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## BIG WATER MAIN BROKE

WATER MAIN BREAK CAUSED LOTS OF TROUBLE

The Street Watering Carts Were Equipped to Supply the section of the City Affected.

At about 7.30 a.m. on Thursday, citizens realized that the usual pressure at the taps was missing. To provide sufficient water for the usual morning wash was simple enough in most homes. The hot-water furnaces that have not been used so far furnished several gallons. Some homes, however, were without even this convenience. The drip from the tap after 7.30 o'clock was in some cases sufficient to provide enough water for the breakfast.

The cause was a break in the main. As soon as it was discovered the pressure all over the city, except in a few small sections was turned off and workmen were rushed in automobiles in all directions to try the hydrants. This method was used to reveal just where the break was, and as soon as it could be discovered the pressure on all other sections of the city could be turned on.

The records at the waterworks show that the break occurred precisely at 4.15 a.m., when the pressure dropped from 72 to 28. Thomas Moore, in charge of civic excavation work, was immediately notified of the break, and the work was then commenced of searching for the leak.

The lack of water had an expensive effect on various places of business in the city. Places where steam was used were at an absolute standstill. Several people who needed water immediately took cans, and secured some from the hydrants.

After testing hydrants in every part of the city the trouble was thought to be on the Clarence-street main between Bagot and Wellington streets and workmen were immediately put at work making an excavation to ascertain the extent of the break. In the meantime the civic authorities are making every possible effort to supply the demand for water. The street watering carts which hold 750 gallons were put on this work by City Engineer R. J. McClelland early in the morning.

Limited water supply was put into the tanks. These were then filled and the carts went out to that section of the city which was cut out of water supply while the break is being repaired.

The water famine not only caused excessive inconvenience to the private dwelling places where there was no reserve but also in a number of the places of business.

The men who went into some of the barber shops for their early morning shave were much disappointed to learn that owing to the limited supply of water they would have to let their beards grow until the break in the pipe was mended or the water partially turned on. Consequently if the water is turned on in a few days the men who cannot shave themselves will have to grow beards.

Ice cream parlors which serve a quantity of drinks to the many a man on his way to work in these times of prohibition were unable to give a glass of water although they had a supply of soda water on hand.

The persons most disgruntled by the shortage of water were the housewives. When they got up to prepare their husbands' breakfast they found there was little or no water in which to poach his egg, and the customary cup of tea had to be dispensed with. Between 7.30 a.m. and 8.30 a.m. it was learned from the telephone office, the operators were deluged with calls from all parts of the city. It was estimated that in this time there were about three hundred calls sent in for the Civic Utilities or the Waterworks offices.

At first they were answered, but afterward the operators were informed of the reason for the multiplicity of calls and they responded to all inquiries with characteristic politeness. It was strenuous time though, and about three times as much work was done in that hour as was customary.

The housewives managed to get through the breakfast all right but the next problem was how to wash the dishes. Some had Johnny run to the lake for a pailful of water but in many cases the dishes remain unwashed.

All over the city the unusual occurrence was the subject of much discussion. "Well, did you wash your face this morning?" was a favorite question among the men and many a good natured joke was passed. Another was, "Do you belong to the great army of unwashed?"

The famine, however, was not without its very serious side. It was most fortunate that during the morning there were no calls for fire sent in. The city brigade would have been in a somewhat unusual predicament with the little pressure at the hydrants. Realizing the dangers that might accrue from the shortage of water, Chief Armstrong made arrangements to have the pumping facilities kept in a position where they could be brought into instant use.

Although no estimate of the time that would be necessary to repair the damage could be secured from the authorities on Thursday morning the people of the city can be assured that everything within possible is being done to have the break mended as quickly as possible and it will not be the fault of the civic officials if the water famine must last for some time.

A number of amusing incidents in connecting with the breaking of the water main are being told around town. Perhaps one of the most peculiar was that of an uptown lady who when she turned on the tap to get some water to mix with some medicine she had been in the habit of taking every morning, was surprised to find that the "aqua pura" had ceased to run. She went to some of her neighbors to borrow some water but found they were in the same predicament and she was forced to go without the tonic.

It is also said that some men who are in the habit of taking a little stimulant in the early morning to carry them through the day had their

John Collins or White Horse undiluted on Wednesday morning.

No great difficulty was experienced at the General Hospital owing to the lack of water. The British Whig was informed that enough had been secured to attend to the wants of the many patients but that no more than very little water for the various needs. After twelve o'clock the water was turned on, but as the pressure was so small it could only be secured on the lower flats. The hydraulic elevator had to cease running, too.

Some painters and paper hangers who went out this morning were forced to quit work because they could get no water to mix the paste.

Water Partially Turned On. At two o'clock on Thursday afternoon water was turned on at reduced pressure in all parts of the city except for two blocks south and one block north at the corner of Wellington and Clarence streets.

Excavations were being made at this point, but Mr. Moore stated that there could be no estimate of the time necessary to repair the damage if it was located there.

## INCIDENTS OF THE DAY

LOCAL NOTES AND ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

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