

HYDRO OFFER WOULD STICK THE CITY,

For Increase of Water Consumption, Far More Than Cataract Offer Would. Manager Hawkins Criticises a Criticism.

General Manager W. C. Hawkins, of the Cataract Power Company, was interviewed by the Times to-day with reference to the company's offer to do the pumping of city water, and the Herald's criticism of yesterday of that offer.

We will undertake the pumping of the requisite amount of water for the city's use for a six years term, putting the requisite pumps and electrical equipment into a building to be placed at our disposal at the waterworks plant and operating the same for the above stated period for a monthly payment which shall be calculated to be the same cost per million gallons pumped as the cost is determined for the water pumped during the year 1906.

In 1906 the quantity of water pumped was 2,250,657,670 gallons and the cost \$22,849.18, or at the average cost of \$10.11 per million gallons.

The average annual price to be paid during the six-year period would thus be \$35,497, as compared with \$22,849, the cost of pumping in 1906.

"As the city grows," said Mr. Hawkins, "and it will have to pay for that water, whether it is pumped by steam, by electric pumps supplied by the Cataract Company, or by power supplied by the Hydro-Electric Commission."

The question for the people who have to pay the increased cost is to consider by which system will the increase be the most favorable to the city—the smallest.

The Herald entirely overlooks the fact that the increase would have to be met if the Hydro scheme were in force.

The fact is that the increase under the Hydro scheme would be much greater than under the Cataract proposition, and it will show you why.

That has been clearly and definitely declared by the Commission. That means that the city must pay for the power, whether it uses it or not.

The pumps will run until the reservoirs are full. Then they must stop. When they stop there will be no consumption of power, but the city will be required to pay just the same as if the power was being used.

It takes a given amount of power to (Continued on page 5.)

Saved by Baby.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 31.—The cries of an infant saved the lives of eight persons here early to-day, but not before the baby's father and brother had been asphyxiated by coal gas.

Contravo, his wife and two children slept in one room, and six boarders occupied other parts of the house. The escaping coal gas awakened the baby, whose cries aroused one of the boarders. He broke down the door of the room occupied by the Contravos and found the father and son dead.

NOT MANY HERE.

City Has Had Far More Seeking for Lodgings.

A Toronto despatch states that the Toronto police cells are overcrowded every night with boarders and prisoners, and that they have not had so many for years.

The local police get about five or six boarders every night, and the average of prisoners is somewhat less than that. Some years ago there were nights when 35 lodgers were accommodated, besides a large number of prisoners.

Work in Hamilton is always at the ebb at this time of the year, but few have been thrown out of doors and home. The custom of charging a man with vagrancy if he has been in for lodgings two or three nights in succession has probably helped to keep the unemployed out of this city.

FELL FROM LADDER.

Windsor Alderman's Face Cut and Back Hurt.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 13.—Alderman Euclid Jacques, chairman of the council committee on public works, went to the barn before daylight on Thursday with a lantern and fell from the ladder which leads to the loft.

His face was cut and his back and shoulders were badly bruised, but Dr. Casgrain says that there is no indication of internal injuries and that the alderman should be all right again within a few days.



QUEEN WILHELMINA OF HOLLAND.

WILLIAM VISITS HOLLAND'S QUEEN

Kaiser Meets With Warm Welcome and Kisses Wilhelmina's Hand.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—Emperor William of Germany arrived here to-day on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern from his recent visit to England, and was greeted by members of the royal family of the Netherlands. Prince Henry boarded the Hohenzollern and escorted the Emperor to a pavilion on shore, where Queen Wilhelmina awaited him.

ENDS HIS LIFE.

VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION FIRES A BULLET INTO HIS HEAD.

Disposes of His Property—Unable to Longer Withstand the Ravages of Disease Which Had Enforced Long Idleness.

Morris-town, N. J., Dec. 13.—In the presence of his mother and young daughter, Ulysses Van Winkle, 45 years old, discouraged by the ravages of tuberculosis, shot himself in the head at his home, No. 10 Cleveland street, to-night.

He died a few moments afterward. Van Winkle, owing to failing health, resigned a lucrative position five years ago and has done little since then.

For the past few days he has been complaining of unusual ill health and had told several neighbors he intended to kill himself. To-day he purchased a revolver. On his return he told his wife of his intentions and she attempted to dissuade him.

He sent his daughter Mabel after his mother, Mrs. Jacob Van Winkle, who lives nearby. On her arrival he told her he was feeling so badly that he was going to end his life. She argued with him, but in vain. He told her about the disposition of a large apartment house and other real estate he owned.

"I'm feeling so badly, I can't stand it longer," he said, "I have only a moment more to live." Then, sitting in a Morris chair, he fired a bullet into his head before mother, wife or daughter could interfere.

Van Winkle was a Mason and had an ample income from his property.

FOR ORPHANS.

\$50,000 to be Spent by Owners of Wrecked Mines.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—The Fairmont Coal Company, at whose mines the fearful disaster of last week occurred, involving the loss of between 300 and 400 lives, has decided to erect an orphan asylum at Monongah, W. Va., to take care of the 1,000 orphans which were made fatherless by the disaster.

Certain officials of the coal company were in Pittsburg in the afternoon conferring with those familiar with hospital maintenance, and it is understood that \$50,000 will be spent by the coal company in erecting a suitable orphan asylum building and after it is finished the children will be taken care of and educated.

Boys' Overcoat Specials.

Oak Hall announces for to-morrow a lot of boys' overcoats and refusers, marked down to insure a clearance of certain lines before Christmas. Some \$5 coats for \$3.95, and some \$6.50 coats for \$5.

Christmas Number of THE TIMES Will be Published Wednesday, Dec. 18th With Colored Supplement

It will contain many interesting articles suitable to the season. PRICE: 3c Per Copy Or Two 5c

Advertisers would do well to arrange for their space at once. See that your copy is ready in time. Telephone 368

The Man In Overalls

The wise woman shops before 9 a. m. Procrastination loses many a good Christmas bargain.

What are the prospects for a turkey dinner this year?

That Dundurn teddy bear might be handed over to the Board of Works. The Board is down and out, and any donations at this time would be gratefully received by Chairman Sweeney, who thinks he is more sinned against than sinning.

In the meantime do your shopping. The Times Christmas number will be out on Wednesday next. Have you sent in your ad. yet?

The question is, will we buy the electric pumps or secure them for nothing. The Court House Committee, I am told, will end the year even. Chairman Farrar resolutely opposed the building of a new Court House, in this year of financial stringency.

If there is a seventh son of a seventh son who can tell Mayor Stewart that his re-election will be by acclamation he can have a half-toned tombstone for 25 per cent. off, with the usual discount for cash.

I am looking for a few free, untaged citizens as adermanic candidates.

Don't forget that next year's grocers' picnic will be held at the Falls, and that free milk and cold tea will be the main refreshers.

I notice that my old and well-tried friend, Mr. Chas. Peebles, has been elected Chairman of Ward 3. How many jobs does he intend to absorb?

Poor Mr. Barker voted for a measure that he declared no sensible man would have voted for. I used to wonder what was wrong. But it's all clear now.

I observe that the late alderman—Mr. Sam. Howard—no, he is not dead—is quite active in Ward 6. He may take another whirl at the Council.

Chairman Baird, of the Sewers Committee, is quite cute. He says he is something like the doctors. The results of his work are underground.

Does the Board of Trade intend to re-endorse its adermanic representatives or pull them in out of sight?

What's the matter with placing Gardner Duncan back in Dundurn Castle? He's a decent man, and will trouble nobody.

The Christmas archnay being put up by R. McKay & Co. in front of their premises will be quite an attractive looking affair when finished, I am told. It's these little things that brighten up the city in holiday times.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

License Holders Executive Discussed Illicit Selling Yesterday.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hamilton License Holders' Association was held at the Royal Hotel yesterday afternoon, and the question of taking action to suppress illicit liquor selling was discussed. No action was taken, as it was considered that the matter should be dealt with at a meeting of the association. It was announced that a number of matters of interest to those in the trade only were considered. The coming aldermanic election was one of these.

YUKON MORALS.

Clerical Deputation Sees Premier and Oliver.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Bishop Hamilton, of Ottawa; Canon Tucker, of Toronto; Rev. Dr. Chown, Toronto; Dr. Cameron, Ottawa; Dr. A. S. Grant, Toronto, and Rev. Dr. Shearer, of the Moral and Social Reform Department of the Presbyterian Church, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Oliver this forenoon in reference to moral and social reform in the Yukon. A delegation waited on the Government some time ago in connection with the matter. It is an outcome of certain charges preferred by Rev. Dr. Pringle, and to investigate which the Government proposed a court of enquiry. Col. White, representing the Mounted Police, was present.

WANT WORK.

Government Asked to Provide Labor for Toronto Poor.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Shearer, Dr. Chown and Mr. Thompson, of the Associated Charities in Toronto, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Dr. Pugsley to-day and asked that Government works now under contract in Toronto should be proceeded with at once, so as to give work to the unemployed in Toronto.

A Smoker's Christmas Box.

Some very choice cigars in small boxes are sold at peace's cigar store. He has them for 50c, 60c, 70c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3. Select a box of good cigars at 107 King street east.

As Early as Possible, Please.

Kindly favor us with your order as early as possible. Extra help, extra delivery wagons have been provided. We promise you prompt delivery. It's impossible to tell you of the many nice things we have to offer. Come and see. Another shipment of English Stilton cheese, also Quebec cream cheese, Long Point ducks, pigeons. Bain & Adams, 89-91 King street east.

DROVE OVER BROW OF THE MOUNTAIN.

GIRL ATE MATCHES. Five-Year-Old Nearly Dies From Sulphur Poisoning.

Dunkirk, Dec. 13.—Frances Ponatowski, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ponatowski, of St. Hedwig avenue, ate a quantity of match heads last evening, and was barely rescued from death by the prompt action of Dr. Jurek, who removed the poison from the child's stomach. Only a little time elapsed before the child's condition became known to the mother and the doctor was called, but the little one was already in a critical state when medical aid was secured.

NOT DEAD DRUNK.

Bartender Finds Apparently Dazed Man a Corpse.

Buffalo, Dec. 13.—After entering a saloon at 170 East Eagle street and trying to get warm at a gas stove, a man whose identity is as yet unknown, expired about 6 o'clock last night.

Seated in the room at the time were several persons. The bartender undertook to arouse the man, who appeared to have fallen asleep. Getting no response from a vigorous shaking, Dr. Danbach was called.

Dr. John D. Howland, deputy medical examiner, was the next one summoned. He said death was due to heart failure. The body was removed to the morgue. The man was a stranger in the district. He was fairly well dressed, but was evidently a laboring man.

He was about 40 years old, medium height and build, brown eyes and mixed black and grey hair. He wore a black cap.

THEY REJOICED.

Beamsville Pleased With Result of Raffle Case.

Beamsville, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The telephone wires were hot all afternoon between St. Catharines, Clinton township and Beamsville yesterday afternoon with inquiries as to the results of the celebrated raffle case before the court in the county town. When word finally came in about 5 o'clock that Gilmore and Lebrach were free, and Heckador and Grobb off on suspended sentence, there was much rejoicing and good feeling.

ACQUITTED.

Engineer Morris of This City Found Not Guilty.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 13.—As a result of a collision in the Allandale yards on September 29th, in which a fireman, named Blackburn, was killed, his engineer, Henry Morris, of Hamilton, was charged at the County Court here yesterday with manslaughter. Crown Attorney Cotter conducted the prosecution, and T. C. Robinette, K. C., defended Morris. The trial lasted all day and resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

Morris lives at 57 Locomotive street, and is well and favorably known, and his many friends will be very glad to hear of the decision.

REV. MR. CASWELL HERE.

Rev. W. B. Caswell, a former popular pastor of Charlton Avenue Methodist Church, gave an address there last evening. There was a large gathering of the congregation and Mr. Caswell's talk on "The Top Storey" was greatly appreciated. Mr. Caswell has received a call to one of the large churches in Toronto.

CRIMINAL CASES HEARD AT THE GENERAL SESSIONS.

Trial of Tobin and Marshall, and of John Campbell On This Morning.

The first batch of the criminal cases came before Judge Snider this morning, when James Tobin and Walter Marshall were charged with stealing iron castings from the G. T. R. Mr. M. J. O'Reilly appeared for the prisoners.

P. C. Smith told of seeing Tobin and Marshall coming up Ferguson avenue on June 11. Smith said that the men had some iron castings in their hands. He followed the pair to Cohen's junk shop, at the corner of Ferguson avenue and Rebecca street, where one of them went into the shop, and sold some of the castings. When the other man came up, Smith walked up and asked them where they got the stuff. Tobin said they had found it on Stuart street. Smith then arrested the pair, on a charge of vagrancy. After they had been locked up they were heard to say, "Well, we're in hard luck; we may get six months for this."

Constable Steward corroborated the evidence of P. C. Smith. John Thomas Rogers, foreman of the local car shops of the G. T. R., identified some of the castings, and said that the railway did not sell castings.

Tobin said he and Marshall were going to see a man in Cohen's shop. He had a casting, but Marshall had nothing on him. Marshall said they had found the casting on Stuart street, and that they had no G. T. R. castings on them at the time of arrest. Crown Attorney Washington began to cross-examine Marshall as to his previous record, but the prisoner maintained that he had never been convicted of any charge. Mr. O'Reilly objected, and Judge Snider said that he thought the Crown should not ask a man questions of that nature unless there was a conviction against him. The court was suspended for a few minutes while the Crown endeavored to find out if there was anything against Marshall. Mr. Washington returned shortly after, and said that he was in error, and that Marshall had not been convicted on any charge. The Grand Jury brought in its presentment this afternoon.

Alex. Aiken Lost Life During Night.

Caught Between Body and Wheel of Buggy.

Suffocated Before Regaining Consciousness

Mysterious and tragic was the untimely end of Alexander Aiken, a respected farmer of the mountain top, who was found dead at the side of his buggy this morning, while the horse which had drawn him to the spot was grazing close by.

Percy Near, a young farmer, was driving east on the mountain road immediately above the reservoir in the east end, when he was surprised to see a broken buggy with a man jammed between the front wheel and the body of the buggy, and held in a standing posture. Not getting any answer when he spoke to the man, he got out of his rig and climbed over the edge of the hill to the spot where the man was, and was horrified to find him dead, and jammed hard between the wheel and the buggy. He notified Mr. Calder, resident superintendent of the reservoir, and Mr. Calder in turn notified the police, and Coroner Anderson and County Constable George Nichol were despatched to the scene of the tragedy.

The doctor, after a speedy examination, found no marks except some slight bruises on one of the wrists, and had no hesitation in saying that the deceased had been suffocated from the pressure of the wheel upon him.

The supposition as to the cause of the unfortunate man's death is that he was driving home late last night after selling some of his stock on the market, and that, as it was dark, he made a miscalculation, and drove over the brow of the mountain. The horse was released by the sudden jolt breaking its harness, and the dead man was carried down the mountain almost half way to the G. T. R. track and stunned by the fall. With a sudden jerk the buggy was whirled around and throwing him out, caught him between the wheel and the body and revolved him three or four times before he was released from the effects of being stunned. The body was cold and rigid and the man had been dead all night, in the opinion of the coroner.

Coroner Anderson stated emphatically this morning that there were no outward signs of liquor on him.

After consulting the Crown Attorney the coroner decided to hold an inquest and Constable Nichol, was put to work to summon a jury which will meet this afternoon in Crown Court, undertaking the rooms to which the body was removed after the coroner and the constable had viewed it at the scene of the accident.

The deceased leaves besides a widow, on son and three daughters, five son lives in the city, and is agent for W. Gray & Sons, farm implements, King street west, and the daughters are Mrs. R. Felker, wife, Mrs. J. Stewart, Vine-mount; Mrs. W. Smith, Hamon P. O.

Other relatives of the deceased are Mrs. George Case, a niece; Mr. Samuel Aiken, father of Constable Aiken, of this city; a brother, Mr. Aiken, Mayor of Dresden. The late Mrs. Kintz-Perry was also a niece. The dead man was about 65 years of age and was a road overseer of the township in which he lived. His home was about two miles south of the reservoir and a mile or so from Long's Hotel. He had recently been working on the beach, for the Beach Commission.

The reason for the inquest is not that there is any suspicion of foul play, but it is very likely that the township will be blamed for not protecting the road at the point where Aiken fell and met his death. The place in question has been a home of contention for some time and a number of the Councilors have fought hard to have it fixed up, and a fence put there. Some time ago Mr. A. Gerrard went over at the same spot while driving but escaped serious injury in some unaccountable manner.

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NORTHERNDERS HAD HOT TIME OVER MOTION OF CENSURE.

One Member Defied Chairman to Attempt to Eject Him From the Meeting.

The North End Improvement Society had a sizzling hot session last night, things becoming so warm at one time that the chairman threatened to eject one of the members, who told him rather chestily that he was not big enough to attempt it. The trouble resulted from an effort to give a vote of censure adopted, condemning Mayor Stewart and the aldermen who voted against the decision to strike off the \$2 rate on baths and the neglect of the committee that was to have interviewed prospective aldermanic candidates to call on Ald. Jutten.

Those who wanted the Mayor and his colleagues censured argued that at the previous meeting, they had commended the aldermen who had voted for the cutting off of the rate and it was only fair to censure those who had voted against it. It was intimated that some of Ald. Jutten's friends were opposing it. Those who wanted the vote of censure passed contended that they should not discriminate against Ald. Jutten when they had already censured one of their candidates, Ald. A. J. Wright, over his vote on the Bailey switch.

When a vote was taken it was 8-4 in favor of the motion to censure. There was somewhat of an uproar when the result was announced. There were about a score of members present and some of them challenged the vote on the ground that there was not a fair representation of the hundred odd members of the society present. Another vote was taken and the result was 8-4 against the vote of censure. After the hottest kind of an argument it was agreed to let the matter drop.

The last echo of the row over the baths had not sounded before the members were plunged into a gingers debate over the report of the special committee appointed to interview prospective aldermanic candidates. The committee reported that it had secured only one new man, J. A. Williamson. It had waited upon Ald. A. J. Wright and Ald. M. J. Kennedy, who both accepted the

endorsement of the society. It was explained that Ald. Thomas Jutten, who was on the society's slate last year had not yet been waited upon. It developed later that one of the Conservative members of the committee, who did not approve of the way Ald. Jutten voted on certain matters during the year, had refused to wait upon him.

George Potter, one of the members, severely criticized the committee for not waiting upon Ald. Jutten. He thought it was an insult to Mr. Jutten and he flayed the men who were sent out to pick up candidates.

President Fred. Porter had left the meeting previous to this and the Vice-President, G. W. Long, was in the chair. "Sit down," commanded Mr. Long. "I won't sit down for you," was Mr. Potter's reply.

"Sit down or I will put you out," thundered the chairman. "I won't sit down, and you can't put me out. It would take a bigger man than you," Mr. Potter is reported to have retorted.

Oil was finally poured on the troubled waters. An effort made to get the old committee discharged and a new one appointed was defeated, on the understanding that two of the members would wait upon Ald. Jutten.

J. A. Williamson was present and the son was satisfied, after hearing him, that he deserved the support of the north enders and citizens at large. Ald. Kennedy and Wright also spoke. George Hill was present. He said he had not made up his mind yet as to whether he would be in the field or not. William Durraney, J. Young, Fred. Porter and C. R. Reed announced that they would not face the barrier this year.

Ald. Wright was commended for complying with the request that the city's attention be called to rubbish on Ferguson avenue. It was reported that the cinder path, which had been completed, was being destroyed by teams and it was thought some action should be taken to prevent this. The society will have a public meeting in the Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church on Thursday evening next, at which the present aldermen and prospective candidates will be heard.

SANTA CLAUS VISITED THEM.

The children of St. Mary's Orphanage were treated to a delightful surprise last evening, when Santa Claus paid them a visit, and presented each of the 125 boys and girls with a pretty card and an orange. The sisters in charge of the institution appreciate highly this thoughtful act of kindness towards the children under their care.

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