

MRS. ATHERTON WINS HER SUIT

English Society Beauty Vindicated Herself—Sought No Damages.

London, Dec. 31.—The sensational breach of promise action, brought by Mrs. Atherton, the divorced wife of Col. Atherton, late of the Twelfth Lancers, against Capt. Yarde-Buller, was disposed of in little more than half an hour, when it came before Mr. Justice Darling, in the king's bench division.

The result was judgment for the plaintiff, by consent, for the costs of the action.

The beauty of the plaintiff, the fact that her story had already been told in the divorce court, when the present defendant was co-respondent and the recent marriage of the latter to Miss Denise Orme, the well-known actress, gave the trial added interest, and the court rooms were crowded with aristocratic dames, whose carriages and motor cars awaited them outside.

She asked that it should be publicly made known that when she sacrificed her home and her allegiance to her husband, she did so in no light way to gratify a passing fancy, but in the assurance that the man she trusted and gave up all for, would make her his wife.

She craved for no damages; only that her plea be considered self-respecting, though frail, should be allowed. To this Captain Buller offered no objection.

Captain's Defense.

Their story has been a matter of gossip for months past—ever since Col. Atherton, of the Twelfth Lancers, last year obtained a decree nisi from his wife, making Capt. Yarde-Buller, the son and heir of Lord Churston, co-respondent.

The fact that Capt. Yarde-Buller was a little while ago married Miss Denise Orme, the actress, added to the speculations indulged in over Mayfair cups of tea.

Mr. Randolph, junior counsel for Mrs. Atherton, opened the pleading in the customary formal manner. He said that:

The promise was denied.

Capt. Yarde-Buller had not had time to fulfill his promise.

Mrs. Atherton, being a married woman at the time, was not possessed of a legal status to perform her part.

Also that there were other defenses that need not be particularized.

Lady's Story.

Then Sir Edward Carson, promising that his statement would be brief, set about at once with the main facts of the story.

Sir Edward told of the divorce last year. Twice before the decree was made absolute, Capt. Yarde-Buller had promised to marry Mrs. Atherton.

They had been intimate and protegee of undying fidelity by the captain. He had asked the lady to elope with him.

As instances of the captain's declaration of love, counsel quoted from letters:

"There will never be a word of jealousy or anything else, and I swear I shall never marry anyone else but you. My love shall be yours for ever, until my dying day."

In another the captain wrote:

"I will never leave you, but will wait until the day you can come to me. Try and make it as soon as you can. As I wait for you. Longing for you—Yours for ever. JOHN."

Cool. Atherton discovered the liaison, and commenced divorce proceedings in the latter part of 1905.

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"It is very serious, old girl, and must not be decided upon in a hurry. I am staying down here for some time, and when I go away it will be for some time. Leaving the army will be a big step, but there it is. Take great care of yourself, as there is something to look forward to. Don't forget to have an inventory made of your things, and buy a big box. Yours, JOHN."

When he had read this letter, counsel said that in face of it he was at a loss to understand how there could be a denial of the promise to marry.

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Letters on the Waterworks Question

For and Against Komoka Scheme—Commissioners Criticised By Mr. Parsons.

That Commissioner's Letter Re Komoka.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

For juggling with figures, I think the Darch-Judd-Saunders group can triangle with any other three persons in existence. Like the Hindu fakirs they have tried to swell Komoka into what it is not—a large and reliable water supply.

Londoners are tired of this sort of thing, and I had hoped the commissioners had grown wise enough to let it alone. Komoka is too far away for such a small quantity of water. The initial cost and maintenance cost this it is for in ten years we would be back to our present troubles. The fire underwriters will not accept the Komoka scheme, hence not a dollar can be taken off our key rate of fire insurance. Eighty and one hundred pound pressures are a thing of the past in up-to-date fire-fighting, and with large cities and large risks, large reservoirs of available water are imperative.

Komoka cannot supply either of these essentials, quantity and pressure. Why the commission keep on making unreliable statements regarding the independent plan can perhaps best be seen by their lack of information on either Komoka or independent.

Twenty thousand dollars will install a high pressure system to save the fire underwriters, taking the supply at the river forks, and that can be completed in nine months. That provides not only the 11,000,000 or 12,000,000 gallons of the north branch, but also the greater quantity coming from the south branch, making a natural reservoir of easily 30,000,000 gallons daily at low water, from which may be pumped, as required, water of summer, 500,000 gallons, or 10,000,000. Hence, how ridiculous to say that the independent scheme will only furnish 500,000 gallons per day; for that is the quantity implied.

This is it plain that for fire purposes and all commercial work the independent plan can, on the present ratio of population and consumption, take care of easily 200,000 people. The same pump-house and the same supply—but, as we grow, we lengthen our mains and increase our pumps. That is the way of the world, and at any time be turned over to pump and distribute either spring or filtered water, and not a single dollar has been wasted or lost.

In the meantime Springbank is reserved for domestic service, gradually under meter, paying for the meters from the annual surplus; hence not a dollar of debt. When the water is made over to the city it ought to be, and the rate for water, what it can be, then will every user of water desire to have a meter.

The week before last I passed at the rear of a residence, and observed from what appeared to be the kitchen a rubber hose, from which was running a stream of city water the size of a man's finger. I assume that the water was a user of city water takes to prevent frozen water service. It is safe to assume he was deliberately wasting enough water to supply the people in the whole block. No commission, no inspector can peer into the present wastage, it is so great, both in winter and summer. Nothing but a meter will ever check the water waste, and no other method will make water so cheap.

The ordinary home meter costs between \$10 and \$11. I will gladly buy and install my own meter, and so will hundreds of others, provided the commission will give me the level rate for water.

During the past year the commissioners claim to have pumped 1,392,853 gallons of water, for which they received \$9,438.63. Now, if all this water was metered, it says he pumped and turned into the mains had been sold at 10 cents per 1,000 gallons, the revenue from its sale would have been \$139,285.30. The number of gallons pumped are of fairly stated, the receipts are under audit. Any scheme that charges 10 cents per 1,000 gallons what it would bring, and at that price everybody would have had cheap water. As 1,000 gallons would be 20 barrels, who would be stingy for 10 cents?

Kill Komoka, and get cheaper water.

Kill Komoka, and get better fire protection.

Kill Komoka, and get cheaper commercial insurance.

Kill Komoka, and preserve Springbank for the table.

Kill Komoka, and follow all the other leading cities in the adoption of 200 to 300 pounds fire pressure. Faithfully yours,

JOHN M. PARSONS.

Warned Against Komoka Water Scheme.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Having observed your willingness to give publicity to any project that promises advantages to the ratepayers of your city, I send this communication re additional water supply for the city of London.

I venture to say that the ratepayers will make a serious mistake if they adopt the Komoka scheme at the coming municipal elections, as it is possible to get an abundant supply of good pure water at much less cost.

I made a proposition to the water commissioners early in the present year, to outline a scheme, which, if adopted, would save thousands of dollars each year to the city as long as it has a place on the map of Ontario. The commissioners gave out for publication early in April that I had made them such proposition, but that I was not inclined to take any unnecessary chances; but that before submitting my scheme I wanted a guarantee that I would be paid 5 per cent of the savings which the adoption would effect.

It is quite true that I should expect to receive remuneration if I could bring about a material saving. I think the present is the time in the world's history when the man who renders efficient services to individuals, company, or corporation is entitled to a fair remuneration for such service. It is quite true that I could only receive any remuneration when there was a saving effected, and then only 5 per cent of the actual annual saving, the saving to be left to the disinterested parties, consequently the city would not take any chances at all. Thanking you for space, I remain, yours,

A. H. FOE.

Strathroy, Dec. 31, 1907.

Why the Komoka Scheme Should Carry.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

1. We shall have pure spring water—pure, because the Provincial Government will have to guarantee its purity before we will be allowed to use it.

2. The water increase will be at least

5,000,000 gallons daily. The surface indications have measured 2,500,000 gallons daily in dry season. The surface measurements of the last springs taken into our system, situated just across the river from the pump-house, were only one-quarter of what we have been receiving after properly collecting; and a large part of the well-known Hobbs springs were stumbled across while digging the foundation for a barn—no surface indications.

3. To deliver 5,000,000 gallons daily to the city by the complete Komoka scheme will cost at least ten years' \$250,000 less than a safe filtration scheme.

4. It can be brought into practical use as quickly as the high pressure scheme, and will give ten times the amount of water the high pressure scheme will save. The high pressure scheme will save only about the amount the G. T. R. used to consume, and anyone who remembers the serious drop in our own water supply in August, 1896, even after the G. T. R. scheme was cut off, will know how little use such measures will be to solve the difficulty of lack of sufficient water.

5. No matter what may be the source of water supply in 50 years from now, the present Springbank and the projected Komoka supplies will form an integral part of it, because, owing to the water power for pumping and the lack of expensive filtration, it is away the cheapest pure water we can deliver under pressure to the city mains.

Why Mr. Jones should be defeated: 1. When last acting as water commissioner he showed indifference and carelessness about the future of the water supply, equaled only by that of the engineer, Mr. Moore, who brought in his annual report year after year, "The springs have been sufficient for all purposes."

2. In being such a failure as a water commissioner in the true sense of the word, that he could let any influence or consideration of any kind induce him to present himself as a candidate for public trust at this crisis, shows that either he has a huge sense of humor, or that his temperament is such as to unfit him for any responsible civic office. The question of our water supply is no laughing matter, therefore he should be defeated.

Why Mr. Saunders should be elected: 1. He wants spring water and he was it to be delivered quickly.

2. With the exception of Mr. Poole, he has shown more energy in the last two years in getting first-hand information about our water supply than all the water commissioners put together for the last fifteen years.

3. We can depend upon his intelligence and courage to deal with the increase in our water supply capably and honestly, and that he has enough energy of his own to induce Mr. Moore to give a fair limitation of the affairs dependent upon him for expert direction.

D. H. ARNOTT.

226 Queen's Ave. W.

S. S. ENTERTAINMENT

Hill Street Methodist Scholars Spent a Pleasant Evening.

The Hill Street Methodist Sunday school held a very enjoyable entertainment last Friday evening in the church. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Harris, who introduced the following programme: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," chorus, primary class, under the leadership of Miss Lang; solo, Madeline Corbin; recitation, Mr. Jones; chorus, Miss Porter's class; dialogue, class of girls; recitation, Master Dick Winnett; duet, Violet and Harold Cooper; military song, Mr. Provan's class; recitation, Harold Parker; chorus, Miss Beck's class; recitation, Miss Hargis' class; under the direction of Mr. Fred Crossley; solo, Olive Dods; dialogue, Miss Ryckman's class; recitation, Daisy King; drill, combined classes of Miss Rose, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Drennan; tableau, Mrs. Calk's class.

After the programme was concluded candles and nuts were distributed to the scholars. The superintendent, Mr. Hargis, gave a very interesting address on the subject of "The Power of Jesus' Name," and was well received by the scholars.

The Sunday school has made rapid progress during the past year, and has an average attendance of over two hundred each Sunday.

JUDGE OF KING'S BENCH

Appointment of Hon. J. D. Cameron in Manitoba Finally Proclaimed.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Hon. J. D. Cameron, formerly Attorney-General of Manitoba, has been proclaimed Judge of the Court of King's Bench. Mr. Cameron was appointed several months ago, but the Local Government have purposely withheld the proclamation with the hope of gaining political advantage, the report says, in the endeavor to force the dropping of the protest in Morris as a condition.

SAVED FROM SUICIDE

Salvation Army Bureau Prevails on Many Not to Take Their Lives.

London, Jan. 1.—Twelve months ago General Booth, of the Salvation Army, started anti-suicide bureaus in various cities of the world, and he now has issued a review of the year's work.

Altogether 1,125 men and 90 women sought the assistance of the London bureau to save them from self-destruction, while at least an equal number applied at the bureaus in other cities.

It appears from the review that the seekers for help belonged mainly to the middle class. More than half of them attributed the desire to end their lives to financial embarrassment or hopeless poverty.

From the small number of women applicants General Booth deduces that they are better able to bear up under sorrows and trials than men. He thinks it safe to say that 75 per cent of the applicants have been diverted from contemplated suicide and helped to surmount their difficulties.

Weather:
Probs:
FAIR.

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Thursday
Jan. 2

STORE NEWS TODAY.

Big Clearing of Wool Blankets

"Money saved" is money made. January will be a month of money-saving opportunities at this store, more especially this year than ever before, as we expect to occupy the first half of our new building before mid-summer, and our object now is to have, if possible, no winter goods left for this moving.

Our Great Sale of Ladies' Winter Coats commenced today, and tomorrow we commence this Blanket Clearance.

38 PAIRS OF \$2.50 BLANKETS TOMORROW AT \$1.90 PAIR

These are double-bed size, 64x76, soft finish, close weave, all perfectly clean, regular \$2.50 blankets. Special sale price, pair.....\$1.90

(Come early or phone your order to secure these.)

25 PAIRS WOOL BLANKETS, SLIGHTLY SOILED

These have been used as samples and some are but slightly soiled. Note the savings on these:

7 PAIRS ONLY \$2.85 AND \$3.25 BLANKETS FOR \$2.25 PAIR

These are good quality but slightly soiled, size 60x80. All one price, pair.....\$2.25

8 PAIRS ONLY \$3.50 BLANKETS FOR \$2.75 PAIR

These are fine, soft finish, good weight, size 56x76 and 60x80; two sizes in these; all are \$3.50 qualities and all go at one price, pair.....\$2.75

4 PAIRS ONLY \$4, \$4.25 AND \$4.50 BLANKETS FOR \$3.15 PAIR

These are fine quality and good size, slightly soiled, for, pair.....\$3.15

4 PAIRS ONLY \$5.25 BLANKETS FOR \$3.75 PAIR

These are size 64x80 and only slightly soiled, for, pair.....\$3.75

2 PAIRS ONLY \$6.50 AND \$6.75 BLANKETS FOR \$4.95 PAIR

These are large sizes and extra quality, slightly soiled, for, pair.....\$4.95

You can make your selection from above list and send your orders by mail or phone. All such orders will receive our immediate attention. Mail orders from out-of-town will be expressed in the usual way. Money refunded if goods not satisfactory. Express paid on \$5.00 and over.

Coat Sale Commences Today

LADIES', MISSES', CHILDREN'S

This is the way they are selling:

\$3.50 Children's Coats for.....	\$2.48	\$5.00 Ladies' Coats.....	\$2.95
\$4.50 to \$5.00 Children's Coats for.....	\$2.95	\$5.50 to \$6.50 Ladies' Coats.....	\$3.95
\$5.50 to \$6.50 Children's Coats for.....	\$3.95	\$7.00 to \$9.00 Ladies' Coats.....	\$5.00
\$7.00 to \$9.00 Children's Coats for.....	\$5.00	\$9.50 to \$12.50 Ladies' Coats.....	\$7.75
\$9.50 to \$11.50 Children's Coats for.....	\$7.50	\$13.00 to \$14.00 Ladies' Coats.....	\$8.75
\$14.50 to \$15.50 Coats.....	\$9.75	\$20.00 to \$22.00 Coats.....	\$14.75
\$16.50 to \$18.50 Coats.....	\$11.75	\$23.50 to \$25.00 Coats.....	\$16.75

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BRITISH

At the sale of coins belonging to Mr. H. Osborne O'Hagan at Sotheby's on Tuesday, a pattern farthing, dated 1655, sold for 27.

The contemplated experiment in the employment of girls as book-keepers at the "tube" stations of London will not be made owing to the awkwardness of the hours.

Mr. W. J. Smith, of Churchlands, Harfordwest, was thrown from his horse and killed on Monday while following the Pembrokehire hounds. His father was killed in a similar way twenty-five years ago.

While some empty coaches were being shunted on Wednesday at