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## KINGSTON MUST SOON CEASE

Dumping Its Sewage Into the Harbour the Provincial Health Officer Says.

Provincial Board of Health Will Soon Issue Order to Compel Municipalities to Properly Dispose of Sewage  
--Kingston Will Have to Erect a Sedimentation Tank.

**Kingston must soon cease dumping its sewage into the harbor. This was, in effect, the statement made to the Whig on Tuesday night, by Dr. J. W. S. McCullagh, chief health officer of Ontario.**

Dr. McCullagh stated that the provincial board of health would very shortly serve notice on municipalities to cease contaminating the navigable streams of the province by pouring their sewage into them. At present, no municipality in Ontario is allowed to extend its sewage system without special permission from the provincial board. Now the time is at hand when sewage can no longer be permitted to be emptied into the waterways, for the great lakes and the rivers are becoming contaminated for miles around cities and towns.

Kingston is thus face to face with a question that has been discussed by the local board of health for the past three years. The harbor has been, to some extent, contaminated by the continual pouring of the city's sewage into it, as frequent water tests made by Prof. W. T. Connell, Queen's bacteriologist, have shown. For the past year or more, the Kingston water supply has been treated with chlorine in order to render it safe for consumption, and the chlorine has certainly prevented

### Would Cut Presidential Knot.

Concord, N.H., Feb. 21.—The suggestion that both President Taft and former President Roosevelt should decline to be candidates for re-election this year, in the interests of uniting the republican party, is made by former United States Senator William E. Chandler, in an open letter to the republicans of New Hampshire, made public recently.

Mr. Chandler expresses the opinion that the republican party is divided between Taft and Roosevelt, and so long as this split lasts it is certain of defeat.

Mr. Chandler declares that, while he personally favors Senator La Follette, he would surrender his preference for some one like Charles E. Hughes, Alben B. Cummings, Charles W. Fairbanks, or Governor Hirap Johnson, of California.

### BANK TELLER'S FATE.

Fernie, B.C., Feb. 21.—P. Thompson, teller in the Bank of Hamilton here, recently from Winnipeg, perished alone in the hills. He started for a snowshoe tramp Sunday, taking with him a camera.

## WEDDED SIXTY-THREE YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong McCormick, Centre Street, Witness the Christening of Their Youngest Great Grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong McCormick, Centre street, on Wednesday, celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of their marriage. Mr. McCormick is eighty-one years of age, and his wife eighty-one years, and they have lived on Centre street for fifty-two years. They were married by the late Rev. Dr. Macfarlan, on Feb. 21st, 1849, and have lived in this city since 1850.

This elderly couple, still enjoying good health, this year spent the anni-

### PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Culled From All Over the World.

Mrs. Frazer died suddenly at her home in Brooklyn at the age of one hundred years and one day.

Lord Strathcona has subscribed £500 towards the elimination of debt on Crown Court Scottish National church.

At Bomby thirty thousand bales of cotton were destroyed in a great fire which broke out in one of the big warehouses.

A large meeting of fruit growers, held at Jordan, Ont., decided to accept thirty cents a bushel for tomatoes from campers.

A movement is on foot to induce the Winnipeg city council to undertake a civic enterprise to force reasonably prices for ice.

At Niagara Falls, Ont., farmers have noticed robins perched in their trees. They are said to be the first of the season and are looked upon as a harbinger of early spring.

At Liverpool, Frederick Atherton, partner in the Engineers of Britain, was committed to Bow street, charged with defrauding the P.R.R. and the Dominion Express company of over £3,000.

### DAILY MEMORANDA.

Board of Works, 1 p.m. Thursday. Leap Year skate and boat at the Redden's Park Thursday night.

### BONUS FOR BABIES IN IOWA.

A Measure to Check Decrease in the Population.

Iowa Moines, Iowa, Feb. 21.—To encourage an increase in the population of Iowa a premium on babies is proposed by J. H. McMonagle, of Mason City, member of the state tax commission. In a new income tax measure he has drafted for the consideration of the next legislature it is proposed to relieve a man of taxation on \$200 for every child he has.

The proposed law provides an income tax on all incomes over \$1,000, with relief from taxation on \$200 for every child under eighteen years in the family. This is looked upon by many as one way to pension parents, the only drawback being that the parent gains nothing financially by having children unless his income is over \$1,000 annually.

While a man alone must pay a tax on an income of \$1,000 and over, if he has a wife, the amount from which he is exempted from taxation is advanced to \$1,500. In short, the bill, it is said, is an encouragement for a man to take a wife, and, as his earning capacity increases, to rear a family. It is hoped this encouragement will check the decrease in the population of the state, as shown in the last census reports.

### CHINAMEN IN TRUNKS.

Five From Toronto and Hamilton Sneaked Over Border.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 21.—Secret service men are investigating the smuggling of another batch of Chinamen across the border. Five of them, it is alleged, were taken from Toronto and Hamilton, put into trunks and checked through to New York.

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typhoid fever, which otherwise would have resulted.

In view of the coming action of the provincial board, it will be necessary to establish a sedimentation plant in order to treat the sewage before the residue is emptied into the harbor. Within five years, it is safe to say that Kingston will have to have this sewage-destroying plant in operation.

If Kingston wants to improve its water supply, Dr. McCullagh says that, sand bed filtration would be sufficient. There is a mechanical filtration plant at the Royal Military college, but this is more for clearing up water of a muddy nature. The water of Kingston harbor is clear.

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### May Have the Man.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 21.—A man giving the name of F. A. Becker was arrested near Altamont, W. Va., early today. He had \$123.37 in money, four watches said to correspond with those taken from passengers, and two revolvers, in an hold-up on the B. & O. express on Monday night. Becker is about thirty-five years old, and is a freight brakeman on the road. He lives at this place. He was found sitting beside a fire near the tracks.

### May Parton Brandt.

New York, Feb. 21.—It is believed here that Governor Dix will give complete pardon in the case of Folke E. Brandt, former valet of Mortimer Schiff, banner, whose peculiar charges of burglary resulted in Brandt being railroaded to prison for thirty years, when the real offence was altogether different. Schiff and his wife desire to avoid further publicity.

### CROSSED LAKE ERIC TWICE.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 21.—Earl Sandt, aged twenty-three, flew across Lake Erie to Canada and returned during the night. The total distance covered was eighty miles.

### ONTARIO IS TO GET

#### SOME GOOD TERMINAL LOCATIONS FOR HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—There is no confirmation of the story of a deal whereby Ontario will get Port Nelson in connection with the extension of the Manitoba boundaries.

The Ontario conservative members put up a fight for it, but Premier Roblin insisted that, as under the proposal previously made, both Nelson and Churchill should be in his province, otherwise the legislature would not ratify it.

Ontario, however, will be given good reason to deal finally with any of the big questions has given rise to the

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