

To the Members of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario :

The residents of the Eastern Section of the City of Toronto, and those who visit or pass through that locality, beg respectfully to call attention to a Bill being promoted by the City of Toronto, one object of which is to validate the action of the city in having established a Sewage Disposal Plant in the centre of a densely populated part of the City, the operation of which constitutes a serious nuisance, is a grave menace to the health of thousands of citizens and young children, and is an injury to all the surrounding property.

CITIZENS' HEALTH IMPAIRED

For several years the residents have suffered untold inconvenience and annoyance by reason of the nauseous smells emanating from the plant. Many of them have had their health seriously impaired, and owners of property who have invested all their capital therein have found the premises depreciated in value to such an extent by reason of the nuisance, that they have been unable to sell out and leave the neighborhood.

NO OPEN WINDOWS

In the summer months the people are compelled to keep all their windows closed in the hottest weather, or breathe the vitiated air if any attempt is made to cool down their houses.

DR. BELL'S CERTIFICATE

Dr. Bell, of the Provincial Board of Health, reported in 1915 as follows:—

"I have no hesitation in pronouncing the complaints as well-founded, as the pollution of the atmosphere by this plant cannot help but be a nuisance and a menace to the health of the nearby residents who are compelled to breathe it."

SEWAGE IN TORONTO DRINKING WATER

Dr. Hastings, the Medical Health Officer of the City of Toronto, in a report which he made to the Provincial Board of Health, stated that sewage gets into the drinking water of the people of Toronto, as is seen from the following extract from his report:—

"Careful laboratory investigations have been conducted to determine why it is difficult to chlorinate East wind water efficiently without producing objectionable tastes. The conclusion has been reached that the taste susceptibility of East wind water is due to the imperfectly purified sewage effluent discharged into the lake from the Sewage Disposal Works on Eastern Avenue. The actual material that gives a taste under these circumstances is probably not chlorine itself, but certain organic compounds. These compounds while objectionable from a taste standpoint are non dangerous."