Radcliffe occupied the pulpit. His Lordship in his usual vigorous,

quent style preached a sermon especially appropriate to the occasion. His theme

Dean Sutherland's work, how he have seen members of his flock baptized, re

ceive first communion, confirmation, and grow up to womanhood and manhood.

It was unnecessary to further commer him to their loving attention, or to ury them to continue to encourage his fait ful work, performed for thirty years.

Lower Volga.

# THE HAMILTON TIMES

## MONDAY, SEPT. 9, 1907.

MR. STARR ON LICENSES, The long-delayed reports of Commis-sioner Starr, who was appointed to inquire into the administration of the liquor license law following the revelations in Toronto, is nova in the hands of the Government, and the gist of the document is given in Une Times to-day. It was expected that The would discover many evidences of erco kedness, and that great an influence has the Commissiondiscoveries had of t his views that while conceding the un wisdom of permitting a Government to divest itself of responsibility for the rdministration of the law, he is constant hed to recommend that "the liquor trid he be put into the hands of an indepet dent Board of Commissioners for the Province, who would be well paid and somid administer the whole traffic without the interference of local boards," and for this purpose he would have the Province divided into districts, with a head inspector for each. This recommendation, and indeed the entire report, is an admission that Whitney's dealing with the license system has been a dismart failure, and that it is useless to expect that while it remains in the hands of the men who surround him it will be other sthan a sink of iniquity. Mr. Starr fo And from the. evidence taken that by er vers and licensees had been bled for Britespriptions to campaign funds, that lic msep : are under the "tied house" club ar d in bondage to the brewers, and he would provide that lending money by the m dan ectly or indirectly to licensees should 'be forbidden. He finds that in Toronto Lere is reason to think the Conservative, A Association of Ward 2 was trying to men the license board, and that the sencing of a \$1,000 cheque to the chairman, its wrapped in mystery, but he is not a doubt as to the Hynes note for \$1,00%, endorsed by Cosgrave "in order to get Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's friendship." Of I this transaction he says "I think this was a straight purchase of Dr. Nesbit is political influence." He finds, too, thr ! Hon. Dr. Pyne approached Mr. Fland I by in favor of the granting a license ti , the notorious Courtney, and he think sait "unwise for Dr. Pyne or any other me priber of the Government to approach the d Commissioners on the subject."

In regard 14to the transfer of license Mr. Starry makes an important suggestion. The en armous prices sometimes ob tained for : Do transfers make for fraud and corry; Hon in the department, and this traff consurrounds the operation of the law y that added difficulties. In 47 applied for in Tornoto last transfers year the sil e price amounted to \$1,155,

650, an i apt rage of \$24,588.14. Shop transfe # s totalled \$155,250, an average of \$12 9 3750, a total of \$1,310,900. tavern 1 icenses were obtained for \$1,200 and shop and enses for \$1,000, every dollar of this v asl, sum was profit. Every time the Goy ( mu ment issued a license it made to the ligensee a clear present of \$24, 000. If ensuggests that part, at least, of mey should go to the Province His id to is that where a licensee sells within two years of purchase he should be ent tiled to four-fifths of the transfer value , after three years to three-fifths, four years to two-fifths, and after fiver, pears to one-fifth, the Government takir g the balance in each instance. Th vality of licenses might be ascertained a public tender system. The funds by ped in this way might be applied education. Strangely enough, Commi sioner Starr does not think reductid of licenses would lessen the conmption of liquor.

Commissioner Starr discusses the great sirability of getting rid of the poliical interference which he has found t o be at the bottom of much of the rouble in administering the license law Toronto, and mentions the Gothen burg system, the Samlag of Norway

and Sweden, and Earl Grey's suggestions for Great Britain. He thinks the Norhere. His strongest argument for turning the entire traffic over to an inde ndent board of three commissioners is that he thinks "no government should avail itself of its hold upon the licensees to either solicit subscriptions or the support of the liquor traffie. No influence could be brought to bear on such a board, the same as it can be brought to bear on a local board for a change of licensees or for the cancellation of a license." That would be a desirable thing; but there remains a doubt that in this way a government that desired to be corrupt would be altogether baffled. It presupposes commissioners entirely government persuasion and fre perfect in their administration of the law. Perfection is not easily attainable. in the appointments and operations of a partisan government. Whether "an independent license board of three" would tend toward inviolable honesty, spotless purity and infallible efficiency, or mere ly protect a bad government against the consequences of wrongdoing, must large-ly depend on the motives of the appointing power, and the ability and character of the men appointed.

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP. Mr. J. K. Charthew, 'the well-known authority on grain crops, has made his first estimate of the grain crop of the world for the year, his figures showing a decrease from last year's estimates of about 30,000,000 quarters. He says in his summary of the situation:

his summary of the situation: Compared with last year's record yield, the wheat crop harvested this sea-son in June, July and August shows up unfavorably, and moreover the import-ant spring wheat crop in Canada and the United States has yet to be secured. It is quite three weeks late, and will not be harvested until the middle or end of September. As a partial set-off to the short yield this season, there are un-usually large stocks of old wheat re-maining from last year's bumper crop, notably in Canada and the United States, the Balkans, Hungary and Spain. Unless something serious happens to the spring wheat in North America and the growing Argentine crops, there will be plenty to go round. to go round.

Th Hungarian Government's estimate just issued at Buda Pesth gives the grand total of the world's production of wheat for 1907 as between 3,100,130,000 and 3,205,550,000 bushels. By countries the amounts in bushels are as follows 
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 Great Britain
 52,250,000

 France
 348,530,000

 Gremainy
 122,830,000

 Austria
 52,250,000

 Italy
 181,500,000

 Holland
 5,680,000

 Switzerland
 4,180,000

 Belgium
 13,380,000

 Swedon
 5,570,000
 13,380,000 4,400,000 5,870,000 290,000 ----Greece .... ... ... .

 

 Greece
 14,670,000

 Hungary (including Croatia and Slavonia)
 130,090,000

 Bosnia and Herzegovina
 2,270,000

 Russia and European Asia
 555,500,000

 Rumania 53,170,000 
 Sarvia
 11,000,000

 Turkey, European Asia
 47,670,000

 East India
 311,980,000

 United States
 641,670,000

 Canada
 93,500,000

 Argentina
 159,500,000

 Chile
 122,000
 hile .... Jruguay Justralia 16,130,00 8,250,00 73,700,000 Algiers Tunis Tripoli 33,800,000 6,230,000 ripoli Iexico apan 4,400,000 16,500,000 23,830,000 Th reports from South Africa, Paraguay and Brazil have not yet arrived The crop is according to this estimate 288,270,000 bushels less than last year It is generally conceded that the prices will range considerably higher than last Mr. Charthew thinks that during the winter the average will be 4s. a quarter (8 bushels) ahead of the prices of last winter. That would go far toward compensating the grower for the defiiency in yield. Unfortunately for him probable that much of the increment in price will go to the dealer and speculator between farm and table.

### BUSH FRUITS.

year.

it is

For twenty years the Experimental Farm at Ottawa has been tseting and improving varieties of fruits, grains and other agricultural products, and the country has gained much by the information it has disseminated. In 1895 it issued its first bulletin on raspberries, and ince that time it has accumulated a vast amount of information of momen to growers, and it has been incorporated in the neat pamphlet, Bulletin No. 56, on Bush Fruits. It contains the results of twenty years' experimenting. The principal bush fruits grown in Canada are the currant, gooseberry, raspberry, blackberry and dewberry, the last named however, being cultivated only to a small extent. The work done by Mr. T. Maoun, the Experimental Farm horticulturist, cannot but he valuable to all fruitgrowers. The valuable descriptive information with regard to insects injurious to the fruits, with remedies to be used against them, furnished by Dr. James Flotcher, Dominion Entomologist, is of prime importance and will be well worth udying and preserving. It is an education in itself, and helps to equip the fruit-grower for his work and to arm him against the numerous enemies which st be prepared to meet.

Beginning with the currant the pamphlet sketches its history since the sixteenth century and deals exhaustively of its propogation, the se a large outlay on the ratepayers character of soil demanded, cultivation, pruning, etc. Red Dutch currants have the Experimental Farm yield on 17,892 pounds an acre. The Saunders black currant vielded 6,534 Kerry black yielded at the while rate of 15,004 lbs. an acre. In the Experimental Farm plantation are 44 varie ties of red, 15 of white, and 33 of black, Considerable space is devoted to the diseases of the currant and the remedies to be applied. The gooseberry is a native of Canada, being found growing wild in many parts of Ontario. It has been highly cultivated in Great Britain, fruit weighing two ounces being grown, but has received less attention in Canada. The first reference to a cultivated variety of American gooseberry is found as late at 1849. valuable information is given as Much to varieties and cultivation. Pearl goose berries gave a yield of 12,204 lbs. an acre, and special bushes yielded at the rate of 27,225 lbs. The raspberry is regarded as the aris-tocrat of bush fruits in Canada. It is a native of the country and grows wild in abundance. It has been under cultivation apparently since the time of the Greeks, who connected its origin with Mount Ida. A Roman agricultural writer of the fourth century speaks of the cul-tivation of the raspberry. There raspberry. There ing to the extent of 66 2.3 per cent. at are yellow, and black and pur no increase of cost in the meantime, is that it might kill the civic scheme to holds the popular favor. The bulletin is a tie us up to a long contract at waste-ful prices to the Hydro-Electric Com-at the rate of 10,234 lbs. to the acre are

of propagation, culture and pests Blackberries are also treated at length and an interesting historical outline the work done in improving the small fruits is given, together with nun spraying formulae, with directions for use. The pamphlet is one that should be in the hands of every fruit-grower.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.** 

"The Westinghouse Company ?" Oh, yes! But why should the aldermen con-sider it? Isn't it a mere Hamilton concern, too!

An Ottawa Greek was fined \$5 and costs last week for selling candy on Sun day. Is not candy as much a food as is ica cream?

What a fright some people would get if they awoke some fine morning to find another electric road laying rails from the east!

Five years is long enough for any electric contract in this transition stage of electrical science. Don't tie the city up for long terms.

The directors of the Toronto National

The directors of the Toronto National Exhibition look for \$10,000 surplus from the big fair. It is estimated that 750,000 persons visited it. It is to be hoped that Constable May's assailants will be captured and convict-ed. Such cases should stir the force to their best efforts. And if the guilty men are caught the limit of punishment should be theirs. Commissioner Starr thinks thiat \$1,000 deal in the Toronto licenes escandi "was bit's political influence." How Dr. Nes-bit's will be grieved by that ungenerous suspicion! It is understood that A. G. MacKay, of

It is understood that A. G. MacKay, of North Grey, will be one of the speakers at the Liberal pienic at Dundas to-mor-row. Mr. MacKay is one of the men who are in favor for the Ontario Liberal leadership, and it will be a treat to hear him. With fine weather, the Wentworth Liberals should have a big crowd and a very enjoyable time. at the Liberal picnic at Dundas to-morhim. With fine weather the Wentworth

The party that went on the pumpinspecting tour is not quite so enthusiasin its advocacy of the electric pumps as it was. But that may be the depression of "the morning after." By the way, has it ever occurred to the aldermen that the Westinghouse people know something about electrical pumping machin erv? Or is it to be shunted aside too

because it is a local concern? Vancouver will not profit by the dis-

graceful mob work of Saturday night. There are elements of evil in all large cities, but that practically unrestrained rioting should rule, and that the police should be constrained to implore these be constrained to implore thos attacked by the mob to refrain from vigorous defence in order to avoid b shed is a lasting disgrace to British Columbia. There is danger, too, that it may create international difficulty and have an effect the very opposite of what the boodlums intended.

The Mail and Empire says Mr. Borden at Chatham "encountered the greatest sible enthusiasm everywhere." The Chatham News says "not a cheer-not the ghost of a cheer" greeted him as he stepped from the station or on his way to the Opera House. Chatham is a Tory town. The Opera House seats between 1,000 and 1,200. The Torento World says it was not crowded in the afternoon, and in the evening the meeting was hardly more than half a house. Perhaps if Mr. Borden would tell the story of Mr. Hugh Graham's contributions to the party corruption fund and his own warning not to let "men in public life in the party" do the handling of the boodle, he might draw a crowd.

The Herald affects to see something trange in the fact that both of its contemporaries have referred to the folly or worse of the aldermen in talking of paying \$1,200 or \$1.500 commission to somebody to buy electric pumps and



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THE COMET.

Three Times the Size of the Earth, But of Little Weight.

The much-discussed comet of 1907 i

was the terrorist, and that the organ- miles) an hour. "Though it travels between us and the

A shocking illustration of the moral anarchy prevailing occurred in the graz-ing lands of Kieff Province. A number of children employed by shepherds ac-cused one of their own number, a boy of ten, of theft, and tried him by court-martial. He was found guilty and sen-tenced to be hanged, and the boys car-ried out the senience. The eldest boy was only twelve years of age.

In the rider's other boot was a similar case of the same length, but some-what larger in diameter, which contain-ed a transformer, or as it is known on the track, "a booster." Around the wires running length-wise composing the centre or core of the booster was a primary winding of ordinary coarse number 22 insulated corner wire, which in turn was an encided

The Jockey's "Booster.'

und carbon. Nobody can say definitely that the physiological consequences Wires extending through boots provided electrical y's boots providea electrical con-on with the spurs. le arrangement of the dry cells jockey night be. "In all probability the first effect

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chase have advanced 20 per cent. in price. In spite of this big advance we have decided to clear out our presen

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The arrangement of the dry nd the booster was such as to e he rider to send a current of ficity through his horse's flanks The outlie out the owner \$250, \$24,50 of the amount was a ch for the "know how" by

some embroidered points, lace trim-med, value \$1.50, sale price ... 98c

Samples of Children's

**Dresses at Half** 

t was a charge on the part of tor the "know how" on the the man who made and sold it. When, the horse got his "shot" his terror enabled him to win the race.

It was not so very long ago that horses were doped with drugs in order to accelerate their speed, but the prac-tice was an exceedingly risky one for the rider and dangerous for the which frequently became crazed

The use of electricity has almost The use of electricity has almost entirely superseded that of drugs and horses are now, through continual hand constant training, accustomed to the stinging shock of the current, which, according to the man who perfected the device, is sufficient to cause a 250 pound man to jump through a key-hole. hole

250 point man to jump inrough a keyhole. The batteries which are used are good only for the one shot and new ones have to be employed in each race. The shell game man and the little shifty-eyed man met during the latter part of the week. Both were broke-but hopeful. They stood Dutch treat and made a careful investigation of the lunch board. From around the corner came the live-ly strains of a popular song. The shell game man grinned cheerfully. There were two big pienies billed for Sunday. He drifted out and called back as he left, "Well, I'll see you Monday." Whereupon

Well, I'll see you Monday." Whereupon the shifty-eyed little man seemed sud-denly imbued with encouragement. He also grinned and even essayed to whistle a few bars of "Cheer Up, Mary.

The Japanese Government has set aside \$5,000,000 for an International Japanese Exhibition in Tokio next year. Japanese Exhibition in Tokio next year. The total cost is estimated at \$10,000, 000, one-half of which has already been subscribed by private citizens. The ex-hibition is to open April 1 and last until October 15, and it is proposed to make it the greatest the Orient has ever seen. Already construction work has begun.

St. Petersburg: Any surface appendix are brightest at the nead, the nead, the nead, the nead of a possible remainsance in Russia are ing as the end of the tail is reached. This is the most beautiful comet, and the strange of the s

ne was the terrorise, and that the organismics, an hour. ization paid twenty-five roubles for every successful fire, the object being to lay waste the entire district. A shocking illustration of the moral anarchy prevailing occurred in the graz-

"Thus straight through space this wan-deror, this vagabond traveller goes, to travel round the sun on September 4, and then to escape in the end, into the deserts of infinity." Mile, Renaudot gives a particularly in-teressing surmise as to what might hap-pen should a great comet collide with the earth.

In the rider's other boot was a similar

the influence of the drugs.



So, the Herald's reason for wanting the aldermen to refuse to consider the installation of electric pumps to become ours, free, in five years, increased pumpion. How very generous it is to its with the raterayers' money. fad -with the ratepayers' moncy.

one pumped, at no more cost to the city, and in five years present the plant during during

quite a number of these signs and they help to light up the streets on a dark night. But some object to the "now-youee-it-now-you-don't" kind. They are hard upon the eyes, sometimes bewildering to the pedestrians. In some cities merchants stretch electric lights across the street from pole to pole somewhat in the style of those in the Gore Park, and it is said they have a wonderful effect in drawing custom. People do not like to shop in the dark, and light has

a strong attraction for most people.

One Reason. (Toronto Star.)

Hamilton will give no ten thousand dollars to an art galley. Nature having planted a mountain there to fill the eye and charm the senses for nothing. Many a man gets left who sticks to

impose a large outlay on the ratepayers for the price of the plant and its estab-lishment, while they refuse even to don sider an offer to instal them free, guar-entee to pump 2.3 more water than is now pumped, at no more cost to the

city, and in five years present the plant to us free of cost. The newspaper that would not want to know the reason why aldermen are so careless of the eity's intercets and the ratepayers' money may well be suspected of having an ulterier purpose to serve. Montreal has a by-law that prohibits the use of electric signs within its bor-ders. A number of merchants petitioned for permission to erect such signs to be "of handsome design and of durable con-struction," and to be kept lighted from six p. m. to midnight. The committee granted the petition. Hamilton has quite a number of these signs and they "Committed for Trial,

### Committed for Trial.

Committed for Trial. Orangeville, Sept. 7.—The much talked of case against George J. McDonald, the military wandczer, from Stanley Bar-racks, Toronto and Thomas Giles, a somewhat innocent looking farmer from Mono township, who last spring, it is al-leged, did up the banks here, and in Shelburne, were committed for trial by Police Magistrate Pattullo. The man-agers of the Banks of Hamilton and Commerce and Sterling Bank, gave evi-dence. The two latter banks have had their notes paid.

Bears the The Kind You Have Always Bought

Ethel, the three-year-old daughter of George Leonard, of 65 Robinson street, Toronto, was so severely scalded Friday evening that she died Saturday morn-

