street and Marley Place, was found dead in bed at 11:30 this morning.

Coroner Ferguson was notified, and took charge of the remains. He is investigating the cause of death.

It is alleged that Sully committed suicide. The family have been living out of the city for some time, and about two weeks ago moved to South London.

The neighbors know little or nothing of the family. Sully came home last evening and retired. This morning he did not get up with the family but remained in bed.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Mrs. Sully went into the room, it is alleged, and found the man dead.

Coroner Notified. Several physicians were called, but life was extinct. Coroner Ferguson was called, as there were no apparent reasons for the man's death.

"I cannot say whether or not he committed suicide," said Dr. Ferguson. "I am at the present time investigating the causes of death. There are no marks on the body or bruises, and I found no pills. However, I will continue my investigations until I know for a certainty whether or not death was due to natural causes."

Sully leaves a widow and a family. Mrs. Sully refused to say anything regarding the affair.

BIG CELEBRATION ON LABOR DAY

Local Labor Men Are Making All Arrangements for the Occasion.

THE HON. MACKENZIE KING

Will Be One of the Speakers—Proposed to Have a Flying Machine Give an Exhibition.

Arrangements are on foot for a giant celebration to be held on Labor Day. Instead of the conventional parade, that has been the feature of this day, which by continual usage has become rather hackneyed, it has been decided at a meeting of the committee who have the arrangements in charge to have the day assume the nature of the national picnics that are so popular across the line.

Taking the form of a picnic, it will be a picnic on a very unusual scale, with a multitude of unusual attractions to make the day a memorable one. Among the attractions will be the ever-popular baby show, as it was considered that no picnic of this nature would be complete without it. Then there will be a watermelon contest, and the usual array of races and other contests.

An innovation will, however, be provided in a motorcycle race, and of still greater interest, an automobile race against time is being arranged.

A Flying Machine. Negotiations are also under way to have one of the well-known experimenters in flying machines present with an aeroplane to give an exhibition.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE. FORECASTS. Toronto, July 18.—8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh northwesterly winds; fine.

Sunday—Light to moderate variable winds; fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES. Yesterday. Today. Low. High.

London 52 60 83
Victoria 52 60 83
Calgary 48 56 84
Winnipeg 48 56 84
Fort Arthur 54 62 80
Perry Sound 54 62 80
Toronto 52 60 83
Ottawa 52 60 83
Montreal 52 60 83
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Edmonton 52 60 83
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