

THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1909.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Today the eleventh Parliament of the Dominion is being organized, and it is expected that at this afternoon's sitting Mr. Charles Maclellan will be elected Speaker, and Mr. McIntyre, of Perth, Deputy-Speaker.

Mr. Maclellan has for weeks been the target of abuse by the Opposition press, led by the Toronto News and Mail and Empire. Probably no stronger argument for his selection as Speaker than this abuse by the scandal organs could be asked.

NOW TALK BUSINESS.

The much-abused street railway, which last year was hindered greatly in its work of improvement, is now pressing for aldermanic decisions that will enable it to early in the spring proceed to rebuild its roadbed and to construct its car sheds and shops.

were ever called into existence? We have health or sickness, happiness or sorrow, friends or enemies, honor or dishonor, pleasure or pain, wealth or poverty, and we spend our days as a tale that is told. But back of it all, what is the riddle?

MUNICIPAL GRAFT.

Boston has a finance commission at work investigating the gross waste and extravagance in its various municipally owned and operated departments. Its report is thus referred to by the New York Engineering Record:

This report shows that even where civic standards are as high as at Boston, the blight of politics lays a heavy burden on taxpayers. Little satisfaction can be derived from this document by the advocates of municipal ownership, although the technical staff of Boston has long and justly had an excellent reputation for ability and zeal.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sacred to the memory of T. J. Stewart, Mayor, and his machine council, one overdrift, \$127,600.

Now, who did call that secret meeting with the Hydro agents? Who was it "played" the new aldermen?

The output of the Ontario mines and mineral works for 1907 exceeded \$25,000,000. That is a great source of national richness.

It will not do for the council to play fast and loose with the people in this license matter. The Markets Committee saw that.

It is now for the aldermen to decide: Wide devil strip, wide cars; narrow devil strip, the old narrow cars. The company will accept its mandate.

The Stewart overdrift is a sturdy one. But think of the mess he would have left us if he had got us committed to the expense and obligations of his Hydro scheme!

The city "in a bad way for money"? There must be some mistake, surely! There never was any shortage when money was wanted to waste in booming the Hydro-Electric fad.

The traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway from Jan. 8th to 14th this year shows an increase of \$22,488 over those of the same period last year. This is a sign of the times.

If Hon. Mr. Templeman does not feel duly crushed now, he must be a hard man to annihilate. The Ponderous Wit of the Mail and Empire devotes an editorial to "Bill Templeman's Hard Case!"

They appear to have their McBride's in the United States as in Canada, but at least their fool anti-Jap legislation is not pressed in the face of the president's letter pointing out its un wisdom.

WHAT IS LIFE?

"Subscriber" in yesterday's Times defined life as "health." According to the Encyclopedia Americana, Bichat says that life is "the sum total of the forces that resist death." Treviranus, that it is "the constant uniformity of phenomena with diversity of external influences." Duges, that it is "the special activity of organized bodies," and Bichat that it is "organization in action."

Each or all of these may be correct physiological or scientific definitions of what we term "life." They may describe its formula or how it is propagated or continued. But they do not in any way answer the question, "What is life?" with its cares and worries, its hopes and joys. The mechanism of the animal may be dissected and described, and nature's method of maintaining him on this earth may be capable of demonstration. But after all, we are left in the dark as to the real meaning of life—the why of it, what is the paramount object of it all? Why

and during their incarceration." Just so. And the prisoner's record while in prison is kept by whom, if not by prison officials? It is a dangerous scheme.

The Hains jury has felt constrained to give to an outraged public the statement that it was a doubt of Hains' guilt, and not any influence of "the unwritten law" appeal upon them, that led to the acquittal of the cowardly brute. It is at least good to know that the jurors feel ashamed of the failure of justice, and are anxious to escape the reproach of contempt of the reasonable regulations of society of which they have been suspected.

It won't do, gentlemen of the Board of Works, to talk about a four-foot devil strip on any part of the street railway system if you wish to allow the citizens to have large, modern street cars. If this fool idea is to prevail, you will be responsible for the conditions imposed. If you believe that the devil strip should be only four feet, stand by that; but don't do it merely to "fight" the street railway. That would be foolish.

The World now presents its plan of getting rid of the Intercolonial Railway in a suggestion by Watson Griffin. It would have the Government give the C. P. R. Company \$100,000,000 cash, and throw in the Intercolonial Railway to boot for \$100,000,000 of the C. P. R. Company's stock. Mr. Griffin and the World are quite modest. They stop short of proposing that we give the C. P. R. a province or two to take our railway white elephant off our hands.

Infected, as the Toronto Globe is with the "ownership and operation" virus, and lending no little aid to the socialist war upon private investment, it is constrained to call attention to the seriousness of the situation created by the Whitney Government's evident intention to try to crush out private franchise-holding companies which have been serving the public—doubtless much better and more cheaply than it will be served under the socialist system—and to cause great loss to investors who have risked their money on the good faith of the public. The Globe's protest should have been made earlier and should have gone further.

OUR EXCHANGES

Blanket Your Horse. (Toronto News).

Do not leave your horse in the cold without throwing a blanket over him. How would you like to stand shivering for three hours outside of a saloon.

Apt Answer (Toronto Telegram).

Toronto asks the Street Railway Company to stop making excuses whereupon the S. R. C. stops making cars.

Mans' Chief End. (Guelph Herald).

Man's chief duty these days is in putting coal on the fire, earning money enough to buy coal, and dodging any mosquitoes that may be left lying around.

That Cake. (Ottawa Citizen).

A Hamilton bride is to have a wedding cake weighing a quarter of a ton. The cake is a present from the groom who evidently thinks the bride should take it.

Advertise. (Berlin Telegraph).

And if we have not the slightest doubt that if the Canadian manufacturers generally were as fully alive to the importance of a vigorous and continuous campaign of well-directed advertising some foreign producers would make less serious inroads upon their home market.

At Baptism. (Tit-Bits).

"And the name is to be"—asked the suave minister, as he approached the font with the precious armful of fat and flour.

Lips. (H. T. Miller).

Lips are more than signal wire, Lips aflame with friendly fire, Lips for drinking the life-stream in, Singing the purest sacred hymn, Lips seal up the sacred way, Heaven is close to the lips that pray.

Blames Toronto. (Ottawa Free Press).

An ending to Toronto's fight against the Street Railway Company appears in sight. One of the newspapers has recognized that the fault lies mainly with the City Council, and has had courage enough to say so. It will not take the powers-that-be at the City Hall long to reach an agreement with the company once they make up their minds that abusing it is out of date as a vote-making process.

Some Generations Hence. (Ottawa Free Press).

"Why do the trees go chopped away, the little fellow said, "Why do the streams go dry while sunshine's beating overhead?" His father said: "It is because the lumbermen so gay Each had an ax to grind, and was a cut-up in his day!"

self in the courts. But a story circulated through private gossip may travel and gather strength and venom for months or years without the victim being made aware of the mischief He may find friends growing cold without suspecting the cause.

What a Wife-Beater is. (Montreal Star).

A wife-beater is a traitor, a violator of his word, a betrayer of the most sacred trust, an enemy of the family as an institution, a danger to society, a coward, a soulless brute, a thing without heart or conscience. He should not be allowed to add to his cruelty towards his wife by idling in prison while she starves. He should be made to work for her support while in jail, and have his term punctuated by the application of the lash. When a wife-beater comes up for a second sentence, he convicts a system of justice of utter inadequacy.

POLICEMEN ACTIVE IN LATE ELECTION.

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that was not the way to get them any advantage, Judge Snider and Magistrate Jelfs both stated that they were very glad the matter had come up, and would be pleased to support the Chief Magistrate if he brought them up.

On motion of Judge Snider, adjourned by Mayor Larocque, Magistrate Jelfs was elected Chairman of the Board. The first business taken up was a charge brought against a constable, Barrett, by Sergeant Walsh, of being off his beat on Nov. 26, 1908.

"This is a small matter and you should deal with it, Chief," said Judge Snider. "This man denies the charge, and I have to bring it before you," said Chief Smith.

"This has always been considered as a minor offence and has been dealt with by the chief in the past," said Judge Snider. "Well, it is getting too common," said Mayor McLaren.

Constable Barrett and the sergeant were called in and the case went on. Constable Barrett, who was charged by Sergeant Walsh said that the officer failed to make two points on his beat, and when he met him later the man gave no excuse.

Barrett was sworn, and said he had to investigate a case in the rear of Maloney's Souter's factory, and had also to make a trip to the lack of the Pure Milk Co's plant. Watchman Thornton, of the former company, testified that Barrett had been called to look after the premises by him, as the dog was acting strangely.

"The trouble with you is that you are boozing too much, and I want you to understand that," Chief Smith remarked to Barrett.

"That's not true," said Barrett. "It is true, but you are a good man outside of that," said the chief.

"I've been here ten years and never been charged with drunkenness," Barrett replied rather warmly.

"He must be a good man to booze for ten years and get away with it," observed the Mayor.

Barrett was adjudged guilty by the board and fined \$10. The men should be made to be perfectly frank with their superior officers," said the Mayor as the next business was called.

Mayor McLaren interjected pertinent remarks in different spots during the meeting as to the way the police did their work, in the case of the above case his worship remarked that some of the men on the force could not see a hotel open if the front door was wide open. Judge Snider remarked that he was satisfied that the men did their duty very well.

The next thing the Mayor did was to tell a story. "A man called me up one Sunday morning and told me a certain hotel was doing business. I told him to tell the police, and he did. He called me later, and said the ten minutes before the lights arrived at the hotel the lights went out and the place was closed up."

"What's the point?" queried Magistrate Jelfs. "You can see it from the story," said the Mayor.

"You don't mean to tell me that the police sent out a runner?" asked Judge Snider, incredulously. Mayor McLaren smiled, but said nothing.

Constable Barrett was charged with assaulting the 13-year-old son of Henry Clark on York street some time ago. He pleaded not guilty. The boy said he was riding in a teddy wagon on the sidewalk when the constable and another man were walking along together. He blew a whistle and the men stopped on the way. When he was passing between the constable grabbed his arm and threw him into the road and his wagon spilled over and a five gallon water crock was broken. Duncan said he did not intend to hurt the boy or to break his crock. The boy's mother stated that the constable had no right to do that. She said she was present when the constable grabbed his arm and threw him into the road and his wagon spilled over and a five gallon water crock was broken. Duncan said he did not intend to hurt the boy or to break his crock. The boy's mother stated that the constable had no right to do that. She said she was present when the constable grabbed his arm and threw him into the road and his wagon spilled over and a five gallon water crock was broken.

The members of the force were granted leave to petition the City Council for a cash grant to their benefit fund. As in the case of Sgt. Pinch, the four men who were to have retired this year were given another year on the force in order that they may share in the pension fund. These are the last men who will be granted this privilege, as others coming after them will be able to share in the pensions without staying on longer. The men who were granted the extra year are Sergeants Knox, Robinson and Moore and Constable Halliday.

The 21st of December was a day of nine fortieths of their gross pay after retirement. An application from the members of the force for a day off every month instead of one day off in fifty-three days was pigeon holed, as Chief Smith said it would not work till he got more money.

The pension fund was reported to be healthy and growing fast; \$40,000 is lying in the coffers of the fund at the present time.

CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Chief of Police Smith's annual report was submitted. From it the following extracts are taken:

During the year 2,545 persons were arrested or summoned, being a decrease of 415 as compared with 1907. The indictable offences were:

Murder	1	1907	1908
Manslaughter	1	1	1
Assault and robbery	12	7	1
Burglary	6	1	1
Housebreaking	64	27	1
Pocket-picking	10	10	1
Theft	433	452	1
Theft of bicycles	74	70	1
	600	571	1

Decrease in 1908, 29.

Lost and stolen property in 1908, \$32,497. Outside property recovered by the police, \$9,932. This is an increase of \$8,832. Miscellaneous cases, 132; offences reported, 631; arrests made, 1,804; committals for felony, 159.

Murder—There were two cases. One suicide followed the commission of the crime, and the other a coroner's jury found that a baby had been murdered. The body was found in the bay.

Manslaughter—One case occurred, but the jury found no bill, and the offender was discharged.

Burglary—There was only one burglary, with a loss of \$20, as compared with six in 1907, with a loss of \$218.

Housebreaking—Thirty-seven cases were reported, with a loss of \$1,532, as compared with 64 cases in 1907, with a loss of \$1,748.

Assault and Robbery—The commission of this offence was less frequent, only 12 cases as compared with 12 cases in 1907, with a loss of \$281.

This—This is a slight increase in the number of thefts, 452 cases being reported with a loss of \$5,288, as compared with 433 in 1907, with a loss of \$5,431. Seventy bicycles were stolen, as compared with 74 in 1907.

DISFIGURING Humors, Eczemas, and Itchings Cured by Cuticura.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1909. SHEA'S Skirts Made to Measure of Sale Goods \$1.25 OUR WINTER CLEARING SALE

Thrifty people buy at the Shea sales by the thousands, because it pays them—because they get dependable goods—because they get goods for their immediate use at less than other stores ever attempt to sell them. Shea's for bargains at all times—at sale times it's a slaughter. Save your tickets.

Thursdays Sale of Underskirts, \$2.50 for \$1.39

Quantities of them, made of Regal Taffeta, Messaline Sateen, Plain Sateen, Moreen, etc., etc., black and colors; \$2.50 value to clear at each \$1.39

Special Thursday Sale of Underwear

Penman's Sovereign Brand, flat knit Vests, only the kind that sells for \$1.00 always; about 10 dozen Vests to clear at each \$0.9c

Fleeced Vests and Drawers 35c

Women's Knitted Skirts \$1.75

Sample D. & A. Corsets, sizes 20, 21, 22, only, worth 50c to \$5.00, on sale to clear at from 35c to \$3.00.

Women's Mantles and Children's Coats

Never have good, dependable, up-to-date Coats been sold at the ridiculous prices they are now being offered at in the Shea Mantle Department. Coats from Germany, Coats from New York, Coats from the best makers in Canada, all going at prices that in some cases would not pay for the making.

Women's Coats, worth \$50, for \$19.95

Women's Coats, worth \$10, for \$5.95

Women's Coats, worth \$25, for \$10.00

Women's Coats, worth \$30, for \$15.00

Dress Goods Sale

Beautiful French Poplins and Epingle weaves of all wool goods, 46 inches wide, in navy, brown and black, worth 75c to 80c, on sale, to clear at per yard 50c

Serges worth 75c, to clear at 39c

Serges worth \$1, to clear at 49c

Silks worth 50c, for 29 and 39c

Turnbull's Vests and Drawers 87 1/2c

2 Big Waist Bargains

Rich Silk and Wool Brocade

Children's Plush Coats \$1.95

Women's Coats, worth \$3 to \$7, for \$2.95

Women's Coats, worth \$15 to \$17.50, for \$8.95

Women's Coats, worth \$25, for \$15.00

Women's Coats, worth \$35 to \$40, for \$22.95

Women's Coats, worth \$45 to \$50, for \$29.95

Women's Coats, worth \$55 to \$60, for \$34.95

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Women's Coats, worth \$75 to \$80, for \$44.95

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