

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1907.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A happy Christmas—life to all Within our sunny city: With all that's kind to all we find Requiring help or pity.

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 well-wishers.

To those to whom sickness or adversity has come the Times tenders its warmest sympathy, coupled with the hope that brighter days are in store—days when the sun will shine again, and the trials passed through will leave nothing but refining influences behind.

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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, "chew soap," over some remarks we made about Mr. John Milne's interference in municipal affairs.

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supposed that the defeat of the \$275,000 debenture by-law would interfere with the Hydro-Electric scheme. If the Commission can make good upon the basis of its estimate—its "mere opinion"—there will be nothing in the world to prevent Hamilton taking up the scheme later on.

There are a good many reasons why the by-law should not be passed at the present time, the chief one being the indefiniteness of the proposition; the very strong probability that Hamilton may get cheaper light and cheaper power from other sources, and the certainty that Hamilton cannot, at the present 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 being 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.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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less value, simply because they invite custom, by advertising that they have articles for sale.

The Times believes that there are dozens of articles manufactured in this city that the citizens know nothing about.

People cannot be expected to buy an article when they do not know that it exists. It sometimes pays to pay more attention to advertising than to the tariff.

Take Care. (Toronto Star.) As next year is Leap Year, eligible young bachelors should be very careful of their behavior under the mistletoe bough this Christmas.

Sentenced to Canada. (Toronto Globe.) Reports of criminals in London sentenced to Canada for life are still appearing in the British newspapers.

An Injustice. (Toronto News.) The Development Company has built its own transmission lines and purchased its own right-of-way.

Two of Them. (Stratford Beacon.) The Hamilton Spectator describes as a "remarkable man" a captain of a lake passenger boat plying between Buffalo and Detroit for thirty-five years.

ORDER REVERSED. Barton Street Children Load a Christmas Tree.

Barton Street Methodist Sunday School, which is rapidly becoming one of the largest in the city, held its Christmas festival and tree last night.

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

JOHN RENTON, SEN.

Death of Former Wentworth Man in Manitoba.

On the 13th Dec. at his late residence, Deloraine, Man., Mr. John Renton, sen., passed away at the age of 83 years, after an illness of a week's duration.

Mr. 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 afterwards settled on the farm in the Scotch Block, now known as the Renton Homestead, in the year 1841.

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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.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your patronage 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 Great 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.

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