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OUR WATER SYSTEM.

Citizens who can afford it will probably follow the example of a downtown firm and sink an artesian well on their own premises. To rely on the waterworks seems scarcely prudent, and yet that is what must be done. At least there is no danger of a water famine. The supply from the lagoon is ample, and with chlorination and boiling there need be no danger to the health of prudent citizens.

We do not look for a remedy in the same direction as our amiable contemporary which has made the water situation its own by force of assertion if not by authority of fact. We have no fault to find with The Telegram for its earnestness, and if it does assume infallibility the differences among the doctors almost warrant such a bid for popular recognition.

Probably if the only plan to stick to the present method of obtaining water from the lake The Telegram has much to justify its confidence.

In an interesting little sketch of the history of the water system The Telegram recalls the time in 1843 when private enterprise established a plant at the foot of Peter-street. The water was then drawn from the sparkling waters of Toronto Bay. When the bay ceased to sparkle the pipe was extended to Blockhouse Bay and finally to the lake. It was almost an accident therefore that the intake rests where it does. We are not concerned to defend the accident.

In 1842 there was a good deal of opinion in favor of drawing the water supply from Scarborough Heights. Had that plan been adopted we would not now be troubled with impure water, extended intake and filtration problems, nor any of the other water difficulties we are now facing.

If there be anything about the lake more certain than another it is the existence of an east to west current in the lake in Toronto waters and vicinity. A lake tragedy of twenty years ago at Port Union proved this when one of the bodies was found at Balmy Beach and another in Humber Bay. The efflux of our new sewage plant will be carried down to the present intake. The flow from Dufferin-street and Garrison Creek sewer goes westward, and the waters of the Humber and Credit in flood are found flowing west.

If any more intake building is to be done we believe that the present site should be omitted from the calculations. Experts can be had who will recommend anything the local authorities want to have recommended. But this will not help matters.

If we followed old country practice we would adopt a gravitation system, going thirty or fifty miles if necessary for pure water.

It is idle to point to Toledo or Cleveland, for Lake Erie is an entirely different body of water from Lake Ontario. Nor is Chicago a parallel with the sewage flowing out of the lake instead of into it.

We still believe that big enough men, free from the influences of local politics, could give us a proper system, but this means some form of business-like administration such as no Toronto newspaper but The World desires.

Meanwhile let us be thankful that the tunnel is not quite full of sand yet.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST RECIPROCITY.

The World has been the recipient of sheaves of letters on the reciprocity situation from correspondents in all parts of the province, and practically unanimous against the proposed agreement. It is impossible to give space to all these, and they necessarily repeat in large measure the arguments and protests we have already published.

If correspondents would direct their letters, giving their names and addresses, to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa, it would assist him to realize what the feeling of the country is.

TAFT AND RECIPROCITY.

President Taft is pursuing the precise policy with which he was credited by The World. He has intimated thru Congressman McCall, who in this is acting as his side-deck, that unless the senate reaches a vote on reciprocity during the remaining days of the present session, he will at once call an extra session of the new congress. This warning is accompanied by a hint that the Republicans will best consult the party interest by completing the agreement with Canada, rather than allow the Democratic majority the opportunity of raising the larger issue of general tariff reduction and broadening the measure accordingly. Along

with the warning comes the broad hint that if the president's wishes are met, he will be prepared to interpose his veto between the protectionist policy and its opponents. All which from a Republican point of view is good party business.

But what figure does the Canadian Government cut in this political manoeuvring? Unless Sir Wilfrid Laurier finds it convenient to assume otherwise, he cannot fail to see that his minister of finance and minister of customs have been inveigled into actively assisting President Taft to dish the Democrats by supplying him with a plausible excuse to veto a measure of tariff reduction carried thru congress in the interest of the people of the United States. The Dominion Government ought not to have been bumbled into this position, nor lent itself to Republican strategy. The Toronto Star imagines it makes a point by reducing the argument against reciprocity to the danger consequent upon a reduction in the United States tariff. But that is a transparent fallacy. The true point is that Canada had no need to abandon the policy that has proved so greatly to her advantage, merely to provide the Republican president of the United States with a reason for refusing assent to a tariff reduction which the Democrats are pledged to procure.

JAMMING IT THRU.

President Taft is bound to jam the reciprocity deal thru—because he made it.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier the same. Is it a crime that either Canadians or Americans should seek for time to consider it?

These two autocrats say, Yes. Well, is that government by the people for the people? Hardly.

AUTOMATICALLY FAIR TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Cleveland is represented to be the only city in the State of Ohio that in accordance with the state constitution assesses property at its full market value in money. The system which has enabled this to be accomplished originated with the passing of a law in 1869 providing for the quadrennial appraisal of real estate and superseding the old district appraisals by five official valuers. It also required that every proprietor be served, not only with a notice of his own appraisal, but also with that of his neighbors. The Cleveland board decided to carry out the constitutional law, and employed Mr. Somers, who has been connected with the New York board of commissioners, of Texas and gave him a chief engineer and an architect as assistants. An instructive account of the method of valuation then put in operation has been recently explained by Mr. Frederic C. Howe, a member of the board of assessors of real property for Cleveland.

The first step taken, he says, was to map out enough block lines in the central part of the business district. A notice was then sent to all property owners in the district to come before the board, and the first point considered was—where is the most valuable spot in the City of Cleveland? This was easily settled, and census takers were then appointed to count the men and women who passed by during certain hours as a method of confirming common opinion. By the aid of leases taken from the records, sales of property and the testimony of real estate men, the board finally fixed the point of highest values in Cleveland for land, without the improvements, at \$5500 a front foot, 100 feet deep, and this area being fixed as the unit of measurement and value. Other assessments on the other parts of the block were then made, and from this block the value radiated out to all the other districts of Cleveland.

Mr. Howe states the Somers system to be one under which all valuations are matters of relations and the relative values are supplied by the community, not by the assessors. They were fixed by the conflict of testimony, and the operation attracted general attention, followed closely as it was by the newspapers, by improvement associations, by groups of men and by individual citizens. One notable advantage claimed for the unit system is that it practically prevents fraud or favoritism in assessing since the unit values are determined without the knowledge of lot lines which were not printed on the maps used. The unit values were applied to individual lots by clerks secured from the Case School of Applied Science, Western Reserve University, and fixed rules and formulas were laid down in the case of irregular lots and lots of less or greater depth than 100 feet. Corner lots were dealt with on a ratio basis dependent on the unit values of the front and side streets. Mr. Howe states that the result of this scientific appraisal of Cleveland property has reduced the number of complaints to only one per cent., as against from 2 to 25 per cent. in other Ohio cities.

It is wonderful how inconspicuous the most prominent Liberals of Toronto can become in the columns of The Globe when they have something to say which Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not like to hear.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND.

The treasurer of the fund for the relief of the famine and flood sufferers in China, reports the following contributions received from the 16th to the 20th inst.:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes: Previous acknowledged \$5722.18, E. Cameron, Toronto 1.00, M. J. Cayuga 2.00, Reader of The Guardian 1.00, Reader of The Presbyterian, Munroe's Mills 5.00, James Baird, Plattville 5.00, L. J. McCall, Plattville 1.00, F. W. McCarty, Richmond Hill Grant Mission Band, Richmond Hill 2.00, E. B. ... 5.00, W. J. ... 1.00, Two little ones 1.00, Sympathy, Stony Creek 1.00, A. C. S. ... 1.00, A. C. S. ... 1.00, Sympathizer 1.00, Arthur A. Small, Chicago 5.00, W. J. Pratt, Griswold 5.00, J. H. D. Toronto 2.00, G. D. Elmvale 1.00, M. A. C. Toronto 2.00, M. A. E. Toronto 2.00, A. McKillop, Harrison 2.00, A. friend, Sarnfield 1.00, W. J. ... 1.00, A widow, Burford 1.00, Mrs. J. A. Burwash, Jarvis 1.00, Hamilton friend 10.00, Mrs. M. B. ... 1.00, Mrs. A. Powell, Caron, Sask. 30.00, Mrs. A. F. Bell, Tavistock 1.00, Victoria, Menzies, Pender Island, B.C. 1.00, Mrs. A. H. Menzies, Pender Island, B.C. 5.00, Miss J. MacMartin, Montreal 2.00, Hiram Gillis, Glenholme, N.S. 20.00, Alfred Andrews, Burlington 2.00, S. E. Matthews 10.00, Gordon M. Beattie, Georgetown 1.00, M. A. Nesbitt, Aylmer, West Geo. W. Houston, M.D., Bin-Springvale 5.00, G. A. Daugherty, Leamington 5.00, A. friend, Toronto 1.00, Inasmuch, Brighton 5.75, Missionary Auxiliaries of Presbyterian Church, Collingwood 20.00, J. L. P. Cadman 1.00, Mrs. W. E. Owen Sound 2.00, E. S. Beer, Hespeler 2.00, Friend, Niagara Falls 2.00, Mrs. A. Binette, Toronto 2.00, John H. Saunders, Prospect 5.00, Miss Inglis, Toronto 2.00, H. H. MacKinnon, Georgetown 2.00, Contributions from Peterboro per John Crane 41.25, Frank Eaton, Chapleau 5.00, A sympathetic girl 2.00, Miss L. A. Dohen, Thorold 2.00, H. B. G. Toronto 1.00, Mrs. W. W. Barron, Toronto 2.00, Mrs. E. Kierwetter, Toronto 5.00, Mrs. R. H. Benson, St. George 1.00, R. M. Nivan, Jarvis 2.00, "The Gerrard Club" 1.00, Garratt 2.00, Ladies Aid, Presbyterian Church, Ridgeway 10.05, N. Kelly, Brechin 2.00, P. Whitlock, Toronto 2.00, Mrs. Pickett, London 2.00, St. Olaf Methodist Mission, Stewart Lyon, Toronto 12.00, E. Deacon, Ferguson 2.00, F. W. ... 5.00, John Eades, Toronto 5.00, L. K. C. Toronto 2.00, M. M. McKay, Woodstock 2.00, S. M. Terrill, Guelph 1.00, "In His Name" 1.00, W. J. Pate, Toronto 5.00, L. A. Neelands, Toronto 10.00, A friend, Toronto 5.00, E. Cameron, Renfrew 5.00, J. D. Miller, Old Springs 5.55, Geo. Michie, Griswold, Man. 10.00, Miss A. C. Meredith, London 10.00

BURGLARS UNSUCCESSFUL.

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Bold attempts were made to enter three places of business on Brockville's leading thoroughfares. The guilty party was aware of the movements of the night constable, who passed along the street examining doors less than five minutes before. After he had made the nightly examination of the doors the would-be intruder attempted to force them open with a jimmy or chisel. The efforts were unsuccessful.

GAS ENQUIRY ASSURED.

Company Informs Mayor of Willingness to Employ Probe.

Mayor Geary attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Consumers' Gas Company yesterday and brought back information that the company is willing to have the investigation into the complaints of excessive bills proceeded with. This will be done as soon as Corporation Council Drayton has arranged with the federal government for an inspector to assist in the enquiry.

CANADA PERMANENT.

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CONSERVATIVE MEETINGS.

Candidate for North Wellington in the Federal House to Be Chosen Mar. 23. The annual banquet of the Liberal-Conservative Club of Cooksville, in the County of Peel, will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 24. Richard Blain, M.P., and Samuel Charters, M.L.A., and other speakers will be present. The annual meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association for the north riding of Wellington, for the nomination of a federal candidate, which was postponed on Wednesday, Feb. 16, owing to the heavy snowstorm, will be held on Tuesday, March 28, at Arthur, Speaker, J. S. Carstairs. The medical health of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the County of Frontenac, will be held at the court house, Kingston, on Saturday, Feb. 25. Speakers: J. W. Thompson, J. S. Gallagher, M.L.A., W. J. Paul, M.L.A., and J. S. Carstairs. The St. Thomas street railway system. A member of the Ontario Government was asked by The World last night regarding the appointment of the St. Thomas despatch. He stated that he had not heard of the appointment.

PRICE OF POTATOES.

T. H. Cleghorn, commission merchant, over what is claimed to be a published remark on the price of potatoes, there was an error. He was quoted as saying that he obtained from 20 cents to 25 cents per bushel for the potatoes, whereas this is the price he is paying for potatoes on the farm, to which is to be added freight and dealer's profit. This statement strengthens the argument that the Ontario farmer has nothing to gain as regards potatoes by reciprocity with the United States, but on the contrary, has to fear the dumping of potatoes in the province.

CHANCES OF SAFETY.

What are your chances of safety if you are five or six stories up, surrounded by smoke and flames, and no fire escape nearby? You are a dead one sure; but if you had a Davy Automatic Fire Escape attached to the window, you could lower yourself safely to the ground. The "Davy" lowers five persons per minute from a three-storey window. Gormley, Tilt & Co., 32 Adelaide-street east, agents for Canada.

WOULD ANNUL MARRIAGE.

Woman in Asylum and Husband in Central Prison. A morbid study of fallen humanity is being untangled in the non-jury courts before Justice Clute, where James J. Cairns, a notorious lumber merchant, is trying to annul the marriage of his daughter Annie, who is an inmate of the Queen's street asylum, to Max Birman, a Russian, who is confined in the Central Prison.

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MORE SIGNS INDICATE BREAK IN INTAKE PIPE.

Mouth Clear But Sand Keeps the Pumps Busy—Engineer Keating's Proposal.

That there has been a serious break in the intake pipe as intimated in The World yesterday, is now pretty generally believed by the city waterworks department, the mayor and others who have had the weight of the recent water trouble resting on their shoulders. There is too much ice around where the pipe is laid at present to make a thorough examination, but a diver has explored the region around the mouth of the intake and found everything all right. As soon as the ice clears away, a diver will be sent over the whole length of the pipe, and all probably will be known until then.

From the fact that the mouth of the intake is clear and that an 8-foot length of log has been taken from the pipe it is pointed out that there must be a break somewhere between the entrance and the point where it reaches the shore. The theory of Engineer Randall is that the huge hummocks of ice which have been forced down upon the pipe by the storm have either crushed it or that there has been a stone or some other sharp hard substance imbedded in the ice which has caused the damage. The fact that the sand is still pouring out of the centrifugal pumps while the entrance to the intake is clear is taken to justify the explanation of the cause of the trouble.

Suggests Water Tower. Deputy Engineer Fellows and Engineer Randall have been warmly commended for their untiring efforts to relieve the situation by E. H. Keating, former city engineer. He also suggests the erection of a water tower possibly at a point nearer the shore than the end of the intake so that water could be turned in there in case of emergency. The point at which it would have to be erected would have to be determined by a survey. He considers the crisis due to the elements and not to conditions which have never existed before, and deprecates the action of some members of the council in trying to hold the department responsible for contingencies which could not be foreseen.

The tower which Mr. Keating suggests could be used as a lighthouse, to explode, and it would have to be strongly built. It could be provided with gates at different heights at which the water could be let in.

The medical health department is well pleased with the condition of the water as shown by tests made by Dr. Naasmit, city bacteriologist. The bacterial count per cubic centimetre does not exceed 10, and in some instances runs as low as 7.

Still Using Lagoon.

Lagoon water is still being used, as the pumps taking the sand out of the intake are lifting a considerable volume of water as well, and the only way the city supply can be kept up is by using that coming from the lagoon. It is all treated with the chlorination process, and is more susceptible to the chlorine than that coming from the intake. The advice to boil the water before using still holds good, however.

ABUSE OF PATRONAGE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Members of parliament are considerably annoyed over what is claimed to be a shameful abuse of patronage in connection with the selection of the officers for the Canadian coronation contingent. About thirty officers are to be chosen, and in Toronto and other places the local patronage committees are dealing with the matter and passing their recommendations on to the minister of militia.

It is stated: "Instead of a fine body of men, chosen to represent Canada on their merits, being sent to the coronation, faithful friends of the government will be among the elect. Officers of inferior service and seniority will be placed, are being ignored."

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