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### MANURE HEAPS AND HEALTH

Human nature is a queer condition. It tackles effects and allows causes to remain undisturbed. One of the things which stand out prominently in this regard is the flies of Canada. Cities have expended hundreds of thousands on equipment with which to extinguish blazes and not a nickel to prevent their occurrence.

Following the well beaten path, it has swatted the fly in the hope of exterminating them, calling every member of the family to help. The result has been that the flies have multiplied in the homes, while permitting them to propagate by the million in refuse heaps. After several years of fly-swatting the ludicrousness of the effort to abolish that disease-carrying pest by the swatting process, broke upon the people and led them to investigate.

The result has been the discovery that the removal of their breeding places is a sure means of eliminating them. So certain of this is the Provincial Board of Health that it has had legislation passed ordering municipalities to remove refuse heaps and to place manure in proper receptacles. In the case of manure piles it is ordered that the bottom of the containing box shall be of concrete and have a fine sufficiently high to carry off the odor and be emptied at frequent intervals during the summer months.

This is a simple expedient. No reasonable person possessing a perfume of this class, should object. Particularly when it is situated in the heart of a city. Yet because a municipality has always had manure piles and flies, objection is raised to a sensible course of action.

The Berlin Board of Health is in the right in desiring to mitigate a pronounced odor nuisance and prevent the breeding of flies by starving them out for health's sake.

It is to be hoped that they will enforce the health regulations and receive the support of the city council. Owners of uncovered and ill-smelling manure piles will object at first. But once they have installed proper receptacles, will acquiesce that the improvement is a good thing for themselves and the public.

The installation of sewers removed the old-fashioned parliament building and the community gained in health by its disappearance. There is a deal to be done for the community by the elimination of the manure pile nuisance and freedom from the fly's invasion.

### A GUELPH PROPOSAL

Enterprising cities have been discussing the commission form of municipal government for some years. They have noted that American cities have adopted the plan and found it satisfactory on the whole.

In practice, American experience has led to a group of four or five commissioners conducting civic affairs with the aid of a general manager. Probably the most successful of these municipal experiments is to be found in Dayton, Ohio. It has a business manager.

The Ontario government has been following these experiments across the border with interest. It has considered it wise to await results before introducing legislation, under which our municipalities could adopt the commission plan.

Along with Berlin, the city of Guelph has favored a change. And recently, a Guelph alderman, after consultation with Hon. Mr. Lucas, had made the suggestion that Guelph apply for power to elect a council of twelve aldermen and a general manager.

Under his proposal, the aldermen would be elected for a term of three years, four going back for re-election each year.

These twelve men would serve without remuneration as do aldermen at present and would choose from among its membership a mayor, who would hold office for three years.

These twelve would group all the departments of civil service under the control of about three committees, and who would order the general workings of their departments on reports to the council as at present. Alderman Carter who suggests this, would include all departments of the civil service, save education.

The strongest feature of the plan, is the appointment of a general manager, who would be responsible for the carrying out of the workings of each department.

The general manager would have to be a man of known executive ability and considerable knowledge.

The manager would be paid at least \$4,000 a year. This to secure a man. Mr. Carter does not propose to pay the aldermen for their services.

The benefits which it is believed would result from the adoption of this plan are: Greater Efficiency, Greater Economy and the Fixing of Responsibility.

In Guelph, he estimates that the placing of all civic business under the direction of a single body of twelve men and a manager would result in the saving of \$20,000 a year to that municipality.

The C. P. R. depot at Cadillac, Sask. was burglarized and \$250 stolen.

### BY THE WAY

Harry Thaw may yet prove his sanity if his money hangs out.

The profits obtained by middlemen on binoculars sold to the militia department show that the bounty on wolves should be made effective.

Italy, says a news despatch, will send soldiers and sailors to the Dardanelles. For so doing she will receive a helping of Turkey at the banquet to come.

From General French down come reports of the high soldierly qualities of the Canadian volunteers. The commander expressed the wish that he had more of them.

W. F. Garhand, M.P. of Carleton admitted that he had received the profits on a government drug contract. These were afterwards returned but the mischief has been done. Public opinion will request that he make his exit from parliamentary life.

Speaking of humorous laws the Ohio Journal said: "Once in a while something really funny happens in this sad old world, such as the charming Indiana suffragette's belated and horrified discovery that the election law says that the curtain in front of the voting booth must be of sufficient height from the floor to make the lower limbs of the voter plainly visible to the election officers."

**WINDSOR'S PAVING PROGRESS**  
Windsor Record.—"More yardage of concrete pavements was laid in Windsor last year than in any other city of Canada. This is the interesting fact revealed in a comparative statement gathered by the Canadian Municipal Journal."

This is really the pioneer city in Canada, if not in the world, for the development of concrete pavements. Windsor owes much to Mr. George S. Hanes, its former city engineer, and at present the mayor of North Vancouver, for the progress made in paving work, especially along the lines of cement thoroughfares.

On the initiative of the late John Davis, who was mayor for five successive terms, the city started in on a big pavement program, calling for the expenditure of \$200,000 a year for ten years, or \$200,000 in all.

First, we tried what has become known as the "old macadam" style of pavements, in which broken stone was used. This did not prove very satisfactory but we did not desire to let up in the paving work. City Engineer Hanes got hold of the idea of putting down concrete instead of macadam. This was done in a small way at first. We had parts laid with and without reinforcements or expansion joints. The worst handicap that City Engineer Hanes had to contend with was the limitation in price, so that the city might exercise the option of concrete instead of macadam without additional expense.

It was also during the regime of City Engineer Hanes that resurfacing with tar and gravel was tried. So far as known, Windsor was the first city in Canada, if not anywhere else, to try to resurfacing method

of preserving the concrete. The scheme did not give the most satisfactory results but was taken up and perfected in Ann Arbor.

Since then we have gone on and laid many miles of concrete under the supervision of City Engineer Brian, who has become recognized as one of the leading experts on concrete pavements.

In this connection The Record is glad to say that the pavements were never kept in better order than they have been this year, due to the teamwork and co-operation of the city engineer, Street Commissioner Hillman, and Ald. Walker, chairman of the board of works.

**Signs of Sapience.**  
"Pa, why do people call the owl the bird of wisdom?"  
"Because he's got sense enough not to come out and fly around until all boys of your age are in bed."

**Paradoxical.**  
(Washington Star.)  
Oh, civilization calls each man a brother  
And bids all contention be mute;  
Yet as we grow civilized, somehow or other,  
The farther and harder we shoot.

**How to Restore Peace.**  
(Boston Transcript.)  
Briggs—How did you come out in that quarrel with your wife?  
Griggs—As usual, I apologized for being right.

**Shades from the Past.**  
(Puck.)  
Little Girl—My father says he has often seen you act.  
Pleased Actress—What did he say he saw me in, dear?  
Little Girl—In the seventies.

**The Usual Way.**  
(Houston Post.)  
"I give my wife half my salary every week to spend on the house-keeping and herself."  
"And what do you do with the other half of your salary?"  
"Oh, my wife borrows that."

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## Acid Stomachs Are Dangerous

Nine-tenths of All Stomach Trouble Said to Be Due to Acidity  
A Physician's Advice on Cause and Cure.

A famous physioloh whose successful researches into the cause and cure of stomach and intestinal diseases have earned for him an international reputation, said in the course of a recent lecture that nearly all intestinal troubles, as well as many diseases of the vital organs, were directly traceable to a deranged condition of the stomach which in turn was due nine times out of ten to excessive acidity, commonly termed sour stomach or heartburn, which not only irritated and inflamed the delicate lining of the stomach, but also set up gastritis and stomach ulcers. It is interesting to note that he condemns the use of patent medicines as well as of medical treatment for the stomach, stating that he and his colleagues have secured remarkable results by the use of ordinary medicines and medical treatments are useless, so long as the contents of the stomach remain acid; remove the acidity, and there will be no need for medicine—the inflamed lining of the stomach will then heal itself. Sufferers from acidity, sour stomach or heartburn should get a small bottle of bisulphated magnesia from their druggist, and take a teaspoonful in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water after meals, repeating in fifteen minutes, if necessary, this being the dose which the doctor has found most efficacious in all cases.

**A Censorship Story.**  
Some amusing stories about the censorship are contained in an article on "The Press Bureau" in the 1915 edition of "Bell's World's Press." One tells how the representative of a leading English news agency was hauled over the coals in respect of the message Oliver Goldsmith, Brotherstone, Aboukir," which, it was pointed out, was a clear case of attempting to send a cipher despatch. The officer of the news agency was immediately communicated with by telephone as to the meaning of this cryptic message, to elicit the laconic reply: "Ring off—result of the Lincoln Handicap." The censor's comment is not recorded.

**BRANTFORD COUNCIL BUYS MOHAWK PARK**

BRANTFORD, June 28.—Brantford City Council to-night passed a by-law authorizing the purchase of Mohawk Park, the popular western Ontario picnicking ground, consisting

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of 50 acres and lake for \$25,000. Provision was made for an expenditure of \$3,000 in improvements by the Parks Board, under whose care the new property will be placed.

Council also provided for the entrance of the Grand Valley road, and also decided to make the term of future sewer debentures 20 years instead of 40.

Many an illiterate man is able to make his dollar mark.

also president of the Galt, Preston and Hespeler lines.  
The offer made for the road is \$26,000 with the understanding that the city of Galt retain the power house at Galt. Mr. Todd will submit the proposition to the officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Montreal, who control the Lake Erie and Northern, for their acceptance. It is understood that Mr. Todd will make no recommendation in the matter.

David Dennett, veteran of the Matabele Company of 1897 in South Africa has enlisted in the 5th Battalion at Calgary.  
Miss Isabel Norquay, eldest daughter of the late Premier Norquay, identified with old Manitoba, died in Winnipeg. She was employed at the provincial library.



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