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OUR INVISIBLE ENEMIES

To stay in existence is one of man's chief concerns. His anxiety and effort to remain in it, often help to put him out of it Without these, he goes out quicker than ever. So the whole problem is reduced to a dilemma with horns quite as discomforting as this distraction usually wears. The difficulties of the situation have been greatly augumented by the discovery of the microbe. Formerly we were urged to sober reflection and a dose of medicine, by the announcement that

"Dangers stand thick through all the ground
To push us to the tomb,
And fierce diseases wait around
To hurry mortals home."

Against anything so tangible as dangers that can push us, and diseases which discharge duties that belong chiefly to the policeman. a man may make some sort of provision; but since the discovery of the microbe, such an effort has become largely futile. Of what use are speed, skill or strategy against an enemy, so many as to be innumerable, so small as to be invisible, and every one effective? These are the microbes. Lurking in the air we breathe, the food we eat, the water we—wash in, and nestling amid our whiskers, these newly-discovered and industrious enemies greatly complicate the problem of existence. Cascara and catnip tea no more insure our residence in this world. It is by no means certain, after all our efforts, whether they or us are destined to prior extinction. The failure of the doctors to discover these foes till they had been here so long and become so numerous, their superior constitutions—for some sorts of them are not put out of business by boiling or freezing—and their immunity from contagious diseases, all give them an advantage that makes it doubtful if the odds are not in their favor, and they will not be present to see our finish.

And yet it will be good for neither our health nor our reputation for courage, to weakly give up this contest. Hence there are some matters in this town that may very well claim our attention.

It has been commonly reported that diphtheria and fever have been epidemic in Lindsay during the summer. So much credence did this report receive in the county, that some people shunned the town for fear of contagion. Now this is but the annual falsehood. There has rarely been a healthier season than the past. During the summer there were 15 cases of typhoid; there are now five diphtheria patients and one with scarlet fever.

It is a pleasure to correct this error; but there are conditions prevailing here that make it a marvel that the wildest reports are not true. Unless the teachings of scientists are all astray, the sanitation of the town has some serious defects. Three may be spoken of.

Disease is bottled up in the wells. There are a great many of these, and the water from them is largely used for drinking purposes. It is repeatedly said by the doctors that very few of them contain water that is fit to drink. The simplest tests reveal the correctness of that opinion. This is not because the supply is bad in itself, nor because pure water cannot be got from a well. It is chiefly because these wells are not cleaned out often enough. The wash from the surface, dead frogs. toads and often larger animals, soak in the stagnant water. With these in and pure air excluded, it is no wonder that disease is bottled up in the wells. Before the health of the people is properly safe-guarded, corporation men will clean out every well at least twice a year.

Then there is a nuisance that is more local in its effects, but affecting such a large locality as to demand attention. It is the creek that runs across the town from the southwest and enters the river at the Wellington-st. bridge. This has its orgin in an half-dozen flowing wells in the vicinity of the car-shops and until it reaches Russell-st. is pure and clean. At that corner the drain from Major Martin's laundry enters and pours in soapy, filth laden water that hopelessly pollutes the stream Just below Peel-st., two water-closet drains enter, and complete the contamination. Along the rest of its course until it reaches the underground channel at Wellington-st., it gives out noxious vapers that are like the shadow of death to those unfortunate people who live adjacent to its banks. Its purification or removal if a present problem whose neglect fastens an hourly crime upon the council.

Then there is the disposal of sewage. Our system of sewers has been endorsed by the Provincial Board of Health, but that does not save it from being a wholsesale menace to human life. The sewers discharge into the river. During most of the year the almost stagnant river is simply a polluted pond whose odors are hideous heralds of fell disease. Decency, the rights of citizens, the sacredness of human life, and all other considerations by which modern civilization enforces its precepts for the physical well being of mankind, all demand that prompt and radical measures be taken to remove these strongholds of our minute friends the enemy, of microbedom.

EDITORIAL NOTES

ORILLIA PACKET: "Let the people declare unmistakably for good, honest, wholesome government by being, first of all, themselves good, honest and wholesome."

WHILE CONGRATULATING Miss Hillock on her promotion, we cannot but regret that by her going, this town has lost a lady of exceptional culture and amiability.

MAIL AND EMPIRE of Wednesday: "Lieut.-Col. Hughes has returned from the war, having made a fine record as a soldier of the Queen. By his friends he will be received as the victor should be. Another battle awaits him, and we rather think he will be victorious in that also."

WE TAKE pleasure in greeting a new cotemporary in this county. It is the Fenelon Falls Star at the cataractburg. The first copy came to hand last week It is a six-column, eight page paper, independent in politics, bright, newsy and well printed. Mr. Harry Linney is its proprietor and publisher. He hails from Marmora but has seen services in some good offices elsewhere. He is a young man, full of energy and ideas. His paper is a good deal like himself in that respect and we wish both him and it a big measure of success.

THE RECEPTION accorded Col. Hughes yesterday must have been highly gratifying to him, was satisfactory to his friends, and could scarcely have been offensive to his enemies. The crowd was large but manifested a hearty, dignified pleasure at the colonel's home-coming, that was in pleasing contrast to the senseless noisiness which sometimes marks such occasions, and that could scarcely have challenged the animosity of his most sensitive and sinister foe. His address was simple, moderate and conciliatory in tone. It surely set at rest several of the stories about his dismissal, that have been circulated with so much diligence and enjoyment by his opponents.

AT THE END of the year nearly $50,000 of the bonuses voted to construct the Pontypool, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon railway will be forfeit, in absence of any operation on the road. Less than three months remain; and yet the prospect is good that the terms will be fulfilled. We have kept informed on the provisional company's progress, in so far as the officials were willing to make it known, but since they would say nothing for publication, our information has not been printed. At last the silence has been broken by the arrival in town of Engineers Jennings and Macdougall of Toronto, who proceeded at once to Bobcaygeon to begin the survey. The latter gentleman has been instructed to supervise construction operations when the survey is complete. Sufficient capital is available to make a substantial beginning and there is no little doubt that the terms of the bonuses will be met and that before another year much of the road will be built.

THE OLD ALARM SYSTEM MUST GO

The Wires and Boxes will be Removed and put Among Our Curios

The regular meeting of council on Monday night was either overlooked by the democracy or that event has lost its interest for that numerous class. At all events its representatives on the benches numbered hardly half-a-dozen.

Communications

Geo. Hack asked to have his taxes of $7.80 rebated. So did Mrs. Atkins who is 80 years old and has no one to support her.

Finance

R. M Beal wrote that the fire protection now being provided by the town would be insufficient. It did not fulfil the town's contract with him. The hydrant would not come near enough to his tannery; the main across the river was said to be weak and he would hold the town liable for damage to his property by fire.

Ald. Jackson—That should be filed. We can't do anything about it.

Ald. Crandell—It ought to be looked into. Refer it to a committee.

It was sent to the board of works.

J. A. Lang asked that the levels be taken for granolithic walk on the west side of William-st., north of Kent. He thinks of putting up a new building and wants to know how high to make the foundation.

Mr. Lang also proposed to put up a 35-foot two-story building on his lot north of Campbell's if he was granted a fixed assessment for five years.—Board of Works and Finance, with power.

Thos. O'Neil and Thos. Cotey, firemen, asked for a carpet for their sleeping rooms at the hall.—Town Property.

The superintendent of the Bell Telephone Co. wrote that it is necessary for his company to reconstruct part of their system of poles and asked the town to appoint an inspector to see that they are put in according to the terms of the franchise.

The commissioner had been instructed and the letter was fyled.

S. Tucker asked for a sidewalk in front of his new houses on Melbourne street between William and Lindsay.

The order had been given and the letter was fyled.

R. H. Gibbs wanted the walk improved on Albert-st., between Kent and Russell.—Board of Works.

John Kearns is assessed for $300. He says he bought his property for $160 and thinks his assessment $100 too high.—Fyled.

Alex. Storer explained that he was last year taxed on $300 personalty and $2 for a dog. This year the former should be struck off altogether and the latter reduced to one dollar.

Andrew Robertson had been taxed on $300 personalty. Messrs. Chittick and Thorndike had successfully appealed against taxes on a similar property and he wished to do the same.—Finance.

Thos. Walters and R. Bryans, churchwardens of St. Paul's complained that the church property on Kent-st. was charged with taxes on the buildings that are now not there.—Finance.

W. H. Wilson, Gen. Pass. Agt. of the Lake Ontario and Bay of Quinte Steamboats, wrote that last year his company had published a phamphlet advertising the water stretches of Ontario. This year it was proposed to ask the towns interested to take space in a similar pamphlet.—Laid on the table.

R. Griffiths had sold his team 18 months ago and asked to have the tax on them struck off.—Finance.

Ald. Lamb of Toronto sent a circular regarding the system of radial electric railways, it is proposed to construct out of Toronto.

Ald. Jackson—Fyle that; we don't want to be annexed to Toronto or send our trade there.

Ald. Crandell—I am surprised to hear a man of Ald. Jackson's intelligence talk that way.

R. Lukey wants his personalty rebated.

The Light Heat & Power Co. recommended that the old fire alarm system be taken down. It would cost $30.—Laid on Table.

The Citizens Band offered to play on Wednesday at Col. Hughes' reception for $25.—Accepted.

P. Hennessy asked what the town paid to keep an inmate of the Home and explained that Mrs. Lane is stopping at his place. He would keep her for the price charged at the Home. Mrs. Lane also wrote asking for that sum.—Finance with power.

Three people made affidavits to the demise of their dogs.—Finance.

Ald. Crandell—Now see where you are; if you had tags you would be all right.

Theauditor found a couple of slight omissions from the September account.

The market clerk got $43.63.

The Board of Health ask council how long citizens on the line of sewers should be given to close up their privy pits; and said that if the outlet of Francis-st. sewer is not put in a sanitary condition in a few days the Provincial Board will be notified.

Ald. Jackson—Perhaps the Board had nothing else to do but talk on that subject. The outlet has been attended to. The pipe cannot be extended to deep water till the dreage has finished working on that bank.

The Board of Works will consider these things.

The Prospective Industry

Messrs. Flavelle, Sootheran and McLaughlin, the Board of Trade committee on the proposed pea industry, were present as also was Mr. Squire himself.

The deputation addressed council and conveyed the opinion of the Board that it would be advisable to give Mr. Squire all the encouragement possible to come here with his industry. Mr. Sootheran explained that Mr. Squire would be satisfied if the taxes were fixed at what the site now brings, and if the town would buy that lot on the corner of the avenue and Russel-st., and rent it to him for a nominal sum. He had got an estimate of the cost of a railway switch from the company. It would be $350. He would pay that.

Mr. Squier spoke briefly.

Ald. Jackson—How long do you operate each year.

Mr. Squier—From August to January, sometimes till March.

The Mayor—Are you particular about such a central place? We have have some property near the Parkin mill, on the railway.

Mr. Squier—Yes. I must be where farmers can reach me readily, and where working women can come and go. Up there would not suit me. I would like to lease the property mentioned, with the privilege of buying it at the expiration of the lease.

The Finance committee will act in the matter.

Advertising This Section

Mr. Wilson whose letter re advertising this district as a summer resort was already before the council was present and spoke on the subject. He exploined.

The Ontario & Bay Quinte steamboat company last year had prepared several thousand copies of a pamphlet advertising Ontario. It had cost nearly $2000. He had personally distributed it in the centres of the States. The traffic had been increased. This year it was proposed to ask the towns interested to take some space in a similar book and set forth therein their advantages to tourists. In this way the profit and cost would be divided. Leading towns had accepted the proposition.

The Finance committee will consider.

Ald. Jackson read reports of his committee. In one the commissioner was instructed to point the bridge piers with cement.

Ald. Touchburn read the Finance report.

The committee that looked after the Col. Hughes celebration reported.

Resolutions ordered that tenders be asked for cleaning snow off the walks and the Light Heat & Power Co. be given $30 to take down the old alarm system if it cannot be done for less.

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