

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, JAN. 19, 1909.

WOULD CUT OFF 18.

Without discussion the Markets Committee last night unanimously resolved to send down to the Council a recommendation that the number of liquor licenses to be issued in the city of Hamilton for the license year of 1909, be limited to not more than 50. The meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, was a large one, but there were no oratorical fireworks, no opposition speakers, and no acrimonious or personal references. Some representatives of the liquor interests were present, but although the committee was desirous of hearing their side of the question presented, they did not choose to speak. They must have been impressed with the display of reductionist strength made, and have felt the inability of arguments on the available facts. The recommendation of the committee will now go to the Council to be dealt with. It will, of course, be in the power of the Council to make a reduction greater or less than that asked for; but the number of licenses in Hamilton, as compared with other cities, and the strength shown by the reductionist cause, make it improbable that the Council will deny the reduction asked for. There are those who think that the policy of the anti-reductionists will be to attempt to influence individual aldermen, and that, failing in that direction, they will rely upon raising legal technicalities to prevent the Council's will from being carried into effect. City Solicitor Waddell will doubtless be prepared for any such tactics, and will take precautions to prevent their succeeding. Perhaps, if the Council of last year had manifested reasonable respect for the public desire for restriction by fixing the limit at the number then in force—68; or if the License Commissioners had not shut their eyes to the rising tide of temperance sentiment, the liquor trade of the city would not now have to face such a situation. There is a lesson in it for those who serve—or, at least, who should serve—the public.

INSULTING TO CANADA.

If some of the British newspapers could but know how silly and absurd their ponderous opinions as to Canada and Canadian feelings toward Great Britain sound to the people of this country, they would surely ease up on the foolishness which represents us as at the limit of our patience with British "grouchiness" in not taxing the food of the old country people to "keep us loyal" and prevent us smashing the empire into smithereens and throwing ourselves into some rival's arms. Here is a sample of this Tommy-rot from an article in "Canada" (London, Eng.), discussing Lord Milner's Canadian speeches as given in the London Times:

Evidently Lord Milner believes that Canada cannot be asked to wait indefinitely. She will take the Old Country's answer at the next General Election as final. Here is the great question of the day to be settled by the Old Country. In Canada Lord Milner found the Imperial sentiment weakening, but he has strengthened it. And we hope that for the benefit of those in the Old Country who need convincing, those valuable and lucid arguments will be issued in pamphlet form and be widely read.

It would be all very funny, were it not so pitifully humiliating to think that any considerable number of the British people entertained such a contemptible opinion of Canadians. Perhaps they have judged us by the Col. Denison standard—heaven forgive them! Perhaps Lord Milner took seriously the "stuffing" which some pigs and tuft-hunters subjected him to in Toronto. Hence we find some Englishmen ready to believe that if at next election Great Britain does not assent to shouldering a new load of taxation—or the food of her toilers—as the price of our continued fealty, we will smash the Empire! Ought not the men who so slander us to be ducked in a horse pond and then tarred and feathered? Let the British people make no mistake, if Lord Milner had never seen Canada, loyalty to the British Empire would not have been affected by as much as the turning of a hair. And if Chamberlainism and all its theories, and all its followers, were to-morrow cast into outer darkness, never more to be heard of, Canada would still be the eldest son in the Great British family of nations, respecting as much as it does now that it should be represented as making its true British sentiment the purchase price of a tax upon the bread of the Britons at home. Such a suggestion is grossly insulting to Canadians.

AN IMPORTANT WORK.

The report of The Mining and Metallurgical Industries of Canada for 1907-8, issued by the Department of Mines, is a volume of 836 pages of text descriptive of all the metallic and non-metallic mineral mines, and metallurgical and clay industries in the Dominion, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, illustrated by 144 engravings and drawings, and mineral maps of the respective provinces. The maps add much to its value, as they indicate the locations of known mineral deposits which are being worked. A important mine and plant is given, with valuable information about its every important mine and plant is given, with full information about its organization and ownership, thus constituting it a directory of the mining and metallurgical industries of the Dominion. In addition, it contains valuable historical notes, essential geographical monographs, analyses of materials, descriptions of equipment and reliable statistical tables. In order that the huge volume, pro-

duced at no small expense, should get into the hands of those for whom it is intended, a price of \$1.000 has been put upon it. To anybody interested in the great mass of information on mines and mining which it contains it is cheap at five times the price. Inquiries regarding the work should be addressed to Dr. Eugene Haanel, Director of Mines, Ottawa.

A WRONG TO THE RIGHTED.

The Winnipeg branch of the Manufacturers' Association has recently been considering the question of the municipal status of incorporated companies. Strange as it may seem in these days of unrestrained abuse and denunciation of everything called "corporation," the respected and esteemed gentlemen had a word to say by way of voicing something like a grievance under which corporations suffer. Although an incorporated company may own a very large amount of property, all of which is subject to municipal taxation, no corporation has a right to a say in municipal government. The only right they are allowed to exercise is that of paying taxes. By a given line of policy a Municipal Council may greatly increase a corporation's taxes—may even tax it to "encourage" another man or company to take away its business—yet the persons corporate so taxed are denied the right of the franchise and are not allowed a voice in shaping the municipal policy.

The situation has only to be stated to show the injustice of it, and the Winnipeg manufacturers were quick to see it and prompt to ask for a remedy. They want the laws amended so as to empower a corporation to cast a vote. But the matter is not so easily settled with justice. Should a corporation with \$50,000 invested in a municipality have the same voting power as one with \$500,000 or a million? Should it have the same franchise rights as an individual if it have property in several wards? And if not, why? Who should cast the ballot or ballots for it, and shall he vote as a personal matter, or according to the instructions of the directorate or of a meeting of shareholders? Manifestly it is not just to levy the municipal taxes without giving the taxed a voice in imposing them or disposing of the money; but there are interesting questions to answer in moving to apply a remedy to the recognized wrong that exists.

BANK OF HAMILTON.

In another part of this issue will be found the thirty-seventh annual report of the Bank of Hamilton and the address of Hon. William Gibson, the President, in presenting it to the shareholders. Two facts, important not only to the bank, but to the city of Hamilton and the country as a whole, are outstanding features. They are the substantial progress of the bank from its very inception, and its present solid condition, and the fact that Canada came through the recent period of depression with her credit good and her banks and banking system proved by experience and not found wanting.

That the course which the Bank of Hamilton took in the time of trial was in the best interest of its customers and did much to restore confidence there can be no doubt. Hamilton has every reason to be proud of the great financial institution which bears her name and helps to spread her fame over the vast Dominion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It would be interesting to know just what is the motive of the war on Barrow.

Perhaps ex-Mayor Stewart may this week learn that "Sir Frederick Borden" is not his "honored leader!"

If the aldermen concerned are manfully ashamed of that secret caucus, it is well. Don't let it occur again.

The Stewart partisans will not raise a subscription to pay that overdraft—not even the part illegally spent to boom this Hydro scheme.

But perhaps Seath enjoys the situation. He is not a man to whom popularity meant happiness—at least, if he did be was a stranger to it.

If the Dominion Railway Commission concludes to take action and investigates the Grimby crossing tragedy, it will tend to public confidence.

Why did the caucusers wish to hear the Toronto Hydro Electric lawyer and engineer in secret, think you? What was to be kept from them and the public?

The New Zealand liquor sellers have decided that the barmaid must go, and that only men will be employed in their establishments. Will the barmaids, thus deprived of their means of livelihood, appeal to their sister suffragettes of Great Britain to protest against this denial of their "God-given rights"?

Twenty-three Liberals will be crowded over into the Opposition side of the House in the new Parliament. How Mr. Borden would like to be able to lead that contingent!

The Ottawa civil servants are rejoicing. They are to get an increase of \$150 each per year, dating from Sept. 1, 1907, that being the date when the new civil service act took effect.

Ex-Mayor Stewart left a substantial monument to his municipal memory in that thumping big overdraft. The people have many and sad reasons for remembering the days of the Stewart.

naces at Roanoke, Va., went out of blast the other day, leaving the hands in idleness. And the sacred tariff did not avail, although it had not been lowered.

The Spectator affects indignation because the Dominion Government will not "butt in" and take up the work of technical education, assigned to the Provinces. What would it have Whitney do with the money furnished him to carry on that work? Give it to the campaign fund?

It has been discovered that the popularity of certain chocolate candies in Montreal is due to their containing about half a teaspoonful of brandy apiece. Thirty confectioners are charged with selling liquor without a license. Is this great means of educating a new generation of drinkers to be snuffed out?

The Toronto Telegram paranoic shrieks at Whitney that he should assert provincial sovereignty over the international streams, and prevent the International Waterways treaty being agreed to. But perhaps Whitney is possessed of more sense than to attempt any such thing. And he may not be "seen" things that the Telegram editor in his present condition appears to see.

The British old age pension law is said to have stimulated in the poverty-stricken aged the desire to prolong life. It is stated that one clergyman has advertised widely that he will marry, without fee, old couples who wish to combine their pensions and live together. But perhaps the greatest stimulus which it has furnished is evidenced in the cry for more by those who have already tasted unearned sweets.

We have recently heard a good deal about the great increase in sheep-raising in Argentina, and what a doubling up of our 20 to 50 per cent. duties on woolens would do to stimulate Canada's sheep interests. It is worth while just here to point out that sheep-raising in Argentina is not increasing, but decreasing. Recent Government reports show that the number of cattle in the seven principal provinces has increased in the past thirteen years by 5,701,457 head, horses 2,397,314, while sheep have decreased by 17,425,778.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the St. George's Society last evening showed it to be in a highly prosperous condition and that it had done excellent work during the past year in relieving distress. Many fine things were said about Mr. Chas. A. Merton, the secretary-treasurer, all of which were deserved. Mr. Samuel Barker spoke in an interesting way of the society, and touched on the duty of parents to train up their children so that they will treat others with politeness and respect. He contrasted the behavior of the young in England with that of Young Canada, very much to the disadvantage of the latter, who lacks the good breeding of the old country children. Under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Collinson, a prosperous year is predicted for the society.

OUR EXCHANGES

Either Will Do.

(Toronto News.)

The new school teacher says that discipline should be maintained without the use of a strap. That may be. Our teacher used a hickory pointer.

Might be Worse.

(Toronto Star.)

The real size of women's shoes is hereafter to be stamped plainly on the sole. This is, of course, an encroachment, but woman can bear it, so long as her age is not stamped plainly on her forehead.

That Poorhouse.

(London Free Press.)

The grand jury of Hamilton in its present session censures the county for not having a poorhouse. The jurors say it is a disgrace that there are so many inmates of the jail who had better be in the refuge.

Public Speaking.

(Guelph Mercury.)

There is one thing which every young man, who aspires to get on in life, should cultivate, and that is the art of public speaking. To be able to speak intelligibly and sensibly in public is a great asset.

One-Armed Collectors.

(Guelph Herald.)

Toronto and Hamilton are having lots of fun over the disappearance of that dollar bill from off a Guelph collection plate, probably realizing that one-armed collectors were required long ago in their cities.

Scotland.

(Windsor Record.)

"Scotland" is a name so hallowed by heroic and successful struggles against tyranny, civil and ecclesiastical, that its sons as a rule are jealous as well as intelligent and sturdy guardians of its existence and active in its preservation. The sword of Wallace and the stool of Jennie Geddes are symbols deeply enshrined in the national heart.

Tobacco and Pocky.

(Ottawa Journal.)

Three big reasons exist to stop smoking at hockey matches:

1. The rink may be set on fire.
2. The smoke dulls the light, and towards the end of matches obscures the game.
3. It is nasty for the ladies.

Our Winter.

(Peterboro' Examiner.)

The Canadian winter is a blustery but beneficent season—making robust manhood, strong in physique and vigorous of spirit, freezing out the monotony,

Great Clearing Sale of Shoes

The Slater Shoe Store will be a busy place the next month. We have \$8,000.00 worth of Shoes, all by good makers, to go at factory prices.

WE GIVE A REASON FOR THIS SALE. Two years ago the Slater Shoe Factory refused to make a man's \$4 boot and a lady's \$3.50 boot, their claim being they could not at the time make a shoe they would put the Slater name on, as the quality would have to be reduced. For that reason you have not been able to buy Slater Shoes at the above prices. They have now completed arrangements to again make shoes at the popular prices—Ladies', \$3.50; men's \$4.00. We have placed a large order for spring at the new prices so every other shoe in the store must go out at once, hence the following prices:

Men's Box Calf, Patent Colt, Vici Kid Shoes—Shoes worth \$4.00 for...\$2.97
Every pair Goodyear welted.

Ladies' Patent Colt Kid and Calf Shoes, a large range, all at one price...\$2.97

Men's Tan and Black Waterproof Shoes, leather lined, all at one price during this sale...\$3.95

Men's Rubbers, all sizes, sale price 69c
Ladies' Rubbers, all sizes, sale price 47c
Boys' Rubbers, a lot to clear at...27c

We have hundreds of lines we cannot describe here. Watch windows or come on in. Take a look at what we have to save you money.

JAS. W. BRIDGETT

The Slater Shoe Store

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

26 King Street West

ANNUAL OF VICTORIA AVE.

Baptist Church Had a Very Satisfactory Year

And Starts 1909 With an Enthusiastic Staff.

Business Meeting Followed a Very Enjoyable Banquet.

Victoria Avenue Baptist Church held its annual business meeting last evening, and in connection therewith a very happy social event. The members in large numbers gathered in the school room and sat down at 7 o'clock to enjoy a banquet. At 8.30 the meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. H. Edgar Allen, who presided. After singing a hymn the roll was called, there being a very large response, either verbally or by letter. This was followed by a recitation by Miss Hoover, and later in the evening Mr. Ayliffe sang a solo. The reports of the various departments were then presented. The membership was shown by Mr. C. A. Challen to be 273, which, while not as large as the previous year, was considered satisfactory. Mr. H. E. Stenabaugh submitted the business statement, which showed:

Receipts—
Balance on hand \$ 10.39
Pastor's salary and pulpit supply 800.20
Caretaker's salary 294.00
Choir leader's salary 187.50
Organist's salary 96.65
Fuel and light 234.58
Interest on mortgage 175.00
Special contribution, Rev. J. M. Cornwall 95.00
Miscellaneous accounts 252.35
Balance on hand 23
Total \$2,147.11

Disbursements—
Pastor's salary and pulpit supply 800.20
Caretaker's salary 294.00
Choir leader's salary 187.50
Organist's salary 96.65
Fuel and light 234.58
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The general summary of receipts from all sources and disbursements was Church treasurer's report, receipts:

\$2,131.32; balance on hand, 23 cents. Organ fund, \$628.51; balance on hand, \$39.74. Sunday school report, \$111.44; balance on hand, \$36.79. B. Y. P. U. 85. Women's Mission Circle, \$117.10; balance on hand, \$7.98. Senior Mission Band, \$10.43; balance on hand, \$8.16. Grand total, receipts, \$3,303.80; balance on hand, \$89.40. The other reports were presented as follows: Mission treasurer, Miss M. Carruthers, Mission Circle, Mrs. H. E. Sherck. Sunday school, Mr. J. A. Jones. B. Y. P. U., Mr. A. Skentellory. B. Y. P. U. treasurer, Mr. A. Howcroft. Senior Mission Band, Miss Bradt. Deaconesses' Society, Mr. C. D. Houlding. Auditors, J. H. Farr, F. Stenabaugh. The following is a complete list of the officers: Pastor, Rev. H. Edgar Allen. Clerk, Mr. C. A. Challen. Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Marshall. Financial Secretary, Mr. W. E. Blandford. Honorary Deacon, Mr. Geo. Greig. Deacons: S. D. Colvin, John A. Jones, D. Smith, W. Wilson, C. D. Houlding, C. A. Challen. Trustees, H. F. Stenabaugh, W. E. Blandford, John Peebles, J. A. Jones, John Gillard. Board of Management, O. F. Matthews, G. W. Long, A. Koeppel, J. H. Fair, John Bowler, W. L. Sawdon, H. B. Shuttleworth, D. Smith, John Martin, John Truscott, Isaac Patterson, George Cousens. Ushers, C. Clement, W. Hartley, A. Cole, W. L. Sawdon, F. Parlington, A. Newlands, A. Howcroft, W. Davis. Weekly Offering Committee, W. E. Blandford, J. A. Jones, J. A. Eaton, S. D. Colvin, A. Cole, J. W. Birdsell, J. H. Farr, H. B. Shuttleworth, A. Howcroft. Mission Treasurer, Miss M. Carruthers. Missionary Committee, Miss Carruthers, Mrs. W. Fair, Mrs. W. E. Blandford, Mrs. A. S. Devine, Mr. S. A. Brown, Mr. A. Newlands, Mr. H. J. Cuttriss. Deaconesses, Mrs. A. Martin, Mrs. H. F. Stenabaugh, Mrs. J. W. Birdsell, Mrs. L. Sheek, Mrs. H. E. Sherck, Mrs. S. D. Colvin, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mrs. J. Connell, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. H. E. Allen. Prayer Meeting Pianist, Miss N. E. Bradt's assistant, Mrs. Allen. Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. John Peebles. Representative of Canadian Baptist, Mr. S. A. Brown. Publication Secretary, Mr. H. F. Stenabaugh.

Auditors, Messrs. J. H. Farr and H. F. Stenabaugh. B. Y. P. U. President—Mar. David Smith. Social Committee, Mrs. Stenabaugh, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. J. W. Birdsell, Mrs. John Gillard, Mrs. C. D. Houlding, Mrs. S. D. Colvin, Mrs. A. S. Devine.

ADMITS KILLING.

Murderer of Woman Identified by Daughter of His Victim.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 18.—"He killed my mother!" shrieked Mary Caudano when she was to-day brought face to face at police headquarters with Jas. Now, the young Italian who stabbed Mrs. Tommette Caudano to death at her home Saturday afternoon. After his identification by the murdered woman's daughter, Now made a complete confession of the crime to District Attorney Jackson. "I killed her because I loved her," declared the murderer. He told the district attorney that the woman had been wooed by him long before her husband died and that she had repulsed his advances.

He was greatly agitated when told that his victim was dead and went like a child when the information was imparted to him.

It was only after a long and tedious chase that he was caught. He put his left arm in a sling, thinking the police would not seek a foreigner with an injured arm, but Detective Sergeant Callinan recognized him from the description given by the dead woman's children. He will appear in police court to-morrow morning to answer to the charge of murder in the first degree.

CIVIL SERVANTS' PAY.

Increase of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars. Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The Government, after a long discussion as to the question of raising the salaries of the members of the civil service, as recommended in the report of the Civil Service Commission last year, has finally decided to grant a flat increase of \$150 per year, without distinction as to position, to all the present members on the permanent scale of the inside service. The increase will date from September 1 last, the date on which the new civil service act went into effect.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1909

SHEA'S

Skirts Made to Measure of Sale Goods \$1.25 for

OUR WINTER CLEARING SALE

Just a week ago this sale started with a swing that has never let up for an hour and is without doubt the biggest week's business we have ever done in the month of January. The best kinds of bargains are here yet for you in goods that you want now and will want for the next three months.

MANTLES, SUITS AND SKIRTS, FURS, UNDERWEAR AND BLOUSES, TABLE LINENS, BLANKETS AND COMFORTERS.

Floor Oilcloth 22½c

Floor Oil Cloth in 1 yard, 1½ yards and 2 yard widths, and the very best patterns in the good heavy quality, on sale to clear at per square yard 22½c

Tapestry Table Cloths

About 50 Tapestry Table Cloths, in good designs and splendid colors, all our own direct importing. We have divided them into 2 lots, and they go on sale as follows: \$1.75 and \$1.95 values for 75c \$1.35 and \$1.50 values for 95c

Silk and Wool Brocade 95c

A quantity Silk and Wool Brocade, of very rich quality and good colors, useful for many purposes, curtains, furniture covering, etc., worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, to clear at per yard 95c

Blankets Worth \$4.00 for \$2.95

Pure Wool White Blankets, beautiful lofty finish, fast colored pink or blue borders, perfect in every way, worth \$4.00 and \$4.50, on sale for per pair \$2.95

Bed Comforters at 95c

Hundreds of Comforters, made of pure cotton batting, cross lapped, covered with silkline and chintz, worth \$1.75 and \$1.95, on sale for each 95c

Women's Coats at \$8.95

Made of splendid quality of black and colored cloths, kerseys, browns, etc., good range of sizes, loose and tight fitting, good \$12.50 to \$15 values, on sale for . . . \$8.95

Women's Coats at \$10.00

Venetian Cloths, rich Meltons, Kerseys, Beavers, Broadcloths, well lined and richly trimmed. Coats that we have sold all season for \$13, \$17.50 and \$20, on sale now for, each \$10.00

Dress Goods Clearance

Our entire Dress Goods Stock is now on sale at reductions that vary from 10 per cent. to 50 per cent. or more discount from regular prices, all good, reliable goods, newly bought, but we have decided to give up the piece goods business, so out they go, without reserve. Take advantage of this sale offers of Skirts made to measure for \$1.25

Women's Underwear

Penman's and Turnbull's best flat knit Underwear, Vest and Drawers, goods actually worth \$1.25, on sale for . . . \$7½c

Cretonnes and Silklines

Cretonnes, 15c values 11c 25c values, for 15c 25c values, for 19c Silklines, 18c values, for 13½c 20c values, for 15c