

Nothing More Can Be Done Increase Supply This Year

Water Commissioners Must Depend on Springbank, the Show Case Wells and the Supply From the McGregor Property.

It is now admitted at the city hall that no matter what scheme is adopted to increase the water supply of London, nothing can be done this year.

All the extra water that can be depended upon is whatever can be secured from the London Show Case Company's property, the McGregor property, and the wells on the McGregor farm in Westminster.

It thus looks as though the people will not be asked to pass their opinion upon any of the schemes talked about until January next.

Of course, the commissioners are going ahead with the mail order vote, but this is not regarded seriously in business circles. In fact, it is looked upon as a sort of joke.

The commissioners, nevertheless, appear sincere, and they say that they will be able to get a good idea of the people as to which scheme is preferred to increase the water supply.

In some quarters this attitude of the water commissioners is roundly criticized. It is claimed that they are the people to decide, and to lay a proposition before the ratepayers. Very few men in the city profess to know anything about any of the schemes proposed, and they rely upon the commissioners to pick out what is best for the city, and then allow the people to either confirm or condemn the choice.

Other people, however, and amongst them the commissioners, believe that all schemes which have been brought forward should be placed on the ballot, and that the people should then prefer.

The ballots have not been sent out as yet, and it is likely that the scheme put forth by ex-Mayor Little for a high pressure river water plant will be included on the ballots.

Col. Little's question at the meeting of the board of trade, when he asked Mr. Saunders how he could figure that the Komoka scheme would net the city annually \$36,000, when the present scheme only nets the city \$27,000 per year, has set city hall circles going on the financial side of the Komoka proposition.

It is now pointed out that the present scheme last year only netted the

DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ASSURED FOR TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

Advocates of North End Fire Hall May Cause Trouble for Finance Committee.

The indications are that tonight's special meeting of the city council, which has been called to deal with the estimates and the street watering problem, will be characterized by a number of oratorical pyrotechnic displays.

Trouble has been brewing for some time over the question of establishing a fire hall in the north end this year, and the threat has been made that if No. 1 committee did not put its shoulder to the wheel and do something toward securing debentures for the hall, certain members of the council would do their best to block the issue of \$27,000 debentures for the water works.

No. 1 committee would thus be seriously embarrassed, and the chances are that the tax rate would be sent up a mill or probably a mill and a half.

Today Mayor Judd conferred at length with Auditor Jewell in an attempt to see where the city stands in regard to cutting the estimates so that a tax rate of 21.5 mills might be secured, instead of 21.6 mills as the dollar, which was figured on after the finance committee had concluded its parring Saturday night.

It is thought likely that a move will be made to cut off, or at least reduce the grant of \$2,000 to the fair board to pay for a portion of the cost of improvements to be made to the grounds and buildings this summer.

At the meeting Saturday night, his worship stated that if the fair board grant was cut off, the tax rate would be 21.5 mills this year.

Chairman Gillen also had a long conference with the mayor today in regard to the north end fire hall project.

The chairman feels that he and his committee have been unjustly by No. 1 committee, and that that body has simply set itself to the task of defeating the fire hall proposal. Consequently, when the motion to pass the water works bylaw a third and last time comes up, it is likely to be held up by the friends of the north end fire hall.

The session of the council admits that it is very doubtful whether an issue of debentures can be secured this year for fire hall purposes.

This angers the members of No. 3.

BOTH BLAMED.

Bremen, April 22.—The verdict of the German admiralty court on the collision Nov. 21 last, between the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse and the British royal mail line steamer Orinoco, off Cherbourg was that the accident was "due to excusable errors on both sides."

ANOTHER GREAT GIFT FROM ROCKEFELLER

Fifty Millions of Dollars for the Education of the Chinese.

Louisville, Ky., April 22.—Rev. Carter Heim Jones, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church and a close friend of John D. Rockefeller, announced yesterday during a mission sermon that plans for a forthcoming princely gift by Rockefeller are almost complete.

"I can say to you," said Rev. Mr. Jones, "that the greatest benefactor of the Baptist Church has about completed the arrangements for a gift of \$50,000,000 for the education of the Chinese."

CLAIMS SHE IS ROYAL

U.S. May Deport Woman Who Says She Is Czar's Sister.

San Francisco, April 22.—A woman named Martha Kovalinsky, claiming to be a princess and a cousin of the Emperor of Russia, is detained on board the liner Ventura, awaiting the decision of the immigration commission as to whether she is a victim of a hoax. If she is she will be deported to Australia.

A WIN FOR THE MEN

G. T. R. Carpenters and Laborers at Port Huron Secure an Increase.

Port Huron, April 22.—Workmen at the Grand Trunk "Block" shops, who went on strike on Thursday for an increase in wages, have won. Carpenters will receive \$2.20 per day, instead of \$1.90, and the woodworkers and laborers also receive an increase.

COASTER HITS WARSHIP

H. M. S. Barnstable in Collision Off Virginian Coast.

Baltimore, April 22.—The British ship Barnstable, Captain Davidson, arrived here today from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with a large hole in her port side and her stern twisted. She was run into at full speed yesterday morning by the steamer Old Point Comfort, which runs from Cape Charles City, Va., to Old Point, Va. No one was injured on either vessel, and the Barnstable was able to proceed to Baltimore unassisted. Captain Davidson of the warship, could not account for the collision.

MERCHANT GIMBEL DEAD

Wealthy Philadelphian Succumbs to Self-Inflicted Injuries.

New York, April 22.—Benedict Gimbel, the wealthy Philadelphia merchant, who shot himself and was killed with broken glass in a hotel in Hoboken soon after he had been arrested on serious charges in this city, died in St. Mary's hospital, Hoboken, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. His wife was at his bedside, with his two brothers, who came here at once on receiving word of his trouble—one from Milwaukee and the other from Philadelphia. His personal physician, summoned from Philadelphia, was also present.

FOUNDER OF W. C. T. U. DEAD

Mrs. Esther McNeil Passes Away at Dunkirk April 22.

Dunkirk, N. Y., April 22.—Mrs. Esther McNeil, the founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and first president of the organization, is dead at her home in Fredonia, N. Y. She was born at Canastota, N. Y., 94 years ago, and was widely known throughout the United States as a temperance worker.

LABEL SUIT FAILS

Verdict in Favor of Halifax Herald in Macleith Action.

Halifax, April 21.—The Halifax Herald was fortunate in the jury which sat in the label case brought against it by Major R. T. Macleith, who is agent of the department of justice for Nova Scotia. The Herald charged Mr. Macleith with receiving \$34,115 "grat" in connection with the transfer of properties for the new roundhouse site in this city. William Dennis, managing director of the Herald, who wrote the article complained of, admitted under oath that the charge was not in accord with the facts, and it was shown in the evidence that Mr. Macleith received only \$500 for legal services in searching titles and making transfers of the properties in question. No evidence was offered by the defense to show that the charge was excessive. The jury on Saturday night returned a verdict in favor of the Herald. It is expected that an appeal will be taken, on the ground that the verdict is contrary to the weight of evidence. While the verdict is against Mr. Macleith, the evidence at the trial showed that the charge of "grat" was absolutely unfounded, and that he received only the amount for legal services taxed in the usual way by the deputy minister of justice.

CANNING PLANT DESTROYED.

Lubec, Maine, April 22.—The entire plant of the Sea Coast Canning Company, leased to the American Canning Company, of New York, at North Lubec, was burned today. The fire was caused by an explosion in the gas house. No one was injured. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.



LONDON'S PROPOSED TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

The above cut shows the front elevation of the proposed tuberculosis hospital for London and Middlesex, plans of which have been made by Mr. J. Lewis Thomas, of this city, and which will be submitted to the committee of the citizens, and the city and county councils at its next meeting.

It is necessary to produce plans of the proposed structure for the Provincial Secretary when a grant from the Government is being asked, and these plans will be taken to Toronto by the deputation which has been named to wait on the Government.

The administration building is 32x10, and it comprises offices and quarters for the doctor and nursing staff of the hospital.

There will be several bungalows composed of wood and glass, so that the sun may stream into the rooms from all directions.

Each bungalow will have accommodation for six patients at least. The bungalows are octagon shaped.

NEW SCHOOL, BOARD OF CONTROL; CHELSEA GREEN WILL HAVE THEM

GOVT. TO TAKE UP TELEPHONE RATES

The Railway Commission Will Be Instructed to Investigate the Question.

Ottawa, April 21.—The board of railway commissioners will shortly take up the large question of telephone rates in Canada. For the past month or so Mr. Shepley, K.C., who was appointed by the Government last year to investigate the question of the rates charged by the Canadian telephone companies, has been collecting data for the guidance of the commission. The first sittings will be held in Montreal, probably early next month.

WAR IN WESTMINSTER OVER SCHOOL MATTER

Ratepayers Divided on Removal Question—Arbitration May Be Necessary.

The ratepayers in what is known as Tyne's school section, situated west of Lambeth, in Westminster Township, are engaged in a very bitter fight over a proposal to change the location of the public school.

The section runs north and south, a distance of nearly 3 1/2 miles, and for very many years the school—a frame structure—has been located 1 1/2 miles from the south end, or a quarter of a mile south of the center line of the section. Now some of the ratepayers, particularly those in the northern part, are agitating to have a new school built, to be located a half a mile further north than the present building, a suitable site not being available nearer the center.

Three votes of the ratepayers have already been taken on the matter. The second vote was a tie, while the third resulted in a majority of five in favor of removal. This, however, is not the end of the matter. The township council may be appealed to to prevent any change, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained there, the question will be carried to the county council. It is quite possible that the two factions may finally resort to arbitration.

Already the owners of over 600 acres of land in the extreme south end of the section have decided to ask the township council to have them transferred to another section, should the removal of the school be the outcome of the difficulty.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong southwesterly winds; fine and a little warmer.

Tuesday—Fair until night.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	54	34	54	Snow
Winnipeg	54	28	54	Clear
Port Arthur	56	30	56	Clear
Toronto	42	35	42	Clear
Ottawa	58	32	58	Fair
Montreal	42	34	42	Clear
Quebec	36	28	36	Cloudy
Sather Point	38	26	38	Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Sunday were: Highest, 38°; lowest, 26° above.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is fine and warmer throughout Ontario and Quebec, but the general outlook is not very promising, as there are now indications of another cold wave in Western Provinces, and during Tuesday a pronounced disturbance is likely to approach the great lakes from the south.

Detroit, April 21.—Forecast for Lower Michigan: Monday—Fair and warmer. Tuesday—Fair; fresh to brisk southwest winds.

A CONFERENCE NOT A COUNCIL

First Name Chosen at Suggestion of Sir Wilfrid.

AN IMPERIAL DEFENSE TALK

Colonial Premiers and the Home Government Draw Up Plan of Action.

London, April 20.—At today's session of the colonial conference it was unanimously agreed to change the title to "Imperial conference." The conferences will be held every four years to discuss the common interests of the empire. The Premier of the United Kingdom will be ex-officio president of the imperial conference, and the premiers of the colonies and colonial secretary will be ex-officio members. The various governments will appoint other members, but with the exception of the special confirmation of the conference not more than two representatives of each government shall participate in the conferences. Each government will have two votes.

A department of the colonial office is created, with a permanent secretarial staff, which shall be charged with the duty of obtaining information for the use of the conference and dealing tentatively with such matters of general imperial interest as arise in the intervals between the conferences.

It was further decided that when matters arise requiring the consultation of two or more governments, which cannot conveniently be postponed until the next conference, a subsidiary conference may be held between especially chosen representatives of the governments concerned.

Imperial Defenses.

The Earl of Elgin, secretary of state for the colonies, referring to the matter of military defense, outlined the general principles of an imperial military organization, and the premiers concurred in his views. The premiers then explained the defense organizations of their respective colonies and the extent to which the general organization could be put into practice.

The draft of a resolution, creating a general staff for the Empire, was tabled. It resolved that the colonies be authorized to refer to the committee of imperial defense for advice on local questions in which expert assistance was desirable.

Sir Robert Bond, the premier of Newfoundland, attended the conference for the first time today. He was greeted cordially.

Laurier Gains Point.

Apparently in response to a wish for greater publicity the colonial office issued a lengthy summary of the proceedings of the week tonight. This summary covers mainly the discussions which preceded the adoption of the resolutions today.

The only striking feature communicated was the objection of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the premier of Canada, and Gen. Botha, premier of the Transvaal, to designating the conference "Imperial council." Gen. Botha thought the adoption of the word council might be an infringement upon the rights of the responsible government, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested the title, "Imperial conference," which was adopted. All agreed that the conference should be consultative and advisory only, and the Earl of Elgin clinched matters by declaring that the establishment of a body with an independent status of authority would not be acceptable to His Majesty's Government.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, premier of the United Kingdom, gave a private dinner to the colonial members at Downing street tonight. Most all the members of the cabinet and a number of other prominent persons, including Ambassador Whitehead, were present.

BAD OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX

Provincial Inspector Finds Serious Situation in Huron County.

Toronto, April 22.—Dr. Bell, inspector of the provincial board of health reports a serious state of affairs in regard to an outbreak of smallpox in Huron and Stephentownships, Huron County. The inspector made his investigation as a result of the suspicions of the provincial authorities and their failure to obtain desired information from local authorities. In the two townships, 60 cases of the disease, all of the most malignant character, were discovered. In Dashwood one death has resulted. A number of the patients have had no medical attendance and the condition of some of them is dangerous. Energetic measures are being taken to check the spread of the disease.

Giant Pacific Liner Helpless on the Reefs

TWO PERISH IN MILL EXPLOSION

Bursting Boiler at the Village of Conn Causes Sad Fatality.

Mount Forest, April 22.—Norman Gilchrist, 21 years of age, and Patrick Cannon, 45 years old, were killed by an explosion at the village of Conn Saturday. Mr. Bishop, in whose sawmill the accident occurred, was seriously, if not fatally injured. The cause of the explosion is thought to have been a defective boiler. The explosion shook the village and the explosion of the boiler was heard for miles around.

The S. S. Mongolia in Trouble Off the Coast of Japan.

Tokio, April 22.—The Pacific mail steamer Mongolia ran aground this morning near Mayedo lighthouse in the province of Nagato, Japan. The locality is full of reefs. The steamer with a list of 45 degrees, lies quite close to the shore, within reach of rescue from all directions. Her proximity to land prevents any possible loss of life. The accident was caused by an attempt to avoid collision with a sailing ship.

The Mongolia is a twin screw steamer with a registered tonnage of 13,649 tons. She was built in New York in 1894. She has but recently been put in commission again after repairs necessitated by grounding on a reef off Midway Island, on which she struck on Sept. 16 last. She was floated again without outside assistance on Sept. 21. On her present trip she was homeward bound from Yokohama, and was under command of Capt. Hathaway.