Local Intelligence.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

THE WATER FILTRATION SCHEME.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD INQUIRY.

On Tuesday morning Col. C. H. Luard, a Local Government Board Inspector conducted an inquiry at the Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, concerning the application made by the Urban District Council for permission to borrow £500 for defraying the cost of a scheme of water filtration.

Amongst those present were Mr. G. L. B. Calcott, Clerk to the Urban Council, Mr. T. H. Bishop, and Mr. R. J. Platten, members of the Urban Council; Mr. J. Phelan, water works engineer; Mr. Stewart, surveyor; Mr. T. Brown, rate-collector, and Mr. Candy representing the International Purification Syndicate.

At the commencement of the proceedings Mr Calcott pointed out to the Inspector that the application to borrow the £500 was unopposed. The annual assessable value of the township was £20,569 and the amount owing on loans was £22 467, so that the Council was well within its borrowing powers. Respecting the

QUALITY OF THE WATER

Mr. Calcott produced Prof Attfield's report on his analysis of the sample of water sent to him, which stated that it was remarkably free from organic, animal, or vegetable contamination, but it contained a perfectly harmless trace of iron, which was a guarantee against organic impurity. Mr. Calcott also produced the Local Government Board correspondence urging the Council to take steps for the removal of the iron, as the discolouration thus caused might prejudice persons against using it and lead them to drink water from the surface wells. Proceeding, the Clerk described the Council's efforts which had been made to ascertain an effective system of filtration, and how, after receiving a favourable report from their engineer on the polarite principle adopted at Hastings, the Council had passed a resolution deciding to adopt the system at Leighton. Accordingly a contract had been entered into with the International Purification Syndicate.

The Inspector: A provisional contract I hope (laughter).

Mr. Calcott gave the Inspector the estimate of the cost which, including accessories, was estimated at £509, but there was the question of the provision of a shed for the protection of the tanks, and it was therefore thought desirable to

INCREASE THE APPLICATION

to £600.

On behalf of the International Syndicate, Mr. Candy produced photographs and plans of the filters, and he explained the different features to the Inspector. The analysis which he produced showed how successfully the polarite treatment had removed iron from the water at Hastings, where the system had been in operation for eight years.

Mr. Phelan formally stated that he had received complaints from various persons respecting the discolouration of the water; and he produced samples of water showing the different stages of the oxidation.

Col. Luard pointed out that it was only a formal matter, but the increased amount of the loan would have to form the subject of a resolution by the Urban Council.

Mr. Bishop informed the Inspector that if the inquiry had not been held on market day there would have been a larger attendance of the public.

The inquiry then terminated.

WINSLOW.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, JULY 14th.

The fortnightly meeting of the Guardians of the Winslow Union, and the Rural District Council of that Union, was held in the Board Room of the Union Workhouse, there being present—Mr. T. Biggs, chairman; the Rev. J. A. Andrews; Messrs. Jas. East, W. S. Neal, A. E. Illing, J. Mead, W. Norman, T. Dickens, and Geo. Clarke; with Mr. T. P. Willis, clerk.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman and Mr. F. W. Lester were appointed a visiting committee to the workhouse during the next fortnight.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Mr. E. Collier, school attendance officer, presented in committee, his report, to the effect that during the past fortnight he had visited various schools in the district, and had found the registers satisfactory, although in two cases he had complaints to make of irregularity. Mr. Collier also submitted a return for the quarter ended June 30th, showing that the per-centage of attendance at the various schools of the district had averaged 90, as against 88·7 in the corresponding quarter of last year.

The Committee considered the report very satisfactory but directed that special notice be served upon the defaulters in the two cases referred to.

Mr. Illing complained that in some of the district schools the matter of varying the time for the summer holidays, by closing the schools in hay-time and harvest, in accordance with the recommendation of this Board, had not been brought by the village correspondents before the managers of the schools. The recommendation of the Board had been ignored.

The Chairman and other guardians said they had no power to enforce the recommendation.

RELIEF ON LOAN.

The question again came up, while the relief business was in hand of the advisability of petitioning the Government with a view to so amending the law as to impose punishment as well as imprisonment upon persons who, having received money from the union fund on loan, failed to return the sums so advanced.

The Clerk said that Parliament appeared to be reducing rather than increasing punishment in such cases.

Mr. Neal said it seemed that the man who was sent to Oxford for debt of this kind was well fed and came out the better for it.

The Clerk, in reply to a question, said imprisonment upon magistrates' order wiped out the indebtedness. They could not have a man's body and his money too.

Mr. East said that if they went to the County Court with such a case they might or might not get an order, but if they did, and the person proceeded against failed to pay and went to prison, the debt was not cancelled—they could still proceed by execution.

The general opinion expressed by the Board was that in cases of non-payment of sums advanced on loan, imprisonment should be accompanied by hard labour; but further consideration of the question was deferred, Mr. Neal remarking that he would be disposed to apply the law only in cases in which it appeared to be a duty to undertake such steps as guardians of public money.

PARISHES IN ARREAR.

The Clerk reported that contributions from several parishes were in arrear, and that two in each case were over-due in respect to Nash and Whaddon.

A remark was made that there was never any money to be found in the localities referred to, but this only brought out the rejoinder that whenever one might go there he would find people riding about and taking their pleasure.

It was ordered that notice be given to the overseers of Nash and Whaddon that proceedings would be taken against them unless the amount of their contributions were paid at once.

WORKHOUSE INMATES TO GO TO THE FLOWER SHOW.

The Clerk reported that the committee of the Winslow Flower Show had invited the inmates of the Workhouse to their exhibition on July 27th.

The Board desired an expression of their thanks to be conveyed to the show committee; and it was intimated that Messrs. Neal, East, and Illing, with the Clerk, had agreed (with the Board's permission) to supply the inmates with tea on that occasion.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The Clerk laid before the Board a copy of a petition, received from the Guardians of the West Ham Union, which had been presented to Parliament on the subject of national old-age pensions and education, and, in an accompanying letter, the Board were asked to take similar action, in the event of their agreeing with the proposals embodied in the petition, with a view to bringing immediate pressure upon the Government to include the suggested provisions in the next budget.

Mr. Neal suggested that, having regard to the importance of the matter, and the necessity of making a study of the lengthy details of the petition, it would be well to pass on that document from one guardian to another before proceeding further.

This course was agreed to, it being remarked that it was not well to "shelve" all communications of this kind.

THE WORKHOUSE AND ITS POTATO SUPPLY.

Mr. Evans, master of the workhouse, recommended the purchase of a portable boiler for the kitchen; and in regard to a sentence in which it was stated that there was not sufficient garden ground at the workhouse to grow potatoes for the supply of an average of eighty inmates.

Mr. Neal suggested that the Board might take some allotment land near by.

The Board referred the matter of choice of a boiler to the visiting committee, but no discussion ensued in regard to the suggested acquisition of additional land.

STEWKLEY DRAINAGE.

Mr. Hammerton, builder, of Wing, the contractor for the drainage of the southern portion of the village of Stewkley, attended the meeting of the District Council, and signed a bond, producing a surety in the sum of £100 for the due performance of the contract.

THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS NEAR TO RAILWAY STATIONS.

The Clerk submitted a letter received from Mr. C. C. H. Mason, solicitor to the London and North-Western Railway Co., intimating that he had now received instructions from his clients in reference to certain alterations made by the District Council in the draft agreement which had been prepared in regard to the future maintenance of roads in the district through which the railway passes, these instructions being that unless the Council accepted the draft agreement as originally prepared the company would not pursue the matter further, but would continue to maintain such of the roads as they were liable for.—The Council, said the Clerk, had required some drainage work, etc., to be attended to in the road leading up to the Winslow station.

Mr. Neal wished to say that great complaint had been made of late in regard to the rough condition of the paths between Buckingham Street and the station, and especially that on the south side, upon which the Railway Company had pladed coarse granite chippings which had not been rolled in.

The Council, on the proposition of Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Illing, concluded, in regard to the question of road maintenance, that they could not vary the terms upon which they had proposed to come to an agreement with the Railway Company; and it was further decided to direct the attention of the Company to the condition of the paths referred to by Mr. Neal.

COMPLAINT FROM DRAYTON PARSLOW.

A letter was read from Mr. Howard Jones, of Dorcas Farm, Drayton Parslow, stating that he had been informed that the Council had usually kept in repair the lane from the main road past his farm to Stoke Road Farm, which was at present in a very bad state, and would soon be impassable in wet weather unless soon attended to; he therefore would be glad to know when this would be done. Mr. Wise, surveyor, replying to an inquiry, said the ends of the lane had been metalled and the nuts throughout pecked in by the parish surveyors under the old Act; and the clerk was directed to reply to Mr. Jones that the lane would be repaired as in the past.

THE TREES IN AVENUE ROAD WINSLOW.

Dr. Vaisey wrote to say that some of these trees appeared to be dying, and one of them required re-placing.

It was stated that leaking gas was supposed to be the cause of the present condition of the trees, and the Council directed that the fallen one be re-placed, and that the surveyor give his attention to the others, with a view to their resuscitation.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS AUDIT.

Mr. Wise reported that the county surveyor's audit of the highway accounts took place on the 10th. inst., and that the total expenditure in this union of £1841 0s. 8d. would be allowed in the triennial averages and no deduction was claimed from the county grant for neglect of any kind.

Original Correspondence.

A QUESTION FOR THE REV. A. BARBER

To the Editor of the LEIGHTON BUZZARD OBSERVER.

SIR,—A Wesleyan informs me that the Rev. A. Barber in the course of his sermon at the Wesleyan Chapel on a recent Sunday evening alleged that Catholic Priests sell absolutions.

This is a most serious charge, and of course ought never to have been made unless there is the most conclusive evidence to justify it. I invite therefore the rev. gentleman to mention a single Catholic Priest who sells Absolutions. This is a fair challenge to Mr. Barber, who seems to have a peculiar knowledge of the conditions on which Absolutions are given or refused—a knowledge so peculiar indeed that it is unpossessed by Catholics themselves. Hence this appeal to him for the evidence on which he based his extraordinary allegation.

Q. E. D.

July 14, 1899.

LEIGHTON SCAVENGING QUESTION.

To the Editor of the LEIGHTON BUZZARD OBSERVER.

SIR,—I am glad to find that at last Leighton Buzzard is making a determined effort to bring itself into line with other towns on so important a question as the public scavenging. Most thoroughly do I agree with Mr. Tooley that on a question such as sanitation a policy of efficiency is to be commended, promoting as it does the public health and convenience, and also because it is pecuniarily the more economical in the long run.

As every medical man knows right well, fevers, gangrene, ophthalmia and many other diseases, especially among children, are apt to break out and become malignant if the emanations from accumulated filth and garbage exist in the air around human habitations.

Now I ask, is it worth while to run this serious risk, especially when Dr. Sandell has conclusively shown by the resistless logic of figures that if the work be undertaken by Urban Council scavengers our house refuse and garbage can be regularly and efficiently removed for a sum so small as to represent only a peppercorn payment.

Yours truly,

M. REILLY.

Dudley Street,
Leighton Buzzard.

Cigarette smoking among youths is grievously afflicting the minds of the Bridport Town Council. The urchins of that pleasant and thriving locality take to puffing, it appears, almost as soon as they are weaned, and Alderman James thinks this form of youthful depravity ought to be stopped. The situation was becoming grave. On Sundays, lads from ten to twelve might be seen smoking these cigarettes? and what sort of stuff were they? Why, he was given to understand that they could be bought at the rate of six for a penny. Semi-poison he called them. Adults might be able to stand the effect of such cigarettes, but with children the case was different, and the Council ought to repress them. The Town Clerk was not aware of any law giving them power to deal with the subject, but said he would look up the books and see. Until that is done the Bridport cigarette has a respite.

CYCLISTS' COLUMN.

INTERESTING INFORMATION.

THE CHIEF ROUTES OF THE DISTRICT.

[Exclusive to the *Observer*].

This week we publish as a supplement to the *Observer* and for the benefit of our readers in all parts of the district a carefully drawn map of the main roads suitable for cycling within a reasonable distance of Leighton Buzzard.

The routes as set forth below will be easily followed on the map by cyclists and should prove of great service to those who are anxious to become acquainted with the best "runs" in the district. It will be remembered that some time ago we published a similar list of routes, but as we are this week issuing a supplement in the shape of the map we thought it well to print a revised list. Cyclists would do well to cut out the list of routes, and preserve it with the map.

ROUTES FROM LEIGHTON.

1. TOWCESTER, COVENTRY, &c.—Via Heath and Sheep Lane (3½) and to left along Watling Street to Fenny Stratford (7½) Stony Stratford 14¾) Towcester (22¾) Coventry (53¾). Road generally good this side of Coventry.

2. NORTHAMPTON (i) (28¼).—Via Watling Street. Route 1. to Old Stratford and at Falcon Inn turn right. Not such an exjoyable road as the next, via Newport, but better in wet and very dry weather.

3. NORTHAMPTON (ii) (29).—Via Newport. Straight through Sheep Lane to Woburn (5¾) then to left via Newport Pagnell (14¼). This is a more pleasant run than No. 2 and avoids the long incline up to Little Brickhill, coming to Leighton. Road heavy in wet and very dry weather.

4. OLNEY (19¼), WELLINGBOROUGH (30¾), &c.—Via route 3 and at fork ¼m. beyond Newport, keep to right to Olney (19¼) Wellingborough (30¾). This is the direct route to Kettering, Stamford, &c. Fair road to Olney, except in wet and very dry weather; very steep rough hill down, about 3m. short of Wellingborough.

5. BEDFORD (i) (19¾).—Via Lidlington.—This is about a mile shorter than via Ampthill, but not such a good road; nasty hill at Lidlington.

6. BEDFORD (ii) (20¾).—Via Ampthill.—To Woburn, where turn left and then right, through Ridgmont to Ampthill (13), here turn left and good run to Bedford. For Great North Road (Stamford, &c.) via Elstow and Cardington Cross to Eaton Socon. For alternative road from Woburn to Ampthill see route 8.

7. SHEFFORD (20), BIGGLESWADE (25½), CAMBRIDGE (46½).—To Ampthill (route 6 or 8) then straight on through Malden, Shefford, (20), Biggleswade (25½), to Cambridge (46½). Very good road, but not easy to find after Shefford.

8. AMPTHILL.—Via Steppingly.—This is about the same distance as via Ridgmont (route 6) and a more pleasant run across Woburn Park to Froxfield gate; about a mile beyond gate turn to left and in Steppingley short to right, then bend to left.

9. HOCKLIFFE (3½) TO WOBURN (8).—This is 2½m. longer than via Heath.

10. TODDINGTON, BARTON (13), HITCHIN (20).—In Hockliffe turn right and about a mile beyond turn left through Tebworth to Toddington. One or two very stiff hills, and road on to Barton (13) very heavy in wet weather.

11. DUNSTABLE (7½), LUTON (12½), HITCHIN (21), BALDOCK (26), ROYSTON (34½), CAMBRIDGE (48).—Good run through Hockliffe to Dunstable (7½) turn to left in Dunstable and easy road to Luton (12½). This is a better road to Hitchin than No. 10 if there are not too many loose flints; but there are a great many hills.

12. ST. ALBANS (20¼), LONDON (39¾).—Through Dunstable and straight along Watling Street to St. Albans (20¼) then through Barnet for City, Mansion House (41½) and through Elstree to West End, Marble Arch (39¾).

13. DUNSTABLE (7).—Via Stanbridge.—A little shorter than via Hockliffe and very often a better road; not recommended to strangers.

14. DAGNALL, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, &c.—Generally heavy and rough from Billington (steep hill up and down) through Edlesborough, and Dagnall. Beyond Hempstead the road joins route 17 to London.

15. SLAPTON AND IVINGHOE ASTON.—This is another road not often in good condition and only used for local traffic and as a way to Ashridge.

16. CHEDDINGTON (STATION) AND IVINGHOE.—The same remarks apply to this as to No. 15, it being the shortest route from Aldbury, &c.

17. TRING (11), BERKHAMSTED (16½), WATFORD (27½).—Over rail at Cheddington station and to left at Cross Roads, then through Marsworth and short to left after passing the first reservoir. Road from Tring (11) to Berkhamsted (16½) splendid surface and good run on to Watford (27½) and London—Marble Arch—(42½).

18. TRING, AMERSHAM (21¾), WINDSOR (36½).—At Tring, along London Road past entrance gate to Tring Park, then turn right up very steep hill to Wiggington, then good run mostly down hill to Chesham (18¾) then undulating road with some stiff hills through Amersham (21¾), Beaconsfield (26¾), Slough (34½), Windsor (36½).

19. CHEDDINGTON.—Via Horton.—Best road from Linslade; via Slapton best from Leighton.

20. MENTMORE TO CHEDDINGTON.—This is generally the quickest run to and from Cheddington Cross Roads.

21. AYLESBURY (10½) WENDOVER (15¾) AMERSHAM (25¼).—Strangers require to be told to turn short to left after crossing canal bridge, then to keep to right at fork just beyond. After level crossing and under railway bridge a long ascent to Ascott, then good run to Wing (3), where turn left and then right. Good undulating road through Rowsham to Aylesbury (10½). Here cross Market Square and good road to Wendover (15¾), and Amersham (25¼). Via Tring (No. 18) is 3½m. shorter, and except Wiggington Hill, is a fairly good road.

22. THAME (20), AND OXFORD (32¾).—To Aylesbury (10½) down Rickford's Hill past Stone to Thame (20); 5¾m. on join main road from London and then through Wheatley (26¾) to Oxford (32¾). Good surface most of the way.

23. BICESTER (27½) BANBURY (42½).—To Aylesbury, then the shortest way is to turn to right at St. John's Church and join the main road near the Infirmary, then via Waddesdon (16½) Bicester (27½) Banbury (42½).—Route 25 is the shortest and best way to Banbury.

24. BUCKINGHAM (19), AYNHO (30½).—via Wing or Soulbury to Stewkley (6), Winslow (12½), to Buckingham (19), then via Aynho (30½) for Deddington, Chipping Norton, and the West of England, or via Banbury for Warwick, North Wales, &c. Very good road.

25. BANBURY (36½). — Via Buckingham. To Buckingham (19) then via Brackley (26½), to Banbury (33½). Excellent surface part of the way; generally good.—This is the best route to Stratford-on-Avon, Shrewsbury, and North Wales.

26. STEWKLEY.—Via Soulbury—often recommended in preference to road via Wing.

27. STOKE TO NEWTON LONGVILLE.—Very hilly to Stoke and poor surface through Newton Longville. An alternative road to Buckingham, but not such a good road as via Winslow (No. 24).

28. FENNY STRATFORD, via Stoke.—Very hilly road, not so good as via Sheep Lane. Perhaps the better road from Linslade.

CRICKET.

Owing to the great pressure upon our space this week we regret that we have been compelled to hold over among other things the Cricket news of the district.

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LATEST MARKETS.

[PRESS ASSOCIATION TELEGRAMS.]

CORN EXCHANGE, MARK LANE.

YESTERDAY.

Wheat and flour threepence lower on the week, barley threepence dearer on the week, oats and maize dull. Other articles without material change in value at present. American quotations of wheat and corn came quiet to somewhat easier.

METROPOLITAN CATTLE MARKET.

YESTERDAY.

To-day's supply consisted chiefly of Hereford and Lincoln beasts, with few Hunts., trade for which was extremely slow with downward tendency in prices. Fat cows sold on easier terms: trade for fat bulls and rough cattle very slow. Top value, primest Herefords, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 8d. per 8lbs. British arrivals—twenty-four Irish, 164 Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex; 1,192 Mildland, Home, and Western Counties; forty Devon. Shorter supply in sheep market, consisting chiefly of downs and half-breds; trade for wethers and ewes slow, but rather firmer in value; lambs met rather less demand, rates favouring buyers with forced sales towards close of market. Beef, 2s. 4d. to 4s. 8d.; mutton, 3s. 2d. to 5s. 8d.; lamb, 5s. 4d. to 6s. 4d., per 8 lbs. Total supply, beasts 1,420, sheep and lambs 7,730, calves 5.

AYLESBURY, SATURDAY, JULY 15TH. — Thin attendance of farmers, and small supply of English wheat, trade for which was dull and languid, and the few samples changing hands were at about last week's quotations, viz.:—24s. to 27s. per imperial qr. In feeding stuffs there was no change, and very little trade doing.

NORTHAMPTON, SATURDAY, JULY 15TH.—Very little wheat on offer, which sold slowly at late rates. White wheat, 26s. to 28s.; red, 24s. to 26s. 6d. Oats, 20s. to 25s.

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MARRIAGES.

SEAR—SMITH.—On the 10th inst., at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, by the Rev. W. W. Richards, Walter, elder son of Mr. Francis Sear, of North Street, Leighton Buzzard, to Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Mr Fredk. Smith, of Woburn Sands.

SCRAGGS—FAY.—On the 10th inst., at the Register Office, Leighton Buzzard, Alfred, second son of Mr. Edwin Scraggs, to Miss Lizzie Fay, all of Leighton Buzzard.

DEATHS.

IN MEMORIAM.—Thomas Walter Reeve, who died July 14th, 1898, aged 30 years. Late Osier Beds, Leighton Buzzard.

RUFFHEAD.—On the 17th inst., at 6, Hockliffe Road, Leighton Buzzard, Thomas Harry, eldest son of the late Police-constable Thos. Ruffhead, aged 20 years.

CUTLER.—On the 9th inst., at the Union Workhouse, Leighton Buzzard, Agnes Cutler, of Wing, aged 80 years.

HAMMOND.—On the 10th inst., at Stoke Hammond, Adelaide Miles, aged 70 years.

COX.—On the 12th inst., at 100, Bassett Road, Sarah, wife of George Whitlock Cox, aged 70 years.

FOUNTAIN.—On the 12th inst., at the Union Workhouse, Leighton Buzzard, Gadsden Fountain, of Eaton Bray, aged 71 years.

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