

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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CANADA'S INDIANS.

To Canada's credit it can fairly be said that her treatment of her Indian population has, generally speaking, been such as to compare favorably with that of her neighbors to the south. The Indian Department of the Government costs a great deal of money, but most of it is spent in taking care of, feeding and educating the aborigines. It is interesting to note that Ontario and British Columbia report many more Indians under the care of the Government than there are in the prairie country. According to the Government report, the numbers in each Province under its care on March 31 of this year were:

Table with 2 columns: Province and Number of Indians. Includes Ontario (23,518), Quebec (11,469), Nova Scotia (2,129), New Brunswick (1,861), P. E. Island (276), British Columbia (24,064), Manitoba (8,393), Saskatchewan (7,490), Alberta (3,329), Territories, in treaty limits (4,212), Territories, outside treaty limits (16,845), Yukon (8,802), Total (110,203).

In the last year there has been a decrease of 140, caused by the migration of 100 to the United States, and a loss of 40 by excess of deaths over births, the most of the latter loss being sustained in Ontario and British Columbia. Tuberculosis continues to prove very fatal to the aborigines, about 40 per cent. of the deaths being attributed to it. Their mode of life makes them peculiarly susceptible to smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, grip, etc.

The Government spent last year, in feeding and clothing the Indians, \$1,277,000. Efforts are being made to improve their capacity for self-support, and \$5,000 have been placed where they can engage in agriculture. These produced last year 1,325,000 bushels of grain and roots, and 118,000 tons of hay, valued at \$1,279,000, or at the rate of about \$15 a head. This average is small. They own, in addition, an ever increasing number of cattle, and they are credited with earning as hire \$1,060,211, besides the avails of fishing and hunting.

"DEGRADING" WIFE BEATERS.

It is interesting to note the views expressed in 1856 on the subject of flogging as the punishment for wife-beating and brutal assaults on women and children. The bill introduced then in the British Commons, by Mr. Dillwyn, was the subject of much discussion, and perhaps one of the best contributions to the symposium was the article in the North British Review (Vol. 49, p. 121 et seq.), in which the entire subject was ably discussed from every point of view. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's objection to the application of the lash, and the attacks, somewhat tinted by partisanship, upon him for his stand, make the points of the Review article very timely. We quote:

Even a "ragging" woman is not to be knocked down and trampled upon, or thrown out of the window upon the cruel pavement. There is a limit to the efficacy of the plea of provocation. But we doubt whether there ought to be any limit to our compassion.

It is always difficult to so regulate the punishment that the suffering shall descend only on the criminal. In the greater number of outrages on women it is almost impossible. If a man, with a wife and several young children relying on his earnings, had as he is, for their support, is sent to prison for six months, what is to become of his family during that interval of time? There can be nothing for these helplessness one but the workhouse. And in what state of mind, is a man, after months of imprisonment and hard labor, to which he has been sentenced on the strength of his wife's evidence against him, likely to return to his family? The same old scenes of strife and violence are sure to recur again and again. The wife, perhaps, by this time has learnt that she had better suffer, meekly and uncomplainingly, resisting every temptation to betake herself and her wrongs to the police office. The last state of that woman, therefore, is worse than the first, and punishment only begets impunity in wrong-doing.

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votes. There is no election at hand, and the organ knows that the temperance men have stood much in the past. Mr. Tobey's letter in another part of the paper should be widely and carefully read. If a few men of the Tobey stamp would take hold of the matter we see nothing to prevent the realization of his desires. There is nothing to hinder Hamilton from doing just what Mr. Tobey says should be done.

A religious or theological war, with the University of Toronto as a storm centre, is now among the probabilities, the result of a pamphlet issued on "The Teaching of Religious Knowledge in University College Ultra Vires." Hon. S. H. Blake's letter on the subject is calculated to set the heather on fire.

Until the Toronto News gets rid of the delusion that Great Britain adheres to free trade for fear of offending other nations, it will never get the correct point of view from which to study British politics. Great Britain's fiscal policy is framed on British lines. She adheres to free trade because free trade is the best for the British people as a whole.

In spite of all the "scrumping" of the Hydro-Electric transmission line to reduce expenditures, the Provincial Treasurer now places the reduction from the original estimates at only \$374,799. He also intimates that \$14,000 of the expenses of the Commission last year have been charged to the "general surveys" of the Province. Thus the smuggling of the cost of this undertaking into the general accounts has begun already.

Those learned disquisitions on the murderer of Ethel Kinrade being "a crack shot," the girl having been "shot at long range," would be amusing were the whole matter not so regrettable. There is every reason to believe that even the first shot was fired within the room—a distance of a few feet—while the remaining shots were fired from above her as she lay upon the floor. It required no "crack shot" for a feat like that.

The Nova Scotia Government has introduced a bill creating a Public Utility Commission. This body will have control of every privately or publicly owned plant for equipment for conveyance of telephone messages, or for production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of heat, light, water or power, either directly or indirectly to or for the public. The Nova Scotia Government does well to recognize that none need control more than the institutions managed by municipal kite-flyers.

The Times' desire to spare the feelings of the Kinrade family as much as possible in their present unhappy position has apparently annoyed the Hamilton Herald, which evidently thinks such consideration is out of place. The Times refrained from publishing the Virginia story until it had the statement of the young lady's father to go with it, and which put a somewhat different complexion upon matters. In our course we believe we have the approval of the thinking portion of the community. The unfortunate situation of the Kinrade family may be somebody else's tomorrow.

Gamey rejoices! Lieut. Governor Gibson has not, as did his predecessor, "scratched" his name from the list of members invited to Government House dinners. Well, time has a healing as well as a destroying effect. We recall that Edwin Arnold said:

What hath been brought what shall be, and is worse—better—last for first and first for last; The angels in the heavens of gladness reap Fruits of a holy past.

The devils in the underworlds wear out. Deeds that were wicked in an age gone by; Nothing endures; fair virtues waste with time; Evil souls grow purged thereby.

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that such punishments are "degrading." Degrading! Was ever punishment invented yet that was not, and was not intended to be degrading? Surely it is not the object of punishment to elevate men either in their own opinion or the opinion of their fellows. All crime is degrading, and all punishment is degrading. The crime of woman-beating is especially degrading; and the punishment of woman-beating ought to be especially degrading. Some may say that it is impossible to degrade the ruffian who turns the brute strength which God has given him to the vilest uses—who maims and mutilates his wretched helpmate before his children's eyes, and leaves her a senseless heap on the floor of his room while he goes forth to spend his earnings on drink. But admitting that even in the lowest depths of such ruffianism there is a lower deep, what then? Does he think worse of himself than before, or do his associates think worse of him? If beating retained his self-respect, it is a castigated hound he should lose it. If, as a vile hound, he was respected by his fellows, it is well that as a castigated hound he should lose it. Self-respect is not a luxury to be enjoyed by men of that stamp. When we speak of our unwillingness to "degrade" such people, we can mean nothing but our unwillingness to disturb their delusion, that it is not crime, but its punishment, that degrades them. Is it so very desirable that these ruffians should continue to consider themselves exceedingly fine and heroic characters? Or might it not be desirable, on the other hand, that they should open their eyes some day to the uncomfortable fact that they are brutes? It appears to us that if the "hangman's whip" will let in a gleam of light upon this point to the darkened mind and hardened conscience of the wife-beater, it will render an immense service, both to him and to the world. If a man is a brute, the next best thing to making him cease to be one, is to teach him what he really is.

The one doubt in the mind of the Reviewer was of the efficacy of the cure, and whether it would not operate to deter wives from complaining, and subjecting the brutal husbands to the lash. He had none of the mushy, sickening sentimental objections to making the brutes who beat women feel pain. Why should he have had? Why should any one have to-day? We have not the least doubt that were brutal assaults on women punished by a severe flogging—real physical pain—instead of a few days idleness and free board in a comfortable jail at the public expense, while the family starves, such offences would soon become unpopular among the ruffians whom some people are so fearful of "degrading."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The tramp is already half way on his development into a burglar. The cure is water and work.

Bear in mind that an armed burglar is a potential burglar, and should be dealt with as such.

The man found unlawfully carrying deadly weapons should be severely punished. The man attempting to use them should get a term in penitentiary.

Now, Mayor McLaren, why not a reward for the arrest and conviction of the desperado who shot P. C. Smith? It might lead some of the fraternity to "split" on the criminal.

The Hawick Burghs elected a Liberal yesterday. Up to date three Scotch by-elections have gone free trade and one tariff reform. Three to one should be satisfactory to the Liberal Government.

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Of course people will not be served on the officer who "wings" an armed burglar. The danger is, however, that an innocent person may be injured by mistaken rashness in the use of pistols. That is to be avoided.

If we dealt with criminals who intended murder and failed only because their aim was faulty, or their blow was turned aside, as if they had carried out their intention (which they did) to the best of their power), the effect might be good.

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The Kickers' Column

Mr. Kicker.—It is a strange thing to find so many young lads and girls walking about the streets aimlessly, night after night, wasting so much valuable time; and it is nothing short of disgusting to hear the language used by them.

Where are the parents, and what are they doing? Cannot the ministers of the gospel break away from the ordinary routine and offer something more attractive? The authorities give this and other street irregularities more attention this beautiful city will soon become a second Port Said.

HELP FOR UNEMPLOYED. To the Editor of the Times: Dear Sir, Will you allow me space in your paper? If Mayor McLaren thinks a man can get work I for one think that he ought to take a walk around and see for himself. He knows that the street railway company would have given work to any one who advertised in the "old" paper, and this Council is as bad, what I can see of it. If you go to the Mayor to ask him anything, he won't listen to you, and therefore what is a man to do? I should like to see the Mayor state where there is work, for I could certainly do with some of it. I hear the Salvation Army is going to bring eight thousand more out here this spring. They are still advertising in the "old" county papers for men and women for Canada, and I think there is enough of us out here. Now, I don't know what you think, but I am glad to know that the Times is doing its best for the out-of-work by putting an ad. in free of all cost. A Citizen.

WHISTLE, AND I'LL COME TO YE, MY LAD. Sir, It is aggravating, when in a hurry, to hear one of these youngsters, and often young men too, whistle in the streets, and then, when you stop and turn round to find that the call is not intended for you.

In Australia I believe this nuisance is punishable, and surely that colony's good example could be followed here to advantage. C.

THIS SOCIALIST INSULTED. To the Editor Kickers' Column, Times, Hamilton: Sir, Permit me to register a kick against the use of the word "socialist" and "socialism" in connection with the public ownership of the streets, in which the Times systematically indulges. As the editor ought to know and probably does know, militant, class-conscious socialists take no interest in the struggle between the big capitalists and our-ourselves on the one side and the small capitalists and middle class on the other, of which the attempt to secure public or municipal ownership of public utilities is a feature. The working class as such have no interest in the matter. They do not in the least better their condition if all public franchises were publicly owned and operated for the benefit of taxpayers, so long as the general system of public ownership remains in operation. Why the editor persists in calling the public ownership socialists I do not know, but can only conjecture that it must be for the satisfaction of announcing another "failure of socialism" every time that a public ownership scheme comes to grief, or, perhaps, to substantiate one of the favorite capitalist arguments that there are "so many different kinds of socialism." Meanwhile, please bear in mind that socialists, warned by the experience of the past, are no longer their fingers trying to pull middle-class chestnuts out of the fire, and are regarding the fight between the corporations and the public as a struggle between the public and the capitalists with which the public saw her husband fighting the bear.

Phillips Thompson. 119 Indian road, Toronto, March 3.

BOW WOW. Dear Sir, Are there any regulations regarding the registration of dogs? Yesterday I observed a pack of half a dozen occupying almost the whole of Bay street north, beside the railway bridge, and I notice a collar or badge on any of them. Doggy.

GIVE WOMEN VOTES. To the Editor of the Times: Sir, If I could have my way, I would give the vote to women. I am not asking for the right to vote equally with men. The vote should be allowed to help the strong. The human race has to redeem itself. The Almighty has done His part. A woman can't help being a woman, no more than a man can help being a fool. If the suffrage women win the day it won't make much difference, politically. The housewives will vote as their husbands tell them to, most likely, although I feel certain the women's presence in the politics arena would purify politics greatly, there would be less red tape, bribery and grafting. That is worth a consideration. Take for example the late Queen Victoria, under whose reign a man or an emperer came to do homage and serve. If God had such service for one woman to perform, why shouldn't all be allowed to perform, who wouldn't let a woman govern them, for every voter is a law-maker in the least degree. If the women were satisfied to stay at home that would please me, but if they would ask for a thing, they will have it. What they are asking for now is only just. It will come. Yours respectfully, John Mitchell.

GOOD TEMPLARS. There was a large attendance at the meeting of International Lodge, held in the C. O. F. hall last evening. After the transaction of business the doors were thrown open and a number of visitors admitted. T. B. W. Macneil welcomed the visitors in a few well chosen words, after which an excellent programme was presented, consisting of songs by Mrs. P. E. Boniface, Miss Beattie Ford, Miss Mary Morrison, Miss Annie Ford and Miss Mary Lamer, piano solos by Miss Lily Boniface, Miss Hanson and Miss Lizzie Smith, and recitations by George Austin and F. S. Morrison. One of the most attractive numbers was the solo by Miss A. Ford, who was assisted by an efficient chorus. Next Friday evening the programme will be in the hands of W. Dunsam and Joe Hewitson.

A snowfall of eleven feet was recorded at Quebec this winter.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1909. SHEA'S BARGAIN DAY

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Every department will have bargain offerings that will save money for you, and plenty of it, too. Come early in the morning and again after dinner---You will be abundantly repaid.

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THE PARK AS A VILLAGE.

Grimsbury Park People Talking of Incorporation. Cannors Getting Plenty of Tomato Contracts at 25c. Personal and Social Events in the Fruit Section.

Grimsbury, March 6.—(Special).—Mr. Harry Griffiths is quite recovered from his recent serious illness. Daniel Marsh is visiting in Iowa Falls. Miss Ivy Annabae has gone to Russell, Ont., for a visit. The Mrs. A. W. Tufford, Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. R. Van Dyke this week. Mr. and Mrs. John Hewitt and Miss Irvine, Chicago, are here for a short stay. Mrs. E. Driver, Woodstock, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunter.

The annual fruit convention of the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association opens in Institute Hall, Winona, next Wednesday afternoon, and continues in the evening. Mr. Gabriel Hiesler, of Harrisburg, Pa., C. E. Barrett, Fenville, Mich., with Prof. R. Harcourt, O. A. C., and others, will be the speakers. The meeting and of wider interest and importance last year were the best attended and of wider interest and importance than any other that have ever been held under the association's auspices.

Mr. W. Bro. Robert Birmingham, of Toronto, grand organizer of Orange Lodges for western Ontario, will give a public lecture here on April 7. The local canneries seem to be getting all the contracts they want with tomato growers at the old price of 25 cents.

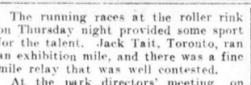
Rev. R. J. Treleven, Hamilton, will preach the anniversary services in the Methodist Church to-morrow. The wedding will take place in April. Miss Wardell is a niece of Rev. Davis. Miss McKeehan returned to town on Tuesday. Mr. Field-Marshall has just purchased two valuable Persian kittens from Toronto parties, for fanciers across the line.

Evidence as to the value of land required by School Section No. 1, North Grimsby, has been taken by the arbitrators, W. F. Clarke, Wm. Mitchell and G. B. McConachie. The school site selected was on the property of Mr. T. D. G. Bell, who feels that a school situated there would be a detriment to his property and that surrounding it. George Lynch-Staunton represented Mr. Bell and Major McBurn and J. R. Marshall, the school board. After several witnesses were examined, the arbitration adjourned until a later date.

Farnam & Dipper, electrical and fancy goods, have sold out their stock to H. V. Robins, Beamsville. Mrs. R. J. Snetinger has returned from Cuba. John C. Overholt, Buffalo, was calling on friends in town on Thursday afternoon. Messrs. George Monger and W. B. Thompson, of St. Catharines, and James A. Livingston have opened a large auction sale stable. It will prove a great boon to farmers and fruit men wanting suitable horses and equines for their business.

Mr. Geo. Oliver, teacher of the Grimsby Park school, gives the following standing of his pupils for the month of February: Fifth class, honors—Ethelyn Wake, Olive Kitchen, Walter Johnson, R. Book, Pass—Clarence Ryckman, Gertrude Armstrong. Third class, honors—Walter Elder, Pass—Constance Kendall. Second class, honors—Millie Tucker, Flossie MacLew, Pass—Lila Ryckman, Joy Hagar. Part second, honors—Charlie Kemp, Pass—Cecil Johnson, Fred Henry.

James Montgomery won Secretary



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Daniel Konkle's prize at the Gun Club's shoot. The following members shot: G. S. Karr 21, 25; M. Wickstead 17, 20; Hugh Vidal 17, 29; E. Konkle 18, 25; J. Montgomery 17, 23; W. Lucy 17, 25; E. Konkle 17, 25; J. Zimmerman 16, 25; Mr. Battersby 15, 20.

On the third birthday of Mr. Simon Hauser, Campbell, on Thursday evening last, a large number of his friends gave this worthy couple a pleasant surprise party.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will hold a social in the basement of the church next Friday evening. The collection taken up will be in aid of the Gravenhurst Sanitarium.

Rev. Mr. Casslor is giving a series of Lenten lectures every Saturday afternoon in St. Alban's Church. His subject this afternoon was "What is the Faith of the Church?"

For acting in a disorderly manner at the home of T. R. Gilmore, on Saturday night, Alphonso Springer was given 30 days in jail by Magistrate Higgins, on Wednesday morning. Springer is a tramp, and when he started to make merry, after drinking a bottle of firewater, the inmates of Mr. Gilmore's farm house became alarmed and telephoned for a constable. Springer has not been out of jail long, having been sent down last summer for pushing contractor R. A. Gibson off a bridge near Tintern. He is evidently a little unbalanced.

A thimble social is on the tapis for the school room of the Presbyteria Church next Thursday night, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Guild. Miss Ethel Stirling has returned home after a visit at North Bay. Mr. Fred Hooper and Miss Hopper were visitors here on Monday. Miss Riggins has returned from a pleasant visit with Toronto friends. Mrs. Geo. E. Waller, Hamilton, was the guest of Mrs. A. J. McArthur, on Saturday.

The fruit shippers will watch with interest Mr. Robert Thompson's boxes of cherries that are to go west this summer. James House fell into the big reservoir on Thursday morning while cutting ice. The water was twenty feet deep. A handy pike pole prevented a fatality. Wm. Smith, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tufford.

CHILD'S PLUCKY ACT. Trudged Two Miles for Aid With Bullets Through Feet. Victoria, B. C., March 5.—With bullet wounds in both feet, caused by the accidental discharge of a revolver with which she and her five-year-old brother had been playing, Alice Trudged, four and a half years old, trudged two miles, over rough roads, in her bare feet, to seek succor at a neighbor's. The child collapsed from loss of blood when she reached the neighbor's.

Ex-Ald. Daniel Lamb has accepted an appointment as a Toronto License Commissioner. Mr. H. D. Warren, President and Treasurer of the Gutta Percha & Rubber Manufacturing Co., Toronto, is dead.