

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, DEC. 6, 1909.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

Within two months the struggle in Great Britain will have been decided. The dissolution of Parliament has been fixed for January 8th. Unlike the system which has prevailed for some years in Canada, the British elections do not all take place at the same time.

RECIPROCITY IN CANALS.

O. S. Foster, of the Utica Chamber of Commerce, recently read at the convention of the New York State Waterways Association at Albany a lengthy paper advocating a liberal co-operative and reciprocal policy between the United States and Canada in the use of inland waterways.

They have contributed so largely. The New York Journal of Commerce puts it very well when after a consideration of the various excuses offered for the Lords interfering with the budget it says: But in spite of all that was said about the function and the right of power of the House of Lords, it is altogether plain that it was the kind of taxes proposed in the budget that caused its members to rise up and claim the exercise of a function which, if it existed, had lain dormant for three centuries.

As long as the landlord interests could go on loading taxation upon the masses, the Lords were found enthusiastic for expenditures. But when the policy to which they lent themselves resulted in the Commons placing a share of the burdens upon them, they balked and raised a howl.

WATSON'S DISGRACE.

A few weeks ago the press despatches informed us that William Watson had given out a statement to the effect that when he wrote the poem, "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," he had no person in mind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

And so the Kraemer-Irwin suit is to be settled at last. How we shall miss it!

The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance has issued a "campaign manual" or handbook for local option workers, compiled by F. S. Spence, containing in handy form a vast array of facts bearing on the liquor problem and the progress of prohibition that will be found useful during the coming fight in many municipalities.

Frank Gould is being sued by an actress for breach of promise. The plaintiff alleges that while still married to his former wife, he became engaged to her. She asks \$200,000 damages for his failure to implement his promise.

Official figures place the grain shipments of Winnipeg for the last three months at the following: Wheat, total shipments, lake and rail, 35,157,572 bushels; oats, 7,093,680 bushels; barley, 1,227,503 bushels; flax, 1,351,557 bushels. That means a lot of money for the western farmers and a great deal of traffic for the railways.

William Watson is reported as telling New Yorkers that his poem, "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," was "physically inspired" by Mrs. Asquith. What will strike men of honor is that the author of such an attack should be "physically inspired" from behind with the toe of a good heavy boot, propelled by a manly leg, to tike himself out of the society of decent men.

WHY THE LORDS OBJECTED.

In spite of all the verbiage used to confuse the issue, the intelligent reader cannot help feeling that behind all the talk of the Lords about their duty and rights in the matter of the budget the principal reason for their action in rejecting it remains. That reason is founded in selfishness—a desire to escape bearing their share of the cost of government to the increase of which

least \$1,000 in preparing the case. On the woman being discharged, Mr. Untermeyer, it has leaked out, turned his \$500 fee over to her. True charity and generosity have not yet ceased to be manifested by mankind.

Lord Rosebery's attitude in declining to vote against the budget and urging the Lords not to reject it, is generally supposed to be due to King Edward's influence. It would be strange, indeed, if from his vantage point the King did not see the danger to the hereditary rulers of deliberately flouting the will of the people.

An exhibition game of Rugby football as it is played in Canada, to be given by the Hamilton Tigers and Ottawa Rough Riders on Saturday next in New York should do something to enable Gotham sports to judge as to the merits of the two games of football. It is to be hoped that weather and conditions may enable the teams to appear at their best.

The Divisional Court has held that an action for damages does not lie against the owners of a team of horses which runs away and causes loss or injury to persons on the highway, unless negligence is proven. Mr. Justice Teetzel dissented from the view of his colleagues, holding that the person in charge of a team should be held guilty of culpable carelessness if he does not have it always under his control.

Armour & Co. earned last year a profit of \$7,127,924 on their capital of \$20,000,000. Assuming that there is no "water" in the company's stock, that is a profit of about 35 per cent. What a big row would be made if a public service company should levy such a profit upon the people served!

There would be wrought a great reform if something could be done to kill race-track gambling "as a business." Were there not a class that subsists by stimulating betting—the touts, bookmakers, pool-sellers and keepers of gaming houses—the individual betting would cause but little trouble. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth noted this, and Hon. Mr. Murphy says he proposes offering an amendment to make it an offence to advertise, publish, exhibit, sell, supply, or offer to supply "any information or news relating to pool-selling, bookmaking, betting, or wagering." Such an amendment would stop a business which does much to corrupt and degrade. Certain Toronto papers lend their columns to these advertisements, and it is to be feared that they mislead many young men and cause not a few of the gullible to part with their money.

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FREE TO-NIGHT

First of Dr. McConnell's Lectures In Centenary.

All interested in the great discovery of Dr. Andrew McConnell should bear in mind that the first lecture of his course in Centenary Church school room this evening will be free. The doctor to-night will lay the foundation upon which he will build the course, but the lecture will also be complete in itself, and will be of great educational value as well as interest. The science of human electricity is receiving attention from some of the most eminent thinkers of the day. The Globe has this to say:

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health to city dwellers; the song birds they shelter help very considerably in reducing mosquitoes, flies and other insects pest and, less materially, their beauty and color make the only bits of fresh nature with which the tired eyes of city workers come in contact in weeks of labor.

Peter Piper had picked the peck of pickled peppers. "I did it," he said, "by apt alliteration's artful aid." Throwing in a cooked cucumber and an oblong onion, he shuffled them all together and whimsically tried to make a Polish wrestler out of the combination.

NOTE FOR MISTRESSES. (Toronto News.)

Eventually there must be some alteration in the relations between employers and employees in household as there has been in other fields of labor. The most serious consideration is that the scarcity of domestic labor threatens to destroy the individual home in which human happiness is most fully realized, and in which character is best developed.

OBITUARY POETRY. (Toronto Star.)

It is much worse now that obituary poems appear in the local papers. There is no charge for eulogizing, and the poems run to great lengths. Some local papers announce a charge of ten cents a line for publishing obituary poems, and we are subject to correction on this point, if wrong—eleven cents per line if the editor be required to compose the poem himself on data furnished by the heirs. But we do not believe the editors of Ontario write many of the poems they print. In the rhymes the sure touch of the editorial hand is lacking, and we fear editors have to compete with the cheap amateur labor of poets who cut prices.

THE NIGHT BEFORE. (Philadelphia Ledger.)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Her stockings reposed just where dropped on the floor, And they couldn't help hearing their fair owner snore. "I'll be hanged!" remarked one, with a chuckle of glee. "We must follow the time-worn traditions, you see."

WHY PEOPLE ADVERTISE. (Toronto Globe.)

Why do people advertise? That looks like a question so simple that the way-faring man, though a fool, could give the proper answer. There may be dozens of different answers to the question. "How" should people advertise? but there should be but one to the query, Why do people advertise? Advertising, whatever form it may assume, whether a kite in the sky, a flashlight playing across Niagara, or a "display" space in a newspaper, is an endeavor on the part of anyone who wants to sell goods or to engage assistance in some venture to get into touch with the buyer or the person who can render the needed help. The personal element has no place in advertising except as a means of promoting business. The man who would put an advertisement in a newspaper asking people to buy Smith's tea because Smith has red hair and freckles would rightly be regarded as a scoundrel, but a freak and would probably not greatly advance the sale of his goods. There are still advertisers, though happily few in number, who when they have goods to sell want to sell them only to a portion of the community, and who choose the advertising methods they make use of for reasons of a somewhat similar kind, but the leading advertisers in this country are rapidly getting away from that way of not doing it. When they want to make use of a newspaper they do not ask the color of the editor's hair, or the church he goes to, or his views on the tariff. They are keen on learning the volume of circulation, the class of people by whom the paper is read, and their probable buying power.

BLAZE AWAY.

Sudden Impulse Causes Boy to Shoot Two Companions.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 5.—"I'm going to shoot both of you," said Clarence Lichty, fourteen years old, to his companions, Donald Foster and Carl McCormick, each thirteen years old, while the three were hunting to-day.

"Blaze away," replied Foster and McCormick as they stood close together, not thinking that he meant what he said. Lichty fired a load of buckshot, and brought down both boys. Foster is in a critical condition, but McCormick is not seriously hurt.

TAKING LIFE.

New York Physician Says Suicide is Justifiable at Times.

New York, Dec. 5.—A defence of suicide under modern social conditions was expounded to the West Side Y. M. C. A. to-night by Dr. Charles I. Fagan, who spoke on "The Bugbear of Socialism."

"A man out of work, with a wife and family dependent on him, and four weeks behind with the rent," said the doctor, "is justified, under modern social conditions, in committing suicide. It is in a critical condition, but McCormick is not seriously hurt."

Lichty said that he was seized with a sudden impulse to shoot his companions.

Sanitarium in Saskatchewan.

One of the physicians in Watrous, Sask., is responsible for the statement that as soon as the new sanitarium which is being built there is ready he has forty patients from different parts of the country waiting to enter same.

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MILNE AGAIN PRESIDENT.

Unanimous Choice of Conservatives For the Office.

Election of Officers Was Practically the Only Business.

T. J. Stewart Is Too Busy to Run For Mayor.

A fairly large number of the Conservatives attended the annual meeting of the Association on Saturday night in the Conservative quarters, Sun Life building, but the meeting was not a lengthy one, as the only business was the election of officers. The President, John Milne, was in the chair.

Mr. Milne, in opening the meeting, briefly explained the reason for which it had been called. He asked that careful attention be paid to the men who were selected, as the strength of the party depended in a large measure upon their efforts. He thanked the officers and the Conservatives of the city for their support during the year.

S. Barker, M. P., was elected to act as chairman while the officers were being elected. He expressed it a pleasure and a duty to be honored in such a way. He also emphasized the need of careful consideration in the selection of officers.

Hon. J. S. Hendrie, in a short address, paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Milne as President, and said he had filled the office as no other man had.

Mr. Wm. Bell said the success of the association during the past year was largely due to the untiring efforts of the president, Mr. Milne. He nominated him for the position of president for the ensuing year, because he considered him the only man fit for the position. He was an earnest worker in all the election fights.

Mr. Milne was declared the unanimous choice.

In acknowledging the honor he said he had endeavored to keep his name from going before the association, because of business reasons, but as he had been elected he would endeavor to fill the position as faithfully as he had in the past. He made reference to a number of articles that had appeared in the Times, in reference to importing stoves. He said his firm had not imported any stoves.

The other officers elected were: President, West Hamilton—J. W. Lamoreaux. President, East Hamilton—William Armstrong.

Honorary Presidents—William Bell, J. J. Scott, S. Barker, T. J. Stewart, Hon. Col. Hendrie and F. C. Bruce. General Secretary—W. L. Ross. West Hamilton Secretary—Col. E. W. Moore. East Hamilton Secretary—Frederick MacBeth.

T. J. Stewart was called upon for a speech. In general terms he condemned the Liberal Government, but admitted that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the "alleged" drunk he had met in a good while.

"What does Sir Wilfrid say?" asked a voice from the audience, and Mr. Stewart remarked, "Oh, I don't know."

He said when he first went there his idea of the House was that it was a place of drinking, but his ideas were very quickly reformed in that matter.

"Will you be the new Mayor?" questioned a voice from the audience. Mr. Stewart said he would if he had not such a responsible position to attend to. There were others who, he thought, should have an opportunity.

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CHANGED MIND, But Her Fine Parisian Gowns Were Nevertheless Held Up.

New York, Dec. 5.—Miss Eleanor Terradell arrived last night by the liner America with five trunks filled with Parisian gowns. She declared that she was a foreign resident, having lived abroad more than two years. She was shocked that if this should not prove the case, she would be prosecuted for perjury.

After a talk with Elliott F. Shepard, a fellow passenger, the young woman decided that she would make affidavit, but finally decided not to do so.

Investigation showed that Miss Terradell had sailed from this port by the Deutschland on July 23, last year, and that she had then given her residence as Trenton, N. J. The five trunks were then ordered to the public store for special examination, and Mr. Shepard and Miss Terradell were told to appear on Tuesday before Deputy Surveyor Smythe and explain things.

Elliott F. Shepard is a son of the late Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, and a grandson of the late W. H. Vanderbilt. He is 33 years old. The car he drove in the Vanderbilt cup race of 1906 killed Curt L. Gruner, a son of a dentist in Newark, N. J.

In August, 1905, a touring car which he was driving in Paris, killed a girl and he paid a fine of \$120, beside paying \$4,000 damages to the girl's parents, thus avoiding a three-month prison sentence.

New Type of Bridge. According to the Stockholm Dagblad, the chief of the Beton Construction Office has proposed, for the new bridge over Tranebergsgatan, a construction of a totally new type. The bridge suggested is a ponton bridge, but differs from the usual type, in that the pontoons are quite submerged, and are anchored to weights resting on the bottom of the sea. The bridge, which is constructed with latticework, consists of long links 35 metres in length, each of which rests on two pontoons. The excess of sustaining power of the pontoons is so great

A COSTLY SHAKE.

Chambermaid Scatters \$1,500 Worth of Diamonds Out of Window.

New York, Dec. 5.—A brisk chambermaid shook a pillowcase to-day from the chamber window of Mrs. Beno Siegel, the wife of a wealthy cloakmaker, unwittingly scattered \$1,500 worth of diamonds into the street and went singing to her work again. Her mistress had hysterics when she discovered the loss.

Detectives found the chamois bag in which Mrs. Siegel was accustomed to hide her jewelry on going to bed, but not the jewelry. The maid was ignorant of her mistress' precautions against thieves.

DUNDAS.

Horse and Cart Fell Over the Mountain Brou.

Dundas, Dec. 6.—While at work at the quarry on Saturday a horse and cart fell over the mountain from near the crusher and rolled down the mountain side until they reached the level, near the G. T. R. track.

An old-time and fondly remembered pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. R. W. Woodworth, occupied the pulpit yesterday morning.

A public meeting is called for to-morrow evening, in the lecture room of the Methodist Church, in the interest of local option.

Miss Maud Agnew, of Brantford, is visiting friends in town. The Local Option Executive Committee has engaged rooms over the fruit and grocery store of Robert Clark, corner of King and Foundry streets.

Method will teach you to win time.—Goethe.

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