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MR. MOFFETT PRESENT .- SUBMITTED A PRICE.-IT IS NOW UNDER CON-SIDERATION.-SHALL THE WATER-WORKS BE OURS?

the council chamber on Saturday afternoon to confer with Mr. Moffett, the owner of the waterworks, regarding the terms on which the plant can be pur-

In introducing that gentleman Mayor waterworks has occupied our attention for some time. On March 19th a committee met to consider it and adjourned pending a time when Mr. Moffett, who controls the sale, could be present. from him much information for which we have been waiting. I shall not at this moment express any opinion as to the state his offer in writing and the length advisability of buying or otherwise, but of time for which it holds goods. We will ask Mr. Moffett to lay before you any can then consider it at length at the proposition that he may feel disposed to proper time.

Mr. Moffett then spoke at some length | tion to that effect was introduced by Mr. and to the following effect: I received Jas. Graham. After a vote of thanks to word from the chairman of your commit- Mr. Moffett the meeting adjourned. tee some time ago asking me to visit your town and discuss the sale of the waterworks plant. Twice at least I have been in this part of the province since then, and have been unable to come to Lindsay on account of pressure of business, but I am glad to at last be here, and shall Watches we have followed give you, as frankly as I can, such information as I think will best guide you In this matter. I am willing to sell this plant. I am not anxious to sell it. Its operation is now a matter of history. We built it six years ago. We built it well. Every part of it profitted by our experience in other places. All was made full size and of best material. At the outset we had the ill-fortune to have some litigation with the town and felt considerably discouraged. At that time the Canada Life Assurance Company took hold of the plant. They held \$50,000 of our debentures and the Bank of Hamilton STOCK of WATCHES \$10,000. There was then made an offer to the town that would have been greatly to its advantage. The bank offered to discount their stock 50 per cent. We offered to cancel ours entirely and the Canada Life was ready to drop theirs several points, so that the price at which the works could have been bought was very low, It was however, rejected. That time has gone by. We added \$7,000 in improvements and the plant now stands us at about \$70,000. I state this as a basis on which you can consider the offer I shall make. The reason I am not anxious to sell is because the works are now paying their way. At the outset, as in any undertaking, our revenue was light. Our takers were few. Soon we secured a \$1,000 contract with the G.T.R.

> dividend has been declared to stockholders, Mayor Taylor-What rate of interest have you been paying?

and gradually our income increased till as

I have stated we now pay expenses and

interest on debentures, but as yet no

Mr. Moffett-Six per cent. until

Mr. Smyth-Is the interest all paid to Mr. Mcffett-Yes. The plant is now paying \$4,200 over expenses of running. That is a little more than the interest on \$100,000 at 4 per cent., a rate which you can secure. These figures can be readily verified by the books in our office here. My statement of first cost is according to an affidavit made by me before the attorneys of the Canada Life company and is thoroughly sincere and reliable. The works cost \$70,000. I shall ask you \$75,000 for them. I am willing to sell at that price. If I do not I shall go on operating them to the best of my ability. I am confident that I can make a little money out of them after this. Our service is increasing and I am now able to get money at 5 per cent. So that I am justified in expecting to make some money out of the plan. You can make more than I can. In the first place you will get a lower rate of interest than I can, and besides that you can increase your takers by having all wells in objectionable places filled up. That is done in other towns with a view to increasing the service. You now pay \$3,290 hydrant rental. If you buy for \$75,000 and get a 4 per cent. rate of interest you will pay \$3,000 a year I am quite sure you can operate at \$1,000 profit. Taking that from the \$3,290 you are now paying and your service will c st you \$2,290 year. As time goes on you ought to so increase your revenue that fire protection

Mr. Connolly-Dies \$2,000 mentioned as expenses now include repairs? Mr. Moffett-Yes; wages, repairs and all other expense.

would not cost you anything.

Mr. Smyth-How long will a plant last Mr. Moffett-Experience shows that the plant proper is practically good for all time, By at any rate one thousand years. Parcs of systems taken up after 35 years show no signs of deterioration. Mr. J. D. Flavelle-Does that apply to the stand-pipe?

Mr. Moffett-Yes, it will last for an indefinite length of time. Dr. Burrows-The oldest one in

America is as good as new. Mr. Smyth-How about the boilers. Mr. Moffett-They will certainly require to be repaired, and in a reasonably long time replaced by new ones, This applies to all the pumping machinery. Dr. Burrows-The filters would have to be increased if our service expanded. The water is not fit to drink as it is.

There is now too much ammonia in it. Mr. Moffett-According to experts the water is fairly good, though not perfect. It makes a great difference what the source of the ammonia is. [Here Dr. Burrows insisted at som-

length, and with sundry for nicable terms in chemistry, that our citizens imbibed more than water from the taps.] Mr. Jas. Graham-Did the Canada Life actually pay \$57,000 for the waterworks stock held by them?

Mayor Taylor-They bought the stock

Mr. Moffett-Yes, at par, and the Bank of Hamilton the same. Mr. Smyth-I am personally opposed to adding anything to the town's indebt edness and would not like Mr. Moffett to

think we thought of doing so. Mayor Taylor-It might be well to pass a resolution asking Mr. Moffett to submit his offer in writing that council may consider it later.

Mr. S. Irwin-I think our service is A special public meeting was held in row in good cour In. At first it was not. Precautions had 'o be taken to keep the stand pipe from tipping over, but believe it is now in thorough condition. Capt. Crandell-I was at first opposed

to a company having control of our water works system because I knew it would become valuable. I at that time wrote to about twenty ; la es asking how they Taylor said: The question of buying the regarded systems, and in fifteen places I got answers saying that they were considered very valuable. The town can get money at less than 4 per cent. and almost clear the hydrant rental. I can't see the difference in paying \$3,000 on He debentures and paying it for hydrant is now here and we shall no doubt get rents. The sewerage system will compel citizens to become takers.

Mr. J. D. Flavelle-I think we should ask the mayor to request Mr. Moffett to This suggestion prevailed, and a resolu-

A PANEL AFTER TURNER.

The peacock on the balustrade Of yellowed marble sleeps away, His listless train's begenmed array Sweeping the glories in cascade.

The ancient Triton flings about His silver in the tawny sun, Where shines the lithe chameleon, Like tinsel, basking noontide out.

And wearied of the filmed air The butterfly-white Pierrot-Droops o'er the jasmine, pulsing slow Twain petals pearled with powder rare.

They dream, afar see tumbling high The storm's gay chaos! Its decrees The empurpled plumage of the trees Proclaims, "Faint rose, the rain is nigh. -Thomas Walsh in Donahoe's.

CIRCULATING MUSIC.

It Proves a Popular Department of th Brooklyn Library.

The Brooklyn library established its d partment of music in the autumn of 188 The idea of circulating music in the sam manner as books was suggested by one the directors of the library, who supple mented his suggestion in a most practical manner by supplying funds for the pur chase of 400 volumes. The selection o this music was made by a competent mar at that time connected with a large musi importing house in New York and it deed in the several additions subsequent! made the selection has been made by me of musical education and possessing wide acquaintance with the works of the most noted composers and therefore better fitted for the requirements of the case than a librarian more closely acquainter with books than with music. The collect tion is largely for single piano (two hauds this being most in request, but there is much that is arranged under other headings, such as "Piano Duets" (four hands) "Two Pianos" (eight hands), "Violin and Piano," "Vocal Music," "Songs," "Oratorlos," "Operas" and the like.

The rules for circulation are the san as with books. Readers who apply firs for a work that is in demand get what they require without delay; others necess sarily wait until later, as is usual in a cir culating library. The collection now num bers 2,000 volumes, exclusive of works on the theory and practice of music and musical biographies. The annual circulation from this class is about 6,000 volumes Two or three special bulletins have been issued devoted to music alone. The mor recent additions are given under a sem rate heading in the book bulletins occasion ally published. But for use at the librar the collection is given in one complete !: under the usual headings in a Rudolp indexer book, instead of with the book additions in the card catalogue.

On the whole, the musical departmen has been very much appreciated and ha proved a satisfactory investment. Its use shows that there are among the member: many who study music and who recog nize the advantage of a large collection from which to make selections for hom practice. - Brooklyn Eagle.

A Little Too Far.

"There is such a thing as overdoing your part," declared a man of the law wi now has the knowledge gained by much

west I was called upon to defend a man who had drawn a revolver on another and to retreat. Riderless he kept on his way, threatened to kill him. The accused did and as he dashed through our battery the not have a character above reproach, but | sight of him was indescribably grand. His the prosecuting witness was also shady in nostrils were extended wide, his eyes fairreputation, and I made the most of this ly blazed, and he clutched the bit deterfact. I pictured him as a desperado of the | minedly with his teeth as he came on like most dangerous type, a man that was a the wind, with his saddle flaps flying un constant menace to the community and til he looked as if he were himself flying one who would recognize no other law instead of wildly running. Every one than that of force. Such men as he, I in gave him room as he dashed toward us. sisted, made necessary the organization of An officer shouted that he would give \$100 vigilance committees and injured the fair name of the west among the older communities of the country.

and my man was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. As soon as court adjourned | Sun. the foreman of the jury came to me and said: 'Young feller, you spread it on too thick. After that there rip snortin speech of yourn we couldn't do nothin elso 'an what we done.'

"'I don't understand you, sir.' "'You don't? Why, we found the durned gerloot guilty 'cause he didn't shoot.' "-Detroit Free Press.

Eminent Egyptologist-Have you deciphered that rare document we found in

Associate-No; it will never be deciphered, but we know what it is. It's a doctor's prescription, evidently dropped by an American tourist .- Philadelphia Record.

The tunnels of the world are estimated to number about 1,142, with a total length of 514 miles. There are about 1,000 railroad tunnels, 12 subaqueous tunnels, 90 canal tunnels and 40 conduit tunnels. with aggregate lengths of about 850 miles.

Some Hindcos wear mustaches and beards, but all wear whiskers, which are shaved off at once when an adult relation dies. The shaving off of whiskers is thus sign of mourning.

OUR DOOM PRONOUNCED.

French Statesman Foresees the Extinction of Native Americans.

Surely a Frenchman ought to be recognized as an authority on the question of a declining birth rate. France is the one nation where the birth rate has steadily decreased until at last the deaths outnumber the births. Since 1890 there has been an annual loss of something like 20,000 population in France. It is a Frenchman of science, Arsene Dumont, who predicts the destruction of the American people. In the journal of the Paris Statistical society he reports the result of his study of the vital statistics of Massachusetts. In spite of the efforts made in New York and other states, it is an exasperating fact that Massachusetts alone collects trustworthy and comprehensive vital statistics, and it is on these that foreign statisticians rely for information as to the tendencies of American life. Yet Massachusetts is hardly representative. She has an uncommon proportion of foreign born people, and they are more absorbed in the manufactures than the people of other states. The proportion of the two sexes in that state is unlike the proportion of the west and south, and many important conditions are Mr. Dumont's study of the birth rate in

Massachusetts is not encouraging as to the future of Americans. He says that marriages among "American born" reveal a steady diminution of the birth rate. The cause of this he finds in the principle of democracy. This develops individualism -the desire of each person to live his own life for himself, to obtain all the pleasure there is in life, whether intellectual or material. He maintains that as they do not propose to miss the chances of personal development Americans or any republican people will not burden themselves with children. He says there is a poison in republican civilization, and the more intense republicanism becomes the more acute individualism is. Eventually, he asserts, this must destroy the race and its culture. He says republics might escape this fate if they would submit to the rule of science.

Perhaps it is this determination not to sacrifice any of the pleasures of life for the pleasure of children that is the cause of the decline of the birth rate in France. It is more reasonable than the explanation commonly given-that in the absence of a law of entail French parents are led to limit the number of their children. The code Napoleon does not allow a man to leave the bulk of his fortune to his oldest child, as in England. It is hardly reasonable to think that in order to bestow an estate on a single child a man would deny himself the pleasure of rearing a number of children. But in order to find a larger amount of liberty and pleasure for himself he might be willing to go childless.

It is strange that a French scientist should dwell on the declining birth rate of Massachusetts and make no reference to that of his own country. At the beginning of the century there were 33 births for each 1,000 of population in France. In 1850 it had declined to 27, and in 1895 to 23. At the same time the birth rate of Germany and Austria remained at 38, that of England at 33 and that of Italy had increased from 37 to 38. The decrease is general throughout France, and Mr. Bertillon says it means the disappearance of the French people. - Washington Star.

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A Superb Animal.

During a fierce charge of Confederate cavalry at Murfreesboro an officer was killed and the cavalry driven back. The "Shortly after I began practice in the horse the officer had ridden was a magnificent animal, and he had not been taught to any one who would capture that superb animal, but all seemed too much bound up in admiration of the noble beast to "The jury returned a verdict of guilty | make the effort, and he sped on and disappeared in the blue distance. - New York

Bubble Investment Companies. In the train of the real estate craze during the eighties came a great number of loan and investment companies. Many of them were conducted by honest men, who lent the money of eastern clients in immense quantities, their estimate of value being, of course, affected by the prevailing exaggeration. Many more institutions were organized to burst, and after flourishing a few years in the hot atmosphere of speculation fulfilled their destiny and spread ruin among thousands of innocent victims. No large western town has been exempt from these two classes of concerns, and their collapse justly aroused in the east a deep feeling of distrust and insecurity and led to a condemnation of western investments and western business methods in which good and bad were confounded. -Henry J. Fletcher in Atlantic For May.

A Humane Woman. The Cabman-Gimme your bag, lady, and I'll put it on top of the cab. Mrs. Oatoake (as she gets in)-No; that

poor horse of yours has got enough to pull.

I'll carry it on my lap. - London Tit-Bits.

-()n Tuesday of last week Freddie, the 6-year old sou of J. W. Cowle of

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