

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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TO THE COURTS NOW.

Whatever may have been the policy of the Cataract Company with regard to the City Council's proposal to enter into a contract for power with the Hydro-Electric Commission...

As the report elsewhere in this issue explains, the Mayor and aldermen were yesterday served with notices, warning them that they would each be held individually responsible for any expense to which the city might be put...

What is to be done with the letter now after nearly three centuries delay? The Marselles Chamber of Commerce has no line of communication by which it can reach Sultan Amuzath...

the man who gets it does not pay enough to keep it up, the taxpayer must be called on.

A VERY DEAD LETTER.

The most remarkable case of postoffice delay of which we can recollect has just been made public by the Marselles Chamber of Commerce, into the possession of which has come a communication whose delivery has been delayed for 279 years...

EDITORIAL NOTES.

At \$5 a head the craphooters got off cheaply. Was the game worth the fine? The drowning season this year has been prolific of tragedies. Are warnings utterly useless?

Rich gold finds are reported from Lac la Rouge, Sask., and a new Klondike is hoped for. One sample is said to have yielded \$30,000 to the ton.

The proverbial Irishman's flea does not seem to be in it with the Hydro crowd when it comes to trying to hold them down to power prices.

There is a remarkable disinclination to noising abroad unlucky bets on the races. Have you heard of anybody losing? What a snap the bookies must have furnished to the boys!

And the Herald is not even confident that the Hydro power will not cost \$9 more than the Cataract \$16 figure. What a sweet-scented guardian of the ratepayers' interest it is!

Merit is to count in all promotions on the staff of the Intercolonial Railway henceforth. If Hon. Mr. Graham can succeed in carrying out such a system, he will earn the thanks of the Canadian public.

Mr. Hugh Lumsden, chief engineer of the N. T. R. Commission, has resigned, having found the duties of the position too onerous. His resignation followed a refusal of leave of absence and increased salary.

And not to get revenge on the Spec., not even for sweet charity's sake, will the Herald, which rants so much about the Hydro "cheap power scheme," risk \$1,000 that the "cheap" Hydro power will not cost \$9 more than the Cataract!

New York sells the right to pick over the rubbish taken from the streets and used to fill in and "make" land. The contractor furnishes free all labor in trimming the grounds and filling in and pays the city \$89,000 a year.

If the city is rich enough to agree to give away thousands of dollars annually as a bonus to the Hydro-Electric Commission, there should be no scarcity of money to build schools, roads, sewers and to secure a pure milk supply. The ratepayers' pockets are long.

Heineze, the copper king, has been found guilty of impeding the administration of justice by spiriting away the United Copper Company's books. It is suspected that the books are in Canada. If the books are not produced in court he may be fined \$500 and sent to jail for three months.

The Mail and Empire has decided to retire Sir Wilfrid Laurier from the Premiership at the beginning of next session. Few people will doubt that the withdrawal from public life of Sir Wilfrid would suit the organ perfectly. But Canada and Sir Wilfrid might not be agreeable.

The editor of La Nationaliste, of Montreal, who was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for contempt of court, has obtained leave to appeal to the Court of Appeals against his sentence, and has been given his liberty on bail. It is very desirable that the judgment of the higher courts be obtained as to the power of judging dealing with cases of contempt of court.

After all the denunciation which certain organs have indulged in regarding the Fisheries Regulation Treaty, it is reassuring to have the Mail and Empire's statement that "the regulations have been drawn up so that both countries will receive the same benefits."

Under the new arrangement the subscribers to Australia's Government telephone service in a city like this will pay a flat rate of \$17.50, plus a call rate. If his call aggregate 3,000 a year this charge will be \$30, or \$47.50 in all. A considerable loss has already been sustained in operating the publicly owned system, and while it is hoped that the increased rates will reduce the growing deficit, it is not at all certain that a further increase will not have to be made.

Australia is learning that telephone service, like most other services, must be paid for by somebody, and if

Toronto Telegram will now be bereaved of its dearest grievance against the Government.

Prof. Sec, astronomer in charge of Mars Island naval observatory, California, disputes the long-held theory that the moon is of earthly origin, having been detached from one planet, and sets up the theory that "all planets and satellites are captured bodies," whose orbits have been reduced in size. It is too late in the day, and the weather is too warm now, to get up a scandal over fair Luna's paternity.

Twenty-one of the most prominent of New York's clairvoyants, psychics, palmists and trance mediums were arrested the other day and held in \$1,000 bail, under the code, which classes all persons pretending to read the future, tell fortunes or reveal where stolen or lost articles are as "disorderly persons." The joke on the arrested revealers of the future is that not one of them seemed to have any foreknowledge of their own misfortunes!

British papers to hand all speak approvingly of the vigorous opposition given by Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of the Globe, to the proposition to pledge the Press Conference to advocate compulsory military training. They recognize that such an attempt was very unwise, and that it was very properly resisted. It was the outcome of a kind of "imperialism" that does not make for permanent solidarity, and Mr. Macdonald did true imperialism good service in squelching it promptly.

Talk of "competition" referring to Hydro power is the veriest nonsense. It is already admitted that Hydro power will be dearer than even the highest price mentioned in the Cataract contract. How can it "compete" in such circumstances. We shall simply pay a higher price for what power we order from the Hydro Commission, and instead of paying the money to support Hamilton industries and Hamilton workmen send it to outsiders. That is one way to help on (?) the Greater Hamilton movement.

The Herald after all its boasts that Hydro power would be cheaper than the local company's supply "cravals" when it is cornered. The Spectator invites it to put up from \$500 to \$1,000, it to put up like sums, the winner to award them to any charities it may select, the issue to be that Hydro power will cost not less, but from \$2 to \$9 a horse-power more than Cataract power. Now the Herald refers to it as "a gambling test," and expresses its disapproval of "betting on the result!" Holy smoke! Imagine the Herald stying at a betting proposal, unless it felt that it was a certain loser!

The Finance Committee, while recognizing that the Board of Health's scheme for furnishing pure milk for infants during the summer months would probably largely reduce infant mortality, is unable to see its way to voting the \$700 necessary to carry out the scheme. The failure of the Board's efforts in consequence of this lack of funds is much to be regretted, particularly at this time when a majority of the aldermen are eagerly working to commit the city to throwing away a vast sum of money in a most improvident electric power deal. Ought not these aldermen to be haunted by the ghosts of the slaughtered innocents?

Our Exchanges

WHERE? (Toronto News.) Money remains plentiful and easy.

TOO MUCH TO DO. (London Free Press.) Radcliffe, the hangman, complains of overwork. An overworked hangman is not the reputation Canada seeks.

AND WRONG. (Brantford Expositor.) The growing tendency to relieve and commute death sentences, which have been passed on guilty criminals after a just trial, is sickening and dangerous.

A DOUBLE PLEA. (Ottawa Journal.) However, we must assume that there are many decent Chinese, and we know that not all of the missionary girls who volunteer to teach Chinese are fool girls.

EH, ANTI-HAMILTON JOHNNY? (Hamilton Spectator.) How would John Milne like to have an Ontario Government Commission appointed to start a foundry to make stoves, because he employs non-union workmen?

SWEET AND BITTER. (Toronto Telegram.) Hamilton district boasts of an output of strawberries which are bright and sweet, in which respect they differ from the same district's output of newspapers.

THEIR MISTAKE. (Toronto Star.) Four more drawings from canoes are reported to-day. These tragedies are due to the mistaken notion young people have that it's other persons that should be careful and other canoes that are dangerous.

BURIED. (The Green Bag.) The managing editor wheeled his chair around and pushed a button in the wall. The person wanted entered. "Here," said the editor, "are a number of directions from outsiders as to the best way to run a newspaper. See that they are all carried out." And the office boy, gathering them all into a large waste basket, did so.

MONOPOLIES. (Kingston Whig.) The Whitney Government is great on monopolies. It has a monopoly of morals and manners; it gives to the Hydro-Electric Commission a monopoly of power,

and to the T. Eaton Company a monopoly of school books, and to the municipalities and the people a little later it may give a monopoly of trouble.

I. C. R. DISMISSALS. (Montreal Gazette.) A hundred employees of the Intercolonial were discharged at Moncton. As was to have been expected, this action of the commissioners has drawn forth a great protest, and, no doubt, the road to Ottawa will soon be worn smooth by the friends of the decapitated ones anxious to use whatever influence they have with the Minister. It is to be trusted that Mr. Graham will develop a deaf ear.

ONE ON WILLISON. (St. John Sun.) The Toronto News declares that Hon. Mr. Lemieux's system of rural mail delivery has been found unworkable. The fact that the system is working most satisfactorily in this Province places the News in somewhat the same position in this regard as that of the learned scientist who was demonstrating conclusively several years ago the impossibility of a steamship crossing the Atlantic at the same time as the first transatlantic steamer was completing her voyage.

Scrap Book Poetry

THE BEST SUMMER JOB. In days like this, When perspiration Lines my brow And desperation Fills my soul Because 'tis hot, I yearn for jobs That I have not, It's much to warm For verses solomn, And yet I'm forced To fill a column.

I would not care To be a baker In June's hot days, Nor candlemaker In factories I would not toil, Nor do I long To till the soil, I would not be An engineer, Although the pay Is good, I hear, It's much too hot To be a preacher, I'd rather be A swimming teacher.

Of all the summer Jobs there is, His is the most Delightful biz, His working clothes Are cool and cool, He has the river For his school, And, sitting by The water's brim, The gentle breezes Comfort him, And when he works His arm is placed Around some lovely Maiden's waist.

Good Short Stories

"I suppose you know," said the Kentucky colonel, "that Harrodsburg has done and gone prohibition? Yes, you wouldn't think it, but it has. Pappy had on them these people these dire straits not to give a drink to nobody what hasn't been bit by a rattlesnake. 'Well, one day when I was down theah not long ago a farmer come into the drug store' wheah I was hangin' around in hopes, and says, says he: 'I been standin' in line all day long, but the rattlesnakes they ah so busy I can't get a bite. Wou' you gimme a drink anyhow?'" - New York Press.

One of the speakers at the dinner given in Cleveland by the National Educational Association was Booker T. Washington, the distinguished negro leader of the South. In the course of his remarks he told the following story about a southern minister, who was evidently rather long winded: "One Sunday morning, while the minister was in the midst of his sermon and had reached the point when he was shouting, 'And fourthly, dear brethren, a man poked his head through the door and said in a low voice: 'Don't get too much excited, parson, but your church is on fire!' 'All right, Brother Jones,' said the parson, 'I will hasten out. But possibly you'd better wake the congregation.'" - Judge.

A physician engaged a nurse, recently graduated, for a case of delirium tremens. The physician succeeded in quieting his patient, and left some medicine, instructing the nurse to administer it to him if he "began to see snakes again." At the next call the physician found the patient again raving. To his puzzled inquiry the nurse replied that the man had been going on that way for several hours and that she had not given him any medicine. "But didn't I tell you to give it to him if he began to see snakes again?" asked the physician. "But he didn't see snakes this time," replied the nurse, confidently, "he saw red, white and blue turkeys, with straw hats on!" - Illustrated Bits.

Luke Poland, the most punctilious of Vermont Yankees, and Colonel Tom Turner, of Kentucky, horseman breeder of fast ones and a fine judge of mint, grew to be great friends when they were in Congress together. Poland took Turner up to Vermont as his guest one summer and showed him around. They came to the statue of Ethan Allen, in front of the state house. "That Tom," exclaimed Turner, "is the statue of Ethan Allen." "Ethan Allen?" exclaimed Turner. "I always thought Ethan Allen was a horse." - Saturday Evening Post.

GOOD WORK TELLS. John E. Riddell had been awarded the contract for the re-slating and galvanizing iron work on the Christ's Church Cathedral; also the slating and the ventilating of St. Paul's Church Sunday school; roofing the Hovers Lithographing Company building, the Y. W. C. A., the Carnegie Free Library, Dundas, the Morton & Sons' new factory, and has completed the Wagstaffe Co., Limited, the Chadwick Bros' addition, High School, Dundas, and installed several large metallic skylights and ceilings and fire proof doors.

You can tell the different kinds of trees by their bark, but not the different kinds of dogs.

Your Holiday Wants

To \$3.00, Holiday Parasols \$1.95. Holiday suits in parasols to choose from at savings. Silk Parasols in a good range of plain fashionable colors, also black and white and grey fancy stripes, fancy natural wood handles, regular \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3. Wednesday \$1.95.

NOTE—Our entire stock of fancy Parasols has been re-marked at these holiday savings, \$6.00, now \$5.50; \$5.00 for \$4.50; \$3.50 for \$2.75; \$2.50 for \$2.19.

To 40c, Summer Wash Goods 12 1/2c. A pre-Holiday clean up in the Wash Goods' Section, which means the greatest kind of savings. They are in vestings, flannel suits, Cambrics, Lawns, Gingham, Voiles, Batists and Mulls. Descriptions seem impossible, but they are the best bargain lot of the season. Regular 15c, 25c to 40c. Rush sale \$12 1/2c.

40 and 50c Poplin Suitings at 25c. Silk Mercerized Poplin Suitings, in plain, blue and goblin, also self stripe poplin, in pink and brown, very stylish and popular for summer suits, regular 50c for 25c.

EXTRA—\$3.00 Wash Skirts \$1.98. Just arrived a special purchase of White Holiday Wash Dress Skirts of India Head Linen in good style, with buttons, embroidery or self trimming, all sizes, regular \$2.75 and \$3.00, Holiday sale \$1.98.

50 and 75c Holiday Neckwear at 29c. Holiday style in Muslin and Embroidery Bows and Jabots, also in net and Irish crochet, new styles in white or ecru. Regular to 75c, Holiday sale \$29c.

Dutch Collars 25c to \$5.00. New arrivals in holiday Dutch Neckwear in net, muslin lace, colored embroideries and real Irish crochet, a most exclusive showing, special at \$25, 35, 50, to \$5.00.

Wash Belt Special 25c. An immense showing of Holiday Wash Belts in new designs, some with colored embroidery; pearl and fancy buckles, extra special \$25c.

During July and August store closes at 5 p. m. Close 6 p. m. to-morrow.

To \$10.00, Princess Dresses \$6.00. Princesses for stylish holiday wear; Mercerized Mulls, in white, pink, sky and mauve, princess style, with tacked waist, lace insertion front and lace panel skirt. Regular \$8 and \$10 values, Holiday Sale \$6.00.

\$10.00 Holiday Wash Suits at \$6.88. Cool Summer Outing Suits, in pink, blue and white. Linen Coats are smartly tailored, with plain and lace trimming. Skirts are gored with button, and self trimmed. Holiday sorts priced at only \$6.88.

To \$12.00, Rubberized Outing Coats \$6.88. Rubberized Outing Coats, in navy and grey, loom storm styles, very serviceable for all seasons of the year. Regular \$10 and \$12, Holiday Sale \$6.88.

Holiday Blouses Low Priced. Every woman's holiday taste can be satisfied here with our showing of Lingerie Blouses. They are in White Swiss and India Lawns, in tailored and fancy embroidery trimmed styles, long sleeves.

\$3.00 and \$3.50 White Holiday Blouses \$2.25. Fancy elaborate stylish summer sorts, in fine white Swiss Lawns, with new trimmings, long mousetraire sleeves, several styles; an underpriced purchase, on sale at \$2.25.

Sample Holiday Hosiery. Women's sample Hosiery, in fine lisle and cotton, in fancy stripes, spots and lace ankles in tan, blue, white or black. 35c quality reduced 19c. 40c quality reduced 25c.

50c Summer Hosiery 35c. Fancy Summer Hosiery, in plain and silk lisle lace ankles, stylish new patterns; 50c, holiday sale \$35c.

Women's Summer Vests. Women's Summer Ribb Cotton Vests, fancy yokes and lace trimmed, all sizes. 12 1/2c quality reduced to 9c. 18c quality reduced to 12 1/2c.

Holiday Gloves. Women's Pure Milanese Silk Gloves, elbow length, three button mousquetaire style in tan, brown, navy, champagne and black, all sizes. Regular \$1.00, Holiday sale \$58c.

Women's Black Milanese Silk Gloves, elbow length, size 6 only. While they last Wednesday morning \$25c. Women's Silk Gloves in 2 dome variety length, in tan, brown, black, grey and white, 50c, Holiday sale \$39c.

Women's Lisle Gloves, elbow length, 3 button mousquetaire style, in black, white, grey, navy, tan and brown; value 65c, Holiday sale \$35c.

FUTURE OF ART SCHOOL

Again Considered at Joint Meeting of Board

And Sub-Committee Appointed to Get Information.

Library Board to Sell the Present Building Only to City.

A joint meeting of the Technical Committee of the Board of Education and the Art School Governors took place last night in the Board of Education rooms, City Hall, to discuss the advisability of transferring the Art School classes to the Technical School.

The discussion was rather lengthy and at times heated, and that, coupled with the warm night, did not appeal to some of the members who stayed for the entire meeting, and they were quite restless.

Arguments were frequent over small matters, and one was brought on by some of the members of the Technical Committee accusing the Governors of the Art School of being pessimistic, which the Governors resented.

F. J. Howell acted as chairman. The meeting was somewhat late in starting. Mr. Howell explained that the Technical School Committee had been instructed by the Board of Education to confer with the Art School Board for the purpose mentioned.

Dr. Lyle explained that the members of the Art School committee did not know where they stood in the matter, and, as the Art School was practically closed, they were anxious to find out.

Mr. Neyland, who is at present away, would not consider anything less than \$3,000 a year, he stated. The Art School members anxious to wind up at once, and wanted to understand just what the Technical Committee was driving at.

Mr. S. F. Lazier, K. C., said he thought Dr. Lyle took a pessimistic view of the matter.

Mr. Adam Brown said the Art School had become a dead school from a growing concern. No art school should be supposed to be maintained by a Government grant.

Mr. J. W. Lamoreaux said the Art School committee appeared to be fishing to obtain a secret which did not exist, whereas the Technical School Committee was heartily in sympathy with the Art School.

Mr. Howell did not see the difference between the meeting held before and last night's meeting. At the former meeting a recommendation was made to the Board of Education that the Technical School take over the work and classes of the Art School, with the exception of one class, which, it was explained, did not exist. The Board of Education considered the recommendation was rather broad, and the meeting of last night was the result.

Every man on the Board of Education, however, was expected to know what was best to continue the work. There was no reason why the members of the Art School Board should not be members of the other Board.

Mr. C. R. McCullough said he expected the amalgamation of the Art School with the Technical School with the Governors of the Art School, and did not expect so much pessimism, and he had been cooled down by what the deputation had said. It seemed a pity that the city should be deprived of a school of the fine arts, and he was in sympathy with the movement for the continuance of the school. Mr. Neyland the former Principal, was no doubt a good man, but even if he could not be secured again, another one could be had to fill his place, and the classes could be continued.

W. A. Robinson said if Mr. Neyland had the right position he was easily worth \$3,000. The only mistake he saw about the meeting was the wasting of time, but he did not think anyone was to blame. The proper method would have been for the Board of Education to take over the Art School until they found out where they were at. It is not yet too late, but the Art School could be opened in September, continue the work, and after the Technical School

MR. LUMSDEN.

Chief Engineer of National Transcontinental Resigns.

Demanded Leave of Absence and Increase of Pay.

Ottawa, June 28.—The resignation of Mr. Hugh Lumsden, chief engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission since its organization some five years ago, has been received by the Minister of Railways, Hon. Geo. P. Graham. The resignation has not come unexpectedly. For some months it has been known that Mr. Lumsden has been finding the constant duties of his position somewhat too trying, and some time ago he notified the commission that he must have leave of absence and an increase of salary. The commissioners, while anxious to meet all reasonable demands of their chief engineer, have it is understood, been desirous that he should make closer personal inspection of the work in actual progress along the line under the district engineers, instead of sticking so closely to his administrative work at headquarters in Ottawa.

Recently a board of arbitration under the terms of the Government's contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific, has been at work adjudicating on the differences which have arisen between the engineers of the commission and the engineers of the company with respect to the classification of the cuttings along the route.

It is understood that the Grand Trunk Pacific has shown considerable reluctance to meet the wishes of the commission in having these differences submitted to the Supreme Court, that the G. T. P. instructed its chief engineer to undertake the arbitration now in progress. After the arbitrators, early this month, had gone over the work the Transcontinental Commissioners received complaints, both from the district engineers, and from the contractors against the alleged hasty and arbitrary methods of the arbitrators.

The attention of the arbitrators was drawn to these complaints and an intimation was given to Mr. Lumsden by the commission that unless adequate time was taken to examine the classifications and hear the representations of the district engineers the result might be that the award of the arbitrators would unjustly reduce some of the classifications, thereby reducing the rental which the G. T. P. would have to pay the country for the use of the road. On the other hand if the contractors afterwards succeeded by appeal to the courts in making good their claim, then full payment would have to be made them for higher classification, while the G. T. P. would reap the advantage at the country's loss. Any hasty work on the part of the arbitrators would prejudice the commission's case against the contractors in any possible legal action to secure redress from the arbitrators' award.

This expression of the commission's desire that there should be no arbitrary methods about the adjudication now under way was followed by Mr. Lumsden's resignation.

STREET WATERING. To the Editor of the Times: Sir—I think when people and men start to talk about a better Hamilton, I think we must get right at the Mayor and Council, and to think of allowing men to water the streets on a Sunday, instead of allowing the men a day of rest, after working six days a week. I think they should have a day of rest, because there is a Lord's Day Act, and Bacon Street or any other street can do without water on a Sunday, as in Ottawa and some other places in Canada, and I find that this Mayor and city are the worst in Canada, and I am talking about what I see, and hope he will try and mend his way. Thinking you for space, I am, Believer in Lord's Day Act, Ben Smith, 6 Wright avenue, Hamilton, June 28, 1909.

County Crown Attorney Drayton declines to accept the position of Corporation Counsel of Toronto.