THE HAMILTON TIMES

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A FACT-AND A MORAL. Recently the Building Committee he Hamilton Board of Education, which dealt with the contract for the Victoria avenue school addition, passed over a tender of \$19,948 and accepted one of

ratepayers of the city of \$227.

. That is not a large amount of m but, other things being equal (and we are not aware that the lower tenderer's capability to carry out the contract was ever doubted) the awarding of the constract to the lowest tenderer would have been natural; would have tended to omy and to confidence among contrectors who may hereafter bid for

The excuse made for passing over the lowest tender is that the next, and accented one was from a Hamilton man. It is asserted, however, that the lowest tenderer has large interests in Hamilton, would have been used, had he done the

Let us say that the Times makes no hint of corruption in this matter. It has no suspicion that any one of the four trustees concerned, Allan, Ward, Carr d Linger, profited personally by this deal. We made that clear when the matter was first commented upon, by pointing out that the Board in accepting the higher tender with the object of giving the contract to a Hamilton man, was in a better position than were those Hydro aldermen who would pay a higher price for power in order to take the contract from a Hamilton electric com-

But the Board's course was a wrong one, due to an error of judgment. It established a bad precedent, and one that, by breaking down the confidence contractors, may cost the city much in future. It was a mistake; and it is lines on which the people of England not cured by the fact that since the have steadily advanced ever since the awarding of the contract the successful tenderer has reduced his price to within Charta." \$79 of the lowest and rejected tender.

It is to be hoped that such mistakes will not be numerous. If criticism is severe, the trustees have themselves to blame therefor The Times' knowledge of them as upright citizens enables it unhesitatingly to acquit them of anything worse than blundering, with what they believed to be a good purpose, to the city's hurt. But it cannot give their action its approval; the people whom they serve will not, and the situation is not bettered by threats of legal actions which are not unnaturally read by many as an effort to stifle criticism There is a moral here, which even he who runs may read.

NO MODEST REQUEST.

Those Canadians who advocate a re turn to protection by the United Kingdom either do so through lack of appre ciation of the situation or with the purpose of destroying trade between Canada and the mother land and depress ing the condition of the industrial masses of Great Britain. As to the damaging effect of duties levied by Great Britain on the Canadian producer there can be no question. As to the injury to the people of Great Britain, it is but necessary to reflect that protection could not increase employment; diminuation of imports would decrease the demand for British labor, which is always best off when imports are the greatest. As a leading United States commercial authority points out that as protection will diminish both imports and exports, and will seriously injure the shipping industry of the country, it cannot possibly put a great deal more -espital into circulation, but it will, on the contrary, restrict and curtail the many of the channels in which capital new finds remunerative activity. Moreover, the high prices consequent upon projection are not offset by the consideration that work becomes more abundant for the home operative. A good nic system is recognized by the The amount which it creates. Thus, to ascertain the comparative lot of the workman under Free Trade and under Protection, Free Traders take the average earnings, of a skilled artisan in same trade in France, Germany as and England, and correct the figures for differences for length of working day and cost of living. The result is the Englishman commands 20c worth of the necessaries of life, the German 12 2-3c, and the Frenchman 10 7-10c. To * ask the British people to voluntarily abandon a position so advantageous and e again put on the yoke of protection is British intelligence.

ALL'S WELL IN BRITAIN!

. The Victoria Colonist (Con.) is tired of the "knockers"-sick of frearing tall about Great Britain being "decadent." Speaking of the letter of a London Tim respondent who seems to be delighted that the Canadian newspaper men have discovered that the mother land is not "the first time that we have heard that any Canadian newspaper man thought "that England was decadent. Cana dians, whether newspaper men or other wise, have not been deceived by the hysteries of the London yellow press the diatribes of irresponsible political partisans." It regrets that the observaartetions of the British press cannot now be

Our contemporary expresses astonish ment that any English paper should be so foolish as to assert that Mr. Asquitt and Mr. Lloyd-George are deliberately planning to ruin the nation. But it won ders still more that Englishmen in Vic-toria should make such an absurd state-ment as "that they had formed that policy with the deliberate purpose of oying the nation, that Mr. Asquitt stood for free trade because he wanted to see British industries destroyed, tha Mr. Lloyd-George prepared his budge the country to the verge of ruin, that al to lay Britain at the feet of Germany hears means these things, if it means anything. And there is not the slightest reason

for such assertions or such inferences every reason for taking a contrary view As the Colonist says: "England's popul lation is increasing; so is her trade is the income of her people: so is her ever the money centre of the world; her nterests are wider than ever and fa surpass those that any other nation has ever possessed; her efforts at social reform are more earnest, far-reaching and successful than ever; the general stan dard of the morality of her people is higher than ever; her people are bet ter educated than ever; ally as any Englishmen that have eve they are as good mentally and physic ally as any Englishmen that have eve preceded them; the enterprise of he explorers and business men is greater than, ever; its army is stronger ever; its navy is more powerful than These may be the symptoms of decadence, but no one could think se without being told. We repeat that the only sign of decadence is in a presism: that prefers partisanship to pa

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triotism; that stands for privilege

against equality; that acts as a clog

upon the wheels of progress along th

day when King John signed Magna

is doubted at Copenhagen. Cook's un-satisfactory replies to Prof. Torps has not tended to increase confidence in his story. .

To-morrow's football game should be fine spectacle. May it be a clean, manly struggle, and may the best team win. Of course we think our team is

Toronto carries \$3,012,400 insurance on its civic property, divided among six ty companies, paying 75 cents per \$100 year, or total premiums of \$67,779. The rate seems high.

For some time to come the water works people should be kept busy in the newly annexed district. There is every reason for pushing the work before the severe weather is upon us.

The Hamilton Herald professes think that Mayor McLaren will be so scared by its threats that he "will not face the music" when the municipal elections come round. Mr. McLaren has seen small boys wearing grotesque masks Lc fore this time without falling in a fit.

from the Hydro-Electric Commission. which will buy current from the Kamin istiquia Power Company. Mr. James and it is not improbable that the mat-ter will go to the courts before it is

The murderous assault upon William press Company at the Falls, and the one of the crimes which it is to be hoped will not remain a mystery. The men guilty of such an offence cared little whether their victim was killed or not, and if caught and convicted should never more be allowed to prey upon society.

budget by a vote of 379 to 149, A large number of peers were in the galleries of physical culture and manly sports, favor of the bill. It goes to the House In spite of all that has been said as to the Lords being determined to reject the budget, the Daily Telegraph, a strong Unionist organ, declares that the peers will approach the bill "unpledged and untrammelled."

A British Columbia Tory organ de clares that McBride's bargain with Mackenzie & Mann comprises "a first mort-gage on the whole system of the Canadian Northern." There must be some thing wrong about this. Didn't Sir James Whitney tell us that he held for Ontario a first mortgage on a part of the road in this Province as security for a guarantee? Moreover, does not the Manitoba Government claims to hold a first mortgage on the part of the road in that Province. The McBride Govern-

A leading New York commercial paper clares that "the only sign of decadence makes reference to the investment of in England is in a press that strikes at United States capital abroad while de-

In the development of home industries. In the course of its article, it says: "A good deal has also gone into mining and manufacturing in Canada, partly on account of the obstruction to buying and selling across the border caused by tar-iffs." Canadians have noted that fact. Our country has the attractions and no tariff obstructions can hinder United States capitalists from seeking to share in the beenfits of Canadian development When tariff makers interfere with business across the line, the United States capitalists simply move over here to en joy our advantages, bringing their capi

According to the Toronto Telegram, it is only "chivalrous unwillingness to embarrass Mr. R. L. Borden" that pre vents Whitney from denouncing the defence policy unanimously agreed upon by Parliament and approved at Imperial Defence Conference. But the Telegram is confident that "Whitney is bound to speak out against a policy that outrages every ideal of his public life." Dear, dear! And in the face of that Mr. Borden has issued his ultimatum, and Whitney will have to sub-mit to having his "ideals" (thought "deals" was the word) outraged and meekly back up into the shafts.

The Herald in its attempt to induc dermen to betray their trust by sacrilicing the city's interests in the Hydro ower contract save the Mayor and those n the contract asked for want the Comities "in order that Hamilton may get all the benefits which the other mun cipalities are to receive without assum ing the obligations and responsibilitie which they have assumed." Rubbish! The clauses asked for simply exempt us by the Heradi!) and guarantee us the cheaper rate in proportion to our greater nearness to the Falls. Why should we

The Toronto Mail and Empire, in peaking of the Dominion expenditure. remarks that \$24,892,351 was spent last year upon the National Transcontinental Railway, and it adds: "The total amount sunk in this scheme now stands at \$51,966,482, and very little has been "Very little done" is a pretty done." strong statement even for the Mail and Empire. The organ knows that never in the history of railway building has such progress been made in the construction of a great line, and that on even the most difficult section along the north of the lakes the last rail has been laid. Before the Mail and Empire gets rightly awakened, or becomes willing to tell the truth about this matter, trains will be running from Moncton to Prince

The Detroit Free Press has no idea hat Uncle Sam wishes to disturb or abolish the agreement between the United States and Canada whereby war vessels are rigidly restricted on the lakes. More than that, it believes that the agreement is one that may hold within it the germ of greater things. Our contemporary says

the severe weather is upon us.

An application for a charter has just been made for a new electric railway that will give Hamilton connection with London, via Brantford, and ultimately to the towns of the western peninsula. We must be on the main line of the electric road.

Our contemporary says:

That wise treaty may yet become historic as the model on which great international agreements restricting the number and kind of war vessels on waters of much wider area than the great lakes will be framed. As long as it continues in effect with uninspiration authority, it furnishes an inspiration to continue to work for a limitation of the armaments of all the world.

What is so impractical about such What is so impractical about a son a hope when we have before us a precedent under which the armaments of two powerful countries on five inland seas hav been placed under a limitation for nearly a hundred years.

Several contemporaries have been in dulging in criticism of Mr. J. M. Robinson's speech at the Ontario chool Convention in Toronto that are quite far-fetched and beside the mark indicating a total misunderstanding of the speaker's remarks and views. Mr Robinson is represented as saying that man cannot be an athlete and a decent man. Of course he made no such statement. Mr. Robinson is not in favor of the Sunday school neglecting its special work for the promotion of athleties; and in that he is doubtless right. He also deplores the corrupting influ-It was in speaking of those that he that it was often hard for one success The House of Commons has passed the

Mr. Robinson, who is an old and successful Sunday school worker, approves schools abandoning their work to take up athletics. There are organizations enough to attend to that.

TOO MUCH FIST SHAKING. (Montreal Witness.)

As for Lord Charles Beresford's notion that the Empire is at an end if she does not maintain supremacy at sea, his declaration involves in it the very evil which he so excitedly threatens. Surely he and Lord Milner, and all the other lords, can see that such language is a fist shaken in the face of all the rest of the world put together. If they cannot see, we can, that it is a position absolutely impossible to maintain should the boyish challenge excite others to take it up. Lord Charles speaks nicely of Canada's pleasant relations with the United States. That has been the constant theme of those who wish to win English votes for the tariff reform policy. But such is not his incentive for calling attention to this good entente. He really wishes to see Great Britain and her kindred nation in firmly locked alliance. If so, let him get rid of this offensive word "supremacy," and limit himself to the supposed necessities of the fene—necessities which we hope may grow less as the nations learn to show their fists less.

Our Exchanges

NOT AT ALL. (Galt Reporter.) That Orangeville police chase reads ike a happening in Hamilton.

LITTLE CANUCKS. (Toronto Globe, Who would ever have expected the party of Sir John Macdonald to become a Little Canada party?

WAKE UP! (Contract Record.)

Wake up, man, and take a tonic, Bunch your hits and make a drive, Run a page, and change your copy, Advertise and keep alive!

AND OUR REVETMENT WALL. (Toronto News).

When the citizens come to understand the sea-wall project and what it means to Toronto the money will be

STEAD IS MAD.

It is a wretched and an incredible conception that the human soul should be immortal for purposes so wrivial. Mr. Stead is mad, and his imaginings should disappear from the press of the world.

JUST LIKE FOSTER (London Advertiser.)

a passage-at-arms across the f the British House of Commons between Messrs. Ure and Bal-rare in the mother of parlia-The George W. Fowlers and E. Fosters get short shrift

BANDMASTER ROBINSON

(Brantford Courier.) Bandmaster Robinson, of the 13th Band, Hamilton, has just completed his fortieth year as leader of that institution. Notwithstanding the fact that this is a pretty long period to be heading toots, numerous friends in the province will wish him many years yet at the job. vet at the job.

> THE WHITE PLAGUE. (Toronto World.)

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Fifty days till Christmas! During that time about five hundred people will die in Ontario of tuberculosis. If it were stated that 500 horses would die of glanders or 500 hogs of cholera, the government would have an army of men at work. It is only people who are going to die of this preventible disease, and most of us are apathetic.

THE UNSPEAKABLE BOYCOTT.

(New York Journal of Commerce.) This attempt to pose as a martyr in the sacred cause of the boycott cannot the sacred cause of the boycott cannot be regarded as impressive, and the fustian about suffering in defense of justice and right or in the cause of humanity and liberty cannot make it so. Anything more unjust and unrighteous than the boycott for the ruin of a man's business because he exercises the liberty of discharging wen from his employment and

> GIFTS FOR MR. BLAKE. (Canadian' Courier.)

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Mr. S. H. Blake has lately married a charming young lady at Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Blake was so sorry that his dear friend, Rev. George Jackson, was unable to be present to perform the ceremony. The theological students of Knox College and Victoria are to present the happy bridegroom with a complete set of Dr. Denny's works as a mark of their exteen and regard. "My dear Foy" sent a cut-glass berry howl, on. J. R. Stratton sent a substantial cheque and Mr. R. R. Gamey sent his regards.

ABOUT NOAH.

Made Temptation For Himself After The Flood.

"The Life of Noah Before and After the Flood" was the theme of Mr. Robt. McMurdo's address in Ebenezer Hall last evening, and such a simple and clear ex-position—did he give that his hearers were enabled to enter into the seeming were enabled to enter into the seeming ly hidden things and enjoy contrasts and comparisons which are not readily seen and grasped by the average reader. Mr. McMurdo read from the scriptures the state of the world in Noah's time, of its sinfulness, its licentiousness, a writhing, squirming, human mass of iniquity, of which God had said that He "saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Yet in the midst of all this corruption it was written of Noah that "he was a just man and per Noah that "he was a just man and per McMurdo read from the scriptures state of the world in Noah's time, of its sinfulness, its licentiousness, a writing, squirming, human mass of iniquity, of which God had said that He "saw that the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Yet in the midst of all this corruption it was written of Noah that "he was a just man and perfect in his generation and Noah walked with God." Such was Noah's condition before the flood, and God commanded him to build the ark and so on and him to build the ark and so on and him to build the ark and so on and "Thus did Noah, according to all that God had commanded him." So Noah

against God.

Earnestly and impressively did the speaker press upon those who were Christians to walk with God and not make temptations for themselves. What a pitiful ending was this to the life of one who had been a giant in goodness! Of his latter life, little is known except that 350 years after the iloal loan liver. and there is not one good deed recorded about him during all that time. What a lesson to the child of God! His testimony gone, his usefulness gone, all because he sinned.

The address was not a temperance sermon, but the lifting up of an example to warn Christians against allowing their own evil desires to predominate.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend any of these meetings. Mh. McMurdo will speak again to-night and at 3 o'clock Sunday he will speak on "Christian Fellowship—Its Ground, Scope and Purpose." Sunday evening he will take for his subject "The Reality and Power of Things Unseen."

\$7 to \$9 Trimmed Millinery for \$4.95

we advance this one important reason to-morrow for morning shapping. This Millinery offering is without doubt the best of the season as the figure is a bit more popular than ever.

25 Ladies' Trimmed Hats, imported French Felts, cleverly tr.mmed with silk velvets, ribbons, wings and or-

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At 49c—Fancy Colored fluffy Mounts and Coque Feathers, in white and colors, formally at \$1.50.



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\$7 to \$10 Stylish Fall \$5 Dress Skirts at

High grade Dress Skirts, of all-wool Panamas, Venetians, Serges, Cheviots and Voiles, in black

\$6.00 to \$7 Children's Coats \$4.59

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2. Marmot and Thibet Fur Stoles, long lengths,
\$1.08

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3. Women's Tailored Suits, in plain Panamas and Fancy Worsteds, semi-fitted coats and gored skirts, silk lined and various trimmings, for rerly \$15.00 and

4. Children's Silk Bonnets, in close, Dutch and ruffle style, odd lines, \$1.50 to \$3.00, for 98c
5. Medium and Dark Colored Cashmerette Dress-

Flannelette
Blankets
11-4 for 99c
12-4 for \$1.19

I. O. D. E.

Good Reports At Meeting of the Municipal Chapter.

Daughters of the Empire, held its regular monthly meeting this morn ing in the Y.W.C.A. parlor and it was attended by a large number of mem-bers. Mrs. P. D. Crerar, regent, was

the chair.
The reports of the primary chapters were read and all proved highly st isfactory. St. Elizabeth Chapter is ported that the work of replenishing the linen for the Sanitorium would taken up during the Lenten season. St. Cecilia Chapter reported that the Hallowe'en entertainment held at the Saniforum was a complete succession.

A library for the consumption patients in the Southam Home will be established by Caxton Chapter. They are also paying for the keep of one patient in the Mountain Saniforium. The Paardeberg Chapter stated that the lecture given some time ago on "The Palardeberg Chapter sated that the lecture given some time ago on "The Life of General Gordon" was a most successful one. St. Hilda's Chapter reported a large amount of successful work done in connection with the

anatorium. The musical committee the arrangements for the forthcomin opera to be held during Easter weel were being completed and they ex-pect it will be a most successful one All the chapters will attend the meeting of the Ladies' Society of Hamilton next week to consider the furnishing of the Y.W.C.A. board

with God. Such was Noah's condition before the flood, and God commanded him to build the ark and so on and Thus did Noah, according to all that God had commanded him." So Noah and his family and the living things with him rode safely through the waters of judgment and arrived in due time on dry ground. Noah offered sacrifice to God and God blessed him and gave him dominion over the earth, even as he gave to Adam. Before the flood, with sin all around him, hemmed in by temptation, Noah was perfect and walked with God. After the flood, with no sin and no temptation, he made temptation for himself, by planting a vineyard, and the vires are strung. I gunderstand that the inspector notified the Department of Education in Toronto and pointed out the danger to the child dren in having a dangerous high voltage tower and wires strung over the school spacetor. The section of the section o make temptations to the section of the life of one who had been a giant in goodness of his latter life, little is known except that 350 years after the ilo21 data by the coronal of the section of the s

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Insurance to the amount of \$3,012,400 will be placed on Toronto's property.

geon Falls separate school case.

King Edward opened the Jubilee ex-tension building of the National Hospi-tal on Thursday, Among a distinguish-ed company with the King was Lord Strathcona.

Mrs. Mina Arbagast, charged at St. Paul with the murder last May of her husband, Louis Arbagast, a meat dealer of some local prequinence, was found not will be a june

died at Winnipeg on Thursday from pneumonia. He came to the city last Monday, fell ill almost immediately, and was at once taken to the General Hospital, where he died.

Captain Hunter, game and fishery overseer for the Belleville district, with the crew on the Provincial Government patrol boat Navarch, made a haul of several hundred yards of gill nets in the waters at the head of the Bay of Quinte.

sion to take a vote on the Sunday car question.

The Toronto Press Assistants' Union decided to affiliate with the Canadian Federation of Labor.

An injunction is sought to prevent the payment of the award in the Sunday car.

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In the Position Albert street, Regina, accident on Albert street, Regina, when a C. P. R. engine and caboose ran into a wagon driven by Robert Dongan, a young farmer, north of the city, Dongan follows:

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The Duchess of Marlborough took the secasion of the annual London Flower show to glorify women who "act" intend of "talk.

W. T. R. Preston has been appointed landing to the action.

Miss Kathleen Doran, daughter of Victoria Park Commissioner Doran, is confined to her home, No. 260 River Road, Niagara Falls, in a very serious condition. She sustained a broken cellar-bone, a fractured ankle, and a sprained wrist.

Robert Orwin, a man between sixty and seventy years of age, committed suicide on Wednesday. He was stopping with John Greer, who resides about four miles from Millbrook. On returning home Mr. Greer found the old man hanging from a rope in the kitchen.

Robert William Dickie, a C. P. R.

Robert William Dickie, a C. P. k. engineer, of Chappleau, was accidentally shot yesterday while deer hunting Lear Pogmasing, on the C. P. R., 135 nuies west of North Bay. The accident resulted from the gun of a companion being trailed on the groud, a twig catching the trigger.