

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, OCT. 25, 1909.

TO PROTECT HAMILTON.

The Power Committee at its meeting on Saturday night refused to move toward an entire sacrifice of the city's interests by placing upon it for thirty years the Hydro-Electric monopoly fetters.

We are not disposed to cavil at the action of the committee, in view of the fact that the vote of the ratepayers is not unilaterally accepted by its members as warrant for entering into a contract for power.

The aldermen very wisely decided to ask for the reinsertion of the City Solicitor's clause specifically exempting Hamilton from the monopoly provision.

The limitation of the time in which Hamilton may join in the monopoly scheme, without reservation, to fourteen months, has the appearance of an attempt to squeeze the aldermen.

THE DAYLIGHT BILL.

The British Daylight Saving Bill is not likely to become law in the near future. The campaign in its favor was a vigorous one, and vast interests were combined for its promotion.

The frequent changes of time contemplated by the daylight saving bill, while offering no difficulty to many vocations and industries, presented a very serious problem for railways, steamboats, etc.

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Ald. Cooper's action at the Power Committee meeting on Saturday evening stamped him as a man willing to sacrifice the city to the scheme of the clique which he represents.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now, Mr. Lobb, your blue pencil did not serve the purpose you had in view, did it?

Did T. J. Stewart smile when he found that Lobb's fine Italian handiwork was rejected? We wro not.

Ald. Cooper's courage would have been admirable had it been shown in a good cause, instead of in an attempt to sacrifice the city's interests.

Chicago has a lady superintendent of her schools and the good lady has hoisted the flag of "reform," declaring that "the system of maintaining separate high schools for the teaching of professional and technical courses is undemocratic."

The Vancouver Colonist is distinctly wrong in contending that it is no part of the business of the Federal Government to consider the unconstitutionality of a provincial act.

Leaving Ireland out of the computation we find that 598 members of the British House were elected by 5,489,665 voters. In other words, the average number of voters to a constituency was a trifle under 10,000.

Table with 2 columns: Votes, Members. Rows: Unionist (2,385,318 / 139), Liberal (2,580,166 / 373), Labor and Socialist (524,181 / 54).

Since the general election, 59 by-elections have been held, and in these the Unionists' vote has increased 33,073 and that of the Liberals has decreased 28,118.

In New York the other day one Jesse Watson was sued for \$6,000, the price of an edition de luxe of Roosevelt's works, in 22 volumes, \$300 a volume.

The Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, while revising upward in many instances, did make some material reductions in steel and iron.

Those Protectionist theories won't stand the test of practice. As a matter of fact, employees of the protected industries get not a cent more than the competition of the labor market will allow them.

The Detroit Free Press which has been considering Canada's determination to build "a navy" agrees that while "it is an enormously expensive undertaking on which the Dominion has engaged," the wisdom of its decision "to construct within its own territory whatever contribution it makes to the Imperial navy and to keep it a unit by itself, under Canadian control, is already established.

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Montreal, Que., Oct. 23.—A sensational suicide occurred at Longueuil, across the river from here, yesterday. A man, whose name is as yet unknown, jumped into the river at the wharf, and when a life-preserver was thrown to him, he ducked his head and refused all help.

GAVE THANKS IN CHURCHES.

Special Services Appropriate to the Holiday.

Temptations and Evils Dealt With by City Ministers.

Missionary Speakers In Ascension and James St. Baptist.

A stirring patriotic sermon, bristling with epigrams and crisp reflections of the Thanksgiving season, was preached by Rev. E. H. Tippett, pastor of First Congregational Church, last evening.

"As we gather here on the eve of a national Thanksgiving, our circumstances are different from those of the people I have described as they could possibly be. We have not come back to grounds of ruins, significant of greatness that had been, but we stand with pride looking at the development of this land of great resources.

"A nation's strength is not in the greatness of its crops, the vastness of its lands nor the number of its people. The only true security is in God. The nation that has a wall of fire around it is safe. That nation with men who trust in God has better bulwark than all the fortresses of the world and all the Dreadnoughts massed in one fleet.

First Methodist Church held Thanksgiving services yesterday, when very large congregations were present.

At the Ascension and James St. Baptist churches, the Rev. E. B. Laneley, pastor and excellent music by the choir, under Mr. Wilfrid Oaten's leadership, Rev. Mr. Laneley spoke on "The Temptations of a City" in the evening, taking as his text Matthew xii, 30: "He that is not with me is against me."

GOSPEL TABERNACLE. "A Royal Banquet" was the subject of an interesting and impressive sermon delivered yesterday in Gospel Tabernacle by Rev. J. J. Ross, of the Dovercourt Road Baptist Church, Toronto, who took for his subject text: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son."

A large number of the members and adherents of the Church of the Ascension attended the thanksgiving services yesterday. Rev. J. R. S. Boyd, M. A., M. S. C. C. missionary of Ku-Ching, China, in the morning delivered a very interesting and helpful sermon on the conditions prevailing in that country, in which he explained the customs which tended to keep the Chinese people in their present state, but which the Christian missionaries were striving to overcome, and their efforts were not unavailing.

To illustrate God's claim upon the Christian people to carry the truths contained in the Bible to the heathen he selected a portion of Ezekiel iv, 4: "Behold, all souls are mine." He explained that the reason he had selected this missionary subject for his place of thanksgiving was because he had been requested to do so by the Missionary Society. He said all things belong to God, and no person can rightly claim that which belongs to the Master, therefore the Christian people should not be content to let the people of China and India go on in darkness worshipping idols. As God made the world, He had an undisputed claim to it, and all that was in it. The Bible stated that "In the beginning God made man in His own image that he might be drawn to Him and worship." When man disobeyed the Master, Christ was sent to make atonement for the sins of the world.

At the present time the Christians were not to become as the Jews were in the olden times by thinking that they were God's people, and as such other nations had no claim upon the Christian religion. At the present day the Chinese nation was beginning to awaken from her long slumber, and the people were crying out for Christianity, although the nation as a whole was not. The customs at present prevalent were fast disappearing. The opium traffic would, according to laws which had been passed by the Chinese Government, be entirely done away with within ten years. In one section the Christians banded themselves together and raised sufficient money to pay the opium taxes for the period of ten years, and by so doing had secured an order for that section which prohibited the selling of the drug. The crusade against the footbinding was also gaining headway, and that practice, too, in time would be done away with.

The Chinese Government yearly sent two hundred students to Japan to be educated so that they might return and teach the Chinese nation. While the students were in Japan the Y. M. C. A. and the churches taught them the Christian religion. In closing, he said that the Christians should be unflinching in their efforts to help along the missionary work in the foreign countries, as well as in their own country.

IN KNOX CHURCH. "Beware lest thou forget the Lord" (Deuteronomy vi, 12). These words were the text of an earnest thanksgiving sermon by Rev. A. E. Mitchell to a large congregation in Knox Church last evening. His subject was "Canada, Its Perils and Possibilities." He said it would not surprise him to soon see the time when the day passed known as Thanksgiving would be a thing of the past. The day had been changed for the convenience of the railways and commercial travellers, and the churches could not be expected to assemble on Monday after having attended the services on Sunday. To a large extent Thanksgiving Day was given up to football, military reviews and sham fights. Canada was a big country but a small nation. It had the blessings of civil and religious freedom, and the people possessed an autonomy which enabled them to manage their own affairs, and at the same time share in the vast inheritance of the British Empire, of which it formed an unimportant part, occupying the position of an elder brother. The public men of Canada have a tremendous task before them, and the very situation demanded an entire grasp of things by the men who govern it. Canada would not be a great nation unless its people set worthy ideals before them and steadily pursued them. The greatest peril was in becoming too materialistic in thought, standard and worship. Wealth was apt to be regarded as king, and many were losing their souls in an effort to gain worldly possession. The dimming of vision, the blunting of conscience and the lowering of the ideals which kept the life strong, steady and true, would all strike a blow at the sanctity of marriage and the desecration of the Sabbath day.

Sectionalism was another peril. Would the west withdraw from the east or would they meet and labor for the common weal? Would the French speaking people divorce their thoughts, sentiments and ideals for English speaking? Would it not be a better thing for Canada to be all the English, Scotch, Irish and French-Canadians would drop their prefixes and join their hands and hearts. Another peril was the franchise losing its sacredness. It was a sorry spectacle to see so many men willing to sell their votes and so many elections protested on the charge of bribery. The right kind of men when the voters stand with both feet towards the right, and say that the men whom they elect must be in office for the good of their fellow-men, and not for their own selfish ends. It was a shame that the opportunities presented by the great heritage would not be taken advantage of. When it was recognized by the people of Canada that they have a country of their own they should be justly proud, then their men will not be mere ciphers, but men in the fullest sense of the term. So great were the possibilities of Canada that if the people were animated by high ideals and faithful to them, the glory of the nation would be assured. If they were untrue to them a tragic failure would be at their door—all the greater and more tragic because of the opportunities that they possessed.

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