The Hamilton Times.

MONDAY, DEC. 31, 1900.

OLD AND NEW.

Many good people, and some bad ones, will sit up till midnight to night to watch the going out of the Nine-teenth Century and the coming in of the Twentieth. It is an occasion that comes but once in the lifetime of man. Even in the history of a nation, hundred years is a considerable period, and in young countries like Canada and the United States the changes that have been effected dur-ing the last bundred years are simmarvellous. Vast tracts of land have been cleared of trees and utilized for agriculture. Population has increased enormously, and magnifi-cent cities have been built on sites where one hundred years ago only the voices of wild animals were heard. Among all the grand achievements of the nineteenth century, two are conspicuous—the abolition of slavery and the application of steam to transportation, Long before the year 1800 the theory had been advanced that all men were born free, but the doctrine of man's ownership of himself was not then reduced to practice. Britain in 1833 and the United States in 1863 wiped out that "sum of human villainies," slavery, and the Twentieth Century starts with a clean sheet in this respect. The steamship and the locomotive have facilitated communication and the exchange of commodities between various parts of the world, making the settlement and development of districts otherwise inaccessible quite casy. Mechanical inventions have lightened human labor and vastly pendent management, many travelincreased the production of wealth, The luxuries of former ages are common necessaries now. Political power ing improvements and introducing has been transferred from the classes new patterns. The combine can disto the masses, by the gradual exten- miss all the travellers, make whatsion of the franchise. The men who sion of the framense. The men who have lived and labored during the pleases, and wait for its customers have lived and labored during the pleases, and wait for its customers to send in their orders, knowing that years between 1801 and 1900 leave to their successors on the planet a heritage of which they have no reabe ashamed.

But the foundations for a perfect for Hamilton? education will do the rest. The next great problem to be solved relates to the distribution of labor's products.

With present appliances, enough With present appliances, enough wealth is produced each day and each year from nature's raw materials to provide all earth's inhabitants with plenty to eat and wear and use. Yet some men lack necessaries, while others have more luxuries than they know what to do with. There are multi-millionaires and paupers at the extremes of the social scale, and between those extremes are the contented m sses. We have not yet come to the stage in which every man shall get exactly what he earns thus rendering it impossible for any man to get more than he earns. Many plans have been suggested to bring about that consummation, and the efforts of the privileged few have been put forth to frustrate such of those plans as seemed to promise suc-With the common school and compulsory education in every parwith universal suffrage and responsible government, the solution will be found, long before the end of the century which begins to-morrow Reforms of this kind are not effected when the nations are involved in war, and when jingo ideas prevail. But peace will come, and domestic reforms will follow. Looking back at what has been accomplished during the past hundred years, he must be a pessimist, indeed, who would spair of the crowning success foreowed for the future—the coming of a time when workers shall get more pay for less labor, when lack comforts and necessaries shall be practically unknown, when in-temperance and crime shall be so rare as to excite wonder as well as horror, when the fear of poverty and the greed for wealth shall have both passed away. Such things the world is destined to see. Is it too much to hope that Canadians shall be "the first to see and enjoy them?

THE FOUNDRY TRUST. Commenting upon the expression by the Times of a hope that the pro-posed foundry combination may not be carried into effect, the Spectator

That paragraph is characteristic "That paragraph is characteristic of the Times. No matter how good a thing may be for the city or the country, if it runs against one of the fads of the Times, that journal denounces it as a matter of course. Here is a probability of a good thing coming to Hamilton, to benefit the merchants and the people generally of the city which gives the Times its living, and that fad-ridden paper does its best to prevent that good its living, and that fad-ridden paper does its best to prevent that good thing, and denounces it as if it were some wickedness which would destroy the city. But that is nothing new in the Hamilton Times. That paper was always ready to foul the nest which gives it shelter."

We are so accustomed to the fin de siecle Spectator's method of argument that we hardly care to resent Our contemporary's ignorance sufficiently excuses its impudence. Hamilton is not the whole worldnot even the whole of Canada. If every factory and every wholesale warehouse in Toronto and Montreal were burned to the ground to-night, Hamilton producers and distributors would likely obtain many orders for goods which would not under normal conditions come to them; but if the Times ventured to express its sorrow for the calamities of those cities and its sympathy for the sufferers, the Spectator could be depended upon to shout "fad," and to repeat its wellworn simile of the dirty bird and the

When the Spectator was edited by news wheat in a ton of chaff,

the late David McCulloch, whose ideas on industry and protection were titled to at least as much respect as those of John Robson Cameron that paper took strong ground against manufacturing combinations even asserting that it would be the right and duty of the Government to reduce the tariff on protected com modifiles to a free trade basis to break up a combination which des troyed competition. Sir John Mac-donald, whom the Spectator will hardly venture to describe as a faddist, frankly admitted the evil in-fluence of combinations, and had a committee appointed to enquire into their alleged existence and operation, and to discover a remedy. Is it then a criminal offence for the Times to question the desirability of the formation of a foundry combination?

Taking only a local view of the situation, would such an arrang ment be good for the workingmen of this city? As things are, a competent man who for any reason has to get out of one Hamilton foundry can find employment in another, or if needs be he can secure a job in a To-ronto, Brantford or London foundry. with the whole business under one management, he will have to give up has trade or get out of Canada in the event of any disagreement be-tween him and the manager of the With many foundries operating independently, no one of them will smut down except for grave cause, lest the others which keep on working shall capture more than their natural snare of the market. A combine can close all the foundries at the first sign of overproduction, and keep them closed until demand lers find employment, and each founever stoves at whatever prices it can we be quite sure that the stove Perfection has not been attained, combine would be a good thing, even Then there is another point to be

considered. The stove combine might not succeed. The Monetary Times

Not succeed. The Monetary Times by s:

Stories of a coming stove-combine, in which H. milvon and Chicago are interested, have been published this week. Simultaneously with this, Mr. Clews, an American authority deeply interested in finance, expresses the opinion that the fate of mustrial combinations is settled by the fact that, immediately upon the formation of industrial combinations is settled by the fact that, immediately upon the formation of industrial conditions to the extent of \$\frac{1}{2}\int \frac{1}{2}\int \f past the commons have not consider second best. They have some economic advantages in the struggle; but they have also their weakness—over-capitalization—and this may reach a point which will one day prove fatal to some of them."

While the struggle lasted, the combine would have to buy up competing foundries, or pay them a dividend to stand idle, just as the oil used to do in London twenty-five years ago. Many refineries were built just for the purpose of being bought out. Their owners got their investment back with good profit, tho they never handled a barrel of oil. Of course the consumer had to pay for all that. And equally of course, the stove combines would not close all the foundries in the country outside of Hamilton without a long and expensive struggle. Is it too much to hope that even a hen-house economist may discern two sides to this question?

We take the ground that busine

We take the ground that business is business, friendship is friendship, and loyalty is loyalty. The employee who is loyal to his master does not expect less wages than the mere time server gets. It is not because of loyalty to Great Britain that the Canadian Government gives charity to the rich manufacturers of that country, at the expense of the Canadian manufacturer.—Spectator.

That is rich, isn't it? The organ of the exploded N. P. is ready agree to spending millions of our taxes and the blood of Canada's sons to show loyalty to Great Britain, but it gags at a simple trade arrangement for mutual benefit, because it fears that it will further discredit its pet fad. It hates that awful form of "charity" which makes freer trade tween Canada and Great Britain, and turns British capital in our direction; but it has no objections to seeing its neighbor's sons' blood shed in "charity" for the old land. would rather slaughter young Canadians than have Canada and Britain drawn closer together in an era of increasing prosperity at the cost of

lation. Alfred Harmsworth, of the London Daily Mail, is to take charge of the production of the New York World for to-morrow, and illustrate what in his opinion the 20th century newspaper should be. Harmsworth knows something about newspaper work, having millions invested in it, but his ideals of a newspaper are not those of the New York Yellow Fellows, who have done so much to debauch the new world press. He contends against manufactured "news," space-killing pictures (?), and poster headings, as being a fraud on the subscriber, and mere padding. Perhaps he will be able to teach New Yorkers that there is a better way of catering to the public than by giving them a pound of

its cherished monopoly-fostering legis-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy New Year!

If you haven't sworn off yet it is time to think about it.

Jan. 1, 1801, was a Thursday; Jan 1, 2001, will fall on a Monday-but ew now born will see it.

Good-bye, 1900! Good-bye, 19th cer tury! May your successor's exit see the race improve in even greater ratio than in your time.

It is officially denied that the Prince Wales is to visit Canada and the United States this year. How discouraging to Mayoralty candidates Sir Hibbert Tupper declares that

"the most numerous race must rule." Some of us in Canada had an idea that this was a land of justice and equality. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and the Brockville Times are charfuly whoop-

ing up the race cry yet. Will some of

the Tory end men tell the dust that

the concert is over? The Victoria, B. C., Times sends out a very handsome Christmas number with eight pages profusely illustrated with half-tone engravings, and replete with live matter and Christmas season

Now it is said that the European nations will back the Panama canal and let Uncle Sam and his Nicaragua ditch alone. Have the Yankee railroad men bought up the U.S. Senate to no

An Undanilla, N. Y., youth has lost the sight of both eyes and impaired his lungs by the use of cig rettes. The report does not say that his brain has given way, but then he may

The Hamilton Times' creed: All Forles are liars.—Galt Reporter. That requires modification. All Tories are not such liars as the Galt

Reporter. Disraeli said "there are lies, d—d lies and statistics. The Galt Reporter is statistical.

The Conservatives are all loyal, through and through. The Liberals are not all disloyal; but every disloyal man is allied to the Liberal party.—Spectator.

What a yawp! And does the Spectator mean to say that Sol. White, Annexationist and Tory leader, is a

After four years in the courts the New York oleom rgarine prosecutions involving \$2,500,000 penalties have been thrown out, and the defendants, who two years ago offered to compromise for \$2,500, go scot free and get their costs. There's nothing more their costs. There's nothing more promise for \$2,500, go scot free and get their costs. There's nothing more uncertain than a lawsuit, unless it's an election.

A contemporary ridicules illustrations of the fact that we are still in the nineteenth century, because it declares the analogies are all drawn from computations of a series of objects instead of periods of time. Very well; let's take the clock. hands stand at XII. An hour does not elapse till the hour hand reaches I. The period of twelve hours is not completed till the hour hand of the clock reaches XII. again. Could anything be more applicable to prove that we are just about to enter the twentieth century?

Ring Out, Wild Bells!

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild

sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bels; let them die.

Ring out the old, ring in the newn Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the faise, ring in the true. Ring out the grief that saps the

mind, For those that here we see no

more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife: Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin The faithless coldness of the times Ring out, ring out, my mournfu rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

But ring the fuller manus.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
The ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the love of truth and rig Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease, Ring out the narrowing lust of gold Ring out the thousand wars of old Ring in the thousand years of peace

Ring in the valiant man and free, Ring in the vaniant hand:
The larger heart, the kindler hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
—Tennyson.

A Promising Poet. Master Archie Sullivan, son of the late Bishop of Algoma, has written the following ode on the death of Sir Arthur Sullivan. The young writer is in his early teens and is at school in Scotland— Archie Sullivan, son of the

And art thou gone, To stately mansions where exceeding sweet where God Himself, Composer of us all, Rules as the Master Of a Choir divine; And even thy great mind Has neer brought forth Or dreamed Of melodies

Of melodies
So grand and pure.
Yet, if thy soul is gone,
Thy music stays behind,
And leaves to us
A birthright, rich indeed!

May Make Them Howl. May Make Them Howl.

Has Mr. Bernier considered the danger of having the introduction of the metric system cited as another example of French domination? The mere whispering of the words kilometre and millimetre would be a criminal interference with the cherished birthright of the Humilton Spectator and Toronto News—Globe.

AT THE END OF THE CENTURY.

Britannia to Columbia.

Daughter and uncrowned Sister Queen and Friend!

The year wanes, and with that the hundred years.

New on thy brow the centuries descend;

On mine the frost and sunlight, triumphs, tears, Leave trace of many. Look! what slivered locks Mingle with gold under my diadem; While thy fair braids, unfluttered by all shocks.

Mingle with Role understood by all shocks, Shine hyacinthine. Great Land! fasten them Fearless, with fresh stars, 'neath thy Phrydian cap. I send the motherly kies and benisten; Love me or love me not; hap what may hep.

My pride and prayers watch thy bright course begun:
Thou dost uphold the lessons learned from me.
And speak it my Shakespeare's speech F-God go with the!

Columbia to Britannia.

Mother! I send thy proud kiss back!

to thee By subtler wire than whatsoever bles.
Thy shores and mine, beneath the severing sea.
The bon of breed, kindred blood that flies.

severing sea,
The bon of breed, kindred blood
that files
Glad to my thick at this thy salutation.
I have been self-willed—I shall be kardin;
But the to me is not another nation;
My knee, not wont to bend, to-day
ls fain
Tor make the courtesy for all thine
exces;
For that same reverend silver in

For thit same reverend silver in thine hair, For all thy famous worthies, states: For all thy famous worthers, seek to men, singes;
Golf go with thee! If thy foes too much dare
I think we shall no more be kept paunder
Than two great clouds in heaven that hold the thunder.

—Sr Edwin Arnold in the Independent.

The Military Bully.

To the Editor of the Times;

8 r.—In Saturday's issue you write
the one thing most remarkable has
been the assumption by senior student
witness. Since they had the right to
lay down rules which juniors must
obey, and that any refusal to yield
bedience to the orders deserved such
punishment as they chose to inflict,"
etc. That thing rules through the
armies of all countries, and means
that among army officers there are
cowardly builtes, abetted and shielded
by those in authority for fear that
an expose might injure discipline, or
the honor of the army. This yill continus unknown to the own peope, but
apparent to all fore gaers, until some
budy, relying on the past insensibility of the public, raises a storm by
another Somerville or Dreytus case.
It is easy to see our neighbors faults,
but are we any better, or even as To the Editor of the Times;

builled out, but stood up for his rights and the rights of the militia. The result was that Lieut-Col. VanWagner, after twenty-one years' service, after being selected by Gen. Hutton as fit to command an artillery brigade, was punished by boing retired without rank. We prace of British institutions; we carry war and desolation into Africa that our fellow citizens may enjoy with us these blessings, but when an officer who has served his country well is socially ostracised but when an officer who has served his country well is socially ostracised (as far as in the power of the authorities) like a criminal, for knowing, and hiving the maniliness to stand up for the rights of the militia, do we stand by him, and demand British justice?

No. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Besides, it night hurt some one in high places. And yet we expect to find manliness in our militia. Citizen.

Some New Year's Thoughts. Lot's have fewer errors,
Try to make each day
Better than the former,
As we go our way;
Have less idle talking,
And commence to do—
Sponge the slate all over, Sponge the state a Let's begin anew.

Let's be better neighbors, With a willing hand
Help to lift the faller
To a higher stand;
Do some good for others,
Say ill things of none,
Have an easy conscience
When the day is done.

Notes the day is done.

Let's try smiles for frowning,
Scatter wide the seeds
Of good thoughts and kindness,
Reaping noble deeds;
Put in daily practice
What we often preach;
Truth and right and justice
Let us try to teach.

Let's think less of dollars More of our own kind, That we may be wealthy, Not in purse, but mind; Shun the false and evil— Clasp the good and true—Sponge the slate all over,
Let's begin anew.

Pain in His Ego. Str Charles Hibbert Tupper seems to think that the whole country has the colic because he has been eating sour apples.—Globe.

The War Office has awarded Lieut. The War Office has awarded J. Cooper Mason, 2nd Battallon Royal Canadian Regiment, a gratuity of five months' pay, amounting to £49, in consideration of the wound which he received at Paardeberg,

ne received at Fhardeberg,
Hon. Robert Rogers, Manitoba's
Minister of Public Works, will be returned by acclamation, the Manitou
Liberals having decided not to oppose his re-election.



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JANUARY 1901

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SHOPPING NEWS

About the Special Buying Opportunities Here During January, 1901.

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During January we will hold sale of Ladies' Embroidered art Lace Trimmed Undergarmens, every garment being new in stage and specially made for this sae. A magnificent collection of ficqualities to choose from at the vey lowest possible prices. They criprise Ladies' Gowns, Coet Covers, Underskirts, Drawers and Housemaid's Lawn Aprons.

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colors fawn, grey and trimmed with narrow braid fect-fitting, or ginal \$7.50, Ladies' Heavy Twilled and

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Tadles' Black Beaver Cloth Jackets, slined with mercerized lining, velvet collar, trimmed with braid, original \$8.50, reduced to \$4.95
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ed linings, three pockets, original \$12.50, reduced to \$6.95 Ladies' Black Beaver Cloth
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stitched, original \$12.50, \$7.50
reduced to\$7.50

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SIMCOE STREET SUNSCHOOL

Many Clever Sche Receive
Prizes.

The classes in Simcot Sunday
Shool have been undenctions in normal Bible stady year, and last week that the was held, the result W. Hagles, following received plosons, Alice Oscar Krouse, Jessons, Alice Oscar Krouse, Jessons, it was the Lowry, Lillie Lee, Jerol, Lizzle L In the January number of the Can-adian Journal of Medicine and Sur-gery all the large hospitals are beautifully illustrated, particularly hospitals of Toronto, Hamilton and London. A capital photo of Dr. C. O'Reilly, the oldest medical superin-The Kingston Penitentiary twine factory is being overhauled, and a lot of new machinery will be put in. Convict Pare, who wand the convict Pare who who have passed through his hands the last 25 years.