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ANOTHER LETTER ON POWER QUESTION CITIZEN CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

To the Editor of The Post Dear Sir,—

I have read carefully the Report of the Hydro-Electric Company on the local power plant published in your paper of May 10th, and it seems to me that before the town of Lindsay would bond itself for three hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of this property, some considerable further investigation ought to be made.

I find from the report, that the largest amount of power ever used at one time, during last year, was nine hundred and ten H. P., but that the average amount of power used, was only three hundred and fifty-five H. P.

It is well known to the people of Lindsay, notwithstanding the fact, that the total average power brought to Lindsay, by the Light, Heat, and Power Co. is less than four hundred H. P., that during the dry seasons, there have been times when the Co. have been scarce of water at Fenelon Falls, even to supply this much power. Therefore, before purchasing this power, it seems to me that a careful investigation should be made, to find what the minimum flow of water is, that is, what the flow of water is during the dry season of the year. I believe, that practically no measurements have even been taken of Fenelon Falls, and it is impossible for the engineers of the Hydro-Electric Commission, or anybody else, by merely making an examination in the spring-time to tell what the flow is in October and November, or during dry period of winter months. In order to find that out, accurately, measurements would have to be taken at different times over a period of years, but this, of course, is probably impossible at present, but it is not impossible, but only prudent to let the matter stand until the first of January next, and to have measurements made of the flow during the summer and fall months. If, and we know the local company, have had a scarcity of water in supplying an average of less than four hundred H. P., it would seem to be reckless for us to expect that we can get an average of one thousand seven-hundred H. P., the only proof of which is an inspection of the flow of water in the spring-time.

RE STORAGE

There is a great deal of loose talk about the extensive storage system, and its importance in increasing the minimum flow of the river.

The waters stored in the winter on the Lakes and Gull and Burnt rivers are largely used up in bringing down the lumbermen's drives in the Spring. Whatever additional amount can be stored during the June rains, is required to keep up the height of water for navigation purposes, and is invariably and entirely exhausted by the fifteenth of November. We know that every year there has been a difficulty in keeping up the level of Sturgeon Lake because there was not sufficient storage to do this.

There is absolutely no storage left for us in the Fall and Winter when the water is often scarce.

The powers at Peterboro have then the advantage of the storage at Sturgeon, Pigeon, Chemong, Buckhorn, Bear, Lovesick, Stony Lakes and Jack's Lake, while only the additional water that Fenelon Falls can use is what may be run off Balsam Lake.

All I would say on this point is, let there during the present season be

a careful estimate made from time to time by competent engineers, of the waters coming down at Fenelon Falls, and if it is found that there is sufficient for the purposes of Lindsay let the town buy the power. If it is found not sufficient, then, the town should not make the mistake of paying a larger amount of money on the understanding that a greater amount of power exists than there really is.

The report of the engineers of the Commission says, "Up to the present time the plant has never suffered from shortage of water." We in Lindsay know that the engineers have been misinformed. They also estimate that the Light Heat and Power Company are entitled to three-fourths of the power at Fenelon Falls. We also know that they are misinformed again and the Village of Fenelon Falls is entitled to one-fourth plus one hundred horse power, so that there is a mistake of one hundred horse power in that portion of the Report. The Head again is placed at twenty-six feet, which, I understand, is about two feet higher than naturally exists. This is a matter that ought to be verified. The Hydro-Electric engineers seem to have taken the word of the vendors for all these matters.

If the additional power does not exist at Fenelon Falls, the doubling of the plant as suggested would be power and money wasted, and the amount of expense is too large to be incurred without a thorough investigation.

The commission estimate that under the present condition, there would be an annual surplus of over ten thousand dollars per year. This will make no provision for about seven hundred dollars taxes which will have to be paid to the Village of Fenelon Falls and which will likely increase from time to time.

It makes no provision for anything except the loss of taxes to the town of Lindsay itself, and the depreciation charge of four thousand four hundred and sixty four dollars, is altogether too low for a plant of the age of the Lindsay plant, a large proportion of which will have to be re-built in the course of ten years. It makes no provision for giving the people of Lindsay a fair light rate. If the light rate of the town of Lindsay were reduced twenty-five per cent as it should be and these other matters taken into consideration, the surplus would entirely disappear. The annual total received is put at thirty-seven thousand, five hundred and forty-nine dollars, some of this, no doubt, is obtained from the sale of lamps, fixtures and supplies. There is nothing put in the estimate for the cost of these. After the additional seventy thousand dollars is expended, according to the report, the estimate surplus would be five thousand and seventy dollars. This would entirely be wiped over and there would be a considerable deficit if the people of Lindsay were given a reasonable light rate, but it appears from the report that the understanding is not to give the people of Lindsay, a fair light rate, but for the town to go on taxing them seven or eight thousand dollars a year more than they should pay.

Are the citizens satisfied to do this? They have been paying heavy taxes to the Co. for a number of years. Is it fair for them now to have to pay such a price for the property that will compel them to go on and pay this heavy tax for the future? I noticed also in the new estimate that the

item of taxes is still put at one thousand and dollars. If the value of this plant at Fenelon Falls is increased by Seventy Thousand, and the present taxation at Fenelon Falls is something like seventeen hundred, a provision ought to be made for Two-Thousand Five hundred tax instead of One Thousand.

This is a growing town and towns and cities are endeavoring to put themselves in the way of obtaining new industries, and in order that new industries may be obtained, abundance of power is necessary. The matter is worth the trouble and the town council, before submitting this by-law, ought to make themselves absolutely sure that such additional power is made available to the town as will put in a fair and competitive position with surrounding towns for the obtaining of any new industry that may be seeking location.

I am not opposed to the purchase by the town of Lindsay, of the property if it can be shown that the price is a fair one, and that a reasonable amount of additional power exists for future developments for the town and also that the light rates of the town can be reduced by at least fifty per cent.

This information, however, is not at the present time in the possession of the town.

Yours Truly, CITIZEN OF LINDSAY.

INFANT TRAGEDY AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, June 5.—There was another infant tragedy in Winnipeg on Saturday, the victim being Nellie, the three-year-old daughter of John Stevie, 288 Aberdeen avenue. Along with her brother, two years her senior, she was playing with matches, and her brother having lit a bonfire, she got too close, and her dress caught fire. Her cries were unheeded, as there are a great number of children about that neighborhood, the screams sometimes being deafening. A pream's sometimes screaming made the servant girl run to the door, and she called to the child's father, who made desperate but futile efforts to save the babe's life, though he beat out the flames and sustained serious burns about the hands and arms. Medical aid was summoned and the little one taken to the general hospital, where she died in agony about three hours later.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

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Mock Pate de Foie Gras

Take half a pound of young calves' liver, or five or six chickens' livers, simmer gently with enough water to cover, add a little pepper and salt; then drain and pound in a mortar with enough fresh butter to form a nice paste. Add a little cream if preferred to butter, cayenne, or nutmeg, or mace, as liked. Press into small glass jars for use and pour melted butter over. This is an excellent breakfast or supper dish, spread on buttered toast and garnished with slices of tomatoes.

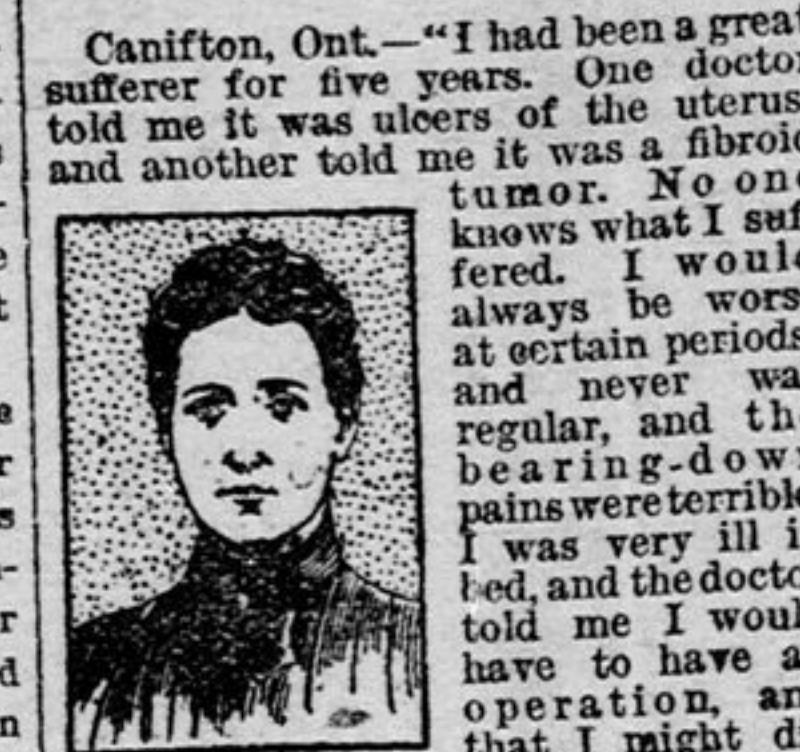
Marrow and Apple Jam

Six pounds of apples, 6 pounds of marrow, 3 pints of water, and 3/4 pound of sugar to each pound of fruit. Pare and scrape all ends out of marrow, cut up fine. Peel and core apples, also cut up fine. Put sugar into the water and make the syrup, and then put in the marrow and apples (all cut up), and soak all night. Next morning put on to boil for two and a half to three hours. When it is sufficiently cooked it will look brown, and be very soft. This quantity will make 18 pounds.

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the footboard. This pushes the spring up against the headboard and the footboard turns over and hangs down from the top, leaving the whole piece of furniture flat against the wall and extending out only a few inches. This bed, of course, cannot be made to represent a bookcase or a piano, as wooden folding beds are designed, but if desired a curtain can be attached to the footboard and draped over it to conceal its presence.

RISES TO FAME IN HIS EIGHTIES

The Wonderful Pictures of Walter Greaves Who Was a Pupil of Whistler

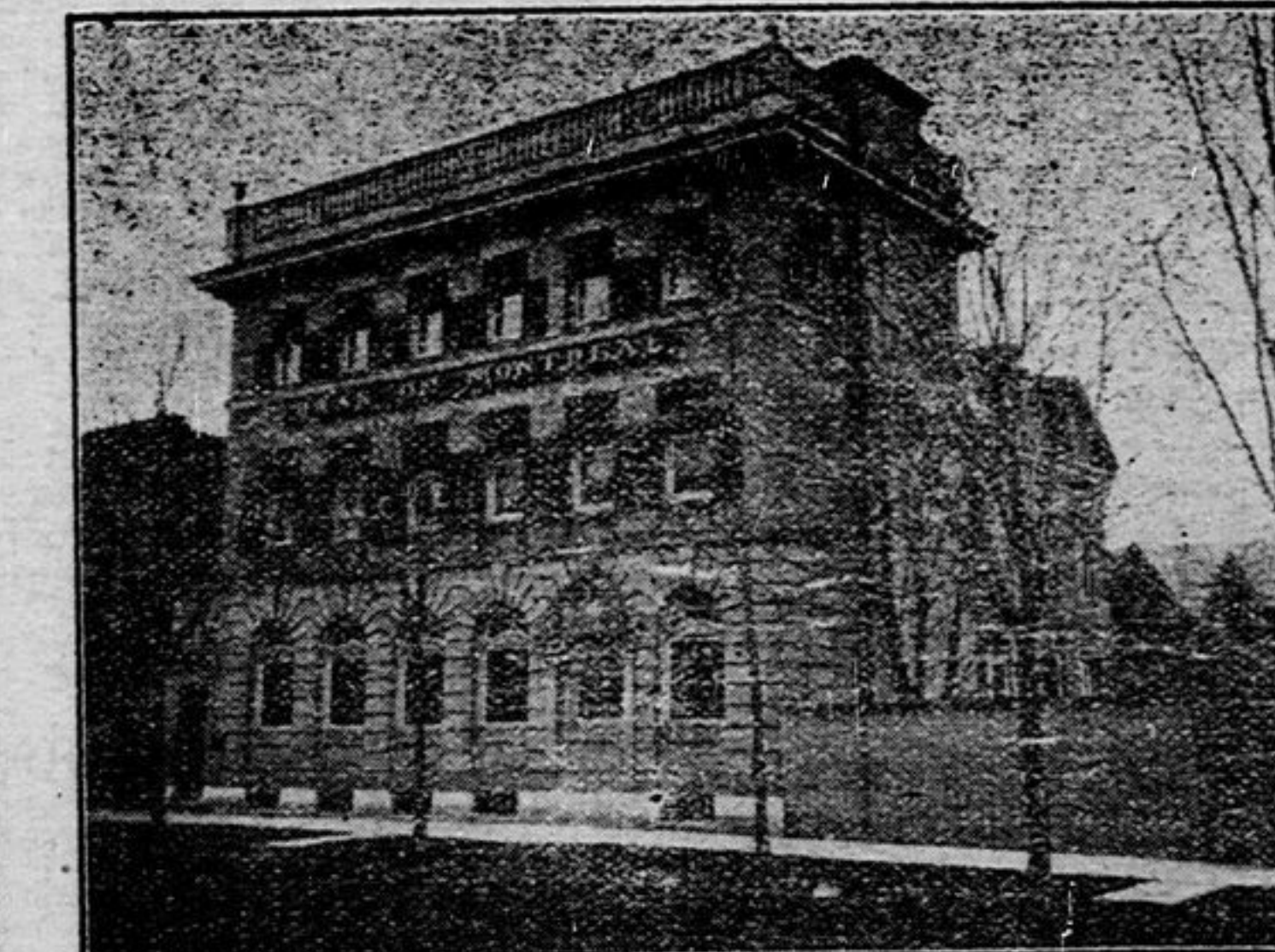
To the list of the great English painters of the nineteenth century has to be added a name which will sound unfamiliar to the ears even of those who may claim to be well informed. Walter Greaves has opened his exhibition of "Old Chelsea, Cromorne, The Thames, Battersea, Carlyle, etc." to the public at the Couplé Gallery; and before these pictures will have made room for their successors Mr. Greaves will have risen to well-deserved fame. And none too early, for the artist whose unexpected gifts are now so suddenly revealed, is in the eighth decade of a life of struggle and hardship. The title of his exhibition proclaims Mr. Greaves a pupil of Whistler; and the first cursory glance around the gallery would leave no room for doubt, even if "pupil of Whistler" were not expressly stated on the title-page of the catalogue. "The master" would not allow his two pupils, Mr. W. Greaves and his brother, to exhibit without his permission and without an express mention of their pupilage to this latter condition Mr. Greaves modestly adheres even now, so many years after Whistler's death. The interest of his display at the Couplé Gallery, apart from the admirable painter-like qualities of Mr. Greaves' teaching, and—how much did Whistler learn from his pupil? From Mr. Greaves himself, whose worship of the master, according to all accounts, amounted almost to self-effacement, it would be vain to expect enlightenment. But there is the evidence of his work. "Passing Under Old Battersea Bridge," the most "Whistlerian" perhaps of all his works, so like the master's "Nocturne" and in the Tate Gallery in arrangement and in the manner of applying the paint and especially of indicating the figures, bears the date 1862, and thus antedates Whistler's picture by over ten years. And then we have Mr. Greaves' own statement, made in all modesty, that he and his brother painted the Thames and Cromorne Gardens, both day and night effects, before they knew Whistler, which would be in the early fifties. Thus, while Mr. Greaves' "Carlyle," his "Portrait of the Artist," and other pictures, are clearly painted in imitation of "the master," one is forced to the conclusion that Whistler himself may have benefited to no small extent by the example of his pupil.

With all his veneration for his master, Mr. Greaves never was a slavish imitator. There are in his pictures, in addition to their Whistlerian characteristics, certain qualities which are quite personal, and others which connect him with the masters of the Dutch school, especially the clearness and precision of his statement, without undue insistence on outline. His manner of painting architecture is something between the crispness of Van der Heyden and the mellowness of Matthew Maris in the mood in which he painted his "Souvenir of Amsterdam." In everything shown at this surprising exhibition—even in the "Hammersmith Bridge on Boat-Race Day," which he painted at the age of sixteen—Mr. W. Greaves proves himself a great artist and an admirable craftsman.

May Sue City.

Brantford, June 3.—Brantford may be asked to defend an action for damages, as a result yesterday of the death of Alexy Nitsok, a Russian, 23 years old, who died from injuries about the legs, caused by the collapse of a trench in a sewer he was working on. Negligence is alleged.

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