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THE WATERWORKS QUESTION

nether or not we should go ahead with the scheme w before the Council. It is not the intention of e Chronicle to say too much about this question. e do not wish to be regarded as advising or dicting, knowing as we do that the citizens, fully as ell as ourselves, must understand the situation and n be counted upon to use their best judgment.

To commence, we fnight as well come out in the en and say that we favor any waterworks system r Durham that will improve our fire fighting contions in the town and serve the domestic requireents of the inhabitants. We are in favor of this, nether or not there is any governmental assistance. e supported the bylaw that was defeated some ears ago and felt then and still feel the ratepayers ade one of the biggest mistakes of their lives when ey voted against the proposition.

This year, conditions are somewhat different. e have an unemployment problem on our hands. common with other towns that employ labor to y extent, the day laborers of the place need work is winter. They have been working short time summer and will need this employment more on at account. We have a duty to the laboring class.

Again, we are informed that the conditions are worable for the extension of our present waterorks system. The price of piping is low. We can istall a waterworks system now cheaper than w ould have done it a few years ago. We do not make his statement, but have been told this is the case.

Another feature is we need waterworks, an nproved system that will take care of our fire hazrds. We all admit this. We have never yet heard nyone, even if they are opposed to the expenditure, ssert that our waterworks system is adequate for ne requirements of the town.

The government this year has voted money to be xpended on public works that will do something to elieve the unemployment situation. Durham has een offered fifty per cent of the cost of an extended ystem that is to cost not more than \$25,000.00.

There are some things the ratepayers must nink out for themselves.

Do we need an extension to our present waterorks system? Would the expenditure of the money e justified? Is it possible that ever again the govrnment will offer to bear any part of the cost of nstallation of such a system? Is it probable that in few years the town will have to undertake this work anyway, and pay all the cost? Should we take dvantage of the present conditions, allow the govrnment to reimburse us to the extent of \$12,500.00, nd, in addition to building our waterworks extenion and providing ourselves with what is regarded is a necessity, supply employment for those of our aboring men who have been on short time all sumner and stand in need of winter employment?

There is nothing to be gained by going into the juestion of a municipal waterworks. It is a forecone conclusion we shall have to take over the existng system—and pay for it. In our humble opinion the waterworks system should be a public-owned stility, not a private concern. It will ultimately pay for itself and become a revenue producer for the town. As a utility that is a necessity it should be owned by the people and controlled by them. A waterworks system will grow. As time passes more and more services will be added, and with its acquirement now, it will be surprising how few years will go before it is a dividend-paying asset, not a liability. This is what other towns have found, and Durham will be no exception.

So far as this newspaper is concerned, we endorse the waterworks extension scheme. To us it appears about the best venture the town has embarked on in a good many years. We have tried our hand at industries and have paid the price. Why not now take up something on which we cannot lose, something we shall require anyway in a very few years, and something which will ultimately be of benefit to every resident of the town?

Frankly, we are not attempting to pose as a know-all in the scheme. We have heard the matter discussed at all meetings of the Council and believe the proposition to be sound. Moreover, it provides an adequate water supply for the residents of Upper Town, something which they do not now possess and which they stand in need of. We would ask the ratepayers to do their own thinking. Don't get seded one way or the other. But think! Reit is your town; it will be your waterworks.

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CHOOL GRANTS

n for the additional igh school a few | formant?

years ago there were some in town who did not think very much of the idea and did not hesitate to say so. While this newspaper has always tried to respect other people's opinions, we took the stand at the time that the additional expenditure on the Durham High school was necessary if we were to continue to receive the maximum grants from the Department each year. Subsequent grants have borne us out in our contention.

And now comes word from Alliston that the Hold decent folk in terror bound; Department of Education has cut off the grants to the High school in that town for the reason that it was not up to specifications. As a result Alliston, according to the Herald, will start immediately upon the erection of a new building. In a letter to the The big question before the citizens of the town secretary of the High school board from the acting Such pranks as these give them de the present time is the matter of waterworks and deputy Minister of Education it was made quite plain that the grants to the Alliston school are to be withheld "until such time as the Minister of Education is assured that no further time will be lost in providing a new High school."

According to the Herald, the editor of which, Mr. F. B. Elliott, is a member of the board, they anticipated the action of the department by one day and had already passed a resolution undertaking the erection and equipment of a new building to be completed by September 1931.

Durham ratepayers might have found themselves in the same position as Alliston had they not voted almost unanimously in favor of the High school bylaw of a few years ago. We make use of Then hied him to Smith's radio room bed to lofty mines in Bolivia. Some this in order to show the public that this newspaper, the Durham High school board and the ratepayers were perfectly right when they decided in no uncertain manner that the town must keep to the fore in matters educational if they hoped to share in the county and provincial grants.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Supposing you were a member of the Old Age Pensions Board and the following case was brought to your notice, what would you do?

A man living in Manitoba applied for an Old Age Pension. He took an affidavit that he had been a continuous resident of Manitoba for 60 years. He was of the required age, was in need of the money and the pension was granted.

This man about a year ago moved from Manitoba to North Wellington, in Ontario. He applied to the Ontario Old Age Pensions Commission through the local organization for a pension. He took an affidavit he had been a continuous resident of Ontario for 81 years. He was of the required age and his application was favorably considered. He was granted the

In checking up with each other, the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario found that there was a man in North Wellington, Ontario, who was drawing an old age pension from each province. He had sworn in Manitoba he had been a continuous resident for 60 years; he took the oath in Ontario that he had continuously resided in this province for 81 years.

Supposing you were a member of the Old Age Pensions Board and this case was before you, what would you do? What could you do? What would the ratepayers of this province expect you to do?

Why, certainly, you would. You would cancel that man's old age pension so quickly that the ink would scarcely be dry on the cancellation paper when he received it. And you would have done the right thing, the only honorable thing you could do if you expected to hold the confidence and respect of the people of Ontario whose servant you were, and who looked upon you to guard their interests against such cases as these.

And this is the case that was cancelled in North Wellington on the 29th day of July last, the day following the election, and which Dr. Blair of Arthur, the newly-elected member from that riding sand volumes leave the Bible House in complained of on the floor of the House at Ottawa, charging the Ontario officials with "playing politics" with the Old Age Pensions Act.

It is not necessary to say anything more on the subject. Dr. Blair may have been the innocent victim, but even his innocence cannot clear him of blame for making the statements attributed to him. He should have learned the facts before he committed himself. It is not likely he will ever again be caught in such a display of uncalled for partisanship. In the future he will in all probability cut the cards and take no chances on being dealt a poor hand from R. Kilgour, editorial superintendent a cold deck.

Dr. Blair has not yet made any attempt to prove his case, as called for by the Wellington County Pensions Board; neither has he tendered any apology. We leave it to the ratepayers of Ontario to judge whether or not the Ontario Old Age Pensions Commission is "playing politics" with our old and needy

What would YOU do under similar circum-

Further, the Chronicle is not "talking through its hat" in this case. If necessary we can give the inch long, requiring a powerful microsname of the pensioner referred to above. We can cope to read it, and another two feet tell of his family and show they are financially able Bibles in new languages are the results to keep him. We can give the day and dates if required. We also make the statement that if there is anyone in North Wellington who will oppose the fullest investigation into this "infamous case of party politics" it will be this self-same pensioner and the members of his immediate family. Come out in the open, Dr. Blair. Do your stuff! Who is your in-

CAMPER'S COLUMN

A HALLOWE'EN PARTY

And witches from their haunts ha When ghosts and warlocks roaming

When frightful apparitions peek Through windows, and an entrance

These imps of Satan decorate Our house top with a garden gate, Or cause the windows shake and

They even dock the tails of cattle-

They care not who or how they fright; So our official cop said he Would show them his authority; No one need fear that any harm Would come that night; and no alarm Need any person feel, because The Chief would brook no break

But first he must (to guard the town) Have aid, so swore in Bill McGowan; Tom Whitmore and Bill Lawrence, too, Were bold enough to help him through, While George McKay and Herbert Sill Said they were anxious for the thrills That come from hunting culprits down And they would sure protect the town. Now all were set, in squads of two, A fully-armed and fearless crew; The chief assigned them to their posts

And warned them not to run from ghosts; Where music's charm dispelled

What fate, meanwhile, befell his crew: "Tis sad to state, but still 'tis true, Their courage fied when imps appeared With hair on end their steps they

To where they thought the Chief On brightest corner of main street. And there each told a fearful tale Of sights he'd seen that made him

Gruesome faces and awful shapes, From which most hellish noise escapes. The Chief, when rested by his nap, Straightened up his official cap And out he set to find his aids And see what they had bagged

Soon he found them shivering, shaking, With every nerve and fibre quaking. And listened to blood curdling tales Of awesome sights and groans and

wails; him red-bespattered showed proved 'twas hell sent forth their foes,

legions The town could go to hottest regions. "Go home, then, boys," the chief said to

"These flends of hell, I'll go through So to the darkest nook he hied, And there a figure weird he spied; A grab, a shreik, a shake and then The chief had caught a youth of ten;

In one pocket ripe tomatoes In another rotten 'tatoes; Such were the foes that fought his

And from them all the bravery drew. When next he deputizes men, He'll choose some boys of eight or ten.

"WORLD'S BEST SELLER" HAS EARNED TITLE

Bibles to the Number of 375,000,000 Have Been Disposed Of, and It Still Sells Millions Every Year in Every Quarter of the Globe.

A novel containing every ingredient of popularity that the author can pack into it is considered an extraordinary success if its sale reaches 100,000 copies, writes Wallace Dean in Answers. The Bible has been on sale for hundreds of years, and is still selling at the rate of 12,000,000 copies a year.

"The World's Best Seller" is the distinction it has earned—and very clearly earned, for no other book can approach it in selling power. Every day ten thou-London, England, for almost every nook and cranny on the earth's surfact, and this number represents only a quarter of the British and Foreign Bible Society's output, for printing is also going on constantly in Italy, in China and many other countries.

Every language under the sun is represented; most people have never heard of a fraction of them. In the library of the Bible House are specimens of the Scriptures in nearly 900 different languages, and the number is being constantly added to.

How is it all done? The story of how this world's biggest publishing business is run was related to me by Rev and a romantic story it was. He first conducted me round the library of 17,-786 volumes, the largest biblical collection in the world, and every volume a bit of history.

In a glass case I saw the very latest addition—a Bible containing strange characters which I was told were the language known as Biro, spoken by an African tribe. This translation was the result of years of labor by two women missionaries. There was a New Testament in Teso,

a tongue spoken in the wilds of Uganda, and thousands more in sixty different alphabets, of every conceivable shape and size. There was a Bible half an long and nearly a foot wide.

Bibles in news languages are the results of translations by missionaries. Frequently, when a missionary lands in a foreign country he finds that though there is a language no one has ever

written it, not even an alphabet. It takes him years in the first place to master the language, and after that he begins to translate the Bible into it. Then his troubles begin, for uncivilized natives have quaint ideas about things A missionary once thought of a straight

translation of the words: "What man is SUGAR IS NOW there of you who, if his son shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent?" But he recollected in time that in that part of the world serpents were rather tained new all-time low levels. As one

hours of research and labor, until the lief as world stocks are excessive and work is finished and sent to the Bible a large crop is expected. brought back to be despatched.

thousands a year, and £80,000 a year is ment. spent on binding alone.

most remarkable in existence. To get demand. the Bibles "on the market" as it were, requires the services of nearly a thousand individuals known as colporteurs. There are both men and women among them, and in selling their wares they me." stop at no difficulty.

In the Malay Peninsula and the is lands of the Eastern Archipelago over 221,000 books were sold last year. Colporteurs carried them to Celebes, Borneo, Malacca, and Java, boarded ships in the harbor of Singapore, visited the tin mines and rubber plantations of Perak, and penetrated into regions where even missionaries do not go. In South America they travelled to

the nitrate pampas of Chile, and climmade voyages on the Amazon, and braved perils that the ordinary commercial traveller would consider far beyond the terms of his contract. Sometimes, a little resource is neces-

sary to meet the disinclination of a native to buy. I was told the story of a colporteur named Kim Sung Ho, whose Bibles were caried for him by a donkey called Skylark. Whenever he met natives who pleaded excuses for not purchasing, he said: "Hey, Skylark, take this book!" Obediently the donkey opened its

mouth and took it, whereupon Kim exclaimed: "Now, you see. The donkey takes what a man gives him. Don't be more foolish than a donkey."

And that practical kind of logic rarely failed to open the pockets of everyone around.

NEED AIR CIRCULATION IN SHIPPING CARLOTS

In loading potatoes for movement in bulk carlots care should be taken to ensure complete free circulation of air And swore before they'd face such from the bunker-heaters over, around and under the false flooring, advises R. L. Wheeler, Transportation Specialist of the Dominion Fruit Branch. Before loading commences the shipper should satisfy himself that the car is in good condition, that the false flooring is clear to permit free ar circulation, and that the pre-warming has been sufficient to withdraw all frost from the

body of the car.

CHEAPER THAN SAWDUST

Raw sugar prices have recently atpopular, being, in fact, eaten as lux- business journal in New York says "Sugar is now cheaper than saw-dust" So it goes on, every phrase meaning There is no immediate chance of re-

society in London. There it is looked This result is the hang-over from over, sent out to be printed, and the attempt made in Cuba ten years ago to hold stocks of sugar and control At the Bible House there is a great prices. Prices did go higher, and all warehouse extending from basement over the world where sugar cane or to roof, and containing on the various beets could be grown growers got busy floors over two and a half million vol- The result has been floods of sugar umes. The bill for packing-cases is which have kept up to the present mo-

Despite that early example of the Across all the oceans by steamer, and stupidity of artificial attempts to conover continents by camels, bullock cart trol prices of important commodities or on human heads, the Bibles are car- it has been tried since with rubber ried to the natives awaiting them, who wheat, coffee, copper, silk and the regard the book as a new kind of mir- world is now suffering from the cumulative effects of over-production caused It is at this stage that the distribut- by artificial interference with the nating organization comes in-one of the ural operation of the law of supply and

> Magistrate: "Had you complete command of yourself at the time?" Witness: "No sir. My wife was with

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