FHEHAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1908

STUDY THAT CONTRACT.

ew will wonder that the Mayor and organ have been staggered and that ey exhibit disappointment and chagrin the terms of the contract which Hamon is expected to sign, if it decides to ter the Hydro-Electric scheme. Even Toronto World, looking at the mat from the point of view of a city ch less favorably situated to do without it than is Hamilton, seems to be un to give it as much as qualified ap

But a short time ago the Mayor and s organ were staking their faith on a ss mis-reading of the statute—a misading said to be approved by Adam and ridiculing the Times for say that under the Act, in spite of all s to the contrary, the municipalities oing into the scheme would have to ke all the risks involved; would have the Commission at the Falls; all the ost of transmission line, with interest 4 per cent.; all line loss, cost of operon, maintenance, insurance, and all arges incidental to the scheme, and hat they were held absolutely to reim-Government for all its outlays on it, and would not know till the anapportionment by the Commission what the price per horse-power would every particular the Times ontention is borne out by the form of

Yet even now, with strange fatuity fter being thus misled and affronted by usting to a false interpreter, and with he peril to which it subjects the city admitted, both the Mayor and his organ half apologize for the contract, id show a willingness to sacrifice the rporation to the scheme even under conditions, so wholly are they abaned to it!

There are three interests dealt with the agreement, the generating comny, the Government, and the munici-The Commission's agreement ith the generating company makes it fe; it gets so much money for so current, and the Government The Government is safe, for by Power Act, and the agreement muni palities must sign, the taxpavers of municipalities are held to pay last cent, and with interest on the pital invested, the money spent on the ed to each being absolutely t to the Commission.) The third party municipalities-is the only one of he three not secured. Instead, the mun ipalities must take all chances, bear all ligations, provide for all contingen s, and mortgage the ratepayers' proerty to guarantee to pay for all, no atter how much the bill may be. Some other features are very object -so much so that they balk

en enthusiasts for the scheme It binds the municipalities joining in to a 30-year obligation to pay for the ransmission line and works. (The part the works for each municipality's ich.) Thirty years may see great

It binds municipalities to a 40-year ntract, during which time they are ompletely tied up, being forced to ree to an ironclad monopoly in electhat they must not obtain electricity from any other source during the pertisan rancour of which one finds so much its perfects, and the particles, and even at a price that was intended as a bonus to the company, was regarded as reasonable. Let within five years or so the march of progress had made it onerous and a cluse of much dissatisfaction and friction. Now it is seriously proposed by the Hydro-Electric Commission, and by some of those who are most declamatory against even a 10-year contract, to be up, the city to an absolute monopoly chars ago Hamilton made a street-light the city to an absolute monopoly 40 years! It is not to be entertained by sane men. Who is to say what beneficent revolutions may be wrought science and discovery in a fraction of at time? And shall we bind, not only own hands, but those of posterity children from benefiting to the full the march of progress for forty

Each municipality joining stands to ve its position rendered more onerous the dropping out of others, or by the ection of their obligations. That is orth considering.

The peak-load system of charge, by ich a municipality pays for an entire onth for the greatest amount of curat used for any 20 minutes of the nth, renders any quotations of cheap ces per horse-power meaningless, and it to danger of having to pay half as much again as it actually

Then a municipality must pay for e-fourths of the power ordered, even

ent from the Commission have to it to the dictation of the Commis

proposed they will marvel what and the boasting by Beck and Whitney reflections on Ross have bee Ross provided for supply of current for municipalities, ce to be absolutely in control of the to go into the transmission and disof power, and to raise the herefor, and appoint their own and do all the work necessary, ials and do all the work necessary, as much as possible, against breaking ng for such themselves. What has up the machine vote by division with

nicipalities the right to che wn officials for the work, taking that as "patronage"; but he charges the last cent up to them, and makes them pay it with interest! He makes the bargains; they pay the bills and take the chances!

Many may see in this contract form an indication that, having failed to er compass the ruin of the Electrical Development Company, Whitney will not be grieved beyond measure, if, lasting over the elections, the entire Hydro (on which over \$75,000 has already been spent, to be charged to municipal is allowed to fall with the regulation dull thud. Some may even suspect that he would be sparing of his tears if the official "Minister of Power" should be so unfortunate as to be under it.

BANNERMAN-ASQUITH.

Owing to continued ill-health Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has sent to the King his resignation of the office of pay for the power at the price paid Premier of Great Britain. Sir Henry has been in public life for forty years, having been elected for the Stirling Dis trict in 1868, and having since then continuously represented that district. He has been leader of the Liberal party in the House of Commons since 1899; was Financial Secretary to the War Office 1871-74, 1880-82; Secretary to Admiralty 1882-84; Chief Secretary for Ireland 1884-85; and Secretary of State for War 1886, 1892-95. He has been Premier for the past two years. Although not a brilliant man, every step he took in advancement added to his reputation as ensible, honest man, and his good-nature and urbanity of manner made him one of the most popular of Prime Min-isters. Still, he could be firm and unyielding when occasion required. His resignation, though expected for some will cause general regret.

The cable that announced Sir Henry signation also announced that Mr. Herbert Henry Asquith, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had been summoned to Biarritz by King Edward to assume the reins of Government the Premier had been compelled to lay down. The new Premier is a Yorkshire man, born in 1852, being a man in his prime. He is a lawyer by profession. Although an Engentered Parliament as a representative of a Scotch constituency East Fife-in 1886, and was re-elected in 1892 and 1895. He was Home Secretary Gladstone's last Cabinet. He wa onspicuous as a debater during the up the Welsh Disestablishment iBil. In December, 1905, he was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Bannerman Cabinet, holding that position up to the present. Mr. Asquith is one of the cleverest debaters in the House, but has not the personal popularity of the retiring leader.

T. P. O'Connor, in a pen picture of the ew Premier, says, after speaking of Mr. Asquith as a young man:

"Sometimes as I look on him now ross the floor of the House I find it little difficult to realize that the man a little difficult to realize that the man whom hard work, heavy responsibility, all the anxieties of public lite, have transformed into the middle-aged man with whitening hair is the same.

There is about the face a greater serenity—a milder expression—a more tolerant air than in the face of the younger man. There used to be reproach against.

ant air than in the face of the younger man. There used to be reproach against Mr. Asquith that he did not suffer fools gladly; he had something in him of that temptation against which I remember young Catholic boys used to be specially warned—"the pride of life"—the arro-gance of the intellectual and the broad-aineded and the farmening for all the minded and the far-seeing for all the narrowness, the pettiness, and the par tisan rancour of which one finds so much

ome good and effective debaters by sheer | the Ontario constituencies. training: I have seen quite stumbling speakers become quite adept debaters in the House of Commons by the sheer practice that was forced upon them by official position. But the orator is born orneral position. But the orator is born not made; while the debater may be made, though not born. Mr. Asquith is the born orator. The House of Common recognized that the very first moment he stood up in the House.

AN ELECTION TRICK.

Not even the gerrymandering of the Province in the most shameful manner the manufacture of four more members for Tory Toronto, and the laving out of a number of new constituencies in the north, which he hopes to "manage," makes Whitney feel safe in going before the electors. The ingenuity in evildoing that was brought to bear in the carving up of the constituencies is shown in other directions. Even Tory Toronto not to be trusted, and a new has been resorted to by way of heading candidates, who might detract from the straight Tory machine vote. Instead of there being one ballot, from which two members should be elected in each of the four constituencies, each member to be hosen shall be designated separately on different ballots, as ballot A and ballot B, there being two nominations, and th elections being regarded as distinct and separate, although conducted by the same officials, and in the same polling places. To some, the object of this tainly, no excuse is to be found for it in securing the decision of the electors in the public interest. In compelling the voter to use two ballots instead of one, the Government has planned to guard, as much as possible, against breaking

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confident that our expectations will be realized before the sale closes. Of course, we have no choice in this

stock, and do it quickly. The world-wide financial stringency through which we have just passed prevented us from ful-filling the contracts made with the diffilling the contracts made with the dif-ferent factories during the exhibition last fall, whereby in order to get closest prices we agreed to purchase large quantities of Pianos within a stated time. WE MUST LIVE UP TO OUR AGREEMENTS. Costs and former price cannot enter into the matter now. We must dispose of this stock som

way.

Every buyer will share in the great sacrifice of profit and cost in this sale.

If you need, or will be needing, a Piano or an Organ at all, you should hasten to grasp this rare chance to save probably a hundred dollars or more.

We have decided to confine our efforts to get rid of this stock to ten days. Don't wait until the last—the early buyers have the largest assortment to choose from.

Almost every style and limin, and nearly a dozen different makes are dis-played. Look at this for quality: New Scale Williams, the piano which has won great laurels in a short space of years, in the face of fierce opposi-

the city of Toronto shall be divided into

four electoral divisions, and each o

these divisions shall be entitled to elect

two representatives, all of whom must

be supporters of the Whitney Adminis

lowed to carry its infamous plot into ei

EDITORIAL NOTES.

of the inhabitants of India face to face

with starvation. More life-saving for

Even the Toronto World, unable

suppress its risibilities, remarks that

Premier Whitney "affects superlative

language" when he says that the popu

lation of Toronto "is much beyond 300, 000." Whitney, however, was speaking

The new census to be taken in 1910

purpose Whitney has to serve in carv

ing up the older Ontario constituencies is to gerrymander some contemptible

The Toronto Saturday Night will hard-

ly be accused of prejudice in favor of Sir

try again when he goes to the polls." It

"Civil Service Reform Result of the

the Toronto Mail and Empire. But with

in a day or two the organ has been as

no reforms of the civil service, and that

the revelations of the Commission came

as the result of a blunder by the Prem

Chief Justice Meredith to the Brampton

grand jury that a prominent physician had told him that over 60 per cent. of

our immigrants are afflicted with de

incredulous comment. What prominent

physician would care to father such

We expected that sort of thing.

serting that the Government would have

onservative Policy" is a scare-head in

in the Commons so ugly this session.

t belief which makes the Opposition

to excuse his gerrymander.

Whitney, however, was speaking

John Bull to do.

party advantage.

" Shall the Government be al

Mason & Risch, a household word in Canada for more than thirty years.

And nearly everyone is more or less familiar with the values in a little low-er-priced instrument, to be secured in the Haines Bros', Dominion, Krydner, Marshall & Wendall, Ennis, Stanley & Palmer.

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The prices will please the closest o buyers, and the terms can be arranged to suit almost everyone.

Nice Upright Pianos, \$137.000; regular \$225.00.

Splendid Upright Pianos, \$168 to \$248, spienda Cyright Fianos, \$105 to \$248. regular \$255 to \$350. High-class Upright Pianos, \$275 to \$350, regular \$475 to \$550.

The leading makes of the country in the newest styles and best finishes,

\$310 to \$347. Art Designs and Baby Grands and Player Planos, \$300 to \$575; regular \$600 to \$800.

to \$800.

Every piano tagged, showing regularprice and special reduced price, makes
the baying easy. Send along your wife
or daughter, or ever your boy, if you
can't come yourself. Then buy at the
prices on the tags, and no one can do
better.

ORGANS

We have had a competent man work-ing for over five weeks repairing and refurnishing our stock of Oreans and they will go at from \$5 up, at any old Don't delay your visit to this sale.

ou should come and see us right

Labor, Independent, or Temperance can- to the Tory appointees who had been didates, or by polling "plumpers." With allowed to abuse the confidence of Liberal Ministers, the organs would be equal election machinery, an unserupulous to the test. The time for squealing may Government is placed entirely in control of the stiuation. The Government's inment strikes the guilty. tentions could not have been better ex pressed if it had passed a short act in these words: "It is hereby enacted that

Provincial Treasurer Matheson asks ower to borrow \$4,000,000, \$3,000,000 of which will be required to cover amount expended on the T. & N. O. R.; but he declines absolutely to tell what the other million is wanted for. If such a high-handed policy were adopted by the Dominion Government, how Tory shriekers from the Atlantic to the Pacific would make the welkin ring! Have the people's representatives not a right to know for what the credit of the Province is pledged?

The Times some days ago took the Winnipeg Telegram to task for repeating the falsehood, attributed to McInne and telegraphed from Edmonton, to the effect that Hon. Mr. Sifton was manager of the Imperial Pulp Co. The Times learns that the Tribune has since that time editorially accepted Mr. Sifton's denial, and we hasten to do the justice of giving the fact publicity. The pity is that the sensational damaging statement about Mr. Sifton attracts so much more notice than the acceptance of the

are completely at a loss to understand how so cautious a statesman as Sir Wil-frid Laurier happened to create a Comnission of Enquiry into the state of the port so damaging.—Toronto Night. Wilfrid Laurier, but it has concluded that he "will, no doubt, carry the coun-

Such a simple solution of the problem s the Government's desire to get at the facts, no matter who might suffer, and o remedy any ills that might be discovered, perhaps never occurred to our conit refers who seek no object beyond the gain of the hour for their party.

The remarkable legislation sought from Ontario by Toronto by which means it was aimed to override the judgment of the Privy Council and anthorize the City Council to decide the streets upon which street railway tracks shold be laid without regard to the company's tunately for the credit of the Province. the proposition made by a private men mentia precox, has led to a good deal of ber that the Railway Board be called in as arbitrator was promptly accepted by the company, and that was regarded as reasonable and was approved by the Legislature.

Would Hear Willison.

Enquiry into the conduct of a few clerks at Ottawa does not cure the graft evil. The dismissal of clerks, whether by retail or in wholesale manner, leaves the curse from which the country is suffering untouched. Under our system the civil servant is the employee of the Minister.—Mail and Empire. (Clinton New Era). (Clinton New Era).

The editor of the Toronto News knows the county of Huron per mally. He does once in a while criticize the Whitney Government, but if he has said one word about the iniquity of the proposed redistribution of Huron, we have failed to see it. And yet it is had enough to arouse the opposition of Conservatives themselves. was hardly to be believed that, when the evils referred to by the Civil Service

Tuesday, April 7, 1908

SHEA'S

ROYAL WORCESTER .. CORstock at \$1.25 to \$3.00.)

Easter Hats--A Bargain alay a quantity trimmed in our own workrooms; all the most stylish and becoming shapes in every wanted shade and blend of colors, beautifully trimmed with French flowers, rit bons and velvets on shapes of mohair and rustic braids; hats that millinery stores get \$7.50; on sale in this

Women's Coats \$4.95 A special purchase lot from one of the largest makers in Canada. They come in black broadcloths and a variety of shades of fawn, nearly all fitted backs, finished with strappings and cut in the most stylish manner, all beautifully made and full \$7.50

Children's Coats \$4.95, \$2.75 Children's and Misses' Coats in very pretty loose-fitting models, prettily coats that we consider the best value

Dress Skirts at \$3.95

Skirt sale is still going on at this price. Skirts are oing out every day by the score—Panamas, tweeds, mo-airs, Venetians, breadcloths—all cut in the most perfect er, all sizes, worth \$5.00 to \$7.00, for each . . \$3.95

Women's Blouses at \$1.50

This seems to be the most popular price for a Lawn a store in Canada placed ch values before its customers, and every garment so oughly dependable in both quality and style. You will find Waists on our table at \$1.50 that others stores are trying to make a noise with at \$1.95; some even askng \$2.50 for them; we aim to give good \$2.00 value for . \$1.50

Women's Suits at \$12.50

Elegantly Stylish Suits, with very desirable style of coats; skirts made in the very latest styles; tweeds, wor steds and plain cloths, splendid colorings, worth \$18.50

Embroidery at 71/2c Worth 121/2c

Beautiful designs of Swiss needlework in good widths and fine quality, the kind you pay 1234 and 15c for, on

Corsets at 69c Worth More Women's Corsets, one of the best known makes in Cana-

da, long hip, medium bust, hose supporters attached, a

OUR EXCHANGES

Power Contract.

(London Advertiser. The contract as it stands will not by," said Mayor Stevely this afternoon the Advertiser.

John Bull's Purse.

(London Advertiser.) Mr. Hays secured enough money ingland for two years work on the brand Trunk Pacific. John Bull's long surse is a boon to this country, but where could the old gentleman spend

ney to better advantage?

The United State

(Toronto Star.) Many Buffalo couples, are said to be getting married at Toronto. With reacking up our own goods, we bound to say that in this country united state is a much more reliable ticle than it is in the United States.

Britain Very Much Alive.

It must have surprised some people to learn by the cabled reports—that Britain's revenue returns for the past fiscal year amounted to 782 million dollars, a net increase of six and a would, however, indicate there are son healthy, busy, hardworking and mone making men and women over there, to

Would Muzzle Allan.

It is said of Mr. Studholme that uite sensible man to talk to while he sitting down, and that it is only when stands up to make a speech that he lorgets time, place, reason, everything and just talks without aim or end. The ame thing in a milder form has been observed in other men. If there is any ruth in what is said of Mr. Studholme trater in what is said of Mr. Studholme in this regard, it might be well to sus-pend the rules of the House and permit him to sit while speaking. It is worth trying, anyway.

With the Blinds Down.

There is crookedness in this Cobalt Lake business. That is why the Whitney Government have succeeded in hid ig the suspicious operations from the ight of day, and even with the Premier's denial of an intention to hold the elections in May they may be hurried through while the Province is still in norance. When the courts threatened

Power With Responsibility.

When it comes to purchasing supplies—the question before parliament yesterday—the problem is, perhaps, a little broader. This is the spending of the public revenues. Here is a great chance for corruption which many will think had better be kept in hands directly responsible to the people. A good Commission would do the work better than any set of politicians we have yet succeeded in seating in office; but a bad Commission would have immense powers of mischief, and tremendous and far-reaching influences in their hands to quiet criticism and prevent the irterference of parliament. If parliament is to perform any function for us, it must surely continue to criticise public expenditure; and it can only do this effectively if it have the responsible ministers under its direct control. It would certainly appear that we might better try the experiment of government by commission elsewhere before we put it in possession of the national treasury." When it comes to purchasing supplie the question before parliament ves parliament

LOCATION OF RAILS. Toronto and Hamilton Object to Mr.

Hendrie's Amendment.

Toronto, Ont., April 6-The City Cour eils of Toronto and Hamilton have tak en exception to a clause in Hon. Mr. Hendrie's amendment to the Railway Board Act, which has been read a thirtime in the Legislature, and now only awaits the assent of the Lieut.-Governo to become law. When the measure wa

New Spring Dress Goods in Wide Varieties

While there is nothing to gain by delaying the choosing of your Skirt or Suit, there is much that you lose by not choosing now. You lose the large varieties for choice, which is very important, and exclusive

we have just put in stock some very choice new Club Suitings, in dark color stripe effects, grey and black and black and white; also hairline Stripe Covert Suitings, Chiffon Broadcloths and Venetians, comprising the newest Franch shades, special prices at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

We are at the front in the most wanted dress materials in the new Chevtripes in solid colors, in the new Melrose finish and also in plain ma-ls, new shades of browns, navies, flax flower, fawns and greys, special

Handsome Easter Costume Lengths, in new voile weaves, in all silk and silk and wool, dark shadow stripes and delicate rich shades in Marquisite weaves, with satin stripes; also Silk Stripe Batiste, all in 9 yard costume lengths, at per length \$9.00, \$15.00, \$18.50 and \$20.00.

We Can Clothe the Baby or Child Here

You will find in this new section with us all the necessary requirements to clothe the baby and child. Many of the latest good are here which we import from abroad taking as great car, as if chooling women's garments. Visit this department on the second floo g women's garments. Visit this di hint below on the many new things.

New Silk Net and Lingerie Hats and Bonnets, in all the new French styles and shapes, imported goods, special prices, at 50c. 75c. \$1.00 to \$5.00

White Persian Lawn, Mull and Jap Silk Dresses, in the French and Mother Hubbard styles, with Dutch or high necks, lace and embroidery trimmed, with 3 or hong sleeves; sizes for children 6 months to 12 years. Prices at 75c, \$1.00 up to \$5.50.

Babies' Short Spring and Summer Jackets, in cashmere and Jap silk, embroidery trimmed and sateen lined, in white or cream, at \$4.50 to \$6.00. Babies' Carrying Cloaks in cashmere and Jap Silk, embroidery trimmed, y new styles, at \$5.00 to \$8.50.

Children's Scotch Gingham Wash Dresses in the new plaid stripe, dot and neat check patterns, also plain chambray, light and dark colors. French, Sailor and Buster Brown styles. Some low neck and short sleeves. Sizes from 6 months to 14 years, Special at 25c, 50c, 75c to 84.50.

All other Babies' and Children's Garments in Rompers, Head Shawls, Night Dresses, Slips, Drawers, Barricoats, Bootees, Sandals, Bibs, etc., all priced at easy prices for quick selling.

\$4.00 Summer Tweed Dress Skirts \$2.95

A nice saving for you to secure right at the beginning of the season, when these Skirts are most needed. Fancy Lightweight Tweeds, for spring and summer wear, in stripes and check, in brown and grey mixtures styles, pleated and groups of pleats, button trimmed, self circular rows of trimming, regular 84 Skirts, on sale at \$2.95 each

Other handsome and stylish Dress Skirts, in crisp Voiles, Chiffon, Panamas, Wool Taffetas and Light Novelty Worsteds, in all colored mixtures, pleated and gored styles and silk trimmed, prices at \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$15.00

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follows: "If any disputes shall arise between the company and the munici-pality as to the location of the rails in pality as to the location of the rails in any street or highway, as to the pavement of the street or highway or as to the concrete or other foundations upon which the rails or special work shall be laid, or as to the rails or special work to be used in construction, or as to the proportion of the cost of the said pavement, concrete or other foundation, to be borne by the company and the municipality respectively. The board shall hear and determine all questions in dispute and make such order as to it may seem just and reasonable."

Mica miners around Ottawa advance prices, because American dealer will purchase only the large pieces.

Application for commutation of Tearse's death sentence was sent to

OLD FOLKS' DAY.

Special Service In Barton St. Metho dist Church.

Yesterday morning the annual old folks' service was held in Barton St. Methodist Church. The preacher for held a pastorate in the Presbyterian Church at Fergus for 36 y-ars. All the elderly people in the community had been cordially invited. As they entered the door of the church the young ladies of the Epworth League presented them with beautiful bouquets and neatly printed badges in honor of the day. A carriage was sent for some who were too feeble to walk to the service. Seats were reserved for them. The choir was largely composed of silver-haired singers and the old hymns were sung to the old tunes. Dr. Mullin spoke on the advantage of the old as compared with the new. He was assisted in the service by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Livingston. To-night the young people of the church will serve supper to all who have passed the 60th year, after which Dr. Mullin will deliver a lecture on "Misfits." held a pastorate in the Presbyterian

stamp picture postal cards at the office of address.

Arbitration treaties between the U. S. and Britain and Norway were signed at Washington