

SASKATCHEWAN RIVER THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY

New York Engineering Expert Presents Plans for Drainage and Sewerage System for Greater Edmonton—Pigeon Lake Gravity Scheme—Rejected as Unfeasible—Present Intake on Ross Flats Satisfactory.

Alexander C. Epper, C.E., of New York, the expert who has for several months past been engaged in the preparation of plans for a drainage and sewerage system for the Edmonton of the future, has submitted the result of his work to the city commissioners in the form of two voluminous documents. The reports were received at the regular meeting of the commissioners yesterday afternoon and referred to the city engineer to supply blue prints of the numerous plans prepared by Mr. Potter.

The sewerage system designed by Mr. Potter meets all the requirements of a city of a quarter of a million population, and covers all the land within the present limits of the municipality. The system is adapted to the topography of the city, from Bellevue north to North Edmonton is provided for in a separate system.

In a separate report dealing with the city's source of future water supply, Mr. Potter deals a death-blow to the proposed Pigeon Lake gravity scheme, showing that the volume of water obtainable from the lake would be inadequate to meet the needs of the city in a very short time, and that the cost of bringing it to the city would be greater than the cost of pumping from the river. The present site of the pumping station on Ross Flats is declared by the expert to be admirably adapted to the needs of the future, as well as of the present, and the Saskatchewan river is in his estimation the natural source of water supply for the City of Edmonton for all time to come.

Trunk Sewer is Key. The plans prepared by Mr. Potter harmonize with the existing system of sewerage and the expert shows how the larger system may be introduced by the extension and natural growth of the present one. A trunk sewer, ten feet six inches diameter, by which all the sewage of the city will be discharged into the river by the present Rat Creek outlet, is the key to the Potter system. The construction of this sewer is advised by Mr. Potter while he was in the city carrying on his investigations. This part of the work will be the first to be done.

Both sewage and drainage from those parts of the city which can be economically carried below the city are covered in one system of conduits. Over these portions of the city where the cost of conveying the storm water to a point below the city would be prohibitive, separate conduits are provided for the storm drainage and one for the sewage. The storm water discharges directly into the river, the sewage is carried below the city.

Several District Systems. According to the design of Engineer Potter, the whole of the district which he designates on his plans as "north central" portion, will discharge both sanitary sewage and storm water by way of the Rat Creek tunnel. In the west end two distinct systems of drainage will be installed, one for the purpose of draining storm water, which will discharge into the river at the most convenient point in the west end, and the other system designed to take care of all sanitary sewage. The sanitary sewage will be conveyed by means of a tunnel sewer, to connect at some point with the tunnel sewer draining the north central district. In this manner the sewage of the whole city (with the exception of the two separate systems at Ross and Fraser flats) will be caused to converge into the big trunk sewer, which has outlets south-west of the penitentiary property.

A storm drain will be provided for the St. James district. For the Bellevue district and the whole of the city to the east of the city as far as Packington, a distinct sewer is designed. This district is, of course, out of the jurisdiction of the Edmonton city council.

Sewage Disposal Plant. Mr. Potter advises the acquisition of 85 acres of land on the south side of the river, opposite the present property, as a site for a disposal plant. The property is owned by the provincial government.

The sewage will be carried beneath the river to the disposal plant by siphon. Mr. Potter advises that the construction of the disposal plant be delayed until Provincial Sanitary Engineer Owens has reported upon the proposed system of disposal by live beds. The construction of the tunnel sewer, however, will not be delayed on this account, as under present conditions, and until such time as the disposal plant question shall have been settled, the effluent may be discharged into the river, to the east of the penitentiary property.

A Rat Creek Park. Reclamation of the land in the Rat Creek valley will be made possible by the construction of the Rat Creek tunnel sewer, and this Mr. Potter advises might be carried out with a cost of about \$50,000, a total value of \$100,000.

The estimated cost of installation of the completed system of trunk sewer and feeders to provide for the drainage of the city, and of the Bellevue district is as follows. Of the proposed disposal plant on the other side of the river, no estimate is given.

Combined Sewers. North central system 420 x \$2,286,224 Bellevue, 611 acres . . . 2,662,707 Separate Sanitary Sewers. West separate system 266 x \$195,125 Storm Drains. S. James storm sewer dis-

district, 1440 acres. . . 342,662 West separate water district 1817 acres. . . 228,942 Total . . . \$3,917,780

In the construction of the tunnel sewer, reinforced concrete will be employed. The sewers will be reinforced by circumferential round bars, placed within the concrete, and joined by longitudinal straps.

Pigeon Lake Scheme. Of the Pigeon Lake gravity water scheme, Mr. Potter says, in dismissing it as unfeasible: "The city of Edmonton is not warranted, either from commercial, sanitary or aesthetic considerations, in discontinuing the water service from the present pumping station."

Mr. Potter shows that the supply which the city can hope to obtain from this lake, will not exceed 20,000,000 gallons of water a day, and that the cost of pumping that amount until the city's consumption has reached this daily total, water can be pumped more cheaply from the river. When the time did come that the city would be able to obtain water cheaply from the lake as from the river, the time would also have arrived for the city to seek new sources of water supply.

Cost, \$300 Great. The capital investment in the plant and of delivering water to the service mains, would be the same, whatever the consumption. Mr. Potter estimated the cost of a Pigeon Lake gravity scheme at \$1,800,000, which means on a daily consumption of 4,000,000 gallons, that the cost at the service mains would be 1.7 cents per 1,000 gallons, as compared with the present cost of pumping, estimated this year at 5.5 cents per 1,000 gallons. Last year the cost of pumping was 3.3 per 1,000 gallons, in 1908, 4.3 cents per 1,000. The increased cost last year and this are due to the abnormal expenditures at the plant.

As the consumption of water from Pigeon Lake increased to 10,000,444 the cost per 1,000 gallons would decline until when the city was using all the available water from Pigeon Lake and about to look for new sources of supply, it would have been reduced to something like 5.5 cents per 1,000.

At the present time the city consumes about 3,000,000 gallons of water per day.

Present Intake the Best. Mr. Potter does not regard Laurier Park, the Gibbons property, as all suited to a site for a power-house.

"There is no reason," he says, "why the intake from the river should be moved further upstream, unless and until the present intake becomes insufficient to meet the growing demands of the city, and normally these conditions should not be reached until the city attains a population of 150,000 at least."

Water to be Purified. Possibility of contamination of water at the intake is rendered a negligible quantity by the system of purification advised by Mr. Potter. Acting on the assumption that the water is contaminated, it will be purified and sterilized by the most approved process, as is the case in every large city drawing its water supply from a river.

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PEN PICTURE OF PREMIER SIFTON

Staff Correspondent of Toronto Star Describes Premier Sifton as a Coming Liberal Leader at Ottawa—Is a Strong Man in Every Line.

The following pen picture and character sketch of Hon. A. L. Sifton, Premier of Alberta, by a staff correspondent of the Toronto Star and published in that paper on October 15, of interest at the present time when Premier Sifton is about to meet the provincial legislature for the first time as premier.

Mr. Sifton you would not take him to be a judge or premier. The body of the facial lines don't seem at first, to fit the judicial mold. Short, crisp, brittle lines they are; quick, snappy, roving eyes, with a hard light in them, and a well-made jaw. He has very little hair, and the hair he has is thinning. He has a very little hair, and the hair he has is thinning.

They tell a story of this new Premier of Alberta, Hon. A. L. Sifton, that he is a strong man in every line. He is a strong man in every line. He is a strong man in every line.

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WILL MAKE MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS NORTH

J. L. Cote Leaves Today to Begin Over Arctic Work for Two Months Which Was Destroyed in Recent Carstairs Fire.

Having destroyed all the records of nearly two months' work, together with personal belongings and instruments to the value of a thousand dollars, in the fire which destroyed the Albion Hotel at Carstairs last week, J. A. Cote, of the staff of the Surveyor-General of the Department of the Interior, leaves Edmonton today to begin over again the work of making magnetic observations for the Dominion Government in the time remaining before winter sets in, in order to secure magnetic records of great value in determining the direction of the declination throughout the magnetic pole and north pole in that part of Western Canada.

Knowledge of the difference of declination between the magnetic pole and the true north pole is of immense value to surveyors in their work. For the past two years, Dominion Land Surveyors working north of Edmonton have all been doing some observation work for the Dominion Government. A big mass of observations have been collected at Carstairs, and the starting point of determining whether the variations in declination are governed by any law, Mr. Cote has been delegated to make observations through the various provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. He started his first work at Athabasca Landing September 1st, spent two weeks at Hat Way House, and then made observations at Edmonton and intervening points as far south as Calgary. His projected work included observations to Macleod, thence east to Elkhorst, and again by the C.P.R. line to Saskatoon and Edmonton and thence along the line of the C.N.R. to Winnipeg. At Carstairs a week ago Sunday, a fire escaped from the burning Albion Hotel in his pyjamas, all his effects, instruments and records being destroyed.

In the short time remaining before winter sets in he will make observations at Athabasca Landing, Macleod, and at the different stations. In view of the fact that it has been for the last few years the central point of survey work in Alberta, at Edmonton the difference in declination between the north pole and the true north pole, and in particular the will of all the powerful interests in that section.

The fire, wrong, and subversive of the public interest, it may be that we shall need to adopt some other method of electing Senators. It may be better to reduce their number and select the whole country, or to elect the commissioners in municipalities which have adopted the new form of government. Whatever outward changes may be made in the future, if any, the Senate shall cease to represent special interests, or one class of the people, and shall work only for the good of the whole people.

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Southampton next summer followed by the "Titanic" in the early fall.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 20.—Colonel Theo. Shae, piloting the Swiss balloon Hoveia, which started in the race here Monday, landed at Ville Marie, Pontiac county, Quebec, this afternoon, according to a message received by the Aero Club here.

This is not thought to be the balloon sighted at Kirkstall, Canada, 1,200 miles from St. Louis, today.

If the report is authentic it makes the international race started here the most remarkable in the history of the world. The other three balloons, which are believed to have reached Canada and landed are the Swiss Aurora, Lieut. The German Dusseldorf, and the American I. Halsey.

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GIFT OF ANIMALS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING

South African Collection to Mark the Year of the Coronation—King George V Has Approved the Scheme and Collection Will be Exhibited at Zoo.

London, Oct. 19.—As one means of marking the Coronation year it is intended to make a collection of the animals of South Africa, with a view to presenting them to the King. His Majesty has approved the scheme, and has announced that he will exhibit the collection in London, through the Zoological society, next summer.

In response to a request from Lord Gladstone and Mr. Smuts, Major Stevedore Hamilton, who was formerly game warden in the Transvaal, and the respective governments are providing facilities for the transport and housing of the animals.

It consists of a pair of giant kudus (Euphodios kori), the Gorn Paauw of the Dutch colonists, the largest and most of living bastards, a Stanley crane (Anthropoides paradisi), and a black-crowned harrier eagle (Circus pectoralis), new to the London collection. These were presented by Dr. Louis Peringuey, director of the South African museum, and secretary to the Cape committee, and were conveyed to England free of charge by the kindness of the Union-Castle line. It is not expected that the bulk of the collection will be ready for inspection by the Duke of Connaught on his approaching visit, but will be brought to the Zoological gardens in the spring of 1911, and exhibited throughout the summer as the King's South African collection.

CO-STARS IN A NEW ROLE.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 20.—Shortly before hearing Virginia Harrod Sothorn's application for a divorce, Judge Pike received an undated letter, intimating there was collusion between the parties, and that E. H. Sothorn, the actor, had consented to a divorce for the reason that he intended to marry Julia Marlowe.

The message in part was as follows: "Julia Marlowe arrives from Europe this week. She will continue with Sothorn in a joint starring tour with a season to open in Boston. I have from reliable sources that as soon as Sothorn and Virginia Harrod are free from their bonds of matrimony an announcement will be forthcoming that Sothorn will take Miss Marlowe to church."

The court took no notice of the letter.

A WOMAN ASPIRES TO BE GOVERNOR

She is Running in New Hampshire in Order to Make Folks Recognize the Gentle Sex, She Says.

Concord, N. H., Oct. 20.—"Equal rights for all" is the platform outlined for Mrs. Marilla Ricker, candidate for governor of New Hampshire. She denotes Roosevelt, says "I am honestly, sincerely, and earnestly a Republican."

"I'm going to run for governor, although I have not the slightest idea of ever becoming governor," announced Mrs. Ricker. "I'm running for governor in order to get people into the habit of thinking of women as governors. You know people have to think about it thing several centuries before they can become accustomed to the idea. I want to start the ball rolling."

"There is a ghost of a reason why a woman should not be governor or president if she wants to be and I'm like Joe Cannon—a stalwart Republican. These people like Haas and Teddy Roosevelt who call themselves insurgents and new nationalists and progressives are nothing more than 'messed-up' Republicans."

"I'm 70 years old, and going on 71. As always I have said, I always was born in 1840. Some women are born in various years. Most certainly I'm in the same year."

"I'm an agnostic, and that, if there wasn't any other, would be an all-sufficient reason why I never would be elected governor of New Hampshire. Most people are pious, or if they're not, they pretend to be, because they're afraid to be anything else. My idea is this: 'A stepple should not be exempt from taxation any more than a smokestack.'"

"A girl can afford to wait until the right man comes along, unless she is like the girl, who when told that she was married was a solemn thing, declared that not to be so solemn."

"Believe in children? Most certainly I do, but the weakest thing or all the weak things Teddy Roosevelt ever said was that about large families. No couple have a right to any more children than they properly can educate and bring up and only a few people are physically and mentally fit to be fathers and mothers."

"There isn't a reason against women voting that doesn't apply to men. They say women ought not to vote because they're not so much interested in their trousers. Next season they wear them so loose they need a hoop to hold them up. The hobble skirt or dress is too silly for words."

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