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UTILITIES COMMITTEE

THINKS UNDUPE DISTURBANCE HAS BEEN MADE

By Board of Health Over City's Water Supply—What Prof. Connell's Report Shows—To Ask Provincial Inspector to Report.

The members of the Utilities committee, with Mayor Hoag, considered the question of the best method of purifying the city's water on Monday afternoon. This was the first meeting since the Board of Health, last week, decided, after a lapse of two weeks over the period of time allowed the city Council to take steps to provide for the purification of the water supply, to report the council's inactivity to the Provincial Board of Health. It is obvious that, though the Utilities committee, as a body, had not seriously considered the matter, a great deal of interest has been going on among the individual members. A resolution was passed on Monday outlining the progress of the committee, but it had under its consideration the necessity of filtration or sewage disposal systems, and with this end in view had instructed the chairman and general manager to communicate with the Provincial Health department and ask for the services of the district health officer for consultation and report upon the same.

The chairman, Ald. Rigney, presented a report from Prof. W. T. Connell, on the city water supply, which showed the true condition of the water at the tap. Tests were to be made on Tuesday in the harbor, at stated distances from the shore, and intake pipe.

Dr. Connell reported that since May 1st to October 12th of this year, twenty-four samples of city water had been taken from the tap in Queen's laboratory and examined. In only one of these samples (October 2nd) had been shown any bacteria of intestinal origin, when tested in 3 C.E. amounts. Fourteen were free from bacteria in 100 C.E. amounts, while nine have shown these bacteria in 100 C.E. amounts, but not in amounts of 50 C.E. or under. Water before chlorination shows intestinal bacteria in at least one-fourth of samples of 10 C.E. amounts, and always in 50 C.E. amounts. Water open to pollution begins to be a menace when bacteria are present, consistently 10 C.E. amounts, and menace becomes greater the smaller the amount of water which contains these bacteria. Chlorination of water, even in small amounts now used, has been satisfactory in that it has kept the number of bacteria in the water below the amount of 10 C.E. or under. Further evidence is afforded by absence of any water-borne disease during the past summer.

The committee was of the opinion that the Board of Health had made undue disturbance over the matter of the water, when it was in a satisfactory condition, as the report of Dr. Connell indicated. The chairman said that he considered his action ill-advised, when it went on shaking up the matter, without sufficient data. This was the first report of the water's

condition since the matter was brought up. The treatment of the water with chlorine has insured comparative safety. At the time of the Board of Health's recommendation, the chairman held, there was absolutely no record to justify it, as the water did not warrant agitation.

Ald. Ross believed that the city was in a good position at the present, but now is the time to fortify itself against any trouble. He said that when the last trouble was being experienced with the intake pipe, and the people were greatly inconvenienced, Kingston's water supply was in as bad a condition as that of Ottawa at the recent typhoid epidemic. He said the thanks of the citizens was due to the late Ald. Carson, for the attention he gave the trouble at the time.

That the installation of a sewage disposal system is the only way to rectify the trouble, is the opinion of Ald. Harrison, and he stated his views to the committee in no uncertain tones. He had personally communicated with Dr. McCullough, the provincial health officer, and asked questions regarding the solution of the trouble. This official assured him that the "key to the situation" lay in the proper disposal of the city sewage, apparently that, with a filtration system, the water had to be treated with a chemical, as is being now done in the city. The alderman had asked how the sewage from the boats and steamers in the harbor would affect this, and was assured that nature would take care of this. Dr. McCullough also stated that in a short time the law would be enforced making all municipalities take care of its sewage, and water supply. Ald. Harrison contended that it was the height of folly to continue pouring this contamination into the harbor, and expect to have safe water. He held that the city has to face the problem of the disposal of the sewage. Of course it would be expensive, but it would be to better advantage to expend, say, \$200,000 on a proper solution of the trouble than to take care of the amount on an inferior and unsatisfactory system.

Ald. Ross was inclined to think that sewage disposal and filtration systems both would be necessary to ensure absolute safety. He also gave an ear to the question whether the sewage from other places flowing through these waters has not to be considered. He said, that Dr. Maloney, the newly appointed district health officer, would be a valuable man for advice on the subject. He is to be a resident in Kingston.

Ald. Bailey disagreed with the chairman. The city had had experience and did not want a repetition of such. He, with Aids. Shaw and Harty, considered it a matter for expert advice, and no steps to be taken until such were secured. The committee will recommend to council a \$100 increase in salary to William Cullen, head engineer at the waterworks. Mr. Cullen applied for the increase. W. H. Woodrow, night fireman at the waterworks, also applied for an increase, and adjustment of wages, which was left in the hands of the general manager.

The application from the Kingston Realities that the city put in the water and lighting on Stephen Street, where its new houses are to be built, was approved of, and will be recommended to council. The Realities will do the work. The members of the board present were Aids. Rigney, (chairman), Ross, Harrison, Bailey, Harty, Shaw.

Italian Broke Leg. An Italian, employed on the railroad construction camp, near Long Lake, suffered a broken leg on Monday, while he was engaged in doing some work in a cut near that place. A large stone fell from the side of the bank, striking on his leg and breaking it very badly. He was brought to the city on Tuesday morning over the Kingston and Pembroke railway and conveyed to the general hospital where the injured leg was attended to.

To Turn on the Light. Manager Folger stated on Tuesday morning, that he expected the electric light would be turned on in Portsmouth in a couple of weeks. The city has constructed about one mile of poles and wires in order to supply the village with lighting. There have been applications for twenty-five meters and the contractors have been wiring the houses. The next extension of the city's lighting system will be Cataract.

Called a Meeting. The executive of the S.S.A.A.A. has been called to meet at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening. This is a very important meeting and every school should have representatives at it if they intend to enter a team in the basketball series. The Y.M.C.A. have set aside Tuesday evening for the use of the S.S.A.A.A. and the executive wants to start the series as soon as possible.

To Raise Y.M.C.A. Membership. The captains, R. H. Ward, Hamilton Edgar, H. D. Wightman, Fred Haffner, and Richard Atkinson, and young men engaged in the membership campaign to be conducted by the Y.M.C.A. from now until the end of the month, met and had supper at the "Y" on Monday evening. There are five teams, and the object is to raise the senior membership to 250.

Lasher-Caines, Wedding. A quiet wedding took place on Saturday in St. Paul's Church, when Miss Phyllis, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs. J. Caines, Albion hotel, city, was united in marriage to Walter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lasher, Belleville. Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald officiating. On their return from Syracuse, N.Y., the newly married couple will reside in Belleville.

Building Permits. John Peters has taken out permits for the erection of two brick dwellings for L. Derbyshire. One will be erected on the south side of Union Street, between Albert and Collingwood, and the other on the east side of Collingwood, south of Union Street.

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OF CANADA IS CORNER STONE OF IMPERIAL UNITY.

Address on "Canadian Autonomy and Imperial Unity" by N. W. Rowell, K.C., Before Queen's Theological Alumni Conference.

Queen's theological alumni conference, together with a large gathering of students and citizens on Monday evening in Convocation Hall, listened with close attention to a splendid address by N. W. Rowell, K.C., of Toronto, leader of the liberal opposition in the provincial house, on "Canadian Autonomy and Imperial Unity." After being briefly introduced, receiving an enthusiastic welcome from the audience, Mr. Rowell proceeded to show in a most practical way how Canada's self assertion as a unit in the empire had tended to strengthen the ties of imperial unity. The late Principal Grant, he said, was one of the pioneers in the study, and presenting to the public the subject of "Canadian Autonomy and Imperial Unity."

If we pause and think over events in recent years, we find Canada asserting her autonomy more and more as one of the portions of the empire. It was thought at first that the assertion of autonomy would tend to bring about a separatist idea in the minds of the people. It was going too far, many thought, to speak of Canada as a nation. We are now recognized both here and in the mother country as such, not as a result of legislation that effect but simply the assertion of our national status on the one hand and the recognition of it by the mother country on the other. Just as our status has improved, however, so much greater has grown our love and loyalty toward the empire. We are loyal by descent and we have the British love of self-government. So you find that where the British is allowed to govern himself, the larger his liberty, the greater his loyalty.

The granting of responsible government was strongly opposed by those who considered it fatal to the unity of the empire. Others, on the other hand believed that only by the granting of responsible government could imperial unity be established. The self-government of Canada is the corner stone of imperial unity. The one idea is that of the centralization of authority; the other being the granting of authority to the outlying units and making them one with the empire by their devotion. The more you trust the people the greater their devotion.

Canada's relation to the empire is considered under three heads. Imperial organization, imperial trade and imperial defense. The first the speaker showed had during the past few years reached a high state of perfection in the colonial conference which is now a body represented by each unit of the empire having regular meetings and a regular organization. This conference recognizes the equality of the colonies as self governing dominions and units of the empire.

The speaker also dwelt on the trade and defence relations showing the development of these also had been along lines which tended to make Canada a nation. Mr. Rowell closed with a splendid tribute to the patriotism of Canada and an enthusiastic eulogy of the great empire of which we are one of the self-governing units.

Principal Gordon in very fitting terms moved a resolution of thanks to Mr. Rowell for his interesting, instructive and eloquent address. He spoke in stirring terms of what the flag meant to us and our responsibility in maintaining its place in the British empire. The resolution was seconded by G. M. Macdonnell in which he expressed admiration for the address but thought that Mr. Rowell should have discussed the naval situation as it was in 1912, and the relation that Canada should bear to the

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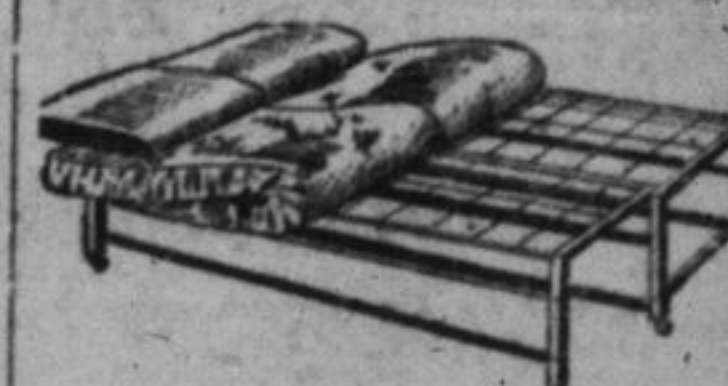
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