

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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A WORLD STAMP.

Many people whose correspondence extends beyond the limits of the country of their residence have felt the inconvenience of being unable to send a postage stamp that would be useful to prepay a reply from a foreign country. Something like twenty-five years ago, the writer advocated the adoption of a stamp that would be valid in any of the countries of the Postal Union, and on several occasions since has brought it to public attention. The Globe, in commenting upon the proposal as set forth in a letter by the writer which it published many years ago, approved of the idea, but saw some difficulty in putting it into practice. Within recent years, however, Henricker Heaton was interested himself in the proposal, and at the Postal Congress in Rome last year his suggestion to give it a trial was adopted. At first there will be issued only one denomination of this stamp, value 5 cents, which will come into use on Oct. 10th. It bears the picture of a goddess, with a background of olive branches, was designed by Grassett, and has been printed at Einsiedeln, in Switzerland. Not only will it prove a convenience, but every such move in facilitating international intercourse helps to unite the people of all nations and make them more and more one great family.

OBJECT OF THE LAW.

Before the Lemieux act can be brought into operation for the settlement of a labor dispute, the act must be invoked by one of the parties to the dispute. After it comes into operation, it becomes unlawful for an employer to declare a lockout or for employees to strike until the board of conciliation has investigated the trouble and submitted its report. But in the Cobalt dispute the act was not invoked either by the miners or the mine-owners; therefore it is not unlawful for the miners to strike; and if it was not unlawful for them to strike it could not be unlawful for anybody to incite them to strike. The strong probability is that the decision of the Cobalt magistrate will be quashed.—Hamilton Herald.

But we think our contemporary's view of the object of the act is a mistaken one, without regard to the result of this appeal, or whether the conviction may be faulty on other grounds. Obviously the intention was not that the act should apply only after one of the parties to a dispute had invoked its provisions. The interpretation clause makes it apply to mines, and the heading of Sec. 36 is, "Strikes and Lockouts" PRIOR TO and PENDING a Reference to a Board of Conciliation, showing that the act is intended to apply to these industries to the extent of preventing strikes and lockouts until its utility has been tested. The words of the section are: "It shall be unlawful for any employer to declare or cause a lockout, or for any employee to go on strike on account of any dispute prior to a reference of such dispute to a Board of Conciliation," etc. These words seem to indicate as clearly as possible that strikes and lockouts in certain industries are forbidden until conciliation under the act has been attempted. And we think that was what the act was intended to accomplish.

PRISON LABOR.

The appointment by Hon. Mr. Whitney of Messrs. J. P. Downey, Finlay McDiarmid, Geo. Patterson, John Dargavel and Hon. Mr. Hanna as a committee on prison labor conditions, is received with indifference by the labor element and workingmen generally. The fact that it is composed entirely of Conservatives is an evidence that the investigation will be made with a view to uphold the policy of the Government rather than to arrive at a just conclusion as to the proper methods to be adopted in regard to labor of this kind. Speaking of this committee, the Brockville Recorder says: In the East Hamilton by-election Mr. Strohmeier, the labor candidate, defeated the Tory candidate, one of the chief issues being the violation by the Whitney Government of its pledges on the prison labor question. After proclaiming eternal antipathy to contract prison labor on the hustings, the present Government, without consulting the Legislature, proceeded to make one of the most outrageous contracts with a pet firm by which they were handed over prison labor at three cents an hour. This was denounced by manufacturers who have to compete with this cheap labor and by labor organizations throughout the Province. Mr. Strohmeier, labor's leadingly exposed the outrage imposed on free labor by this scandalous contract.

Perhaps that was the reason Mr. Strohmeier was left off the committee. By reason of his intimate acquaintance with labor problems and his experience in all matters relating to the workingman he would have been a most valuable man to put on it, but Mr. Whitney was taking no chances when he appointed it, and Mr. Strohmeier might have upset any plan that might be in existence to bring in a report to suit the Government. If it is thought to stave off or disarm the opposition which exists in the country to the Government's labor policy by the appointment of this committee, those entertaining the notion are doomed to disappointment.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Forty-six Missouri counties have gone "dry." Local option must be gaining ground in that section of the United States.

This far York County Loan Co. shareholders' claims have been divided into

GREAT ALTERATION SALE

Wall Paper

Monday morning starts an Alteration Sale of Wall Paper that for values will be hard to beat.

Prices cut regardless of cost. We need the room.

SALE LASTS 10 DAYS

Gay's Book Store

'Phone 2586

95-97 King St. East

ten classes. The hearings will begin on Tuesday next.

The C. P. R. telegraphers in utilizing the Lemieux Act in their effort to get an increase of pay instead of striking are wisely advised. They appreciate the object of the measure and its usefulness.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux is to bring in a bill to do away with the 2-cent drop letter postage in cities. Another step forward for the benefit of business, and one that will tend to increased usefulness in the postal department.

The Vancouver Province issued last Saturday a "Land of Opportunity" number of 96 pages magazine form in addition to its regular Saturday 32-page paper. One needs to have a week to spare to appreciate an effort at big things in publication.

The editor of the Manufacturers' Record, E. H. Edmunds, estimates that the cotton crop this year will bring \$900,000, 000 into the Southern States, or about 12½ per cent. more than any previous cotton crop has netted in that section of the country.

The members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association who visited this city yesterday were well entertained and saw a number of our leading industrial establishments. Wouldn't they like to become citizens of such an attractive city?

Some of the English papers are inclined to think that Canadians have no

just cause to complain that British diplomacy has sacrificed Canadian interests in the past. But that only shows that they are unable to see things from the Canadian point of view.

But whether or not it lies in the province of the Beach Commission to force the city to treat Mr. Fitch justly in the matter of that road should make no difference in the course of the council. It should deal fairly in the case, and if injury is done to Mr. Fitch's property he should be compensated. The ratepayers will stand by the aldermen in resisting any attempts at holding up the city, but they love justice, and will not grumble at the cost of it.

The Saskatoon Phoenix says that the harvest in Saskatchewan is a good month later than that of last year. It therefore advises the farmers not to allow their crop to stand out in the shock, exposed to the weather, no time should be lost in stacking whenever the grain is in condition.

London Liberals are to be congratulated on having such a handsome headquarters as Hyman Hall, which was opened last night with addresses by Mr. A. G. MacKay, M. P., F. F. Pardee, M. P., and others. The London Liberals have plenty of fight in them, and we look to them to give a good account of themselves in the coming by-election.

The street railway companies of Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland and Buffalo have ordered cars of the Montreal "pay-as-you-enter" type. No fares are missed

in this style of car, and they are very comfortable. But people must have their ticket or money ready as they step on board. What do the Hamilton railway people think of it?

The suggestion of Commissioner Snow to have an advisory board to assist the principal in the management of the Ontario Institute for the Blind is not meeting with approval from the press. It is felt that such a board would be likely to cause friction and tie the hands of the head of the institution. Inspection is all right, but joint management would not likely improve matters.

Mr. Borden's effort to win the political favor of the British Columbians at the expense of the Dominion Government does not tend to strengthen him in this part of the country. The British Columbian problem is a national, not a party affair, and Mr. Borden would have done well to have approached it in a proper spirit. Note the difference between his political harangue at Vancouver and Sir Wilfrid's statesmanlike utterances before the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

What a feast opens to the lawyers with that York loan pie before them! There are 112,000 to 114,000 claimants, and many Toronto lawyers are already acting for those interested. The official referee says, "there may be a tendency to appeal against decisions given." That is suggestive. At the best, many months of legal squabbling is probable, and appeals might indefinitely extend the time. Already we are told that "the creditors have been divided up into ten classes."

50c Delaines and Flannels 35c

300 yards in all fancy Delaines and Flannels, for shirt waists, all best 50c quality, on sale Monday 35c
25c and 35c All our best Wrappereattes 15c
We will put on our counters Monday all our best French and English Flannelettes, worth regularly 25 and 35c, all one price 15c
17½c and 20c English Flannelette 15c
Extra heavy Domest finish 32-inch Plain and Stripe English Flannelette, value ordinarily for 17½ and 20c, our special sale price 15c

A Shipment of Table Covers from Belfast

200 in all slightly imperfect Table Covers, damage will in no way impair the wear or appearance. Some extra good double Damask Cloths in this lot. Monday price just one-third less than regular.

Shetland Floss 3 Skeins 10c

500 boxes of Shetland Floss, the very best English quality, Monday you can purchase at 3 skeins 10c. Full range of all good colors, including black and white.

English Fingering 80c lb.

200 lbs. English Fingering Yarn, nice, soft grade, black and colors, special bargain price Monday 80c lb.

3 Packages Toilet Paper 10c

3 good, large packets of Toilet Paper, Eddy's best make, Monday price 10c. Limit of 6 packets to a customer.

50c to \$1.25 Dress Goods 39c

Monday morning we put on sale 1,000 yards of Black and Colored Dress Goods, just the right goods for this season's suit, value 50c to \$1.25, your choice 39c

Remnant Day in Silk Dept.

Another big lot of remnants will be measured up for Monday's selling. Every length under 15 yards will be marked specially for Monday's selling.

38 inch Black Moreen 29c

One piece only Black Skirting Moreen, just right weight for a nice Black Skirt. Value 50c, Monday's sale price 29c

Special Offer to Men To-night, Saturday

Amongst the John Knox Co. Samples we find samples of Men's Rainproof Coats, Men's Overcoats, Men's Cardigan Jackets, Men's Knitted and Cord Waistcoats, Men's Tweed Pants, Men's Odd Pants, Men's Overalls, Youths' Overalls, Boys' Tweed and Cord Pants. We do not carry these goods in stock, so to-night, Saturday, they will be offered at less than half price. Sale starts at 8 o'clock to-night.

We Re-arrange the Knox Co. Samples

The last lot of the John Knox Co. Samples will go out Monday. Besides offering these at the usual, about half price, we will take a number of the Samples that have not sold well and will sell them at prices which means they will be picked up by our first Monday customers.

SAMPLES OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS.
SAMPLES OF LADIES' UNDERWEAR.
SAMPLES OF AUTOMOBILE VEILS.
SAMPLES OF CHILDREN'S WOOL HOODS.
SAMPLES OF CHILDREN'S CLOUTS AND SCARFS.
SAMPLES OF CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' MITTS.
SAMPLES OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS.
SAMPLES OF LAMBOUR SCARFS AND SHAWLS.
SAMPLES OF LINEN CARRIAGE DUSTERS.
SAMPLES OF LINEN TABLE COVERS.
SAMPLES OF MEN'S SOCKS.
SAMPLES OF MEN'S LINED LEATHER MITTS AND GLOVES.
SAMPLES OF MEN'S WORKING SHIRTS.
SAMPLES OF MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS.
SAMPLES OF MEN'S AND BOYS' WEATERS.
SAMPLES OF MEN'S TIES AND BRACES.
SAMPLES OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS.
SAMPLES OF LADIES' WHITE COTTON UNDERWEAR.
SAMPLES OF LADIES' FLANKELETTE UNDERWEAR.
SAMPLES OF LADIES' WRAPPERS.
SAMPLES OF CHENILLE TABLE COVERS.
SAMPLES OF CHENILLE CURTAINS.
SAMPLES OF TAPESTRY COVERS.
SAMPLE CURTAIN ENDS, ALL 19c.
SAMPLES OF HANDSOME LACE BED SPREADS.

Great Bargain in Ladies' Hats

We bought 50 dozen Ladies' Felt and Ready-to-Wear Hats, this season's latest New York styles. They sold regularly at from \$1 to \$4. Monday's price 49 and 99c

From 7 to 10 Monday Morning

We will put on sale 600 yards of 1 yard, 1½, 1¾ and 2 yard Oil Cloth, extra heavy quality and ordinary value for 30c, Monday's price 19c. Only a limited quantity to a customer.

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

These may yet be doubled. A large number are preference claims, the validity of which the court will have to decide. Pity the poor shareholder!

The Toronto World approves of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's preference policy and regards his speech to the Manufacturers on that subject as "unanswerable." On the question of contributions to the British Army and navy it also says, "the good common sense of Canada will endorse the declarations of the Prime Minister." Moreover, it declares that the majority of the people of Canada are with him in the "all-red" line matter, and "the majority is so vast that the project cannot become a party question." Now, will those Tory organs that have been ridiculing the "all-red" line project sit up and be good?

The Montreal Witness declares that the city treasury will lose nearly \$50,000 this year again on water rates, three-quarters of it being the water tax of so-called poor people, who have a pull with the aldermen, and get begged off. Up here there is not much of that, because the water tax is levied against the property, and the landlord takes care to collect it from rich and poor alike. The trouble here is that the rich manufacturer does not pay his full share, owing to special exemptions. Vacant lots, where the water pipes pass, also pay water taxes here, Montreal should wake up.

Indications are not good for easier money at present, and wise ones will not overreach themselves. Excessive borrowing on the part of municipal corporations and a tendency on the part of industry to discount the future have had a check that may prove to be beneficial. There are many municipalities

whose ambitious and ill-studied schemes must wait, or be entered upon at ruinous cost of interest. Even fairly good ventures are not easily financed. The town of Berlin is the latest of a number of municipalities to appeal to the Railway and Municipal Board for permission to increase the rate of interest on their debentures so as to make them saleable without great loss. The Board has sanctioned an increase from 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. on \$83,500. Evidently it is not a time for municipal rashness in finance.

During the year 1906, the New York Anti-Smoke League reports that a total of 193 arrests were made by the officials of the Department of Health for violations of section 96 of the sanitary code, relating to the smoke nuisance. Of this number 132 were convicted, 36 discharged, and at the end of the year there still remained 25 cases to be disposed of. It is said that since the fall of 1905, when the anti-smoke movement assumed shape, there is great improvement in New York city in the matter of smoke.

The women of Columbia S. C. have taken up the problem of the beautification of that city, and they are going about it in a sensible manner. Columbia is a growing manufacturing centre and possesses the largest cotton mill in the world. The women some time ago formed a Civic Improvement League. It was instrumental in securing the passage of an ordinance creating the Tree and Park Commission of Columbia, and at once assumed the care of the trees. The latest effort of the League has been the procuring and publication of a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the city along scientific lines. Expert landscape artists were brought to Columbia; and the result of their study is presented in permanent form, illustrated with maps

New Jackets Selling Well

Never have we had such big selling in Ladies' Jackets, so early in the season. To-day we show the largest assortment of really high class Jackets, ever offered here, and a shade better style than elsewhere.

Long Kid Gloves

We handle Perrin's Kid Gloves, every pair guaranteed, prices just the same as other makers, but quality better.

Big Shipment of Dress Goods

Friday we put in stock about 5,000 yards of the very newest styles in Dress Goods, from the European markets.

75c, \$1, \$1.25 Silks 49c

About 2,000 yards in all fancy Silks in plain black and colors, these will make stylish shirtwaists or shirtwaist suits, ordinary value for 75c, \$1 and \$1.25, special sale price 49c

Heavy Winter Shawls

We will put on for Monday's selling 25 in all heavy Winter Shawls, they are John Knox Co. Samples, and will retail at just about Half Price.

White Lined Preserving Kettles, Worth \$1.25, for 65c

3 dozen only large size Granite Preserving Kettles, blue enamel on outside and white lined, value at \$1.25, to be cleared on Monday for 65c

No. 9 Stove Pots 39c

3 dozen number nine size grey enameled Stove Pots, with pit bottom, will be sold on Monday for only 39c each

Coal Hods

Japanned 20, 30 and 38c
Galvanized 40 and 40c
Ash Sifters, each 15c
Stove Lid Lifters 5 and 10c
Fire Shovels, each 5c
Stove Mats (asbestos), each 5c

Woodenware Dept.

15c Maps 9c

6 dozen Maps, made with a device for holding scrubbing brush, value 15c, clearing on Monday for only 9c each

Stove Brushes 15c

3 dozen Stove Brushes, filled with black fibre, good strong make, selling on Saturday for only 15c each

Clothes Baskets, each 25c
4 dozen Clothes Pegs 5c
50-foot Wire Clothes Lines 15c
Scrubbing Brushes, each 10c
Pillow Sham Holders 25c
Ironing Boards 40 and 50c

Dainty Dinner Set of 97 Pieces for \$11.50

English Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets, containing 97 pieces, with delicate green border, sprayed with gilt, instead of butter-pads bread and butter plates are added, and the price is only \$11.50

Glassware

Fruit Dishes, 20c value, for 10c
Oval Dishes, 35c, for 25c
Celery Trays, 19c, for 10c
Tumblers, per dozen 49c
Cream Pitchers, each 5c

MONDAY, SEPT. 30TH,
1907

SHEA'S Bargain Day

The Last September Bargain Day

To make a driving finish to a grand month's business, we have prepared a bargain list of worthy goods that will save you at least half the money you would spend if you bought at regular prices. Come out as early as you can, for many of the lots offered are not large, and will be picked up soon.

Tweed Dress Goods 50c

Splendid quality of Tweed Dress Goods, 54 and 56 inches wide, in good styles and grand quality, sold in the regular way for \$1 and \$1.25, Monday Bargain Day, per yard 50c (Costume and Skirt lengths.)

Dress Tweed for 29c

Fancy Tweed for Children's School Dresses or for Women's Skirt, 42 in. wide, regular 50c value, Bargain Day per yard 29c

Men's Underwear, Worth \$1.25, For 59c

About 50 garments of Men's pure wool underwear, shirts and drawers, but mostly drawers, fine imported goods, worth regularly \$1 to \$1.50, per garment, but being oddments, they go on sale, Bargain Day, for each 59c

Flannelette Blankets 79c

Flannelette Blankets, grey only, full double bed size, some of them a little imperfect, but worth \$1.25, Bargain Day they go on sale for per pair 79c

Notion Bargains

Dresden Ruching, worth 10c, on sale at per collar 5c
50c Silk and Chiffon Collars 29c
Elastic Belts, jet and steel, worth 75c and 90c, on sale for, each 50c
Toilet Pins, black and white, assorted colors, 3 papers for 10c
Hose Supporters, worth 15c, for 10c

Monday Bargains in Ladies' Suits

Worth \$10 to \$12.50, for \$4.95

Silk Lined Coats, nicely trimmed, of both light and dark shades, in plain colors and worsteds, worth \$10 and \$12.50, skirts alone worth more than we ask you for the whole suit, on sale Bargain Day, for each \$4.95

Ladies' Skirts \$1.95

Another lot of those splendid Tweed Skirts, that are worth up to \$4.00, on sale Monday, Bargain Day, for, each \$1.95

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Corsets 39c

A large quantity of splendid Corsets, in white, grey and black, all sizes, from 18 to 25, and worth from 50c to \$1.25, some samples worth \$1.30 and \$2.00, but a little soiled, all go Bargain Day for, per pair 39c

75c Table Cloths 25c

100 only Damask Table Cloths, 64 inches square, worth 50 and 75c, Bargain Day, from 8.30 to 1 o'clock, each 25c

12½c Towelling 6c

1,000 yards of Crash Towelling, 18 inches wide, worth 10 and 12½c, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock we will sell 10 yards to a customer for per yard 6c

Butchers' Linen 12½c

About 200 yards Butchers' Linen, bleached and unbleached, in ends of 1 to 3 yards, good 30c value, Bargain Day, to clear, per yard 12½c

25c Cashmere Hose 15c

Women's Plain Black Cashmere Hose, extra apiced heels and toes, seamless feet, regular 25c; Bargain Day they go for per pair 15c

10 and 15c Embroidery 5c

A quantity Swiss Cambric and Muslin Embroidery Insertion, worth 10 to 15c, Bargain Day all go at one price, per yard 5c

Ladies' Hats--2 Bargains

Handsomely Stylish Dress Hats, worth \$5.00 and \$5.50, Bargain Day for each \$3.50

Ready-to-wear Hats in all the good colors, worth \$3.50, Bargain Day for each \$1.95

65c Blouses for 39c

Made of a good quality of Print in navy, black and light colors, just the garment for house wear, worth 65c, Bargain Day each 39c

50c White Lawn Waists 25c

Prettily trimmed and well made, worth 50 and 75c, all go for one price 25c

\$1 Wrappers for 69c

Women's Dark Print Wrappers, pleated back, full front, made with flannels, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, Bargain Day each 69c

75c Vests for 25c

Ladies' Vests, pure wool, makers' seconds, regular 75c and \$1.00 quality, a few odds to clear at each 25c