

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THE BONGARD FIASCO.

The finding in the inquiry into the charges made by Bongard, a disgruntled employee, in connection with the sand-pumper is not yet made, but last night's session has tended very much to discredit them. Bongard was alleged to have said that the dredge had lain at the bottom of Toronto Bay before the city got it, and that it was a second-hand affair then. Confronted with his charges and the secretary of the company selling it to the city being present, he withdrew these statements, and contented himself with averring that the pumps were worn out, that it could not be made to take out the weeds, and that it did not pump over 10 per cent. of solids, whereas it should take out 25 per cent. Against Bongard's story the secretary of the Dredging Company testified as to the character of the hull and machinery, and ridiculed as absurd the statement that the dredge should pump 25 per cent. of solids. Mr. James Bain, who examined the pumps when purchased, said they were in good condition then, and he thought they had been damaged by inefficient handling since. Mr. John Bain, the machinist who has the repair contract, says the pumps are not worn out as alleged, but will be put in good condition at a cost of about \$100. Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Hunting, Mr. Barrow and others told of the stream of black silt the dredge threw out when at work, proving that it was efficient. It was a case of all the observers, and all the practical men who had examined the machinery, against Bongard, who himself seems to have spoken approvingly of the dredge and its capacity before his discharge. The committee will bring in its findings on Monday night. Some of the aldermen are eager to discover some way of taking legal action against Bongard.

STRATFORD WANTS TO KNOW.

The Stratford Herald, which is blindly devoted to the Hydro-Electric scheme, and has apparently no desire to take ordinary business precautions to obtain information to enable it to judge as to the wisdom of the city embarking in it, writes at the Beacon as being "incorrigibly opposed to anything and everything about Niagara power because Hon. Adam Beck is connected with it." That is very much like the course of some of the organs of the far nearer home. The Beacon replies:

"This is hardly fair. The Beacon is neither opposed to, nor in favor of Niagara power, for the reason that we have got so little information about it from Mr. Beck, the 'Minister of Power,' and his well paid Hydro-Electric Commission, that we are at a loss to form any opinion upon the subject. Nor do we think a Minister who imagines that God-erich is north of Stratford, and is unfamiliar with the name of much in the river is capable of imparting much instruction on any public question.

That is very much to the point. The paper or promoter or alderman who seeks to commit the taxpayers of a city to the scheme without more definite information as to costs and results—information that must not be mere guesses, but be guaranteed by the Government that seeks to induce the municipalities to take it up—is not serving well the people. No business man fit to be outside of a lunatic asylum would be guilty of rushing into such a venture with his own money without carefully ascertaining every item of cost and liability and weighing them against chances of return; and it is hard to reconcile honesty of purpose with a desire to use the taxpayers' money with less care than foresight. And the Beacon's remarks show that the same fog envelops the Stratford proposition as in Hamilton's case. It says:

The Niagara power undertaking is of too stupendous a nature to be undertaken in a rush or blindly. Let us summarize briefly some of the things the public would like to know which the Hydro-Electric Commission, after its eighteen months of existence, has failed to furnish:

- (1) The exact cost of the power delivered at Stratford.
- (2) The cost of the transmission line and transformer station, to be built by the Government, but on which the city will have to pay, in the price of power, 4 per cent. interest.
- (3) The exact cost of the distribution line to be constructed by the city, and the cost of a lighting plant.
- (4) How the power at night could be utilized to reduce the peak load of the ten hour working day. What a water works stand pipe would cost to permit of the pumping being done at night so as to reduce said peak load.
- (5) How the city could pay the estimated \$28 per h. p. for twenty-four hour service and sell it by the meter to intermittent users without enormously increasing the cost to them over the twenty-four hour rate.
- (6) What quantity of power will be taken by city industries, and how much the city would be warranted in contracting for.

The Beacon's questions should be answered. And the situation is much the same here. We have never had one definite, guaranteed offer of power or light at so much per horse-power or per kilowatt hour. Why should that be? Such a clear, definite offer would enable us to compare it with other prices and with power otherwise produced, and show us just what our burden and liability would be. It would enable our people to judge intelligently—which they cannot do with the information (?) now before them. Will the Commission give such guaranteed price?

Frederic Nicholls says the estimate of \$5,300,000 for an electric light and power distribution plant for Toronto is "utterly inadequate." He points out that even if 10,000 horse-power be handled, even at that estimate, the fixed charges and cost to the Commission will bring the price of the power up to a metered rate of \$276 a horse-power, cost of operating extra.

Only Two Days More

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Have the police got the hold-up man?

Van Allen, Rex, will not abdicate. He shows good sense by that decision.

But have the aldermen not been taking too much notice of Bongard's guff?

That \$2 hair cut did not save Sunfield. Wonder if the \$5 one would have done more for him.

Milk in Berlin has dropped from 7 to 6 cents a quart in the face of a concerted movement by consumers to reduce their purchases.

Toronto's Commissioner of Industries estimates that there are now 5,000 men out of work there. And the Manufacturers' Association says there is a scarcity of labor. How can that be?

No, gentle reader, the work on the foundation of that great provincial technical college for Hamilton has not yet been begun. But it is a "good enough Morgan" for an election campaign.

Referring to Bongard's charges about the sandpumper, the Spectator says: "Why bother about the motives? We think the general public after reading the report of last night's investigation will not need an answer to that question."

The Toronto World says in two-column measure it "is prepared to back up" Government and the banks in any safe plan for furnishing money to move the crops. O sweet condescension! O generous greatness! The country is safe.

Even the Toronto World praises the work of New York's Public Utilities Commission in regulating great franchise-holding concerns. It is certainly worthy of it. That control is vastly better than any socialistic public ownership is likely to be.

Now Dr. Pyne would like the Dominion Government to take hold of education—a matter strictly reserved for the Provinces. And if it were to do so, what a row the Ontario Tories would raise about the "invasion of Provincial rights!"

If the decision that British Columbia divorces are illegal holds good, it is likely that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward divorces are also invalid. The Department of Justice is said to regard the divorces as legal, but if they are not, legislation to cure the defect will be passed.

Toronto is now informed that it must pay cost of power to the Hydro-Electric Commission, plus 4 per cent. on its share of all the Commission's expenditure on works, line loss, repairs, insurance, cost of operation, and enough to make a sinking fund to wipe out the debt incurred. That is according to the statute, and is what the Times has argued all along. The Government takes no risk.

Hon. George E. Foster made a strong plea for a cleaner political life in Canada before an audience that completely filled the Opera House to-night. London Free Press report of Foster's Blenheim meeting.

Did that include a demand that men in public life should not fill their own pockets by speculating in the lands of the country with the money of widows and orphans entrusted to their keeping?

wondering what profit there is in paying men \$7,500 per annum to do work that they did before for nothing, and what profit is in the municipally owned plants.

Manager Wright, of the Toronto Electric Company, in a letter to the press, calls Hon. Adam Beck a "political stump orator," and says the Niagara scheme is his "visionary dream." It is unlikely that name-calling will injure the power minister or turn him from his purpose. As for the "visionary dream," it seems to act upon Mr. Wright as a well-developed nightmare.—London Free Press.

But wait till you see how it will act on the pockets of the taxpayers should they be buoyed into it!

Geo. E. Foster was the master workman who directed the operations in the House which resulted in the erection of scandalous charges which were to be used in the coming political campaign. Foster is the man found guilty by a Royal Commission of offenses more heinous than those he charged against others. For this reason the slander campaign was not supported by Foster's presence in the west. His leader ignores him; the people would not listen to him.—Montreal Transcript.

And he is not the first guilty one to fall into a pit he had himself dug for others. The punishment fits the crime.

Mr. Geo. Caverhill, President of the Montreal Board of Trade, who has just returned from a visit to the old country, says financial conditions are eminently satisfactory there. Old country financiers had been looking for this financial storm in the States and were prepared for it. He thinks that the moneyed men over there can give pointers every day in the week to Wall street, and that it will be many moons before the money centre will be transferred to this side of the water. He found business good, with excellent crops in England, but poor ones in Scotland. From this he believes that Canada will receive a large number of young Scotch farmers next year. The cotton spinners were making lots of money.

Why does this man Reade reserve his gas-producer marvel for militant service against the Hydro-Electrical scheme? Why doesn't he get busy and install plants in places where electric current is sold by private corporations at six, eight, ten and fifteen times the price at which he says he can afford to supply it and make money?—Hamilton Herald.

All in good time. The engines have been but recently perfected in England and several plants have been installed in Canada. The offer of Mr. Reade's company "to install a producer gas engine plant anywhere in Ontario with an unqualified guarantee" to produce current at one cent per kilowatt hour, including all operating costs, interest and depreciation, is attractive. This power must be reckoned with, and it would be cross folly to plunge into a power scheme now without first carefully considering the possibilities of producer gas engines.

The Light was the only paper in Wentworth that came out squarely for Sealey, and had the courage of its convictions to advocate his selection as the candidate of the convention. The Times and Banner took no decided stand in favor of Mr. Sealey, but they were ready to hua with the hare or hunt with the hounds. The Light is now on the upper floor, and the Times and Banner will have to go to the cellar as far as Sealey is concerned.—Dundas Star.

Yes, the Times left it to the convention to choose its own candidate. It was its business, not ours. The delegates neither asked for nor needed our assistance. Thus, as far as we were concerned, no undue influence was used to bring about Mr. Sealey's selection. He won on his merits. Unlike the Dundas Star, we did not attempt to foist a candidate upon a convention when he was not wanted.

Imprisonment for life has practically been abolished in the State of New York. Prior to the present year the crime of murder in the second degree has been punishable in that State by life imprisonment in a State prison. Section 187 of the Penal Code was amended by the Legislature of 1907 so as to read as follows:

"Murder in the second degree is punishable by imprisonment under an indeterminate sentence, the minimum of

which shall be twenty years and the maximum of which shall be for the offender's natural life; and any person serving a term of imprisonment for life, under an original sentence for murder in the second degree, when this section, as amended, takes effect, shall be deemed to be thereafter serving under such an indeterminate sentence."

The effect of this amendment is to empower the State Board of Commissioners for Paroled Prisoners, after a person convicted of murder in the second degree has been incarcerated twenty years to discharge such convict from any further imprisonment under the section. To justify this action it is only necessary that it should appear to the Board that there is reasonable probability that the prisoner "will live and remain at liberty without violating the laws and that his absolute discharge from imprisonment is not incompatible with the welfare of society." Already several life prisoners have been liberated under the new law.

HERE AND THERE.

Ottawa Free Press: A faith which can cure a man of the golf fever must be reckoned with as one of the forces of the world.

Toronto News: It is said that there are always 1,200,000 people at sea. When they get home each of them says that every one on the vessel was sick save he and the captain.

Providence Bulletin: Some people pretend to find great comfort in the fact that every dollar of the currency of the United States is worth one dollar in gold. There is a small drawback, however, when you get only about fifty cents worth of meat for one.

Windsor Record: A hired man found his employer hanging by the neck in the barn and cut him down. As soon as the employer recovered his wind he not only decided the man for cutting the rope instead of untying it, but kept the value out of his wages. This is probably the meanest man to date.

Toronto Star: Milk has advanced in price in Berlin and Waterloo to 7 cents a quart. However, this will not worry most of the natives, who know of a very satisfactory substitute.

Ottawa Free Press: The only way to be happy is to take every loaf of bread at its face value, and every pound of butter for 16 ounces, for the sure road to discontent is to inquire more closely into such occult matters.

London Advertiser: Perhaps Beattie Nesbitt is merely taking his rod out of pickle for Dr. Pyne.

Toronto Star: The Council has referred the filtration scheme back for more information. There is no hurry. Such is the compelling influence of environment that every Toronto baby is born with a special filtering apparatus.

Guelph Herald: What's that? Winnipeg flour down ten cents per sack? Shab! Not a word, then the bakers are so busy putting up the dough.

Getting Hot.

(Galt Reporter.) They say the Hamilton barbers' fight is "warming up." Must be using the curling tongs on the contestants.

More Passengers.

(Galt Reporter.) Now John Patterson, of Hamilton-Galt Electric Railway fame, please note that the towns of this county have added 2,000 to its population this year.

We Suppose So.

(Guelph Herald.) Even though the barbers of Hamilton are on strike for higher wages it doesn't follow that the mountain (h) air will be any dearer.

Over Sensitive.

(Belleville Intelligencer.) The Hamilton Times reported a sermon in which a minister roasted the bakers for raising the price of bread, saying their conduct was "infamous." Now one of the bakers threatens to The Times for libel for reporting the sermon. Hamilton bakers must be thin-skinned.

Covered Bread.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.) If the law-makers want to do something to improve the sanitary conditions of bread-making, let them pass a law requiring that all bread shall be covered as soon as it comes from the oven, and kept covered until it is delivered. There is much more danger of contamination from the handling of bread after it is baked than there is from the use of a label.

The First Day of our Fur Sale An Immense Success

\$10,000 dollars' worth of this season's Furs, a manufacturer's surplus stock, 1/2 the ordinary price, and to make things still more interesting we have taken our own complete stock of Furs and marked them at a big reduction in price to make this the greatest sale of Furs Hamilton has ever seen.

500 doz. Ladies' Underwear 50 and 65c for 29c

500 dozen Ladies' Undervests, heavy fleece-lined and union shirts and drawers; ordinary value at from 50 to 65c, your choice Friday 29c

2000 yds. 50 and 75c Dress Goods 29c

2,000 yards taken from our regular stock of Dress Goods, all this season's saleable goods, in lustrous, cloths, tweeds, etc.; our regular price was 50c and 75c, Friday's sale 29c

\$1 Men's Heavy Top Shirts 49c

Extra heavy Jersey Knit and Plain Flannel in Men's Top Shirts; not one garment worth less than \$1, Friday's price 49c

75c Men's Underwear 49c

Wool fleece, Scotch knit and tiger brand elastic net Underwear, full range of sizes; regular 75c value, Friday's special price 49c

\$10 Ladies' Cloth Jackets \$5

We have picked out a number of lines of Jackets from our regular stock in tweeds and plain cloths; ordinary value for \$10, Friday's special sale price \$5

\$6 to \$7.50 Children's Ulsters \$3.49

Children's Dark Tweed Ulsters, good heavy weight and ordinary value for \$6 to \$7.50, Friday's price \$3.49

Special Sale of Remnants of Oilcloth

We have a number of remnants of Oilcloth and Linoleums in size from 1 to 12 square yards. These will be put on sale Friday at very special reductions.

Soiled Wool Blankets

3 pairs only, superior quality, white wool Blankets that have got slightly soiled. This lot goes on sale Friday at reduced prices. \$6 Blankets for \$4.95; \$6.50 Blankets for \$5.25; \$6.75 Blankets for \$5.65; \$7 Blankets for \$6; \$5.50 Blankets for \$4.50.

\$1.50 Stove Squares for \$1.15

Artistic designs, good bright floral borders and made from extra heavy floor oilcloth; size 1 1/2 square; complete with binding. Friday only \$1.15

Fur Jackets at Half Price

About 15 in all, Astrachan, Dog, part Lamb and Marmot Ladies' Jackets will go on sale Friday at exactly half the regular price.

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The Other Ingersoll.

(St. Thomas Times.) A Hamilton minister, Rev. Isaac Couch, created a smile during a sermon in a Woodstock church last Sunday. In marshalling proofs that Christianity had done everything for the world, and infidelity had done nothing, he proceeded as follows: "Where is Voltaire? Where is Tom Paine? Where is Rousseau? Where is Ingersoll?" At the latter a perceptible titter passed over the congregation. Then the speaker went on, "Voltaire is dead. Tom Paine is dead. Rousseau is dead. Ingersoll is dead." At this the signs of amusement deepened. There is a rivalry between the respective municipalities of Woodstock and Ingersoll, which the minister hadn't thought of.

BUNTING SPITTAL.

A very pretty wedding took place at Spruce Lawn, East Seneca, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Spittal, on Wednesday, November 6, when their daughter Lizzie was united in marriage to Wm. J. Bunting, a prosperous young farmer of Tansley, Nelson Township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. McRobbie, of St. Paul's Church, Nelson, under an arch of evergreens and carnations.

Precisely at 3 o'clock the bridal party entered the beautifully decorated drawing room to the strains of a very pretty wedding march played by Miss Marion Spittal, youngest sister of the bride.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white point d'esprit over pale blue taffeta, and wore orange blossoms in her hair. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jennie, who was also becomingly attired in white Swiss muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and blue ribbon.

Charles Miller, of Mount Nemo, ably supported the groom. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful gold watch, to the bridesmaid a gold brooch, and to the groomsmen a pair of gold cuff links. Friends to the number of fifty were present from Hamilton, Tansley, Mount

BEATEN BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Brakeman Suffering From Concussion of the Brain. Fort William, Nov. 13.—Ambrose Kelly, C. P. R. brakeman, running between here and Schreiber, was waylaid by highwaymen while returning last evening from Port Arthur, where he had been attending the trial of Conductor McCarthy as a witness. He had been rendered unconscious by blows on the head, which caused concussion of the brain, and when found this morning was still unconscious, and both hands were frozen. His pockets had been rifled, and his watch and chain, diamond ring and \$500 in cash taken. He was brought to the hospital here, where he still lies in a precarious condition and unable to give any definite statement of what actually occurred. The suspicion is that it was done by tramps who infest that neighborhood.

ROBBERIES OF GRAVES.

Medical Students Suspected of Operating in Glangerry Cemetery. Cornwall, Nov. 13.—It is said that graves are being robbed at Kirkhill, Glangerry. It is suspected that students from the universities are the culprits. During the last three weeks two graves have been disturbed, and the remains reported to the authorities. They have been re-interred to the authorities, and an effort will be made to detect the guilty parties.

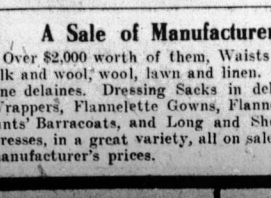
Rev. H. O. Tremayne, rector of St. George's Church, Inslington, has resigned to become assistant to his father, Rev. Canon Tremayne, of Christ's Church, Mimico.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15th, 1907 SHEA'S MAY MANTON PATTERNS

10 Days' November Sale-- Only 3 Days More

Table Linens, Household Linens, Flannelettes, Dress Goods, Silks, Mantle Cloths, etc., etc., all on sale at less than wholesale prices. Now is the time to stock up in them, for everything points to additional advances for spring goods.

- Table Damask, cream, good width, worth 50c, sale price per yard 29c
- White Table Linen, worth 65c, for 45c
- Grass Bleached Table Damask, pure flax, worth \$1.00, for 75c
- Flannelette, worth 15c, on sale for 9 1/2c
- Towelings, worth 15c, on sale for 10c
- Wrapperette, worth 12 1/2c, on sale for 8 1/2c
- Dress Goods, worth 29c, on sale for 19c
- Plain Dress Goods, worth 60c, on sale for 29c
- Dress Tweeds, 5 1/2 inches, worth \$1.00, for 48c
- Black Fawn de Soie Silk, worth 75c, for 48c
- Mantle Cloths, worth \$3.50 and \$3.00, for \$1.50
- Mantle Cloths, worth \$2.00, for \$1.25
- Mantle Cloths and heavy Mantle Tweeds, worth \$1.50, for 98c



Women's Heavy Knit Cotton Underwear, ankle length drawers, button front vests, nicely fleeced, the best values in Canada at per garment 25c

Women's Heavy Knit Underwear, ankle length drawers, high neck vests, warmly fleeced, full 50c value, special sale price per garment 39c

Penman's Alexandria Vests and Drawers, all sizes from 1 to 5, garments that sell at \$1.00 and \$1.10 as to size, all one price at this sale 89c

Children's Heavy Knit Warmly Fleece Vests and Drawers, all sizes from 2 to 14 years, splendid quality, priced according to size 25 and 35c

Infants' Button Front Vests, pure cashmere and union, the best values in Canada, at per garment 25c for union, and pure wool each 40c

A Sale of Manufacturers' Samples

Over \$2,000 worth of them, Waists and Blouses, in silk, silk and wool, wool, lawn and linen. Skirts in muslin and fine delaines. Dressing Sacks in delaines and fine wool. Wrappers, Flannelette Gowns, Flannelette Underwear, Infants' Barracouts, and Long and Short Skirts, Children's Dresses, in a great variety, all on sale now at less than the manufacturer's prices.

White Wool Blankets—Extra Values

Fine White Woolen Blankets, full double bed size, worth to-day \$4.00, on sale for, per pair \$3.00

A little heavier grade, more highly finished, good \$4.50 value, on sale for, per pair \$3.50

Pure Canadian Fleece Wool Blankets, extra heavy weight and lofty finish, extra large size, worth to-day every cent of \$6.50, special cut price, per pair \$5.25