

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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SCHOOL BOOK BUNGLING.

We do not know what particular right this or any other bookseller has to any consideration from the Education Department in the way of special notice as to changes in the text books authorized for use in the schools.—Spectator.

This is the pitiful show made of itself by the senior local Tory organ in attempting an excuse for the outrage perpetrated by the Whitney Government on the booksellers and parents of the pupils of the Province in the matter of sudden changes of school books without proper notice. One can hardly have more respect for the maker's notions of morality than for his estimate of the intelligence of the public to which it is addressed. The organ that declares that the public is not concerned about what loss the Government may thus inflict upon the dealers, necessarily holds that it is equally careless as to the fraud committed on the parents, and surely underestimates the Ontario people's regard for right. Moreover, while denying that the Government was "under any obligation" to regard justice to book-dealers and the pupils in the matter by giving proper notice of the intended changes, so as to protect them from loss, the organ puts forward the plea that notices were sent to school boards (only in July!) that they might, by passing before September a resolution to do so, use the old books another year. This is a giving away of the entire case. And while the organ says "it is informed" that the Hamilton Board got that notice "in plenty of time" (!) Mr. Edgar, of Owen Sound, makes it clear that in many cities and towns no notice was ever received.

The gross injustice thus done was one easily to be avoided. The Department has three heads and hosts of well-paid officials; and it was an easy matter to announce months, or a year, ahead that at a certain time the new books would take the place of the old ones. That this was not done was due to incompetence and a callous disregard of the public interest. The Spectator's course in comparing the case of dealers in authorized school books with that of the dealers in dry goods and millinery, and declaring that they "must take their chances" of having their stocks rendered useless by a Minister's whim, without notice, is not creditable to its discretion in choosing illustrations. More than that, it entirely excludes the effect of these sudden and arbitrary changes on the pupils.

The organ's article is a failure, whether regarded as defence or excuse. It is little less than a plea of "guilty as charged," with the addition of the insolent intimation that the Government is not "under any obligation" to give the trade and the public proper notice to enable them to save themselves loss in the many changes of school text books. "What is the use," it says, in speaking of the complaint of a wronged dealer, "worrying because this man and some few others in his line of business are complaining?" The cause of their complaint is purely selfish. Of course it is selfish. Every dealer and every pupil or parent who loses money by the Education Department's bungling and complaints about it doubtless merits the organ's fine brand of contempt. Out upon the selfishness that would not suffer inconvenience and loss rather than complain against Whitney Government bungling!

CANADA DOESN'T CRINGE.

Uncle Sam's new tariff has not been long in bringing him trouble. It was conceived in a bullying spirit and already France and Germany have plainly indicated that they do not intend to be bullied, and considerable anxiety is felt in the United States official circles as to the outcome. The United States West and Middle West people are far from being satisfied with the bill produced. As the tariff affects Canada, it is, as it was planned to be, distinctly hostile. Its provisions as to Canadian paper and pulp have not helped to a Canadian feeling for better trade relations. The proclamation issued under it imposing a tonnage tax on Canadian shipping calling at United States ports will not tend to dispose of our people kindly toward trade with the United States; and the further operation of the measure gives promise of increasing the growth of a feeling in favor of retaliation among our people, who have not reached that sublime condition in which a kiss is returned for a blow. In some quarters it is believed that United States politicians acting in the interests of the trusts and combines will endeavor to claim, under the recent tariff, the same rates which we give to British imports under the preference, and that being refused, will invoke the maximum imposts—an increase of 25 per cent. upon Canadian goods. To attempt to prevent the British peoples from dealing with each other as they see fit is a meddling in family affairs which is not to be endured. Germany attempted it; and Germany has lived to regret it. The United States will not have a different experience if it follows in Germany's path.

The New York Journal of Commerce, one of the sanest and soundest of United States commercial journals, deprecates the folly of these tariff struggles. It points out that trade is done because people find it to be mutually beneficial; and that both the Canadian and United States people profit by the international exchange carried on, and that tariff interference therewith can only be to the disadvantage of both. The famous course of United States exclusivists in attempting to dictate to Canada by the United States tariff will, it thinks,

strengthen the hands of those Canadian interests which seek to exclude United States goods and divert the trade of the Dominion more and more to Great Britain. It concludes that any attempt to apply the maximum clauses of the United States tariff to Canada must prove more injurious to the United States than to the Dominion. "The capacity of Canada," it says, "to inflict injury on our trade is, on the whole, greater than our capacity to inflict injury in return. With the exception of coal and cotton, there is no important commodity which Canada buys here that she cannot secure elsewhere. On the other hand, the market which she provides for the wholly or partially manufactured products of the United States would be very hard to duplicate." Our contemporary writes in a reasonable and neighborly spirit. It is to be regretted that there are not more of its kind in the United States. But whatever the outcome, there will be no yielding on Canada's part of any of its rights or advantages; and any changes made in Canada's laws regulating our trade relations will be made solely with the view to benefit the Canadian people. We shall not imitate United States impudence in attempting to legislate for our neighbors.

MORE MARKET ROOM.

The City Council has a duty which comes nearer home than the providing of parks on Burlington Beach. It cannot be blind to the fact that many farmers find it necessary to drive long distances and take up their positions the night before market day in order to secure space on the Central Market. This is not a condition of affairs conducive to the convenience of farmers who patronize our market, nor to the good of the city. Hamilton needs more market accommodation. That fact is abundantly evident. The problem of how to furnish it is a large one, but that is no reason why it should be evaded. Why should not some of the energy and wisdom being wasted on questions of no immediate moment to the public be expended upon dealing with this important and pressing matter?

THE OWNERSHIP CRAZE.

The Canadian Courier is evidently not a victim of the delusion that public ownership is the panacea for all the ills which mar the perfection of our public utility services. It has been exercising its powers of observation, and the conclusion to which it has arrived is set forth in a comment upon the new management of the Intercolonial Railway.

The maintenance of this national white elephant, which for over a generation has been steadily "eating its head off," has not tended to make converts for the socialistic cause. Under good governments the net results have been bad; under indifferent governments, worse; but always a hole in the people's pocket. The new commission is expected to effect some betterment. The Courier hopes for it. It thinks that Hon. Mr. Graham means well; but it thinks his task is an impossible one. It says: "Better indeed, would be the leasing of the road to some one of the three private railway corporations for a term of years, with a certain control of rates and a certain rate of return on the present investment. A private company would soon turn the politically-appointed employees out and give those who have been appointed on their merits a chance to show themselves equal to the officials of competing railways. One has but to walk into the stations at St. John to see how different is the attitude of Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railway officials. Government ownership is excellent in principle, but in Canada at least, unfortunate in practice."

And there our contemporary puts its finger on the difficulty. Public ownership and operation is, like socialism, very pretty as a theory, but equally impracticable. It assumes in the human machinery of operation conditions which have not been attained, and which we are not likely to attain until we are much nearer the millennium era than we are to-day. As Lowell put it: "But there is a jess like a train on the rail. That, weather or no, puts her through without fail. While the old stage that gets sloughed in the ruts. An' he's to allow for your darned it's an' but."

Of course, "if" mankind were invariably infallible as to honesty and ability, or could be made so by the process of election to office, the matter would be simplified; "but" mankind are something very different. The wonder is that people fit to be out of the care of a lunacy commission should be caught by the chaff of these ownership and operation cranks.

PLAY THE GAME, PRINCE.

There are few people who take an interest in healthy outdoor sports who are not familiar with the name of the great Indian cricketer Prince Ranji. He was one of the most famous living batsmen, and was regarded as a jolly good fellow wherever he went. He was considered a lion in England until he dropped out of notice and the cricket field, a few years ago, when he became Raja Jam Nawangar, taking up his residence in India, where he lived in great splendor. Now he is in the limelight in England again. It is said that on his last visit to England Jam Nawangar ran up innumerable bills and then returned home without paying any of them. The affair created a scandal at the time, and Johnson Hicks, a member of parliament, asked the India office whether the government was aware that Jam Nawangar had left England owing

a great amount of money. Much of his indebtedness is said to be owing to shopkeepers in Sussex. Has Ranji forgotten his sporting training? "Play the game, man, play the game!"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Thus far Cook's story of the discovery of the Pole reads very much like a school girl's essay on Esquimaux home life.

The other day hogs sold at 9c. a lb. live weight, off the cars at Winnipeg. There is danger of the Canadian hog becoming a bloated aristocrat.

It is announced that Dr. Cook will sell autograph photographs at \$10 each. Here's your opportunity to secure happiness for the remainder of your life.

Another "successful" French aviator crashed to death under his aeroplane. The science of air navigation is not yet mastered.

The new British torpedo boat destroyer Swift, tested the other day, made 36 knots an hour. That is about 4 1/4 miles an hour. A pretty speedy vessel, and worthy of her name.

Some of the aldermen are shying at the Smoke By-law when it comes to putting it into force. Perhaps they have qualms of conscience. It is a very good by-law to go slow with, if it is not to be itself made a nuisance.

Mr. James White, the Dominion geographer, is one of those who entertains grave doubts as to the validity of Dr. Cook's claim to the discovery of the pole. A study of Cook's narrative but increases his doubts, and leads him to say "the day of miracles is past."

We have great pleasure in welcoming the Herald's declaration for the good principle in water rates "that the water-user should pay in proportion to what he uses." The adoption of that rule would secure justice and avoid much difficulty. It would also be a recognition that the act obtained enabling to charge one citizen more for the same service than is charged to another was a wrong act.

At the coming Monetary convention, to be held in Holland, the establishment of an international coinage will be considered. The idea is to provide coins that will pass at a definite value in all the conferring countries. Some of the European nations already have unions in which certain coins pass at fixed values. Thus, in France, Italy, and Spain the franc, lira and peseta pass freely as of equal value. Something definite and beneficial may be the outcome of the approaching congress.

Discussing Sir Charles Rivers Wilson's comments on alleged delay in the construction of the Lake Superior section of the National Transcontinental Railway, Mr. J. D. McArthur, the contractor, says that the rate of progress made has never been equalled on any similar work, notwithstanding unforeseen labor and other difficulties. Excellent as the Grand Trunk Pacific record has been, it has been excelled on the Lake Superior section. The track laying of the whole 245 miles will be completed this week.

Speaking on the subject of the scarcity of labor for the building of the G. T. P., and the plea for the admission of Orientals, the Winnipeg Free Press plainly indicates its faith in the course of the Dominion Government, saying:

The country has a definite policy on this matter, dictated, largely, it is true, out of deference to the wishes of British Columbia, and it is not likely to consent to any modification of it. Over 1,200 miles of the new Transcontinental road running west from Fort William have been built, with a reasonable degree of speed, by white labor; yet we are told that for the remaining 300 miles white labor is unobtainable, making necessary the employment of Orientals if the completion of the line is not to be delayed indefinitely.

That sounds like a story to be told to the marines rather than to the Prime Minister and members of the Dominion Government.

The "Letter to the Nations" sent out by Mr. Julius Williams, of this city, and published in another column, is one that deserves the consideration of every lover of the race. Mr. Williams appeals to the world to prohibit the use of airships for war purposes. It does not take much thought to conjure up the new difficulties which successful navigation of the air will bring to mankind in times of war, and the appeal to eliminate airships and confine their uses to those of peace is one manifestly in the interests of humanity. But alas! Will it be heeded? The proposition to bar airships from war service is not likely to be less difficult of acceptance than that to reduce and restrict armaments, or abolish war by substituting arbitration. Mr. Williams' suggestion is in the right direction; but it is to be doubted if it will meet with the favor of the powers.

...O IS THE GENTLEMAN?

(The New York Sun.)

The simple meaning given in a pocket dictionary for "gentleman" is a "man of honor." "Gentility" is defined as "good breeding." A gentleman is, then, a well-bred man. It has been suggested by snobs that "it takes three generations to make a gentleman." Thackeray, who wrote a Book of Snobs, would exclude a man who east peas with his knife from the category of gentlemen. In Christmas Tales Christ is spoken of as "the first of gentlemen." In that case, Plato, Xenophon and Socrates were not "gentlemen." I should say that every man who is gentle, who is refined, who is strictly honest and who keeps his word is a gentleman, regardless of the "claims of long descent."

It isn't every detective who can follow the fashions.

FRIDAY, Bargain Day

New Fall and Winter Suits and Mantles

All the swell new styles, full seven-eighth length, beautifully cut and made as perfectly as coats can be.

Women's Cloth Suits \$5.95

Made of all wool materials, well-fashioned, \$10.00 to \$12.50 value.

Women's Coats \$3.95

Fawn and colored, beautifully finished; regular \$6.50 value.

Women's Skirts \$1.39

Light and medium, all wool, nicely trimmed; regular \$3.50 value.

Ladies' Mantles \$6.75

All wool material, stylish made, newest cuts; regular \$12.50 value.

Ladies' Underskirts, saten and moreen, black and colored, regular \$1.50, to clear ... 59c

Ladies' Balbriggan Underwear, white and natural, regular 70c, for ... 19c

Ladies' Wrappers, print and wrapperette, regular \$1.50 and \$2, to clear ... 98c

Ladies' White Lawn Blouses, neatly trimmed, regular \$1.50, to clear ... 75c

Ladies' White Lawn Blouses, regular \$1.75 and \$2.00, to clear \$1.19

Ladies' White Lawn Blouses, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00, to clear ... \$2.49

Ladies' Black Silk Blouses, regular \$5.00, to clear ... \$2.95

Ladies' Lace and Net Blouses, regular \$5.00 and \$6.00, to clear ... \$2.95

Kid and Suede Gloves, in all colors, regular \$1 and \$1.25, for ... 50c

Long Silk Gloves, all colors, regular \$1, to clear ... 49c

Silk, Satin and Velvet Ribbon, regular 10c, to clear ... 5c

Women's Plain and 2-1 Rib Cashmere Hose, regular 50c, for ... 39c

Children's Cashmere Hose, 4, 5 and 6 sizes, regular 25c, for ... 12c

Aprons, in blue stripe print and gingham, and white linen, regular 25c, for ... 17c

All Linen Toweling, 18 inches wide, regular 10c, for ... 7c

Flannelette, in white only, 1 to 10 yard ends, worth 15c, for 9c

Dutch Collars, with and without jabot, lace trimmed, regularly 35c, for ... 25c

Side Combs, regularly 25c, for ... 15c

Seven Frills, in box, regularly 35c, for ... 25c

Tourist Frilling, 3 yards in box, regularly 15c, for ... 10c

Linen Handkerchiefs, fancy, men's, regularly 25c, for 15c

Wool Blankets, good weight and size, regularly \$3.00, for \$2.49

Comforters, large size, wool wadding, regularly \$4 for \$1.25

Corset, rust-proof steel, made of fine coutille, regularly \$1.00, for ... 69c

Table Damask, from 1 to 3 yds. length, worth 50 and 75c, for 29c

Plaid Dress Goods, in green and black, small plaid, for girls' school dresses, regularly 35c, for ... 20c

AWFUL CHICAGO. (Sup. Gleaner at Illinois Meth. Conference.)

In the capital city itself we have all the problems of the greater cities. Two hundred and fifty craters of hell continue to pour forth the smoke of the bottomless pit. Gamblers, scarlet women, and worse men haunt the streets with tempting bait to lure unsuspecting youth into the jaws of death. Politicians under the plea of expediency bargain with these depraved elements and sell virtue and human flesh and blood for a price. Here race hatred smolders and needs only the fiercest stimulation of intoxicants to break forth again some day into a flame of frenzy.

MORE IMPORTANT. (Pittsburg Gazette.)

The real home-makers are not bothering so much about the ballot these days as they are over the question of the 14th housecleaning, the keeping of the preserves they have recently put up and the problem of whether to get new lace curtains for the parlor or to wait until next spring, when more bargain sales may be expected. There are four times of year when genuine home-makers should not be annoyed with either suffrage or anti-suffrage literature: summer, fall, winter and spring. All these seasons have their peculiar duties and responsibilities, the proper discharge of which these women consider far more important than clamoring for their "rights."

Y. M. C. A. STAR COURSE. Subscriptions for tickets to the Y. M. C. A. star course are coming in nicely. The three hundred mark has been passed and the young men in charge of it state that their work is getting easier as the people are becoming acquainted with the scheme. It will require three hundred more pledged tickets, however, to make the course a success. Subscribers will have the advantage of early marking of the plan. Tickets can be ordered by telephone at the Y. M. C. A. office or Nordheimer's music store.

Wine washes off the daub.—French.

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FRUIT JARS ALL SIZES

Crown Pint Jars, per dozen 75c; Crown 1/2 gallons, per dozen, \$1.00; Schram quart jars, easy to seal, easy to open, and the most perfect sealer made, per dozen 55c; also expect a shipment of Crown quarts before Friday, noon, best white jar rubbers, per dozen, 8c; best gray jar rubbers, per dozen 5c.

Sugars

All Sugars are good but some of them are better than others. The kind you get at our stores is absolutely the best, 100 lb. bags \$4.95; 20 lb. bags, \$1.05; 10 lb. for \$1.00; 5 1/2 lb. for 50c; 20 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar, \$1.00; 10 lbs. for 50c; 5 lbs. for 25c; 3 1/2 lbs. Cut Loaf or Icing Sugar, for 25c.

Oranges One Cent Each

25 boxes of them, they are sound and sweet and overflowing with juice, good value in the regular way at 30c per dozen, and they go while they last at 12c per dozen; fine fresh Lemons, per dozen 20c.

Dairy Butter Per Pound 22c

Just 200 lbs. second quality Dairy Butter, going while it lasts at 22c per lb. 800 lbs. choicest Fresh Dairy Butter at 26c per lb. Choicest Fresh Creamery Butter, per lb. 28c. Fresh graded Eggs, per dozen, 28c. Prime Cheese, per lb. 15c. Best Pure Lard, per lb. 17c. Peanut Butter, per lb. 20c.

New Raisins

New Select Valencia Raisins, arrived Saturday last, and they are simply fine. 9c per lb. 3 lbs. for 25c. Seedless Raisins, pound packages, 3 for 25c. Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. for 25c. New Peels, Lemon and Orange, 13c lb. 2 lbs. for 25c. Citron, per lb. 20c. Shelled Walnuts, quality strictly good, per lb. 35c.

Best Rangoon Rice, 6 lbs. 25c	Sunlight Soap, 4 for 25c
Best Japan Rice, 4 lbs. 25c	Surprise Soap, 6 for 25c
Best Pearl Tapioca, 4 lbs. 25c	Comfort Soap, 6 for 25c
Best White Sago, 4 lbs. 25c	Naphtho Soap, 6 for 25c
Alliance Corn Starch, 2 packages 15c	Lifebuoy Soap, 6 for 25c
Feather Strip Coconut, per lb. 20c	Victor Soap, 6 packages 25c
Unsweetened Chocolate Cake 10c	Alliance Soap, 8 packages 25c
McLaren's Icings, 3 packages 25c	Challenge Soap, large bar, 3 for 25c
Alliance Jelly Powder, 5 packages 25c	Soap Chips, 6 packages 25c
Alliance Baking Powder, lb. tin 10c	Pearline, 6 packages 25c
Pure Clover Honey, 1-lb. jar 17c	Babbitt's 1776 Powder, per package 4c
Lemonade Powder, special, 2 tins 15c	Aspigo Powder, per package 5c
Peppermint Evaporated Cream, tin 10c	Snowflake Ammonia, per package 5c
Challenge Milk, tin 10c	Red Ribbon Ammonia, 4 packages 25c
Eagle Milk, tin 15c	Harvey's Ammonia, 3 packages 25c
Cowan's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. tin 25c	Powdered Borax, 3 packages 25c
Baker's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. tin 25c	Fairy Soap, 6 cakes 25c
Lowney's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. tin 25c	Brooms, each 30, 35 and 40c
Bensdorf's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. tin 25c	Scrub Brushes, each 10, 15 and 20c

Flour

Lily White, per bag, \$2.80, half bag \$1.40, quarter bag 70c. Gold Medal, per bag \$3.00, half bag \$1.50, quarter bag 75c. Royal Household or Five Roses, bag \$3.25, half bag \$1.63, quarter bag 85c.

Rolled Oats, Etc.

Fresh from the mill every week; they have a crisp tastiness that is lacking in old goods. Fresh Rolled Oats, 7 pounds 25c. Rolled Wheat, 7 pounds 25c. Germ Meal or Wheatlets, made from Manitoba hard wheat, 7 pounds 25c. Graham Flour, 7 pounds 25c. Cornmeal, 8 pounds 25c. Split Peas, 3 pounds 10c. Pot Barley, 3 pounds 10c.

Vinegars and Spices

A good story may be oft told, and the story of our Spices and Vinegars is a story of purity, flavor, fragrance, strength and absolute reliability. XXX White Wine or Cider Vinegar, per gallon 30c. English Malt Vinegar, gallon 60c. Cloves, Cinnamon, Allspice, White Pepper, Cayenne Pepper, Curry Powder, Turmeric, Celery Seed, Caraway Seed, Mustard Seed, 2 ounces 5c. Black Pepper, pound 25c. Ground Catsup Spice, pound 25c. English Mustard, pound 25c. Superior Pickling Spice, whole mixed, package 5c.

Apples Per Basket 20c

Just 50 baskets Green Apples, good cookers, going per basket 20c. Sweet Potatoes, 7 pounds 25c. Spanish Onions, 7 pounds 25c. Yellow Danver Onions, per basket 45c. Good Potatoes, per peck 25c, basket 30c.

CARROLL'S Five Stores

115 John Street South.
Cor. Emerald and Wilson.
Cor. James and Macaulay.
Cor. Queen and Hunter.
Cor. York and Caroline.

Exclusive Millinery

All previous records for selling of Millinery have been broken so far. People seemed to have realized as never before the priceless advantage our Hats have in style, exclusiveness and quality over all others. These are days of planning for the Fall Hat and your order should be left before the season's rush.

Ostrich Plumes

We purchased a small lot of these Ostrich Plumes at a reduction. They are in white or black in 18-inch length, glossy silk finish and nicely curled.

\$2.95, regular value \$5.00
\$3.95, regular value \$6.00

One piece only Bleached Linen Table Damask, 72 inches wide, floral pattern, regular \$1.00, Thursday, 50c

Linen Crash Laundry Bags, lettered in blue, white, red or green, large size, regular 50c, Thursday, 30c

Pure Linen hemstitched and drawn Doylies in size, 15 inches square, regular 30c, Thursday 15c

English Bleached Hemmed Sheets, in plain or twill, soft heavy make, size 24x25, regular \$1.35 each, Thursday 98c

English Bleached Hemmed Pillow Cases, 40 inch size, made from a strong cotton, 30c each, Thursday 19c

For Friday we have added a good list of buying opportunities in household needs, just a representative of value which always awaits you. Besides the arrival of new Flannelettes will interest you at 6 1/2c, 8 1/2c, 10c to 25c.