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THE WATERWORKS BY-LAW

The electors will have an opportunity on the 7th of January to vote on a by-law authorizing a system of waterworks for the Town of Durham.

The amount involved in the by-law is \$44,000, for which the town will issue debentures extending over a period of thirty years. A full understanding of the question is necessary for the ratepayers in order that an intelligent vote may be cast, and in order that the case may be clearly presented a public meeting will be held in the near future, when the engineers are expected to be present and give full information.

At the outset it may be said that the \$44,000 to be voted on will not cover the whole cost of the system. This amount is considered sufficient to buy out the existing system, to pay necessary cost of water privileges, and to complete the system for the laying of mains which will be done on a frontage system. Property owners, on petitioning the Council, will have mains put in along streets when installations and connections may be made to the houses desiring water. The figures and probable costs will be given by the engineers, as well as other information.

We need waterworks, and if we fail to vote in favor of them when we have the opportunity we'll soon have them forced upon us whether we like it or not. The public health is one of the first things to consider, and the menace in this direction is getting worse every year.

Many of the diseases in this and other urban communities is traceable to an impure water supply, and the wells are now, or soon will be, unfit for domestic use. The absence of a sewage system and the increased and increasing number of cess-pools are constantly making matters worse. We have been fortunate during the past year in having comparatively little sickness of a malignant type, but the proximity of cess-pools to existing wells has a contaminating influence that may break out in disease and death at any time.

For protection against fire, too, we are only poorly supplied. With our present fire-fighting equipment our condition is not good. True, a fire may not soon occur. We hope it may not, but there is no telling when the devouring element may sweep down upon us. A single fire in the business part of the town would soon destroy enough property to install a system of waterworks, or go a long way towards its installation. Should fire occur and property be destroyed there is but little chance of it being replaced under present conditions.

Again, since we claim to have risen to the dignity of a town, every citizen should have an interest in having it compare favorably with other towns, and we know of few places the size of Durham that are not supplied with waterworks. We have said nothing about the benefits to be derived from a reduction in the rates on fire insurance. This might not be a great deal, but every citizen would enjoy increased protection against loss.

A good waterworks system in addition to being a protection to the town as a whole, would become a revenue producer from the time of its installation, and would possibly be self-sustaining in a very short time.

A NEWSPAPER'S PRIVILEGE

The Warton Canadian-Echo changed hands a few months ago and the new editor entered the field with rosy prospects of giving his readers a paper in which politics should be dealt with in a spirit of independence. He started out with good intentions and high hopes of showing just how the business should be conducted from a one-paper town, but he soon found he was running up against snags, and has decided that the best thing is to give politics a wide berth. Surrounded by all kinds of political readers, he got himself in hot water from all angles. Reading between the lines we imagine he was an admirer of the U.F.O. party before he took up the editorial quill, but to be consistent in his claim for independence, he had to censure the party as well as praise it and this is where he ran on the rocks. In his praises he pleased part of the party but displeased the

WORLD PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO A GREAT NATION BUILDER

Passing of Lord Shaughnessy Calls Forth Expressions of Admiration and Respect For the Man of Far Vision and Unflinching Determination, Whose Monument Is As Much in Canada's Greatness as in the Railroad He Helped to Build.

On December 10th, at Montreal, Death stilled the keen mind which for forty-two years had been ever at the disposal of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the strong hand which for twenty years had held the lever of that gigantic machine, the gallant heart which had ever been attuned to the music of the giant company's locomotives. Taking away Lord Shaughnessy, he took away with him the last of the old guard of the great pioneers of Canada's pioneer trans-continental. The departure of this monumental man is significant of the changing times, a mark of the Dominion's passing into manhood.

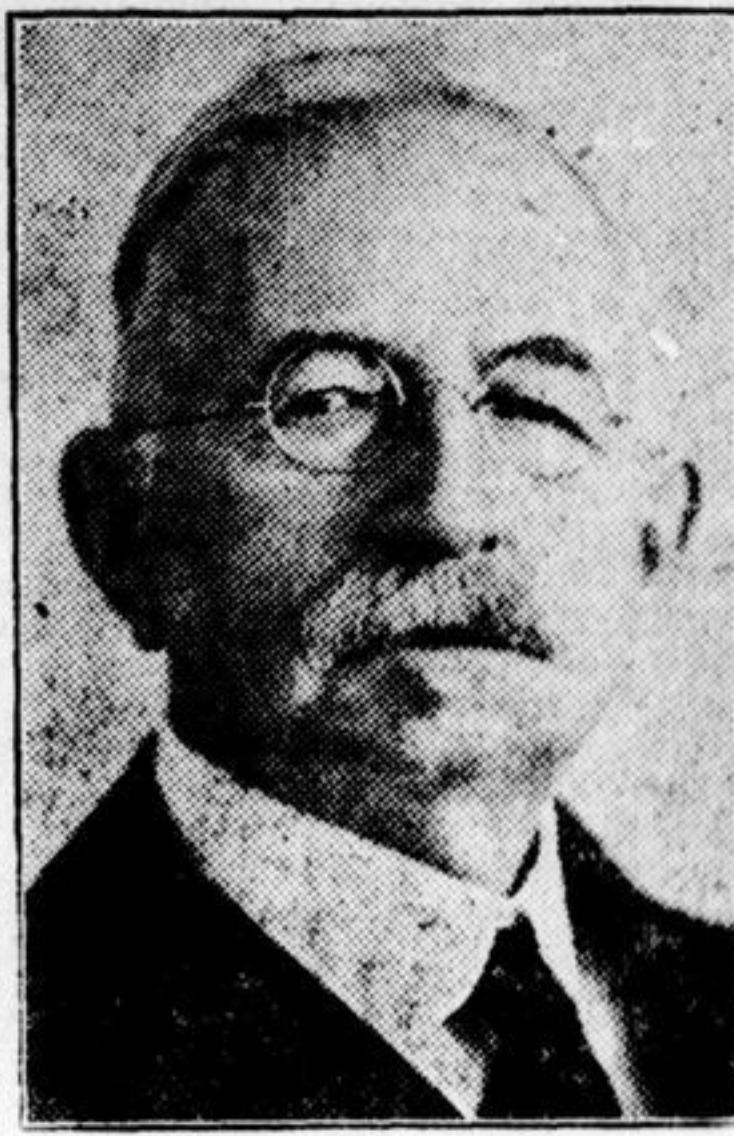
The details of Lord Shaughnessy's truly wonderful career have been recapitulated so often of late that there is little need to run over them here. Born in 1853, at Milwaukee, of Irish ancestry, he studied for the law, felt the lure of great railway work, entered the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway as clerk at the age of sixteen, and in ten years rose to the position of General Storekeeper. In 1882, when Sir William Van Horne took over the management of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he at once engaged the young man he had known with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, offering him the position of Assistant General Manager. In 1891 the Vice-Presidency, and in 1898 the Presidency. This position he held until 1918, when he retired to accept the office of Chairman of the Board of Directors, which he retained to the moment of his death. Meanwhile came many honours—in 1901, a Knight Bachelor, in 1907 a Knight Commander of the Victorian Order, in 1916 a Baron, and high appointments in the many civil organizations in which he was interested.

Lord Shaughnessy was a man of vision, of tremendous energy, brilliant and incisive, a great executive, a great financier—almost everything but a politician. Canada will never realize the full extent of what it owes to the steadfast faith, buoyant optimism, foresight and sheer hard work of Lord Shaughnessy in his desire to build up Canada through the agency of the vast company he headed.

Lord Shaughnessy was unsurpassed as an administrator. His discipline was strict but tempered with justice, kindness and a keen sense of humor which made his followers love him. His attitude towards Labour was well known. It was rightly said by the company's employees that any dispute might safely be left to him, and his frequent pronouncements in favour of giving the workman as great an opportunity for self-improvement and enjoyment as the employer caused the employer of the

Grits and the Tories, and if he undertook a word of censure he had the U.F.O. party down on him and evidently didn't get much credit from either of the other parties. Now he has quit politics and will likely steer clear of all political parties. In a town with only one paper it seems that this is the better plan. It isn't easy for a man with political leanings to attempt independence. The party you favor naturally expects to be favored always. No matter how sincere a man may be he cannot possibly establish confidence in the others. Strict neutrality is about the only course he can follow, and then he throws himself open to be dubbed as a coward by all parties. A political trimmer isn't going to retain the public confidence for long. There is always reason for suspicion and very few will place confidence in the man who trims his sails to every breeze. If a man wants to leave his own party and throw his influence in with another, he has a right to do so, provided the change of heart is based on principle and not influenced through an expectation of monetary gain. A straddle-the-fence is never able to command the respect and confidence of the best-thinking people. The man who takes a decided stand in politics has a right to do so, and there seems no reason why his honest and sincere views should not be respected. This, we think, should apply to a newspaper publisher in a one-paper town as well as to any one else. Fair criticism and discussion of any political question is always in order but it should be honestly made, even at the risk of offending some of the readers. There is no chance of pleasing all, but a moral certainty of displeasing some. If a man wants to desert his party there is no reason for not doing so, but in going over into the other pasture he should get clean over the fence and right into the field, with bells on. There will then be no doubt as to where he stands, but the fellow on the fence is always hard to locate.

The small boy in the household says the calendar is all wrong. The longest days of the year are those from now until Christmas morning.—St. Catharines Standard.



The late Right Honorable Lord Shaughnessy, First Baron Shaughnessy of Montreal and of Ashford, County Limerick, Ireland, K.C.V.O., F.R.C.I.

old school to tremble. Finally, he was a great Canadian and a great believer in the British Empire.

From all parts of the world have come stirring tributes to this leader among men. H. M. the King cabled Lady Shaughnessy as follows:

"The Queen and I are grieved to hear of your bereavement, in which we offer you our sincere sympathy. We shall always preserve the pleasantest memories of Lord Shaughnessy and of his unflinching kindness and consideration, both to ourselves and to members of my family." H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, His Excellency the Governor-General and the Hon. W. H. Taft, ex-President and now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, stand out among the thousands who also cabled or wired their tributes.

From the Press came such appreciations as this, published by the Montreal Star: "Great builders are few and the British Empire counts herself fortunate in the long roll of brilliant servants who have spent themselves unsparringly in her interests. . . . These builders are few because in them are assembled many talents, great aspirations (often seemingly contradictory) and idiosyncrasies of temperament that, leavened with unselfishness, the noblest gift of the gods, make up that indefinable quality which the world calls greatness. They are men of far vision and of the rugged determination that refuses to be balked by imposing obstacles, with an infinite capacity for work and a joy in its accomplishment; men who can dream great things and impress their fellow-workers with the reality and

the practicability of those dreams after dawn.

"Lord Shaughnessy, whose passing Canada mourns today, was a man of this calibre, and because of the intangible nature of that essence which makes for greatness and crystallizes leadership, the record of his characteristics, his gifts and his achievements must leave much untold. Yet in the qualities that were revealed to his friends and associates, in the firmness of purpose and the strength of character displayed, in the very ascent of the ladder of success, rung by rung, Lord Shaughnessy has bequeathed a heritage to the youth of Canada of splendid inspiration and to the men who have lived through the historic years with him he has left a glad remembrance.

"I have set up a monument more lasting than bronze" wrote the great Horace two thousand years ago. The words might be carved upon every line of railway of the system which Lord Shaughnessy did so much to bring to greatness as an epitaph of his life. Himself of strict integrity, he carried the principle of the strictest code of ethics into the administration of the road he loved so warmly and for which he laboured so untrudgingly. . . . The Empire mourns a great pro-consul."

And this, from the London Times, ever the spokesman for the heart of that Empire: "The romance, imagination and fine courage of the Empire builder are blended in the life story of Lord Shaughnessy. Himself a native of the United States, he lived to become not only a citizen of the Dominion of Canada across the border but most essentially a citizen of the British Empire, for his whole-hearted and efficient work was not merely dedicated to the service of his country. Under his administration, the double track branched and extended so as to carry new settlers every year into the farmlands of Ontario, through the gateways of the West into the wheat-fields of the prairies, and beyond the Rockies into the valleys of British Columbia. In building the greatness of the company he served, he helped to build the greatness of his beloved country and of the Empire as well. . . . Of Lord Shaughnessy it may be said that he was a living instance of the manner in which Britain's overseas dominions assimilate the many elements of which they are composed. He came to Canada from a foreign country as a servant; he remained to be honoured by the King, to whom he gave such loyal allegiance, and to be recognized universally among his fellow-countrymen as the first citizen of the Dominion."

The gap left in the ranks of true Christian gentlemen by the sudden and premature snapping of this steel link with the old railroad builders is very large.

was interesting and varied, consisting of recitations, solos, and duets, all selections being appropriate and well rendered.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. D. Robertson and family of Glamis spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Allen left for Edmonton, Alberta, Wednesday morning, where they will spend the next three or four months with their daughter, Mrs. A. W. Davis.

Mr. William Searf of Toronto visited relatives and friends here over Sunday.

Mr. Thomas H. Binnie was recently elected to a position on the Directorate of the Farmers' Sun Publishing Company, Toronto.

Miss Deil Lauder has been successful in passing her probationary examination in a Toronto hospital, and will continue in training as a nurse.

Mr. Walter Burns is ill at present with a bad attack of bronchitis, and under the doctor's care.

Mrs. David Allen returned home from Toronto, where she visited with her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Stegman.

Mr. Thomas Pollock of Sceptre, Sask., arrived from the West Monday night and expects to remain till midsummer. He was a pioneer resident of Egremont and lived at Pollock's Corners. He had been West a number of times but settled there permanently in 1910. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Thomas Daniel, whom he is now visiting. Before going West he expects to renew acquaintances with his many Egremont friends and later to visit relatives in Hamilton.

Mrs. (Rev.) Smith has been confined to her home for the past couple of weeks from the effects of a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Alex. Kearney of Schomberg is spending a few days in town.

Mr. M. J. Bolger, of Alliston, a former proprietor of the Middaugh House here, was in town to-day re-

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newing old acquaintances. Mr. Bolger was on his way through to Detroit to spend the Christmas season with his daughter, Miss Stella, and also his sister, a resident of the City of the Straits. Mr. Bolger was looking well and we were pleased to have a short call from him this morning.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected December 20, 1923.

Table with market prices for various goods like Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hides, Sheepskins, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys.

Christmas Cake

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DURHAM CHILDREN MADE HIT AT PAISLEY CONCERT

Cameron Children Well Received At Concert In That Village.

At the Paisley Baptist anniversary entertainment last Monday evening Miss Miriam and Master Eben Cameron of this place furnished the program, and the following is the report sent to The Owen Sound Sun-Times by its Paisley correspondent:

The entertainment was about the best juvenile concert a Paisley audience has had the pleasure of hearing for some time. Eben Cameron is a lad about 12 years of age and his sister Miriam a year or two older, and as entertainers they are youthful prodigies. Both children have pleasing personalities and their clear enunciation make it a pleasure to listen to them. They have fine voices and wonderful powers of thought interpretation. The program

RICHARD PORTICE NOT GUILTY OF THEFT OF CATTLE

Jury Returned Verdict at Walkerton On Friday in Cattle-stealing Case.

Richard Portice of Kinloss Township, charged with the theft of 19 head of cattle from Robert Malcolm, a well-known dairyman of that township, was acquitted by a jury at the December court session last Friday night. The jury went out at 5:30 p.m. and returned at 7 o'clock with a verdict of not guilty. The case lasted for three days. O. E. Klein of Walkerton defended Portice, and C. S. Cameron, K.C., Owen Sound, appeared for the prosecution.

O. A. C. AT GUELPH SUFFERS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BY FIRE

Fire Discovered At Early Hour On Saturday and Prompt Alarm Kept Down Damage.

Damage amounting to several hundred dollars was caused by fire which broke out in a room adjoining and at the rear of the dining hall at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Saturday at an early hour. One of the employees of the institution first noticed a blaze and sent in an alarm to the fire hall. The flames were checked before they had reached the rest of the building.

CRISP COMMENT

Surprise parties seem to be very popular these days. Especially with burglars.—Toronto Telegram.

What we need is not people who will rewrite the Bible, but people who will reread it.—New York Tribune.

Looks like an armistice between Brother Morrison and Brother Drury. Or an armed truce?—Hamilton Herald.

Well, it's settled that Christmas is coming. And everybody seems about as surprised as usual.—Reading Times.

Mr. Drury is still trying to scuttle the story about the coal-scuttle that helped to scuttle him.—Peterboro Examiner.

People may forget the wicked invasion of Belgium but they never will forget that they purchased German marks.—Sioux City Journal.

If you have not yet prepared your Christmas list, at least you can go ahead and buy the pair of slippers for father.—Chicago News.

Coffin linings cost more now. As a matter of economy, one should pay more attention to the brake linings.—Dubuque American Tribune.

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TWO SHOWS : 8 and 9.15 P.M.

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