

GIVE CHOLERA VIA UPPER RESERVOIR

Driving up Mountain Yesterday, Mayor Saw Splendid
Chance for Enemy

CONSTABLE NOT AT POST

Will Be Reported to Chief of
Police Today—Lawn Bow-
ling Defined by Controller
McDonald

Mayor Mederic Martin, with the lady mayoress and two friends, went up the mountain yesterday afternoon to inquire after the health of the superintendent of Mount Royal Park, Mr. J. Henderson, but this time he used his carriage and pair for the ascent. Asked why he had not used an automobile, he replied that it was undergoing repairs.

On his way past the reservoir at 2.50 o'clock, Mayor Martin noticed that the constable whose duty it is to guard the reservoir was not in sight. Today he is reporting that fact to the chief of police in order that the latter may deal with this lapse from duty.

"He may have been in the little kiosk by the reservoir," said the Mayor last night. "I didn't get out to see, but my point is that he should have been in the road, where people and rigs are passing continually. When war was declared, I gave orders that constables should be placed at the reservoirs, at the aqueduct and at the conduit, and there is a constable at the reservoir now in place of the usual lock-keeper. When that constable is away, an alien enemy might very easily ride up close to the reservoir and throw a bottle full of some poisonous substance into the reservoir, and that would be a very bad thing for Montreal. Last Sunday, when I went up in my automobile, we were so close to the reservoir that we could have spit into it. It would have been very easy for a man in a carriage, when there was no one around, to throw his bottle into the reservoir, whip up his horses and get away. The constable should be there. He may have been in the kiosk for only a few minutes, but there should not be even a few minutes when the water is unprotected. I do not like to get the constable into trouble, but it is my duty to protect the citizens. The bottle might have been full of microbes, perhaps starting a plague of cholera—what is the English word?"

"Cholera, that's right," he was told.