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A MERRY CHRISTMAS. hanny Christmas-tide to all Within our sunny city; fith all that's kind to all we find Requiring help or pity. -W. M.

The Times can find nothing finer or more appropriate than the above poetically expressed good wishes from the respected bard, William Murray, Esq., with which to convey its best wishes for a happy Christmas season to all its many readers, advertisers and wellwishers. This is a season of good fellowship and joy, when all the world rejoices, and when the best that is in man and woman comes to the surface. This world sometimes looks bleak, cold and forbidding, and we often forget our duty to our fellowmen, but somehow at the Christmas season we draw nearer together than at any other time. Our sympathies are aroused, our heart responds more kindly and the warm Christ. mas impulses help us to be more considerate for others, while we strive to make people happy and joyful all

round. To those to whom sickness or adversity has come the Times tenders its warmest sympathy, coupled with the hope that brighter days are in storedays when the sun will shine again, and the trials passed through will leave nothing but refining influences behind. To all we sincerely wish a happy boli-

day season and A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THAT GRIT SLANDER.

The Hamilton Spectator has no mandate to speak for the Times. It will have enough to do keeping its own doorstep clean. It chooses to lash itself into a rage, or, to use its own elegant phrase, soap," over some remarks we made about Mr. John Milne's interference in municipal affairs. The statements it made as to Mr. Milne's position with reference to the appointment of city offiials was such that we deemed them libellous and slanderous, until we found that Mr. Milne apparently endorsed by his silence the statements made. The Times has neither slandered, libelled or abused Mr. Milne. It has objected and will continue to object to him, as the President of the Conservative Association, projecting himself into municipal affairs with the avowed purpose of plac ing a disability upon one-half of the citizens just because they happen to be Liberals or Labor men, and we believe that there are many Conservatives in Hamilton who are opposed to such interference. As to Mr. Milne's standing in the mmunity as a business man and a nanufacturer, we have not uttered a word. We are just as ready as the Spec can be to give him all due credit for his usiness ability and straightforwardnes But that is no reason why we should shut our eyes to the baleful influence oon civic affairs his course as a member of the Tory Executive, as outlined by the Spec., would have upon the city of Ham-silton. We may also add that we have o more respect for Mr. Milne as a manufacturer than we have for the thousands of honest workingmen who make their homes in this city, and who do as such to help to build up the city as do

the manufacturers. The Spectator states that we have never been able to treat a prominent Conservative with the commonest decency." Was it the Times, may we ask, which slandered and abused Mayor Stewart for years, and tried to drive him out of public life? Was it the Times which thrust its knife into the present or past City Assessment Commissioner? Was it the Times that hounded City Engineer

enture by-law would interfere with the Hydro-Electric scheme. If the Commission can make good upon the basis of estimate-its "mere opinion"-there will be nothing in the world to prevent Hamilton taking up the scheme later on. Had the City Council in its wisdom decided not to submit a by-law just now, but to wait until the Commission had actual figures, or until the money market had improved, the Council of 1908 could have submitted a by-law at any time during the coming year or at the municipal elections in 1909 and the scheme would have been as far ahead eighteen months hence as it will be if the by-law passes in two weeks. There are a good many reasons why the by-law should not be passed at the present time, the chief one being the

supposed that the defeat of the \$275,000

indefiniteness of the proposition; the very strong probability that Hamilton may get cheaper light and cheaper power other sources, and the certainty that Hamilton cannot, at the presen time or in the near future, sell its debentures without involving a loss of at least ten per cent. of their entire face value.

SUNFIELD.

This unfortunate man will be executed on Friday morning, the Dominion Cabinet having decided to allow the law to take its course. There was little hope from the first of executive clemency b ing extended to him, and now the final act in the dread tragedy, of which he was the principal figure, will take place within two days. Cruel as was the murder by which he forfeits his life, we cannot help but express sorrow for the unhappy man who, under healthier surroundings, might have lived a long and useful life. At this season of peace on earth, etc., his fate seems harder. If there be any redeeming feature about the whole ugly business it is that his fate may be a warning to others-that those who are prone to get drunk and quarrel and use deadly weapons may profit by this awful example. That Sun field may yet be able to make his peace with his Maker is the wish of the Times.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Merry Christmas. Will the Herald kindly tell us what slander" it was that Mr. John Milne

refuted? This Sunday moving picture business

crtainly looks as if we were getting to look more like New York every day.

Confusion and delay at the polling places and irregularities in connection with the ballot boxes are the result of the at-large system.

It is good business to apply exactly the same conditions to the Hydro-Elec tric people as to any other people the city has to do business with

Didn't the Times give John Milne a certificate of veracity? Didn't we unhesitatingly accept as true his statement that the Tory party were "luke warms" except when they got the stuff.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had the supreme satisfaction yesterday of seeing three supporters returned to Parliamentfrom Centre York, Ottawa and Labout Since the last general elections the have been forty-two by-elections. Th Liberals have carried thirty-three and the Tories nine. What's the matter, Mr Borden?

Engineering says there is a great om in cotton manufacturing all over the world. In free trade England it is especially brisk, new mills are springing up "like wildfire," in Lancashire, and 10 per cent. profits are practically assured for years to come. The only drawback is said to be scarcity of labor, a condition to make the croaking Chamberlainites despair.

New York used to throw into the sea the



less value, simply because they JOHN RENTON, SEN. advertising that they have rticles for sale. The Times believes that there are ens of articles manufactured in this city Death of Former Wentworth Man that the citizens know nothing about. People cannot be expected to buy an article when they do not know that it On the 13th Dec. at his late residence,

exists. It sometimes pays to pay more attention to advertising than to the tar-Take Care.

iff.

(Toronto Globe.)

-An Injustice.

An Injustice. (Toronto News.) The Development Company has built its wan transmission lines and purchased its own 'ight-of-way to Brantford: the American company, which has neglected the Canadian market, is to have its transmission is to urn, over its surplus power to the Govern-ment to be sold in competition with a Can-dlan company which is guaranteed under he bond of the Province that it will not be ubjected to Government competition, and thich for this right pays the cash considera-ion fixed by the Government.

(Straiford Beacon.) The Hamilton Spectator describes as a smarkable man's a capital of a lake pa-new and the second strain of a lake pa-tern is a capital of a lake pa-tern shagara Falls. We believe the genist iter of the Spec, comes under the same selfcation. Up to a few years used it was a boast that although he had lived the eater part of his life in Hamilton, only a w miles distant from the Falls, be had ver seen them, and we have not heard at he has since broken the record. No atten track of ordinary sight-seers for the atten track of ordinary sight-seers for the ountain. The Sp a chicken farm on the ountain the sight set of a giddy like in the anot wholly ill-natured cyniciam, mixed ith a dyed-in-the-wool Toryism that will be creme off.



Barton Street Methodist Sunday

ALL WERE SUCCESSFUL.

Special Reductions In the Price of Christmas Goods

Will be Made To-night at 7.30

It is impossible to specify the goods that will be offered at reduced prices to-night, all we can say is that Christmas Goods left over after 7.30 will be put on our counters at very tempting figures.

\$20, \$25 and \$30 Jackets \$12.50 Handsome Comb Sets \$2 to \$4.50

12 in all, handsome Fabric for jackets, this season's very atest styles, sold regular at from \$20 to \$30, to night at 730 the price \$12,50

\$10 and \$15 Jackets \$5

This season's plain Cloth Tailored Jackets, that sold at \$10 and \$15, sharp 7.30 they go on sale at \$5.00

\$5 Children's Velvet Jackets \$3.50

Great Sale of Furs at 73.0 Nothing so sensible for a Christmas present re a nice small Fur. We are going to help you out by officing a number of lines at just half price.

\$30 Mink Throws \$13.50 Mink Throw Scarfs, 2 yards long, satin lined, good uality, regular \$30, Tuesday night **\$13.50**

\$35 Stone Marten Ties \$13.50

..... \$13.50 \$12 Eastern Mink Throws \$6

Eastern Mink Throw Scarfs, satin lined, regular \$12, for \$6.00

\$13.50 Ruffs \$6.75

\$12.00 Squirrel Throws \$8.99 Grey Squirrel Throws, grey satin lining, regular \$12, for \$8.99

\$4.95 Marmot Stoles \$2.50

12 Marmot Stoles, silk lined, trimmed with ornaments and tails, regular \$4.99, to-night's sale price \$2.50

We received from Paris a shipment of very handsol omb Sets, 2 side combs and back comb, nicely box Comb Sets, 2 side combs and back comb, nicely boxed. These are the very latest Parisian product and sell from \$2.00 to \$4.50

Kid Gloves, a Last-Moment Present

You can save trouble in selecting presents by coming here and buying Perrin's Kid Gloves. They are one of the most acceptable presents, and when the name Perrin is on the glove every lady knows its reliability. Prices.... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Long Gloves \$2.50 and \$2.75

29c Fans 15c

White Fans, with pretty decorations, regular 29c, to 15c clear to-night

75c and \$1.00 Fans 29c

Handsome Silk Fans, some trimmed with sequins, others with lace, regular 75c and \$1.00, to night 29c

50c Handkerchief and Glove Boxes 25c

Leatherette Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, sold regular 50c, to-night

\$2 Brush Sets 65c

19c and 25c Papeteries 13c

200 Papeteries, containing 24 sheets of note paper and 24 envelopes, done up in a handsome holly covered box. These were leaders at 19 and 25c, to night's price. **13c**

\$1 Ladies' Untrimmed Hats 29c

Just 20 dozen in all Ladies' Felt Untrimmed Hats.usual ale price \$1.00, Tuesday night we offer you your choice sale price \$1.00, Tuesday of this lot for

E wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your patron-W age during this year and season which has been by far the greatest year and season in the history of our business. We intend making 1908 still greater, as our greatly increased business will enable us to not only purchase cheaper, but sell our goods at a lower rate of profit.

We Still Have a Splendid Assortment of Gift Goods in Our Creat Basement

and dozen of these goods will be placed on sale to-night at special reduced prices, so those of you who have not already made your purchases can do so to night with the fullest assurance of being well satisfied, both as to the values and the prices. Come at 7.30 if possible.

Jardinieres at About Half Price One table of fancy Jardinieres, Vases, etc., marked up o \$15, on sale at about half price in each instance.

25c Cups and Saucers 12½c 6 dozen thin China Cups and Saucers, fancy shape, orated in pink, blue and light green tints, marked ra ar 25c, on sale at 7.30 to night for $\dots 12 \frac{12}{2}c$

Any Fancy Piece of China at 10 Per Cent. Discount

Any fancy piece of Japanese, Austrian,

Specials in Dolls at 7.30 10c Rag Dolls 5c

Patent Boy Dolls 75c for 59c 6 dozen large size Undressed Patent Boy Dolls, with short curly hair, marked to sell regular at 75c, will be reduced at 7.30 to-night to only **59c** each.

Dressed Dolls Worth \$2 for \$1.49

Two of Them. (Stratford Beacon.

(Toronio Star.) As next year is Leap Year, eligible 3 bachelors should be very careful of behavior under the mistleice bough Christinas. Sentenced to Canada.

Renton was a native of Berwickshire, Scotland, and he with his parents came to this country in the year 1833, and lived in Hamilton for a few years, and alterwards settled on the farm in the Scotch Block, now known as the Ren-ton Homestead, in the year 1841. In 1853 Mr. Renton' married Miss Agness Reid, of Hamilton, and settled on a tarm in Glanford. While living in Glanford he filled the positions of Reeve and County Councillor for many years. He among the principal promoters of the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway, and in his honr one of the stations on that (torono Gioze.) Reports of criminals in London sentenced Canada for life are still appearing in the citish newspapers. The country which pro-nices the undesirables should care for them, id Canada has certainly a eufficient supply her own. among the principal promoters of the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway, and in his honor one of the stations on that road was named Renton which

Hamilton and Port Dover Railway, and in his honor one of the stations on that road was named Reaton, which after some years was changed to Glanford, owing to confusion of the mail matter with Renton P. O., Norfolk County He also took an active part in church work, being an honorad elder of the Prebyterian Church in Carluke for a long time. In Oct. of 1881 he and his family went to Manitoba and settled near Deloraine. Previous to their depar-ture Mr. and Mrs. Renton were waited upon by large gathering of friends from Glanford, Barton and Ancaster, and were made the recipients of valuable presents, consisting of a gold watch and sewing machine, accompaned by a fine-ly worded addich. Great difficulties had to be encountered in the early set-tlement of Manitoba, and privations en-dured, and Mr. Renton and family had their share. They had to journey by wagon and ox team, from Winnipeg to Deloraine, a distance of 200 miles. Three were no roads at that time and no bridges, rivers and creeks had to be forded. They were acompanied by Mr. Hugh Urie and family of Seneca, And both settled on the south side of Tur-to Mountain. With the exception of Mr. Urie's there was no habitation with-in 30 miles of Mr. Renton's home, which was generally known afterwards as the travelere's home, where wisitors were

in Manitoba.

Deloraine, Man., Mr. John Renton, sen., passed away at the age of 83 years, af-

ter an illness of a week's duration. Mr. Renton was a native of Berwickshire,

Barrow and nearly drove the man crazy Was it the Times that made attack after attack on the late Mr. Waddellattacks that were sufficient to make the man's life miserable? Why, the Times never said anything half as mean or contemptible about these gentlemen and others that could be mentioned as our contemporary, the Spectator said. In fact, we couldn't be as mean to our enemies as the Spec. is to its own friends. We repeat that we have neither slander ed nor libelled Mr. Milne nor his business, and the Spectator knows it. But it imagines that by working up a little sympathy for that gentleman it will minimize in the public mind the designs of the Tory Executive on the Hamilton City Council.

CONDITIONS ARE UNFAVORABLY

Hamilton has a street lighting con tract which has yet a full year and a half to run

Hamilton ratepayers have already by by-law approved of the Hydro-Electric power scheme.

Hamilton ratepayers are now to asked to authorize an issue of \$275,000 debentures, at a time when securities of that sort are selling at a lower price than they have ever yielded, and which, at the price of the last sale, would in volve a loss, at the outset, of over \$27,-500 to the city. The Hydro-Electric Commission is not

prepared to enter into a contract. It has no figures which either the Board or its chief engineer will say are correct, or which it can be held to.

In the premises the plain duty of Hamilton ratepayers is to wait until they have something definite to base an opin-ion on. If must not for one minute be

eleaning department appears to be oper-ated on lines of economy. It has ceased to be a bill of expense and yields a good to be a bill of expense and to be a bill of expense and the be able at the be able at the ball of th profit. And it is a legitimate "industry"

Recently the Times has referred to the fact that Canadian manufacturers do not as a rule make use of the news-papers as frequently and extensively as they might in advertising their wares. In fact, many of them never advertise in the newspapers at all, being content to allow their travellers or price lists to allow their travellers or price lists to do all the publicity business in that connection. That is a big mistake. The Vancouver (B. C.) Province, dealing with

Ancouver (B. C.) Frowness, dealing with this matter, says: Our Canadian manufacturers in fact in many lines of production are suffer-ing just because they are unknown to the people, and they are certain to con-tinue to suffer until they realize that they should advertise. Their American rivals will beat them out of the market every time, although their goods are of

in 30 miles of Mr. Renton's home, which was generally known afterwards as the travelers' home, where visitors were always hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Renton. The old house was replaced, 14 years ago, by a large stone one, facing the west and overlooking a beautiful ravine and on the brow of which to the south extensive barns and stables were erected.
Sunday G ne of in the west, and not only owned one of a large farms in stoke farms in sto non-consumation matter of its gartage. That system is all changed now. The Sun says that the asless and heavy rubbish suitable for the purpose are used to build new land for the city. At Riker's Island eighty-four acres have been made already. Each acre is worth not less acres more will have been made, land built up from the bottom, made by the city, adaptable to many municipal uses, and made with what four years ago would have been dumped into the sea at heavy expense. The lighter rubbish is picked over by a contractor who pays for the privilege, and the rejected mat-ter is burned to produce power for light-ing. In this way a revenue of \$22,000 a year is realized from an investment of \$33,000, the money received for the pick, sono, On the whole New York's street cleaning department appears to be oper-tod con times of economy. It has ceased That system is all changed now. The Sun That system is all changed now. The Sun the largest in the city, held its Christ-the largest grain and stock farms in the largest in the city, held its Christ-Manitoba, but lived to see his sons com-School, which is rapidly bee

to hang their offerings on the tree. Mr. W. F. Coote, the superintendent, kept a careful record of the donations. As one elass after another came forward and surrounded the tree a hymn was sumg and a few words were spoken by the pastor. It was found at the close of the service that nearly \$120 in cash had been hung upon the tree, enough to sur-children went away realizing the truth of the Master's words. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." **SANTA AT CROWN POINT.** On Friday evening, Dec. 20, the Kens-ington Avenue Baptist Sunday Schoot of Crown Point held its annual Christ-mas entertainment. An excellent pro-gramme, consisting of songs, recitations, the boys and girls of the school, after which Santa Claus distributed the many tree. The church was filled even to standing room, and all pronounced the event a grand auccess."

It is a careless sweeper who lets her broom wear ont on one side. One that is kept straight will last three times as long as if used unevenly.

ferman and hand painted china will be sold to-night, commencing at 7.30 sharp. 10 per cent. off the regular marked prices.

Fancy Jardinieres 10 Per Cent. Off

Fancy Jardinieres, 10 per cent. off. A range of sizes a fancy brown Jardinieres will also be sold to night, at 0 per cent. off the regular marked prices.

75c Tumblers 50c Dozen

25

\$1.25 China Pieces 49c

20c Cream Pitchers 10c

dozen dainby China Cream Pitchers, individual size, amented in rose and violet designs, now marked at each, on sale to night for only 10c each

Shaving Mugs 25c for 15c

GROCERY DEPT.

 Valencia
 Oranges, each
 1c

 Mexican
 Sweet Oranges, dozen
 15 and 20e

 California
 Seedless Oranges, dozen
 25c and 40c

 Large Juicy Lemons, dozen
 20c

 Mixed Nuts, three varieties, lb.
 15c

 Choice Cooking Figs, lb.
 20c

 Animal Eiscuits, per lh.
 18c

 Crauberries, per quart
 20e

Dolls' Buggies 10 Per Cent. Discount

The balance of our Dolls' Buggies will be placed on sale to-night at 10 per cent off the regular prices.

The Following Better Dolls

Will be reduced as follows for to-night: \$8.00 \$7.00 \$6.00 1 only \$12.00 Dressed Doll, for 1 only \$10.00 Dressed Doll for 1 only \$8.50 Dressed Doll for .

Some 25c Games 15c

A number of large box Games, marked now at 25c, will be placed on sale to night for only 15c each

25c Mechanical Toys 15c

A quantity of Mechanical Toys, such as busy Coolies, Clowns, Cabs, Flying Birds, all marked regularly at 25c, will be reduced at 7.30 to-night to only15c each

Red Trunks 65c for 25c

\$1.15 Iron Trains 89c

3 dozen large size Iron Trains, consisting of engine, tender and three red coaches, marked to sell regularly at \$1.25; these will be sold to night at 7.30 for only 89c

69c Teddy Bears 49c

2 dozen cute little Teddy Bears, marked regularly 69c, ill be cleared to night at 7.30 for only49c each

Big Toys Reduced

 1
 only Mechanical Train, \$12.00, for
 \$6.00

 1
 only Skin Covered Rocking Horse, \$12.00, for
 \$8.00

 1
 only Covered Rocking Horse, \$100, for
 \$7.00

 1
 only Covered Rocking Horse, \$100, for
 \$7.00

 2
 Enamel Kitchen Sets, \$5.00, for
 \$2.50

