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THE POWER OF THE HAMILTON PRESS

The boasted power of the press received an awful jolt in Hamilton in the triumph of Sir Adam Beck and the Hydro-Electric by-law over the combined machine gun fusillade of the "Spec" the "Times" and "Herald." The quantity of ink slung against the project would paint a good sized fence and yet the effects of the spasms were of no avail.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The flag of an Irish Republic was carried in a procession in Montreal on St. Patrick's Day. Orange and green flags were also carried, but carrying a flag does not create a Republic.

The unprogressive old fogies of the township of Saltfleet who put 69 crosses against the Radical R.R. by-law must now feel sorely pickled.

The Spectator says that barely over 50 per cent of the voters in Hamilton marked their ballots for or con in the Hydro-contest on Saturday. Such being the case, it is fair to assume the other fifty were in favor of the bylaw or at least not opposed to it.

VETERAN NEWSPAPER MAN HONORED BY STAFF

A pleasant event took place in the Editorial rooms of the Journal yesterday afternoon when Mr. M. J. Crowley, on behalf of the members of the staff, presented Mr. Charles Burrows with a pipe on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. Mr. Burrows made a suitable reply, thanking the members of the staff for the little gift from which he said he would take much pleasure. Mr. Burrows is a veteran newspaper man of this city whose occasional reminiscences appearing in The Journal are decidedly interesting.

UNIONIST CANDIDATE WINS IN NORTH LONDONDERRY

London, March 18.—In the North Londonderry by-election the result is: H. T. Barrie, Unionist, 6,933; P. Mc Gilligan, Sinn Feiner, 4,333. No change.

ANOTHER SINN FEINER ESCAPES FROM MOUNT JOY

Dublin, March 18.—Another Sinn Fein member of the House of Commons, Mr. Barton, representing East Wicklow, has escaped from the Mount Joy prison in Dublin. The warders found a dummy in his bed and the window bars staved through.

Mr. Barton is a large land owner. He formerly was an officer in the Dublin Fusiliers, but quit the army and joined the Sinn Feiners.

LOADED SHIPS AGROUND

Easterly Winds Lower Water Several Feet In Port of Buffalo

Buffalo, March 17.—Nearly every loaded ship in the port of Buffalo has been resting on bottom all day as the result of low water at this end of Lake Erie. The level is reported several feet below normal, due to easterly winds.

The steamer H. Jones of the Becker fleet, which was to have gone to Superior elevator yesterday with her winter storage grain cargo, could not get up the river, although drawing only 18 feet. No other boats were shifted to elevators for the same reason.

Miss Emily M. Dawley, of this city has returned home after a pleasant visit spent with Mrs. J. Cuttell, Toronto.

THOROLD

A most enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday last in the Village Hall when a large number of the employees with their families, attended a surprise party which had been arranged in honor of the birthday of Mr. J. E. Harrison, the General Manager for Canada of Pilkington Brothers Limited.

Mr. Thomas Railton, General Superintendent of the Sheet Department at the chief works, St. Helens, England, acted as Chairman, and in a few remarks explained the nature of the gathering, his kindly words of appreciation of the guest of honor being heartily endorsed by everyone present, and at his request all joined in line to wish their popular and well esteemed Manager many happy returns of the day.

An excellent programme of music and elocution was furnished the vocalists including Messrs. Shearman, Lilley and Edgington. Miss Vera Harrison recited "A Man's description of a Woman's dress" to the amusement of everyone, whilst Flight Sub-Lieut. Johnson also gave a couple of recitations which were well received. Piano solos were given by Mrs. George Edgington and Miss Jean Watts, and Mr. McCarthy rendered a violin solo. The accompanists were Mrs. W. J. Fillingham, Mrs. George Edgington and Miss Hall.

Immediately on conclusion of the concert faint refreshments which had been provided by the ladies, were served, and the balance of the evening was then given over to dancing. The Village Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. W. J. McCarthy, A. I. U. M., providing the necessary music.

The Young People's Guild of the Presbyterian Church held a very pleasing entertainment in the basement of the Church last night. A programme was rendered by Rev. W. H. Smith, Miss Ethel Dell, Miss Margaret Cochran, Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Smith and Miss Annie Munro. After the program was over a pleasant time was spent in games and other amusements.

The orchestra of the Methodist Church held a very successful practise last night getting ready for their concert which is to be held on March 24th in the Church.

New shelves and fixtures have been installed in Mr. Albert Wilson's grocery store on Front street, which makes a very neat appearance.

Reeve George T. Richings and Deputy Reeve George E. Aikens, are at Welland today attending the sitting of the County Council.

The funeral of the late F. Genticore who was killed at the Coniagac Reduction plant on Saturday night was held this morning from Williams Undertaking parlors to the church of the Holy Rosary where High Mass was chanted by Rev. Father Manley. The burial took place at Lakeview Cemetery and the bearers were six associates of deceased.

A large number from the Senior Epworth League of the Methodist Church were at Merriton last night where they were entertained by the League of that place.

Mr. Frank Hand of Grimshy spent this week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Grobb, St. David's st.

Mr. Albert Campbell has returned from a visit spent with Toronto friends.

Mrs. Joseph Martin, Ormond Street, has been engaged to sing at a concert in the Homer Methodist Church on Monday, March 24th.

Miss Ada McCullough, of Watertown, N. Y., is spending a few days the guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Hill, near Beaverdams. During Miss McCullough's visit in Thorold, she has been confined to her room suffering from a sprained wrist which she received when falling from an automobile while calling on a friend near Fonthill. The many friends will be pleased to hear she is now able to be out-of-doors, and will enjoy her visit to the fullest extent.

The men coming the water watch upon the Welland Canal are receiving their pay today. As the season of canal navigation is now approaching surprise is manifested that so far no announcement is made of the appointment of a paymaster to the canal.

MERRITTON

Carried:
 At the moving picture show tonight the wonderful picture "Smashing Through" will be exhibited, as well as other reels that will be very interesting to the many who have been attending these shows since they began. The proceeds, which go towards a memorial monument to be erected on Easter Monday at the field day held on May 24th, by the Merriton Hose Company, a large amount of money will be in the hands of the committees in charge.

A very painful accident occurred at the Lybster Paper Mill on Monday afternoon when Leo Hedden, who resides with Mr. Case on Turner Street, had the misfortune to have his arm caught in the machinery which he was operating, badly spraining same. As a result of the accident Mr. Hedden will be confined to his home for a few days.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church very pleasantly entertained the Thorold League to a St. Patrick's Party last night. Despite the bad weather a large number was present and a most enjoyable time was spent. A choice programme of readings, vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the following talent: Nellie Gillis, Miss Kerr, Mr. Armstrong and Frank Wilson. After the programme was over a very interesting spelling match was held.

The Ladies Aid of St. James church will meet on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Clark, Merriton Street.

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Miss Edna Bradley, Turner Street, on Monday night when the Sewing Society of the Presbyterian Church entertained to a St. Patrick's Party in honor of Miss Margaret Annesley, of the Mansie, it being the anniversary of her birthday. The

Moved by Thompson and Richardson, that the clerk be authorized to interview the solicitor regarding that action the council can take regarding the putting of restriction on the size and value of such buildings that are to be erected in the municipality.

Unexaggerated Fishing



YOU should read this story. Usually a fishing tale is deep waters for most people to wade through; but this one deals with dry land, mountains and ripples. So you see it is different from the ordinary tale where the young hero goes forth with a ten-foot outfit and catches the giant trout of the deep still pool for whom anglers from all parts of the world had cast in profane vain. It is all right to tell about lying on one's stomach with the face against the water, watching the flies, to learn what kind the trout were eating. It is all right to tell about walking to the fishing outfit, sit down and bring forth an inexhaustible supply of flies from which one selects the very duplicate of the insect the trout like at that particular instant. And it is fine to tell how the angler cast his delicate lure on the end of his silken thread, dropping it lightly as a skimming iron, on the very surface of water where the big trout lay hungrily waiting. Then the whirl of the reel and the three-hour fight, ending in the thrill of victory which comes when a well-managed landing net snatches the exhausted fish.

It makes good stuff; but many fishermen know more of broken leads, snagged hooks and snappery little eight-ouncers, if an unendingly long tale about a real fishing trip.

They told me I would get good fishing at Banff, so I took the Canadian Pacific westbound out of Calgary and went. On board I noticed an elderly person whose physical idiosyncrasies included the lean, leathery, brown characteristics of westernism. He eyed me and my outfit, he edged closer and he spoke of tobacco and rain. He accepted my pouch, filled his pipe-bowl, stamped it with a horny thumb, cast a weather-eye on the approaching mountain peaks, and predicted sunshine. Then he mentioned fishing.

It was not what it used to be he declared between tobacco clouds. He remembers when seven or ten or fifty castis meant seven or ten or fifty rises of the biggest, blindingly most vigorous fish that ever lived; but now, he said, there are four or five or six trout, none less than a pound and a half, many exceeding five pounds each. "Them days was real fishin'." An' them fish were game fighters. He minded one ole fellow that everyone had tried to get. This fish was grandd of all of them, and he lived in a deep hole beside a perpendicular rock. He tuk ever bit uh bait that anybody cast, but when he found himself hooked he jest naturally run to this hole with that rock an' rubbed his nose agin th' stone, wearing out th' gut on freeln him-

self." But my informant, being more canny and wise than other fishermen of his day, befouled the giant trout by not using gut. He tuk uh hunty uh line steel wire, jointed it with swivels and hooked the monster. Then Zam! The fish was so astonished that he did not wiggle an inch of his twelve-point body until he fell straight on the grate above the gravel bar. But those days were over and one did not catch any more big fish.

Eventually I reached Banff, and was told to fish either up the Spray or up the Bow to a promising place. I was told about a place I had seen in a magazine, it had deep water with big eddies and a nice back-draft; a few big rocks, and a submerged ledge just below the feeding rapids above the pool. Fine. Favoritly and eagerly I cast. Then steadily and doggedly. Then slowly and sullenly. Then, glory! The line went out. I had a nice inch fish. Much cheered I went on casting. The sun went down, the sky began to darken, the mountains stood black against the dimming azure. I fagged in my efforts. I sat on a log and let the line drag. Dazedly I cast. A fish flashed in the rapids.

Having a new landing-net I was very anxious to try it. It was the kind that fastens to a hook on a belt and comes off with the flick of a hand whenever necessary. I had no hook and had buttoned it on my suspender button. Having passed through much brush on my way to the pool I knew the net was going to require care in getting ready for use. Having hooked a fish I very calmly brought my self free of how to land him, so I plucked the net and the button came to the consternation of my suspenders.

Now my fish gave the one pound pull and the two pound bite all right. He also was there with the scheduled weight of rush. Things looked good for him to keep up the first scale, too,

but when it came to the five pound bend—the gut broke and I went home to the hotel.

Next morning with the bright sunlight lighting the eastern slopes of Mount Rundle and lesser peaks, I went alone up river. Here and there and everywhere I dropped the seductive bait in the rising glacial flow with no results.

"Darn," I remarked. My line fell slack and uncared for into swift water and I looked up the river for some better seining point. "Bang!" Something bit my rod like an express train, and like an express train the silk ran out and out. Against I stood and merely catching. Something was on. Out went the line, straight across the swift water; then I saw a large black streak break far out in the edge of white water. Once, twice, three times the fish took the bait, and the reel kept singing all the time. He sounded, he rushed, he drove upstream and then zig-zagged down. Again and again he broke two feet of line and I had but five left, so I hopefully checked light, deciding that if he was going to break my lead it was no use worrying. But lead, rod, line and hook held, and the fish swung down on the surface, mouth open and gasping. There was brush all around, and no space to either work up or down. The full sweep of the river raced by with the resplendent dories. More hopefully I reeled in his troutish putting up frequent but lessening furries. Finally he was close and I tried the new rod and hook and gut the net was laid. As the line slackened the hook dropped out, but there was the fish; three pounds of sparkling, spotted cutthroat trout, twenty-three inches long.

There was no more fishing. I went home satisfied. The gentle reed will note that even this story ends in a net with that big fish safely landed.

THE WEEK IN THE LEGISLATURE

(Special to The Journal)
 Toronto, March 18.—The chief item of interest during the week was the continuance of the Debate on the Budget, by Mr. C. M. Bowman in West Bruce. Mr. Bowman ironically congratulated the Government upon the recent appointment of the Minister of Agriculture, who, according to the Provincial Treasurer, was particularly well qualified for the post. He had a happy disposition, was a graduate of Toronto University and Guelph Agricultural College and also a practical farmer. Mr. Bowman could only think that the province must have suffered a severe loss in not having this gentleman at the head of the Department of Agriculture for the past couple of years, when his outstanding qualifications must have been apparent to the first Minister all along.

By the time Mr. Bowman had finished with the Treasurer's financial statement he had revealed a deficit of approximately \$1,544,000 in lieu of the Treasurer's announced surplus of something over \$1,800,000.

Subjects of Criticism
 Among the matters criticised by the Liberal member were the following: (1) The concealment of specific and important items of current receipts under casual revenue. The Government had placed receipts in respect of work done by tractors and the sale of tractors and seed wheat in an account marked "casual revenue" when it should have appeared in the statement of receipts for the Department of Agriculture. (2) The treatment of receipts from disposal of capital assets as current receipts. The Government had received over \$679,000 in respect of timber houses and \$790,000 in respect of timber dues which they had treated as current receipts. He explained that this money came into the hands of the Treasurer through the disposal of capital assets, and that the capital assets of the province were reduced in value accordingly. (3) The exorbitant cost of civil government. In 1906 it cost the province only \$428,000, roughly for civil government. According to the Public Accounts for last year it had reached the tremendous figure of \$1,720,544. Mr. Bowman attributed this excessive cost to the patronage system which overloaded the civil service with men who were simply being rewarded for Party services and gave no return in value to the Province.

Improvident Expenditure
 The speaker described the Government's activities in Northern Ontario as "wasteful and improvident." Out of a total of \$5,000,000 expended up to the present time, over \$4,000,000 had been expended on roads. He had seen examples of the wasteful policy of the Government when in the north country. Miles of roads had been built where there were no settlers and where none would be for many years to come. He strongly advocated a policy for the development of communities of contented, prosperous settlers by surveying townships of first class agricultural land, providing suitable drainage, schools and churches, instead of concentrating expenditure upon roads alone which would go to pieces before they could be utilized.

Lincoln Member Speaks
 Two other Liberal members contributed usefully to the Debate. Mr. Thos. Marshall (Lincoln) strongly depreciated the Government's procedure in connection with text books. He showed the large increase in the cost of books required for a public school education and pointed out that the Text Book Commission appointed by the Government had cost the province since 1906 the huge amount of \$177,620.95. Mr. Marshall also read figures to the House dealing with the expenses of Government House, Toronto. He pointed out how in 1912 the estimate for building and site was \$400,000. In 1913 it went up to \$622,000. In 1914 the estimate was \$875,000. Over \$1,000,000 had been expended in fact that under an Act passed in 1897 it was expressly stated that the proceeds from the sale of old Government House should be set aside for the purpose of the new Government House. The Act provided that

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no other sums should be appropriated by the Legislature for the maintenance or support of Government House. As a matter of fact the Government expended over \$24,000 in maintenance last year. The Liberal member referred to some of the items of expense, such as \$800 for kitchen utensils; rugs at a cost of \$1,400, \$1,300 and \$1,100 respectively; locks and hinges, \$860; \$367 for stall fittings for four horses. The member suggested that the horses must have been fitted out with spring beds and pyjamas. Another item which the member facetiously touched upon was that of expenditure for "dog crates." There was one in the dining room; another in the living room; and another in the writing room. He thought perhaps the idea was that the dog might, if it tired of the dining room grate, go into the living room; but could not quite decide what the dog would want to do in a writing room.

Deals With Taxation
 Mr. Sam Carter of Guelph chiefly dealt with the taxation of nickel companies and the enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. He maintained that the nickel companies should be taxed very much more severely in Ontario, pointing out how the United States received far more in taxation from Ontario nickel than the Province did. He declared that the Government was "umpy" on the prohibition question, and did not think there was any occasion for their being so. He read a report by a liquor inspector showing that the law enforcement had been very lax, and begged for the co-ordination of all criminal law officers so that they might be able to enforce every kind of criminal law.

No legislation has yet been proposed to the House in regard to the liquor question.

Notes of Legislation
 Three Bills are ready for final reading, namely, The Housing Act, an Act appointing a Director of Municipal Affairs, and an Act to amend the Fire Marshall's Act. It is expected that the Housing legislation will become law within a few days at the outside.

According to the Government, a General Purchasing Agent for the Province will be appointed shortly.

Mr. Sam Carter of Guelph seeks to exempt improvements to a certain extent from taxation. Mr. McDonald of N. Bruce proposes to encourage building in small towns and villages by permitting municipalities to exempt workmen's houses to some degree from taxation.

The Vacant Lot Cultivation Act will be continued this year. The Factory Act is to be amended to protect women and girls employed in camps.

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