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The Weekly Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

THE PLUMBING INSPECTORSHIP.

We fear very much that our Council, actuated by a desire to comply with the Board of Health's request that the salary of Sanitary Inspector Douglas be increased, have been misled into making a very improper appointment by coupling with his present duties those appertaining to the position of plumbing inspector, an office left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Chalmers. We do not propose, in presenting our views concerning the matter to discuss the point whether, in the past Mr. Douglas has been fairly paid or underpaid, for the work performed by him as Sanitary Inspector. We will merely point out that for years Mr. Douglas has been in receipt of a salary of \$225 as Sanitary Officer, and in addition for a long period was paid \$75 per annum as Fire Warden. We have no hesitation in saying that the salary was guilty of even the feeblest attempt to enforce the provisions of the Fire by-law, and wooden structures were erected almost by the score within the proscribed limits. We know the penalty - a fine which swept away a nest of the flimsy structures, endangered the business portion of the town, and almost led up to a public disaster. Mr. Douglas's neglect of duty in this regard may have been due to the faithfulness with which he performed the work connected with his health office, but we never heard the statement advanced in his favor.

That was before the days of city water, sewers and sanitary conveniences. There was more work to be done then, yet the Board of Health of those days never recommended that the salary of the Sanitary Inspector be increased to \$300. The reason would not have been made by last year's Board, in all probability, if a former Council - stirred to action by the protests of ratepayers and several glaring instances of reckless disregard of the provisions of the Fire by-law - had not relieved Mr. Douglas of the office of Fire Warden and transferred the duties (without salary to Chief Neilson. \$300 a year was the sum Mr. Douglas considered the town ought to pay under one guise or another, hence the application to increase his salary as Sanitary Inspector by \$75, the amount he stood to lose by the Council's action.

A motion endorsing the increase having been defeated in committee, Mr. Douglas' friends - in an unlucky moment for our citizens - hit upon the expedient of securing for him the desired advance in salary by appointing him to the vacant office of plumbing inspector. We think it was a mistake to do so, and believe the situation warrants plain speaking. The appointment must be cancelled. Human life is dependent upon the proper execution of house plumbing; sewer gas is a deadly and insidious poison, and has slain its thousands. The most expert of plumbers make mistakes, and as a safeguard against possible deplorable fatalities all plumbing work done in Lindsay should be inspected by a person competent to detect, by means of tests and other devices, all faulty joints and hidden attempts to "scamp" a job. We have not heard anyone claim that Mr. Douglas is possessed of this expert knowledge. If he has it he would not be acting as Sanitary Inspector of Lindsay.

Allied to this question of the safety of life is the item of expense. We want our citizens to take full advantage of our costly sewers as they are constructed, but the fear that careless inspection might mean a poor plumbing system will assuredly act as a powerful deterrent to the initiation of desired improvements along this line, or else competitors who wish to be safe to pay a fee to an expert. The appointment of Mr. Douglas as plumbing inspector is a serious error. If we must pay him \$300 salary let it be for his duties as Sanitary Inspector.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Intercolonial Railway is sending out monthly calendars with its mosaic-board picture reduced in size. The one for February has on the back a view of Quebec from Levis. That for March will show Murray Bay, and in the succeeding months the route traversed by the maritime express will be illustrated.

The purchase of the Great Northern railway, reaching from the Ottawa River to the City of Quebec, by the Canadian Northern Company, indicates the completion of another through grain route. The Canada Atlantic will be the link between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River, and the Canadian Northern, after Manitoba and the Territories to Port Arthur, will utilize the water stretch from Port Arthur on Lake Superior to Depot Harbor on Georgian Bay.

The sixth report of Provincial Municipal Auditor Lang goes more into detail than his previous reports. It shows the working of the offices visited by him during the year, numbering over 160, scattered all over the province, from Cornwall to Rat Portage. There are over 800 municipal treasurers without counting the school treasurers. There were five defaulters during the year. One township treasurer finds himself with some \$5,000 more than he can account for, and this sum is likely to be increased to \$7,500 before the Government audit is finished. That township should be easy in its financial question is, "Where were the local auditors?" Salaries of treasurers reach all the way from \$10 to \$2,000. One gentleman draws \$5 as his annual stipend, and does not complain either. Auditors fees run from \$4 to \$100 each.

Germany, having adopted the United States system of encouraging industry, has four hundred trusts in operation, yet nothing seems to be going well. Dr. Rosa, the British consul at Stuttgart, reports "that the cost of living in Germany is becoming greater. On the one hand, manufacturers complain of the decline in wholesale prices, whilst on the other hand consumers complain of the rise in retail prices, especially with regard to the necessities of daily life, a rise scarcely noticed during a period of prosperity, but becoming most acutely felt when a reaction takes place. It seems at the present time that the more German manufacturers exert themselves to find a market for their goods the less their profits become, in spite of the increasing credit risk and the rise in expenditure for wages, salaries, travelling and advertisements. Many manufacturers are for the present content if in continuing work they manage to meet expenses and retain their work force, for many more it may be assumed that profits are at a very low level or are altogether wanting."

Bob. Independent; One hundred and twenty-five years ago the population of the British colonies in North America was about three millions, and the tea consumption per head was about one pound yearly. The English King and Government wanted to levy a tax of six cents a pound on that tea, which the people refused to pay, and in the row, which ensued the English King and Government were kicked out of the country and a President and Congress was elected. Today there are more than eighty millions of people in the same country and a group of coal barons having seized and appropriated the coal mines are now levying a tax of \$100,000,000 a year as profit on that coal. Coal costs \$4 a ton to mine and load and carry, and is now selling at \$10.50 a ton. If it was right and wis- to turn the King and Government out of the States for trying to levy a tax of six cents a pound on tea, what ought to be done for a President and Congress who permit the people's coal to be appropriated by coal barons and a tax of forty million dollars a year to be levied upon them? Should the President and the Congress be sent to Cuba, or some other warm place? Think about it.

A very welcome exception to the general tone of the United States press is found in the Chicago Post, which quotes a "well-known" Senator thus: "We are now in possession of that territory and it seems obvious that any one of our three arbiters who voted to give up country over which the Stars and Stripes floats would have to move out of the United States," and goes on to say: "Is this the spirit in which our representatives approach questions of international importance? Is it consistent with what our Congress and our Presidents have done in the past? Did we not demand, and in no very diplomatic way, either that England should submit her boundary dispute with Venezuela to arbitration? It seems to be a question of wags) or is gored with many politicians. So long as we are sure of winning they are willing to arbitrate; but when there is some chance of our losing they explain in a loud and exclusive manner: "There is nothing to arbitrate. What, give up a foot of soil over which the Stars and Stripes floated? Never!"

Let us quietly and with the bearing of thinking and reasoning, begin to permit this matter to be settled by the proposed commission; and then let us, without grumbling, abide by the decision of the commission. Any other course than this is inconsistent, unreasonable and unworthy of us.

Social Evening The Literary Society of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute request the pleasure of the company of all ex-students at their social evening in the Assembly hall, Friday, Feb. 13, at 7.30. J. W. Lunney, secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS.

CEMENT WALKS SPECIFICATIONS. (To the Editor of The Post.) Sir, - I see by a recent issue of your paper that Contractor Miller objects to my opinion that the specifications of the walks to be built next summer provide for a 9 to 1 mixture. He also makes some uncalculated remarks about myself.

I do not wish to argue about the specifications - they are open to every body, and are certainly capable of being interpreted as providing for a 9 to 1 walk. Nobly wants that sort of walk. He has the Council order to be put down, let the Council order the doubtful clause re-written, so that it will say definitely that a walk of five parts of cement, two of sand and one of lake gravel, which will even then make a weak mixture with many kinds of cement - shall be used. - Yours, etc., P. G. PILKIE.

Lindsay, Feb. 2nd.

THE CEMENT WALKS CONTRACT.

(To the Editor of The Post.) Dear Sir, - I notice by to-day's Watchman-Warder that Mr. Pilkie intended to take out an injunction against building the cement walks, on the ground that the specifications will not build good walks. He further says that the specifications call for 7 parts lake gravel, 2 parts sand, and 1 part cement, for the base concrete. This statement is certainly misleading, as I understand the specifications as I understand the specifications call for 1 of cement for base concrete, and 2 parts sand to 1 part cement for finishing. This is the understanding I had when I contracted for the said walks, and according to which I intend to build the walks. I do not know whether Mr. Pilkie intended to convey a false impression as to the composition of the proposed walks or not, but if not he certainly was and is mistaken. The clause referring to two parts sand is in case broken stone is used, and as no broken stone is to be used in the walks for which I have contracted, it is not worth considering. As regards the expert testimony, I am quite willing to have such testimony and further, I think that we have had such testimony from a gentleman who has had much more experience in building walks than has Mr. Pilkie. I refer to the report of Mr. J. Chamberlain of Toronto, before the Board of Works, committee in response to a question asked by the Mayor. It would appear that Mr. Pilkie thinks he has an inalienable right to all municipal works, and that the Council were guilty of an irregularity in asking for tenders for the construction of the said walks. As my reputation is involved, I take this early opportunity to correct Mr. Pilkie's misstatement. - Respeccfully yours, J. J. MILLER.

Lindsay, Jan. 29th, 1903.

L. C. I. OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Organization of the Toronto Branch Effected - A Dinner Will be Given. A full representative meeting of the L. C. I. Old Boys' Association was held last Saturday night at Wycliffe College for the purpose of further organization and drawing up a constitution. It was nearly 8 o'clock before the meeting was called to order, for the boys were busily engaged in hearty handshaking and recalling pleasant associations of the past. At length business was resumed, and after approving the minutes of the previous meeting a constitution which had been carefully prepared by a committee, was brought on for adoption. Some brisk discussion took place by many of the members, some of whom had secretly been known to take part in public debating, but who gave evidence by their approach to eloquence that all they required was an opportunity in order to vindicate themselves to the world. Nominations were then received for officers for the ensuing year, the following members were elected: Hon. Pres. J. C. Harstone, B. A.; Pres. Thos. Back; Vice-Pres., Ben. Miller; Sec., J. G. Workman; Treas., W. Ellis; Com. of Three, J. W. Brian, W. H. McKinnon. The question of the dinner or "blow out," as some chose to call it, was then brought up and decided favorably. As to the nature of the dinner, it was agreed unanimously that it should take the form of a dry dinner. An able committee was also appointed to make full arrangements, but the date of the function has not yet been decided upon. It is the desire of the committee to get the name and address of all the gentlemen in the city who have ever been associated with the L.C.I. in order to notify them of the progress and date of the celebrated function. Toronto, Feb. 3rd, 1903.

RAVEN LAKE CEMENT COMPANY.

Construction Work Will Commence in the Early Spring. Mr. John Lucas, president of the Raven Lake Portland Cement Company, was in town to-day in the interests of his company. In conversation with our reporter Mr. Lucas said that his company are making satisfactory progress with the works at Raven Lake, in Bexley township, between Victoria Road and Corson's Sliding, and have already over 1000 loads of material on the ground ready for building operations as soon as the spring opens up. We were also shown the plans of the new works, which, when completed, will be the most modern and extensive works with a capacity of 600 barrels a day. When asked if cement would not be much cheaper this season, Mr. Lucas said there was no immediate prospect of a drop in prices, as the demand for cement had increased with such rapidity that the works at present in operation could not possibly keep pace with orders. Contracts for the very costly machinery required will be let in the course of a couple of weeks.

MARKET REPORTS.

Grain Prices Higher at Chicago - Liverpool Wheat Higher and Corn Lower - The Latest Quotations. Tuesday Evening, Feb. 3. Liverpool wheat futures closed 1/4 to 1/2 higher to-day than yesterday and corn futures 1/4 to 1/2 lower. At Chicago to-day May wheat closed 1/2 higher than yesterday, May corn 1/4 higher and May oats 1/4 higher.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS. Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day: Cash, May, July, Chicago, Duluth, Toronto, St. Lawrence Market.

Table with columns for location (New York, Chicago, Toledo, Duluth, Toronto) and prices for various grain types (Wheat, Rye, Oats, Buckwheat).

TORONTO FARM PRODUCTS.

Table with columns for item (Hay, Straw, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Honey) and prices.

TORONTO HIDES AND WOOL.

Table with columns for item (Hides, Sheepskins, Wool) and prices.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

The receipts of live stock were 54 calves, composed of 747 calves, 600 hogs, 342 sheep and lambs and 25 calves. Export Cattle - Choice loads of heavy shippers, \$4.40 to \$4.85; medium shippers, \$4.40 to \$4.85. Export Bulls - Choice heavy export bulls sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75; light export bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Butcher's Cattle - Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best, \$4.00 to \$4.50; loads of medium butchers, \$3.65 to \$4.00; loads of good butchers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; rough, \$2.80 to \$3.00; canners, \$2.25 to \$2.75. Butchers, mixed - Load of mixed butchers and exporters sold at \$4.30 to \$4.50. Feeder and Slaughter, 1000 to 1100 lbs, each, are worth \$4.25 to \$4.40, and light feeders, 800 to 900 lbs, each, \$3.80 to \$4.20 per cwt. Stockers - Stockers, 500 to 700 lbs, each, of good quality, are worth \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt, and poor quality, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cwt. The same weight are worth \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt. Milch Cows - Milch cows and springers are worth \$30 to \$50 each. Calves - Calves sold at \$4 to \$12 each, or from \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt, and for \$4.50 to \$5.15. Sheep - Prices \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt, for cwt, and for \$2.50 to \$3.25. Hogs - Best select bacon hogs, not less than 100 lbs, more than 200 lbs, each, off at \$6.00; heavy, \$5.75 to \$6.25; \$5.75; sows, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt, and stags, \$3 per cwt.

EAST BUFFALO CATTLE MARKET.

East Buffalo, Feb. 2. - Cattle - Receipts, 400 head; 100 head of cows, 100 head of steers, 200 head of calves. Hogs, receipts, 600 head; fairer active, pigs, 250 to 300; calves, 100 to 150; lower, heavy, \$6 to \$7; yorkers, \$6.50 to \$6.80; stags, \$5 to \$5.25. Sheep and lambs - Receipts, 8700 head; steady; top lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.40; few at \$6.00; heavy, \$4.75 to \$5.25; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.50; ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.40; sheep, top mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; culls to good, \$3 to \$4.50.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 3. - Receipts, 215; all consigned direct; no sales reported. Exports to-day, beef estimated, 510 head, 2280 head of calves, 1000 head of calves, receipts, 55; veals steady at \$8.75 to \$9.25. Sheep and lambs, receipts, 482; sheep quiet and steady, lambs steady; sheep, \$4.40 to \$4.40; lambs, at \$4.75 to \$5.00. Hogs, receipts, 4389; no sales reported.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 3. - Cattle - Receipts, 6000 head; 1000 head of cows, 1000 head of steers, 4000 head of calves. Hogs, receipts, 1000; steady; top hogs, \$6.25 to \$6.50; heavy, \$5.75 to \$6.00; stags, \$5.00 to \$5.25. Sheep and lambs - Receipts, 12000 head; steady; top lambs, \$6.25 to \$6.40; few at \$6.00; heavy, \$4.75 to \$5.25; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.50; ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.40; sheep, top mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; culls to good, \$3 to \$4.50.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London, Feb. 3. - Live cattle steady at 12 1/2 to 13 1/2 per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2 per lb.; refrigerated beef, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 per lb.

THAT OLD PAIN AGAIN.

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At 8 1/2c. Printed Wrappers, for Dressing Scaques, Wrappers, Waists, etc., a good assortment of new patterns, regular 10c. and 12c.
BLANKETS, COMFORTERS--reduced.
At \$1.69. A large union Blanket, fast colored borders, guaranteed to wear well, regular \$2.75 a pair.
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\$26.00 Alaska Sable and Electric Seal Combination, 21.00, and 18.50 for 15.00; Black Opposum and Astrachan with Electric Seal Combinations, 13.50 for 11.00
\$15.00 Imitation Mink and Electric Seal for 12.00; 7.50 Cooney for 5.90; 6.50 and 6.00 Astrachan 4.75

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\$26.00 Alaska Sable and Electric Seal Combination, 21.00, and 18.50 for 15.00; Black Opposum and Astrachan with Electric Seal Combinations, 13.50 for 11.00
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