

WATERWORKS QUESTION WAS FULLY DISCUSSED

Meeting of Ratepayers Was Large One and Seemed Unanimous That Town Must Do Something For Water Supply.

From the attendance at the public meeting on Tuesday night it is evident that the citizens are becoming more interested in procuring a system of waterworks more in keeping with the needs of the town. A few weeks ago the Council procured the services of James, Proctor and Redfern, consulting engineers, of Toronto, authorized an examination of the different sources of supply and instructed them to draw plans and specifications, as well as an estimate of the cost.

We referred to the report a few weeks ago. Three propositions were taken into consideration: The springs on the hillside at the rear of Mrs. McKechnie's property; the Saugeen River, and Wilder's Lake. The springs were considered by the engineers as the best proposition, as well as the cheapest. The costs figured out \$102,000, \$117,000 and \$156,000, respectively.

Mr. Proctor, one of the firm, met the Council, explained the propositions, and made suggestions and recommendations. At a subsequent meeting of the Council a public meeting was decided on at a date suitable to the engineers so that a member might be present and give a further explanation. The meeting was accordingly called for Tuesday and was fairly representative.

Mr. Proctor was again present and laid his plans before the electors who were permitted free discussion.

Mayor Smith acted as chairman, and after the engineer had given his report and explanations, as well as answering several questions from the ratepayers, Dr. Jamieson was called upon for an expression of opinion. He said he wasn't an engineer, but was of the opinion that Wilder's Lake would be preferable to either of the other propositions, as it would give a gravity pressure.

He thought a four-inch pipe from the lake to supply a stand-pipe in Upper Town might be used and would, he thought, be adequate for all needs. The engineer claimed that less than a ten-inch pipe would not give sufficient pressure, and the big pipe would be a big item in the capital cost of the plant, with no corresponding advantage in the service rendered.

Mr. Calder made a comparison of the estimated costs of hydro with the actual costs and the same might occur in the present case. He referred to estimates in Hanover, which were similarly increased.

The Snell system was even now making improvements that would supply the town needs fairly well for domestic purposes and in the event of a change he was deserving of consideration by the town. As to the need of better fire protection, he thought the present system, supplemented by a chemical engine at a cost of \$2,000 to \$2,500, would meet all requirements and give ample protection.

Mr. Laidlaw said the town was behind the times and getting out of date. The use of wells with safety would soon be a thing of the past. He pointed out also that we had practically no fire protection, and after congratulating the Council on bringing the matter before the people, signified his willingness to support a by-law if assured of a sufficient supply of water. He took his seat amid considerable applause.

Mr. H. A. Hunter evidently desired information and asked many questions. He, too, said the town should do something to keep up with the times. Better fire protection is needed and although he had spent several hundred dollars in a domestic water supply, he was willing to lose that for the sake of getting an up-to-date system for the town as a whole.

It was then moved by C. Ramage, seconded by W. Laidlaw, that the sense of this meeting is that the Council should proceed to ascertain the will of the electors and act accordingly. This motion was voted on by a show of hands and carried unanimously, as no one voted against it.

As the matter now stands, the Council will likely instruct the engineers to make further investigations regarding the water supply; a fuller understanding will undoubtedly be required from Mrs. McKechnie and Mr. Snell, and another public

meeting called. Should the report be favorable it is altogether likely that the vote will be taken in January and work commenced next spring.

KNOX CHURCH, NORMANBY, HAD GOOD ANNIVERSARY

Both Sunday Services Well Attended and Good Crowd at Garden Party Monday Evening.

The annual anniversary of Knox Church, Normanby, is once more a thing of the past, and has been pronounced a successful one.

On Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. the Rev. George Kendall of Dundalk, a former pastor, preached at both services and on both occasions gave exceedingly thoughtful discourses that will be of value to the congregation. At both services the church was crowded and the accommodation far from adequate.

The annual lawn party on Monday evening was held on the school grounds and, judging from the number present, must have been considered a success. The evening, however, was too cool for the sale of ice cream and kindred products, but even at that the booth did a fair business and was pretty well sold out before the gathering dispersed.

A good program was a strong feature of the gathering, and the Knox congregation lived up to their former reputation of providing a good program. The Dromore Quartette, Mr. E. D. McClocklin, the Lennox sisters, the Misses Florence and Janette Kerr, Miss W. Blyth, Mr. P. Ramage, Miss Kerr and Mr. P. Ramage were all there with song and story, as was also Miss Brown of Bunessan with her violin.

For the heavy part of the program Rev. Mr. Kendall delivered one of his usual good addresses, interspersed with sense and nonsense. His address was a good one and besides furnishing entertainment at times, he had much good advice to give. The chairman's address was chiefly noted for its brevity, Rev. Mr. Burnett stating that his address was R. R. No. 2 Holstein.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

LATE JAMES LAVELLE WAS WELL-KNOWN HERE

Former Durham Resident and Well-Known Railwayman Passed Away at Stratford Home on Monday.

Last week we referred to the serious condition of Mr. James Lavelle, Sr., a former resident of this place, but for the past few years a resident of Stratford, who was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis, but whose condition was believed improved at the time we went to press. Tuesday morning we received word that he had passed away the night previous, but beyond the news of his death, we have received no particulars.

The late Mr. Lavelle was possibly one of the best-known railwaymen who ever ran out of Palmerston, and was, we believe, the conductor of the first passenger train that ever came into Durham. Genial to a degree, Mr. Lavelle never let friendship interfere with his duty to his employers and during the long time he was an employee of the Grand Trunk he always held the respect and esteem of his employers and the travelling public as well. For the past few years Mr. Lavelle has been an inspector for the company, having his own private car and engine, and was, we believe, on duty almost up to the time when he was taken ill.

He was twice married, his first wife dying over twenty years ago. He subsequently married Miss O'Neil, daughter of Mrs. Peter O'Neil of Glenelg, and for a number of years has been a resident of Stratford. By his first marriage, a family of six sons and one daughter survive: John, in Toronto, James in Durham, William in St. Marys, Harry in Brampton, Russell and Boyd in Stratford and Lottie, married and living, we believe, in Chicago.

Two sons are deceased, Charlie, who died at St. Marys at the time of the first flu epidemic, and Leonard, killed overseas. By his second marriage we understand he leaves, besides his widow, one daughter.

The funeral takes place this morning at Stratford.

Mr. Lavelle, who was in his 70th year, was born in Goderich in 1853, was a man apparently remarkably well preserved and the news of his sudden illness and death was a shock to his friends here who deeply sympathize with the wife and family in their sorrow.

W. E. McALISTER CALLED BY DEATH

Well-known Resident of Normanby Answers Last Call After An Illness of Three Months.—Interment Made in Scotland Cemetery, Brant Co., on Monday Afternoon.

Mr. W. E. McAlister, a resident of this town and vicinity since 1878 passed away at his home in Normanby on Friday evening last at the age of 85 years.

He was born at Oakland in the County of Brant in 1838 and when a young man travelled for the William Paterson Biscuit and Confectionery Company of Brantford for a period of twelve years. In 1878 he came to Durham and purchased what was known as the McAlister House from the late H. J. Middaugh and carried on a successful hotel business for nine years. While there his genial and gentlemanly conduct and the free and off-hand way in which he treated his customers made him many friends.

About 1887 he sold the business, furniture and furnishings to Mr. Joseph Black, who ran it for a time and sold out his interest to Angus McNeil. In the early 90's the late Con. Knapp entered the business and purchased the building from Mr. McAlister, who had been living since his sale in 1887 on Lot 2, Con. 3, Normanby, on what he named "Springbank Farm," and remained there to the time of his death.

Deceased was married three times, first to Miss Lenora Miller of Oakland, who died within a year, subsequently to Miss Mary A. Wheeland of Scotland, County of Brant, and who died in 1881, leaving one son, Thomas, the only family, now residing on the homestead in Normanby. His third wife was Miss Maggie Lander of Durham, who predeceased him by eleven years.

Mr. McAlister was of United Empire Loyalist descent, his forbears having come from the United States in 1776 after the American revolution.

Three brothers survive as follows: Robert in Idaho, Arthur in Brantford, Charles in Galt, and four sisters, Mrs. Holding in Saskatoon, Sask., Mrs. Westbrook of Oakland, Miss Annie McAlister and Mrs. Bannister, both of Oakland.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Mr. Burnett, was held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was largely attended. Interment was made in Scotland cemetery in Brant County on Monday afternoon, the remains being taken there by motor hearse. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAlister accompanied the remains and were present at the last sad rites.

The deceased was always an exceedingly active man and was never sick until the first week in June, when he was taken ill and failed gradually up to the time of his death on Friday evening at seven o'clock. He was a Presbyterian in religion and, as far as we have ever known, was strictly temperate in his habits. In politics he was a pronounced Liberal. He was a man widely known, and a highly esteemed member of the community.

SIR WILLIAM R. MEREDITH SUCCUMBS TO CHILL

Chief Justice of Ontario Passed Away Tuesday at Montreal.

After about a week's illness, Sir William Ralph Meredith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, died on Tuesday night about 10.15 at Victoria Hospital, Montreal. He was in his 84th year and died from acute intestinal trouble brought on by a chill he suffered while bathing in the sea at Scarborough Beach, Maine, where he had gone a couple of weeks previously to pass a month with his family.

He was born in Westminster Township, near London, County of Middlesex, on the 31st of March, 1840. He received his primary education in the old London Grammar school. He studied law in Toronto and was called to the bar in 1861. In 1872 he was elected to the Ontario Legislature as Conservative representative for the city of London and in 1878 was chosen as leader of the Conservative Opposition and for sixteen years held the minority leadership against Sir Oliver Mowat. In 1894 he was defeated and, leaving politics decided to devote the remainder of his life to the duties of the bench. In 1913 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1896.

TRINITY CHURCH GARDEN PARTY HAD RECORD ATTENDANCE

An Ideal Evening and an Ideal Location Brought Out Record Crowd.

Trinity Church garden party last Thursday evening was, perhaps, the record one of this congregation so far. While cool, the evening was an ideal one for a lawn gathering, and it would be quite a task to find a more suitable place for the holding of a lawn social than on Mr. A. Crutchley's spacious lawn north of the town.

The booth did a big business and the crowd present ate up everything that was for sale. The principal objection seemed to be the difficulty experienced in getting waited on, so great was the demand.

The program, too, was a good one. Besides Durham's good Citizens' Band, which rendered a full program, the Rocky Saugeen orchestra, consisting of Messrs. R. Lawson, S. McArthur, William and Elias Edge, and Alex. Lawson at the piano, was present and enlivened the big crowd when they broke into some of the real snappy selections for which they are noted. The music was all that could be desired.

Besides an evening full of music, the program was enriched by readings by Mr. E. D. McClocklin, vocal duets by the Misses Bell, and a couple of cornet solos by Mr. Harry Huggill, which, with Band accompaniment, were very fine.

The Matthews children of Egremont, too, with their dancing dolls, provided a good deal of amusement.

The proceeds of the evening were nearly \$150, and the church treasury will, as a consequence, be considerably better off.

DURHAM BOWLERS WON AT HARRISTON TOURNAMENT

Capture First and Second Prizes in Face of Stiff Opposition.—Twenty Rinks Were Present.

Two teams of Durham bowlers attended the Harriston tournament on Thursday of last week and when the battle was over it was found that they stood in first and second places, while Mount Forest held the third position.

There were twenty rinks present at the tournament and the competition was keen all along the way.

The prizes in the first event were Pyrex Casseroles, and the rink winning it was composed of Messrs. T. Henderson, Robert Macfarlane, J. H. Hunter and T. G. Goodchild, skip.

The second prize, four cut glass cream and sugar sets, was won by a rink composed of A. B. Currey, T. M. McFadden, C. A. Robbins and W. C. Pickering, skip.

The third event, the prizes for which were four thermos bottles, went to a Mount Forest rink skipped by a Mr. McPherson.

On Monday night a rink skipped by Dad Merriam came down from Chatsworth in an effort to lift the Halladay trophy but were unsuccessful.

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN MUSKOKA HOTEL FIRE

The Wawa, Noted Summer Hotel, Burned to Ground in Sixteen Minutes Last Sunday Morning.

The Wawa Hotel, a large wooden structure on the Lake of Bays, Muskoka, was totally destroyed by fire about 12.30 on Sunday morning, when eight lives were lost and many injured. About two hundred guests and sixty employees were in the hotel at the time and the building was completely destroyed in sixteen minutes after the fire was discovered.

The inmates made a hasty escape, few of them being able to save more than their night apparel.

The building was erected about twenty years ago and has been a popular summer resort during the whole period of its existence. It was operated by the Canadian Railway News Company and valued at about \$200,000, partly insured. As the hotel register was destroyed it is impossible to tell the exact number of guests, nor is it yet definitely known who are dead or missing.

The fire is thought to have originated at the foot of the elevator and that it may have been caused by a cigarette or cigar stub.

EXHIBITION OPENS SATURDAY

The Toronto Exhibition will open on Saturday and will continue for two full weeks. Every year we tell the same story of this being the "World's Greatest Annual Exhibition." We have been a regular visitor every year for twenty years or more and always enjoy it.

AMERICAN FARMERS IN CRITICAL TIME

Foreign Countries Able to Undersell Western Grain in Liverpool Market, Says Roger W. Babson, the Noted American Financial Expert.

Roger W. Babson of Wellesley Hills, Mass., the noted American statistician, last week issued the following statement regarding the crop situation. Mr. Babson is not as bearish regarding the immediate condition of the farmer as are many of his contemporaries, but he does feel that the farming situation will reach a crisis this fall. There is much in Mr. Babson's report and it should be of interest to Canadian as well as American farmers.

"Twenty years ago the great news item affecting industries, commerce and business in general was the monthly report of the crop situation. For days before these crop reports were issued, bankers, manufacturers and merchants would speculate on their probable figure. For days after these crop reports were issued newspapers would have editorials and comments thereon. I well remember when the telegraph lines and the ticker service would be held up pending the issue of the monthly crop report in Washington. Such an interest, however, no longer exists. Crop reports are now issued without much comment. There is little or no suspense and speculation. Whether we have become hardened to the situation or whether more important things have come into our lives, only the future can tell.

"Crops, however, are still a very important factor, for they are the basis of American prosperity. Unless the farmer is prosperous the nation cannot be prosperous. Nearly a third of our population is dependent upon the crops for its income, especially on such crops as wheat and corn. If these farmers cannot make money, they cannot buy goods. The farmers supply the greatest buying power in the country. When the farmer loses money the buying power of the country is seriously curtailed. This is one of the great reasons for the bearish attitude taken to-day by financiers. The farming centres are depressed. It is possible of course that conditions during the next few months may entirely change the situation for the better. The only point I desire to make is that the farmer has reached a very critical period, and the next few months will determine whether a year of effort will give him a profit or a loss. A bushel of grain must bring in exchange—that is, in other goods,—as much as it brought in pre-war times before this country can have real prosperity.

"At the close of the war America was raising the grain for itself and a large part of Europe. Since the war Europe has seeded down large areas and has correspondingly increased production of grain. Other countries, such as Canada, the Argentine, and Australia, owing to cheaper labor costs, are competing keenly with American farmers and are under-selling American grain in Liverpool, the wheat market of the world. As a result the American farmer is facing a bumper crop, and at the same time carrying over about one hundred million bushels from last year's crop. As it is very difficult to increase the consumption of wheat through any advertising or other propaganda this puts our American farmers in a very critical situation. Hence, during the next few months, the crop reports, not only of this country but of other great countries, should be studied very carefully. The American farmer should not yet give up hope. As stated, something may happen, in this or some other country, which may entirely change the situation one way or the other. One thing, however, we all should keep in mind namely, that unless the farmer is prosperous the rest of us cannot be prosperous. Hence, it is up to all of us to help the farming situation in every practical way.

"This agricultural situation is largely responsible for the drop in the Babson chart from its high point of 11 per cent. above normal in March to 4 per cent. below normal where it stands at the present time. The truth is that the farmers are greatly curtailing their buying and this is being reflected throughout all industries. When the farmer stops buying from the retailer, the retailer stops buying from the jobber, the jobber stops buying from the manufacturer, and the manufacturer shuts down his plant. It is easy to tell them that they must suf-

fer with the rest, but the fact is that the farmers are suffering more than the rest. Moreover, the action of the stock markets and commodity markets to-day is largely due to the suffering of the farmers."

The above statement from America's foremost statistician, a man who for years has been one of the outstanding financial barometers of the United States is well worth pondering over. While his report is intended for the American farmer and business man, it is well worth the perusal of the Canadian farmer, many of whom, perhaps, have entertained the idea that their lot in the present financial depression was, perhaps, a little harder than that of their cousins to the south. As a matter of fact, it is considerably better.

Canadian farmers and businessmen may well ponder over Mr. Babson's statement that the Canadian and other farmers are under-selling the American farmer in Liverpool, which Mr. Babson designates "the wheat market of the world." We sometimes hear some people talking as though they thought the price of wheat was set at Chicago. In the past few years The Chronicle has on many occasions pointed out that Liverpool is the port that dictates the price on wheat, but in many cases without success. With Liverpool "the wheat market of the world" and Canada a very important part of the British Empire, properly handled, the Canadian farmer should have a decided advantage over either the American or the Argentine farmer in the sale of his wheat. Australia is a competitor, it is true, but the Empire is big enough for both. Bad as is the plight of the Canadian farmer, we think his chances are a whole lot brighter than those of his American cousin to the south.

KANSAS EDITOR MADE ERROR IN ISSUE OF WEEKLY PAPER

Was Told About It By a Good Subscriber, But Had Good Come-back.

We made a mistake in last week's issue of The Sentinel, says the Editor of the Glen Elder, Kansas, Sentinel. A good subscriber told us about it.

The same day there was a letter in our post office box that didn't belong to us. We called for "98" over the telephone and got "198." We asked for a spool of No. 50 thread and when we got home we found it was No. 60. The train was reported thirty minutes late. We arrived at the depot twenty minutes after train time and the train was gone. We got our milk bill and there was a mistake of ten cents in our favor. We felt sick and the doctor said we were eating too much meat. We hadn't tasted meat in two months. The garageman said the jitney was missing because it needed a new timer. We cleaned a spark plug and it's run fine ever since.

Yes, we made a mistake in last week's issue of the paper.

PAISLEY SOW MADE RECORD IN NUMBERS OF PROGENY

Fifteen Litters in Nine Years, With a Total of 171, is Believed To Be a Record.

Mr. Ernest C. Wilkins of North street, Paisley, according to The Advocate of that place, last week sold an aged sow that goes to the graveyard of all good porkers—the packing house—leaving behind her a record that is not equalled by many of her class. Mr. Wilkins bought this sow nine years ago when she was only a "pup" and kept her for breeding purposes. She has raised fifteen litters since then, the whole of her family numbering 171 head, of which a very large percentage lived to the utility of age at which they are now transferred by almost painless process into food products for the human race. This old lady was putting forth her best productive efforts during the war period when everybody who could was called upon to "feed a pig." In her old age she developed into a massive bulk of sausage material, weighing 530 pounds when put on the scales for market.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

It is not our custom to take a holiday and during the twenty-seven years we have been on The Chronicle we have suspended publication for a week on only three or four occasions. This year we are forced to lay off for one week in order to catch up with job work which has been piling up on us. Our next issue will therefore appear Sept. 6,