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FILTRATION OF WATER SUPPLIES.

The quality of water for human consumption depends upon the polluting and purifying influences to which it has been subjected before reaching the consumer. It is well known that the general health of a community using a sewage polluted water gradually falls lower and the death rate increases proportionately. Of the diseases most frequently following the use of an impure water, typhoid fever holds, at the present day, the most prominent position in the public eye. It is a curious fact, as yet unexplained, that the change from an impure water to a pure supply diminishes the sickness and death rate, not only from typhoid fever, but also from tuberculosis, pneumonia, and other serious diseases. It is also a fact that in certain cities using a sewage polluted water the death rate from typhoid fever is many times more than that for cities using a filtered water supply taken from the same source.

Generally speaking, there are two methods in use for the filtration of public water supplies: they are known as the "Slow Sand" filtration and "Mechanical" filtration. In the former type, the water filters through beds of sand and gravel at varying rates of from two to five million gallons per acre every twenty-four hours, according to the character of the water. In mechanical filtration, a precipitate is first added to the water, which is then passed through a medium of sand under pressure, the rate of filtration being many times more than in the slow sand filters.

The type of filter best suited for any particular water must be carefully considered before adoption by a municipality, and this can only be done by a competent sanitary engineer. When either system can be used, it resolves itself into a question of primary cost and annual maintenance. The slow sand filters cost, approximately, \$30,000 per million gallons of the daily consumption and about ten per cent. of this per annum for operating; while a mechanical filter costs about one-fourth, and, if carefully operated, a high degree of efficiency as regards purification can be obtained. This is well exemplified at Chatham, Ontario, where for some years filters of this latter class have been in operation, the water treated being that of the river Thames.

Buttonville.

The anniversary services of the Buttonville Methodist church held last Sunday, were a grand success. Two excellent sermons were preached by Rev. T. W. Leggott, Streetsville, and the Thornhill Methodist choir was thoroughly appreciated. No appeal having been made owing to the tea-meeting on the following evening, the collections were considered good at about \$12.00.

On Monday night a sumptuous supper was served in the basement of the church which reflected much credit upon the ladies of the congregation and upon the men who so adroitly handled the large crowd, preventing confusion and yet seating over seventy persons at each table.

The programme was well received as rendered by the Thornhill choir, Miss Glass, Elocutionist, Richmond Hill, and Revs. T. W. Leggott, Streetsville and G. S. Smith Ph. D., Richmond Hill.

The proceeds of the Anniversary (Sunday and Monday) were \$90.00. A social was announced for the following evening which will further augment the funds.

It was rather a remarkable coincidence that this Anniversary Tea-meeting should fall on same date as the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanderson. The pastor, Rev. E. T. Douglas, asked the bride and bridegroom of fifty years ago to rise when he presented them before the audience complimenting them on their youthfulness and on the part they had played at that age in the unique decoration of the church which had been committed largely to their charge. A portrait of the late Rev. Henry Wilkinson of special interest to the older members of the community was suspended amidst the decorations which became more interesting when it was learned that the portrait was a work of art produced by Mrs. Sanderson.

As the aged couple stood before the people the pastor requested all to bow their heads as he offered prayer giving thanks for their long, happy and useful lives, and committing them to the tenderest care of our God that their last days might be among the happiest and sunniest of them all.

Strange.

Jubilee services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church here on Sunday Oct. 2. Rev. Mr. Strachan will preach in the morning and Rev. Mr. Neil, both of Toronto, in the evening. Music will be furnished by the Bolton Presbyterian choir at both services.

KING COUNCIL.

The above Council met at Wright's Hotel, Nobleton, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Members all present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid:—Jos. Billings, month's pay, \$35.00; Mid Wray, repairs to culvert, \$3.50; John Malloy, 30 yds. gravel, \$3.00; Miss E. Tinline, 117 yds. gravel, 11.70; E. & F. McIntyre, burial of indigent child, \$10.00; John Dunning, road work, \$10.00; Hiram Potter, 40 yds. gravel, \$4.00; Edward Marchant, repairs to culvert on Townline, \$2.00; Geo. Burrows, 45 yds. gravel, \$4.50; Jerome Campbell, 50 yds. gravel and work, \$6.00; Geo. D. Morton, 50 yds. gravel, \$5.00; Jos. Ballard, repairs to grader, \$3.55; Geo. J. Jefferson, road grant, \$5.00; J. W. Smelser, 90 yds. gravel and work, \$15.50; Calvin Doan, extra services re Glenville dam, \$3.00.

Duggan—Lemon—That the following sheep claims be paid being a value of same:—Alex. Tatton, \$31.33; Ira B. Shaw, \$6.66; Ellen Sullivan, \$8.00; L. W. Aitchin, \$57.33; John Hanlon, \$46.66; John H. Anning, \$3.33; Michael Hurley, \$6.67; Geo. J. Jefferson, \$8.00; E. Tinline, \$5.00; Henry Copson, \$20.67.

Wells—Duggan—That the following wire fence bonus be paid:—Stephen Leonard, \$6.48; Walter Potter, \$3.92; Ira B. Shaw.

Duggan—Wells—That the usual grant of \$35.00 be made to the Schomberg Agricultural Society, and \$20.00 to the King & Vaughan Plowmens Association.

Wells—Phillips—That the Toronto and York R.R.Co., be paid \$5.00 re statute labor performed in excess of amount required for 1910.

Phillips—Wells—That the Reeve and Councillors Lemon and Duggan be a committee to inspect bridges on 11th con. lot 9 and on sideroad lots 10 & 11, and have such repairs as they deem advisable.

Wells—Phillips—That this Council accept the Bond securities furnished by Robert Rutherford and Artemus Hambleton, tax Collectors for 1910, as satisfactory.

Duggan—Wells—That the Reeve is hereby authorized to consult a Solicitor and have a By-Law prepared re expropriation of a gravel pit on the East half of lot 21 Con. 8 and present same at next meeting of Council. On motion Councillor Lemon demanded Yeas and Nays which resulted as follows:—Yeas Duggan, Wells, Phillips and McMurphy—Nays Lemon. Motion carried.

On motion Council adjourned to meet at Hotel, King City, on Saturday, Oct. 29th.

AN AUTO'S CAPER.

The men who run Eaton's Parcel Auto car had quite an experience last Saturday. When they were speeding past Mr. Goulding's premises at Newton Brook something went wrong with the gearing, and the machine took a header into the ditch. Two teams of horses were secured, and by a strong effort the auto was pulled out on the road. This seemed to give the machine new life, for it shot across the railway track and buried its nose in the opposite ditch. The Metropolitan cars were stopped for over an hour, and the auto lost about five hours by the accident.

Hope.

Mr. Chas. Banks of Langstaff spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. L. Auckland of this place.

Miss Gertrude Nixon has returned to her home "Shady Bank", farm, after spending a few days visiting with relatives in Toronto.

Rev. W. Graham delivered an excellent sermon in the Methodist church here on Sunday last specially prepared for the young men, taking for his text, "And he went his way," Luke xxiiiv.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bullock of Toronto spent from Saturday till Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas, Spruce Lawn.

Mr. Noah Badger of Sherwood spent Sunday with relatives in this vicinity.

Miss M. Bailey of Toronto is spending this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Cook.

Being as fine weather prevailed last week a number from this place took in the Newmarket fair and all report having a fine time.

Mr. Albert Thomas of Toronto spent over Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas.

Some of the friends from this place took in the Harvest Home services held in St. Stephen's church, Maple, last Sunday evening.

Mr. Wm. Malloy has added another improvement to his farm by the erection of a new silo, which he has already filled with this year's ensilage.

Mr. A. McQuarrie is having his farm cleared of a few more stumps by having them blasted by Mr. Chas. McMahon of King.

Mr. William and Miss Minnie Winters of Teston were the guests of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clement last Sunday.

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