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RICHTER SHOWS WEAKNESS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTING MADE BY WATER COMMISSION

Declares That \$140,000 Written Off to Account for Depreciation Was Faulty Financing—Appraisal of the Entire Plant To Be Made.

As a result of a conference between the finance committee and the water commissioners Thursday evening, an appraisal of the present value of the land and plant controlled by the water commission will be undertaken. Assessment Commissioner Grant will be asked to undertake the valuation of the land, and Mr. John M. Moore will be asked to report on the present actual value of the plant.

A discussion of considerable length arose between Ald. Richter and Chairman Pocock as to the proper methods to be employed in public ownership accounting. The clash came over an item in the report submitted by City Treasurer Bell showing that \$140,000 had been written off to account for depreciation of the plant since it was started. The city treasurer reported that the plant had cost originally \$1,086,917.38 and \$189,510.57 had been expended on it out of revenue, making the total cost of the plant up to the end of 1912, \$1,276,427.95. To allow for depreciation, \$140,000 had been written off this amount.

A Faulty Accounting.
Ald. Richter found fault with the way in which this \$140,000 had been accounted for. It should not have been written off capital account at all, he averred, but an allowance sufficient to make up the amount should have been deducted from the revenue each year before the surplus was handed over to the city. "The money should not have been turned over to the city until this had been taken care of," he asserted. "This was the practice of all business firms throughout the province, and he thought the city should adhere to the same principle."

Chairman Pocock thought differently. There was really no comparison between ordinary business firms and the water commission, because the commission was operating under an act and by that act the commissioners were compelled to hand over their surplus each year to the city, and they could not legally keep it this amount.

A Wrong Principle.
"That's where I think the fallacy of public ownership accounting comes in," retorted Ald. Richter. "They think they do not have to adhere to the business principles governing private corporations. The principle of writing off depreciation out of capital is wrong. Depreciation should be written off out of revenue before the money is handed over to the city. If the sinking fund is sufficient to cover depreciation, then nothing should be written off, but if it is insufficient, an amount should be written off out of revenue and set aside as an additional sinking fund."

Mr. Pocock thought that the whole argument was being wasted. An appraisal would clear it all up, he said.

A Fool's Paradise.
Such an appraisal was likely to upset the city's bookkeeping, in the opinion of Ald. Richter. "You make an appraisal and find the plant only about half the value you think it is," he said. "In the meantime, the water commissioners have been living in a fool's paradise."

"I don't know about previous commissioners, but I do not think that the present commission has been living in a fool's paradise," retorted Mr. Pocock. "I think an appraisal would show the present value of the plant to be above the book value."

An interesting phase of the discussion was the view taken by Ald. Richter of the conduct of the various utilities.

"Should it be the policy of the various departments to put all the strain upon the tax rate, or should they contribute a legitimate amount to the revenues of the city?" he asked.

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St. Marys Case To Go to Arbitration

McEvoy Matter Has Been Dragging Along For Many Months.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Marys, July 11.—The case of H. R. McEvoy vs. the Town of St. Marys, which has been dragging along, will go up for arbitration next week. At a recent meeting of the town council Mayor Butcher was appointed to confer with Mr. McEvoy. By mutual consent of both parties interested the case was taken out of court, and Judge Barron appointed Mr. H. L. Rice, of G. Carter, Son & Co., as arbitrator, and to report to the judge within 30 days the terms of settlement.

The First Presbyterian Church and Knox Church both held successful picnics on Wednesday afternoon, the former at the Collegiate Institute grounds and the latter at Cadzow Park (Ald. & W.).

Railway tickets at the reduced rates are being issued to start today from here to Guelph and Toronto. Orange celebrations instead of being held Saturday, a large crowd is expected to leave this district for the Guelph Orange celebration and both St. Marys bands are engaged for the occasion.

Have Peace of Mind

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He also moved that in view of the assertion that had been made from time to time that the electrical department was carried on at the expense of the waterworks department, the committee go into the details to discover what were the actual facts.

He moved further that the services of an expert be secured to report upon the advantages or disadvantages of separating the electrical and waterworks departments. Ald. Richter thought that this did not come within the jurisdiction of the committee, and this view was upheld by the chairman of the joint committee, Mr. Frank Jewell.

Mr. Pocock stated his intention of bringing the matter before the council at its next meeting to be referred to one or other of the committees. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

Wants to Know Where Court Costs Went
[Canadian Press.]
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The report of the police department for the past month showed the disposition of fines but did not mention costs, and the mayor wanted to know where the court costs went. It is as regards costs and their disposition that Campey based part of his charges made against the officials higher up.

STRUCK FINE FLOW
Ridgetown Water Board Will Sink Three More Wells.

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HELD FOR ARSON
Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Arrested for Firing Apartment House.

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Mr. L. J. Hymmel has purchased the Rycraft block and will fit it up for a jewelry store.

STRATHROY.
Strathroy, July 11.—Monday, July 21, has been declared as Strathroy's Civic Holiday.

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ASKED TO RESIGN

[Canadian Press.]
Medicine Hat, July 11.—Dr. M. B. McRide, medical health officer, has been asked for his resignation. The trouble arose out of criticism passed by the council on his report as presented at the last meeting. The doctor came back with a criticism of the council's statements, and his resignation resulted.

TRIED TO SUICIDE.
[Canadian Press.]
Winipeg, Man., July 11.—Miss Annie Murray, formerly of Orangeville, Ont., attempted to commit suicide by drinking half a tumbler of 10 per cent ammonia. She is in a precarious condition, and if she lives will be an invalid.

At 50, Davy Crockett, Beaten, Started Life Anew and Died, One of His Country's Greatest Heroes

The Greatest Shot America Ever Knew—Also Bear Hunter, Indian Fighter and Defender of the Alamo—His One Failing Was Vanity, But That Vanity Brought Him His Greatest Glory.

By Frank Merriwell, Jun.
The best rifle shot in all America. Defender of the famous Alamo. A U. S. congressman, and A hero who died fighting for his country!

That was Davy Crockett—pilgrim, mountaineer, soldier, bear-hunter and backwoods lawmaker and man whose now famous life motto was:

"Be sure you're right, then go ahead!"

There is no more picturesque character in American history than Davy, the valiant, hardy, indomitable pioneer—a man whose life was more exciting than any story book ever written!

He was born in Eastern Tennessee on Aug. 17, 1876. And all



his early days were spent outdoors, among trees, near streams, and close up to the wild things of nature. So Davy Crockett learned to hunt. He learned to be friends with the Indians.

The first thing folks can remember about Davy was seeing him shoulder a stick, the signs of woodcraft, and with a borrowed hunting-knife and powder horn, he played hunter in his father's backyard!

Davy's knowledge of school consisted mostly of information about the appearance of the outside of it. Sharp ears and keen sight—not book lore—were his chief weapons in climbing the ladder of life!

When he was only 12, Davy walked more than 400 miles through the mountains to Virginia, helping to drive a neighbor's herd of cattle to market.

When he became of age, Davy twice became a member of the Tennessee Legislature, though he couldn't read or write!

NO. 2 COMMITTEE WANTS CHARGE OF STREETS CARE

Would Have Both the Watering and the Oiling in Its Hands.

Tender of Imperial Oil Company Accepted for Thirty Thousand Gallons.

No. 2 committee of the city council wants control of both the street watering and street oiling, or else the committee believes both of these civic utilities ought to be taken charge of by No. 3 committee.

At the present time the street watering is done by No. 3 committee and the street oiling by the board of works. This year the street area watered has fallen off, and the street area oiled has greatly increased. Accordingly the board of works wants a portion of the street watering estimated transferred to their account for street oiling. But it appears that the street watering estimates are insufficient as it is, the past year being much drier than last season. City Engineer Ashplant will report on the respective amounts of street watering and street oiling done and the estimates still unused.

Ald. Saunders expressed the opinion that one committee should control both the watering and oiling.

Oil Tender Accepted.
The tenders of the Imperial Oil Company for oil was accepted at 8½ cents a gallon, any quantity required up to 30,000 gallons. The Imperial Oil Company wrote that they could not supply the grade of oil used in the past, but claimed the Mexican fuel oil they tendered on was 15 per cent more efficient.

Two other tenders were received, one at 8 1/8 cents a gallon and the other at 8 1/2 cents.

Mr. W. L. Talbot submitted to the council the plans of a new survey, City View, on Hale street, London Junction.

Tenders for the Wharmcliffe road bridge will be called for at once. Engineer Ashplant reported that the bridge could not be built for less than \$28,000. Only \$25,000 has been provided for it in debentures.

Offer to Pay Half.
On the motion of Ald. Saunders, Chairman Bennett and Engineer Ashplant will meet with General Manager Glauert and offer to pay one-half of the \$45 damages asked by Mr. Cullis for a horse injured in an excavation either of the engineering or waterworks departments. If the water commissioners will not agree to pay half No. 2 committee will let the plaintiff take legal steps, in which both civic departments would be made co-defendants.

Engineer Ashplant reported on prices of cement in carload lots. Prices varied from \$1.47 to \$1.55 per barrel. The committee will purchase its cement

He got the notion that he would like to be PRESIDENT and succeed Andrew Jackson!

But—Davy had one failing—he was foolishly vain!

He made a memorable tour through the states when he was running for president, and did not understand that the crowds of people who came out to see and to cheer him came out of curiosity and NOT because they thought him wonderfully clever.

Still, strange as it may seem, if it hadn't been for Davy's VANITY he probably never would have died a HERO!

He failed in his attempt to become president. He was so humiliated he turned his back on his old home and started out, at the age of 50, to find a new country and begin life over.

He went to Texas, by the old Mexican trail, bent on making a new name for himself. He took with him only one friend, "Betsy," a rifle given him by the people of Philadelphia when he campaigned there for the presidency.

On the way he made some strange friends, a thimble rigger (gambler); a bee hunter, a pirate and an Indian! He had some exciting and dangerous experiences on that memorable cross-country trip into the unknown west!

One was an encounter with a cougar. After a daring fight, in which he was nearly killed, he mortally wounded the animal and then he had to climb to the top of a tree and sleep there all night till aid arrived.

He met a band of wild Indians. Because he was sharp-eyed and keen-witted he made them his friends.

He had scores of fights with bears. On one day he killed eight—so good a shot was he!

But the one thing that makes us all remember him best, and love him most, was his true, courageous, untiring defence of the Alamo against the Mexicans in Texas.

The siege there continued for days and days. Crockett and a few trustworthy men were holding the fort against the much larger forces of the Mexicans.

Pop! Pop! Pop! Bum! Bum! Bum! The muskets tore the silence throughout each day.

That was in February of 1836. On March 6 the Alamo was carried by assault!

Crockett and five others were all that were left in the garrison after the attack. At Crockett's feet was Thimble—the one-time gambler—who had died bravely for his country.

Within a short circuit were about 20 Mexicans, dead or dying. More Mexicans were coming into the fort on every side. Davy, no longer able to handle his musket, turned to his bowie knife.

But at last, torn by bayonet wounds and worn out from the long siege and hungry and faint, he was overcome.

The next day he and his five companions were shot to death by order of Santa Ana, the Mexican leader, who had led 1,000 men against the city of San Antonio.

Though he failed in his fondest hope—to be president—still he lived to die a hero—a hero for his country's sake.

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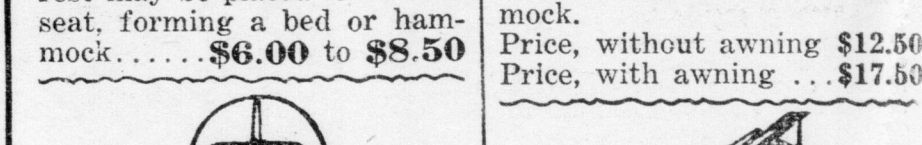
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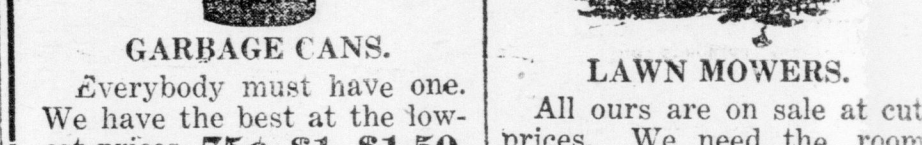
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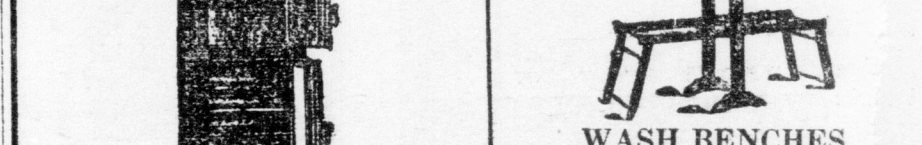
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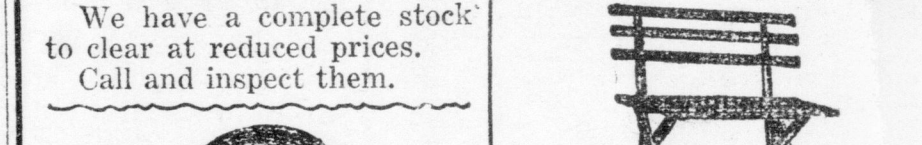
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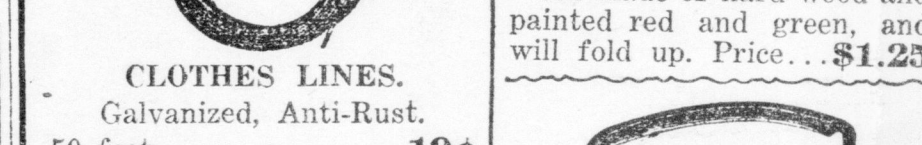
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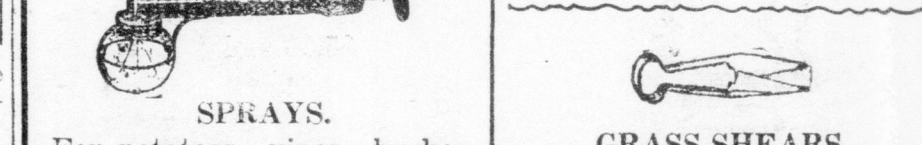
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BAYFIELD.
Bayfield, July 11.—A large crowd gathered to see the game of football between Varna and Bayfield. The score was 5 to 0 in favor of the home team.

Mr. Stecker, Mr. Dann and Dr. Smith went trout fishing, and caught some seventy of the speckled creatures, and then left in the evening for Kettle Point for a two days' bass fish. They had some very good catches there recently.

Bass fishing has been very good the last two days, Mr. Snider, of Brucefield, caught some very fine specimens.

Mr. M. Ross took out a picnic party in his boat, and while leaving the river his main-sail caught on some spikes along the pier and tore a big hole in it, and while out in the heavy seas the main mast was carried away, and for a while things looked very serious to those on the pier and banks around.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Biggar.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner, of Forest, are visiting his father-in-law, Mr. J. Brunsdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray, of Detroit, have taken one of Mrs. Green's cottages for the summer.

Miss E. Austin had a narrow escape from being killed when, while riding her Arabian horse recently, she was thrown.

SOLD THEIR DEBENTURES.
[Canadian Press.]
North Battleford, Sask., July 11.—Notwithstanding the financial stringency and in spite of Hurled Payne's alleged attempt to "knock" Canadian municipal bonds, this city has received and accepted an offer from British investors for \$500,000 worth of debentures.

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