

THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1909.

THIRD-CLASS RAILWAY FARES

The Prity Council has given judgment in the case affecting third-class fares on the Grand Trunk Railway, holding that the 2c. a mile provision of the statute is still in force, and is not inconsistent with the Railway Act.

THE LATEST EARTHQUAKE.

Many of the great earthquakes and volcanic eruptions have occurred between the latitudes 20 and 40. Teheran, whence is reported the latest great disturbance, lies in latitude 35.

THE ELGAR CHOIR.

Hamilton has always been regarded as a musical city. Love of music and a desire to give expression to it in its most beautiful form has been a prominent feature with the citizens for many years back.

WHITE SLAVERY.

The Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada has entered upon a campaign against white slavery, the revelations made in Chicago as to the ramifications of the hideous traffic in human flesh in the States, Canada and Europe, no doubt, having given an impetus to the movement here.

PRETTY STRONG TITTLE.

An Inland Revenue Laboratory bulletin on unfermented grape juice deals with 72 samples, and the information respecting them will be astonishing to many good teetotalers who have thought that they might safely indulge in such a drink.

be allowed to take place, alcohol is produced. The bottler may not be blamed for the alcohol contents.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

That Industrial Committee can wait; the work of "knocking" the local electric industry is engaging the majority of the council just now.

The demands of the School Board render the consideration of salary increases for the deserving among the city employees doubtful. And there are cases in which justice requires some readjustments.

The City Hall chimney belches out great clouds of smoke, fouling the "beautiful" for blocks around. That is the aldermanic tribute to the smoke suppression by-law. But were a railway doing that!

If that man W. D. Platt continues to "build up Hamilton" as he has been doing he may bring upon himself the hostility of those people who envy progressiveness and who now visit their hatred upon the Cataract Company.

Under the Hydro scheme the peak load joker may take two tricks—first as the Ontario Power Company plays it on the commission, and again as the commission plays it on the municipality. The ratepayer loses each time.

Try again, Hon. Mr. Graham. Bring all power concerns taking water from canals or international or navigable streams under the regulation and control of the Dominion Railway Commission, no matter where or what may be their ownership. Apply the principle.

The local power monopoly organ quotes the London Free Press, the Beck home organ, for the consolation of our people, to the effect that "thirty years from now" if they don't like the Hydro monopoly, they "will be at liberty" to get a private source of supply! How generous!

Well, the aldermen seem to think they could have got along with the 20-mill rate under ordinary conditions. But the School Board has been eating up the increase in the revenue, and its new demands of 3-10 of a mill have to be met by levying that much extra this year. Will the rate, once raised, ever come down?

The Fire and Water Committee have again put off the ordering of the Beach pumps and motors. The advocates of Default, Delay and Dishonor are ready to sacrifice the safety of the city in the desperate effort to help forward the Hydro scheme. Need we be astonished if the fire insurance underwriters take action in the matter?

And now, forsooth, because the Ontario Liberal members will not agree to sit dumbly and look on and allow the Government to do things as it will without a single word of criticism, a local Tory contemporary announces in a display heading: "They will try to cause delay." What is its idea of the duty of an Opposition, anyway!

The announcement that the United States Steel Corporation is about to introduce the Herolt electric furnace and steel process for the manufacture of rails and wire is an important one. Canada has been experimenting with electric smelting, and much is expected from the new system. It is hoped that a great improvement in the quality of the steel rails produced will be achieved.

The British Columbia courts having declared Bowers's Natal Act to be unconstitutional and that worthy (?) having planned an appeal to the Privy Council, it has been disallowed. That will hurt Bowers and McBride. They will be cut out of a trip to London and will be prevented from posing as great men. And now even the gutter element in British Columbia politics is sizing them up.

Those contemporaries who have prepared to be dissatisfied with the Waterways Treaty now rejoice that in the King's Speech at the opening of the Imperial Parliament it was intimated that the Canadian Government was consulted as to its terms. That will make it so much easier to find fault with it. But those same critics still hesitate what provision of it to attack! Give them time; they'll find some excuse for carping.

Engineer Sothman has informed the civic authorities that the price of 1,000 h.p. of electric energy for pumping purposes supplied to the city by the Government commission would be \$12.32 per horse-power. This is the maximum price mentioned in the by-law submitted to the ratepayers two years ago and passed by them.—Hamilton Herald.

Yes, that's Sothman's latest guess. But weren't we told that enormous "savings" had been made in the cost of the line and works since then? Were the people being "played for suckers" then?

One point which some people seem to have overlooked when they condemn farmers for seeking to cancel their agreements with the Commission's engineers is that the Government has shut them out from appealing to the courts in case they suffer damages from the unprotected wires which run along the fields and highways. Whitney does not allow the Commission to be sued, and those who deal with it would do well to bear that in mind. It is placed above the law.

Hon. Mr. Graham's bill to place under the control of the Railway Commission power companies deriving their water supply from the Trent Canal has received its three readings. It is a measure in the right direction. All those companies which obtain their power from canals and navigable or international rivers should be brought under the control and regulation of the Commission and the same careful and just oversight in every case should be exercised. The months about monopoly would then have no excuse for their campaign of malice.

SLATER SHOE STORE
Bargains Bigger and Better Than Ever
This is the only way to describe the values in Shoes, values not attempted by any other store. We have something special for Friday and Saturday. We will only offer this price on these lines for two days. Come in as soon after you see this advertisement as possible. Here they are:
LADIES' A Lot of Shoes we have had on sale at \$2.95 we now offer the whole lot at one special price. Regular \$3.50 and \$4.00, every one \$2.65 Goodyear welted
MEN'S Here is a lot of the best Shoes on sale any place, and we give you one chance Friday and Saturday to buy shoes worth \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, all at one price \$2.65
EAST WINDOW WEST WINDOW
SPECIAL VALUES IN CHILDREN'S SHOES AND RUBBERS
JAS. W. BRIDGETT - - - 26 King St. West
The Only Store Where You Can Get the Genuine Slater Shoe With the International Union Stamp

OUR EXCHANGES

Crime to be Old. (London Free Press.) Aged 104 years, a Hamilton man was arrested for trespass. His stepson was the complainant. How often is it a crime to be old.

Peeping Jim. (Grimby Independent.) I saw a girl with one of those three-toe dresses on, in Toronto, the other day, but I happened to be on the wrong side, so I had to run two blocks before I could get a good look at her. Oh, women, lovely women, but you ought to be kicked.

The Horse Prophets. (Toronto Star.) Men who want to bet on horse races on distant tracks are appealed to by means of advertisements in some of the morning papers, and for cheerfulness of spirit in the face of other men's losses.

Did John Milne Do That? (Toronto Globe.) Mr. Studholme told the members that he was dosed an hour five minutes late. This is a form of narrow mindedness and shortsightedness very prevalent on this new continent.—Toronto News.

An Old Friend. (Toronto Globe.) Rev. H. T. Miller, of Beausville, Ont., father of Rev. Dr. Miller, St. Catharines, has reached an interesting period in his career. On Feb. 13, 1849, he was appointed missionary to western in Hull, England. He has reached the sixtieth anniversary of public service, and in a few days the light of his 84th birthday will shine. Mr. Miller is still active, and is local secretary to the Bible Society.

Sealey All Right. (Dundas Banner.) Wentworthites who have recently visited the capital find that W. O. S. Wentworth's Own Son—has made a fine impression in the House of Commons. One M. P. from Quebec said "Mr. Sealey knows what he is talking about when he addresses the House and he's a regular 'Cracker Jack.'" That was the best English word he could think of.

What Might Happen. (Stratford Beacon.) The ice blockade at Niagara is causing serious trouble to the power companies. The consequent low water necessitates the use of dynamite to break up the ice bridge which prevents the normal supply reaching the turbines. Interruptions of this kind are a contingency to be taken into account in estimating the value of Niagara power. A waterworks plant could not be dependent entirely on such power, otherwise there might be a conflagration just when the power was off.

Canada's Credit Attacked. (Montreal Herald.) It is undoubtedly the case that the necessity of borrowing money with which to construct the national Transcontinental Railway comes at a time when the revenues of the Dominion are not as buoyant as they have been. But that is no excuse for the persistence with which newspaper opponents of the Government are representing that the credit of the Dominion was being destroyed. The investment of capital is always a good deal affected by sentiment, and if Canadian newspapers insist that the securities offered to Great Britain are not worth what is asked for them, British investors will certainly be found who will contract themselves with that view. It may be granted that the financing of the national road will be attended with some difficulty, but just why it should be thought well to increase that difficulty is not so clear. It is true that money has been spent, but it has been spent in promoting the national equipment. The country has called for the spending and the country has had its way.

The Genial General Agent. In looking over the splendid report of the Federal Life Assurance Company, the Times is greatly pleased to see that the company attached to its agency staff last year Mr. Ralph C. Ripley, as general agent of the home office. Hamiltonians have noted with pride the success of Mr. Ripley in insurance circles. An all-round amateur athlete, he has won championships in many different lines of sport, and his continued success in hustling for policies for the Federal the past year is good news to all.

A. O. F.

Juvenile Branch Had a Good Time Last Evening. The members of the juvenile branch of the A. O. F., assembled last evening in the hall on James street north, where the annual entertainment was held. A large number of friends were also present to get an idea of the good work that is going on. The hall was filled to its capacity, and the boys gave close attention to the proceedings, and showed the visitors that they were well behaved.

Spring Carpets and Rugs. A number of great dray loads of new carpets and rugs attracted considerable attention on King street yesterday, shortly after the noon hour. These were a portion of the Light House spring importations from England. On enquiry the writer learned that this shipment represented less than one-fourth of the quantity bought by Thomas C. Watkins for spring.

WILL BUILD IN SPRING. Welland, Feb. 18.—James A. Ross, president of the Dunville, Wellandport & Beausville Electric Railway, states that plans have been made to begin construction this spring. The road will extend from Dunville through Wellandport to Beausville, a distance of 23 miles.

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\$2.50 Shirtwaist Suits \$1.49
Great Savings in Quality Dress Goods
Boxed Frillings 25c
Another shipment just to hand of those Boxed Frillings, containing 5 and 6 wide and medium frills for shirt-foam and net, in all colors, value at 60 and 75c.

10.00 and 12.50 Coats \$5.00
\$15.00 Tweed Coats \$2.19
Another rush out of these for 8.30 a. m. Women's Tweed Coats in medium and dark colors, in stripes, and overplaid, all styles, 3/4 and 7/8 length, self trimmed.

\$7.00 Dress Skirts \$1.98
A rush for the early buyers. Odd styles and sizes gathered together for a big sale. About 40 in all, in light and dark tweeds, Panamas, Serges and Venetians, gored and pleated styles, various trimmings, regular prices \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00.

Friday's Notion List
Grey Featherbone, regularly 10c, Friday 5c, or 10c dozen
Skirt Belting, single and double, in white, grey or black, regularly 4c, Friday 2c, or 10c dozen
Dress Buttons, all colors, styles and sizes, 10c and 15c, Friday 5c dozen

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