

THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1909.

PETTY WORK NOW.

In its leading editorial of yesterday the local power monopoly organ attempted a deceit upon its readers which for pettiness and arrant contempt for their intelligence has probably never been exceeded even by that unprincipled newspaper.

SMALL POWER USERS.

The other night, in his effort to forward the Hydro-Electric scheme and to damage the local electric light and power company, Ald. Morris presented the case of an unnamed power user whom he represented to be grievously overcharged for the use of current for a small motor.

We commend this assurance to that doubting Thomas, Alderman Farmer, who fears that the line will not be completed short of three or four or five years.

FEDERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

While it is a popular thing to boast of a country's mineral and timber resources, and the products of her fields and streams, and to measure her greatness and prosperity by the manufacturing industries in her cities, the stability of her financial institutions, her banking and insurance, is of the utmost importance.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

That Special Committee's course in the City Engineer business does not augur well for economizing the funds this year.

What will be the next excuse which the Hydro advocates in the Council will put forward for favoring a policy of Default, Delay and Dishonor?

Even the Toronto Mail and Empire now gives qualified approval to Mr. Aylesworth's bill to prevent granting by secret commissions, either in public or private business. A short time ago it treated it with ridicule.

The case of Atkinson, the centenarian, charged with trespass last night, is a sad one. When a man attains 104 years the world should be able to tolerate him for the brief space likely to be allotted him ere the grave closes over him.

According to the English Court of Appeal, a husband must provide a wife with a home of her own. It is not enough that he take her to live with her mother-in-law. The Lord Chief Justice holds that one woman boss is enough for one home. O righteous judge!

The big follies of yesterday were Sir James P. Whitney and Rt. Hon. Herbert Henry Asquith, both of whose legislative mills were set in motion. The show in Toronto was described as "very brilliant," and there was some fancy exhibited at Westminster too when King Eddy read his little speech.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no doubt as to the jurisdiction of the federal Government over international or navigable streams. Neither has anybody else who is familiar with the Act of Confederation and the judgments of the courts upon cases arising under it.

There is a disposition on the part of some of the economists to make a fetish of "Provincial Rights" and to worship anything labelled with the name. It is somewhat comical to hear it seriously postulated that a concern which depends for its operation upon an international stream should not be chartered by the federal Government while at the same time it is freely admitted that these streams are under no jurisdiction at all, if not under federal!

The Toronto World is again boasting about the results of municipal ownership in Great Britain, and reeling off stories about the millions of pounds "profit" made by these enterprises. We observe, however, that it does not give special prominence to the facts of the recent investigation and exposure of the London tramways municipal management.

Ottawa City Council is to consider a proposal for a triennial instead of an annual assessment. That sort of thing may do in Ottawa, but it is hardly likely to fit the conditions of cities where growth and progress is steady and rapid. What seems to be most required is some system of assessment which will

take some of the burden off the shoulders of the people who improve, build and produce, and place it upon those who merely toll industry by speculation. Taxation should be equitably adjusted.

Mr. Justice Latchford, yesterday, in the Toronto and London cases, held that without a declaration by Order-in-Council the Hydro-Electric contracts are not binding upon the Commission. He declared that, assuming the validity of the legislation preventing the Hydro-Electric Commission from being sued (upon which he expressed no opinion), its effect was to withdraw the Commission from the jurisdiction of the courts. He said it would be quite unjustifiable to prevent the plaintiff in the case from carrying it to the Supreme Court or the Privy Council.

Western New York fruit growers have been summoned to Albany to consult with Governor Hughes' as to measures to prevent the introduction of those pests, the gypsy moth and the brown leaf moth. Consignments of fruit trees and fruit from Ohio, in which the pest is found, are to be excluded.

Engineer Sothman's recent figures given in response to the Mayor's request reveal a rather curious feature of Hydro estimates. When the Commission officially stated the cost of Hamilton's share of the line at \$358,379 and the cost of power at Niagara at \$12, it guessed the charge for power to us at \$16.29, to take 8,000 h.p. Now, Mr. Sothman places our share of the cost of the line at \$23,000 and current at Niagara at \$9 and \$9.40, to take 1,000 h.p., and he estimates the cost at \$17.50 per h.p. With the cheapening of the line and the cheapening of current at Niagara Falls, why should our power cost us more?

The Ontario Power Company's organ seeks to make much of the fact that if we enter the Hydro-Electric scheme and incur a large liability, we shall, in 30 years have paid it all off! But is it certain that that will prove any great advantage to us, or to those that live 30 years hence? The Hydro-Electric Commissioners pointed out that their object in providing for wiping out this debt was that "the present method of making and distributing electrical power may have become obsolete, and that it is necessary to provide a sinking fund sufficient to wipe out those portions of the investment which otherwise might be spoken of as permanent."

A contemporary interested in knitting Barrow argues that he was too ready to obey the aldermen: Is that a fault? Do the aldermen wish to hire a boss? Should the engineer dictate in matters of policy, or should that be left to the aldermen?

The city engineer should be supreme in his department. He should have the right to nominate his subordinates and the right to suspend them. It is not only unjust, it is absurd, to hold a departmental head responsible for a bad work done by a subordinate when that subordinate does not possess his confidence and is retained in position in defiance of his wishes through aldermanic favoritism.

This speaks the organ of those who seek to knife Engineer Barrow. Did the Council ever give Barrow any such free hand? Did it ever think he was unduly burdened with work not properly belonging to him?

It is nothing short of amazing to hear Sir Thomas Shaughnessy speak of the "necessity" of making the trend of traffic in Canada east and west, rather than north and south, lest in the latter movement the trend of trade and of social intercourse should become more pronounced between Canada and the United States.

Tut, tut! What is our contemporary talking about? Does his memory not carry it back as far as the days of 1878 when the divinely inspired N. P. statesman set about defying geography and the natural laws of trade? And has it forgotten the prohibition attempted in the C. P. R. bargain of railways running north and south? We fear us mightily that the Standard is very close to unpardonable political heresy.

Among the ladies present at the opening of the Ontario Legislature yesterday were the following: Mrs. Hendrie, in pale amethyst satin, veiled in net, embroidered in jet, handsome diamonds on the corsage and carried a small jewelled fan; Mrs. Will Hendrie, also in black, a sequin gown with tucked net sleeves; Mrs. McMahon's black velvet gown was embroidered in jet; a diamond necklace and diamond hand in hair with ermine stole accompanied it; Mrs. J. R. Stratton in a deep cream satin gown, with sleeves of silk embroidered net and stole was in the first place on the Opposition side next to Mrs. G. W. Ross, who wore a rich black gown touched with white on the bodice and crimson flowers in her hair; Mrs. J. B. Turner, Hamilton, elaborate gown of pale blue brocade and diamonds.

The Faust Lumber Company, of Moosejaw, Sask., has purchased the Independent Lumber Company's business at Regina and twenty-four branch yards, which gives them control of a large part of the lumber business of Saskatchewan.

OUR EXCHANGES. Ahead of Time. (London Advertiser). Word comes that the Niagara peach crop is ruined. This hardy annual is ahead of the first robin this year.

Figures are supposed to tell the truth, but either Sir Henry Pellatt or Hon. Adam Beck is making fiction out of them.

'Tis the voice of the slugard, You hear him exclaim: "Had to shovel before; Got to do it again."

When the fall of near-sugar which has been sifting down for the past few days softens up and freezes a little we'll have excellent sleighing, if it doesn't rain.

Perhaps the action of the wind in making the American falls at Niagara to run dry will give some of the Toronto hot air critics opportunity to further condemn the waterways treaty!

When you see bearded men at work in the street for hours on a cold day shovelling snow, you may feel sure that these are men who really want work and take it wherever they can get it.

The Hydro Electric Commission is piling up the expenses. Some forty or fifty additions will be made presently to the engineering and office staff. Who is paying for all this? The Province or the municipalities?

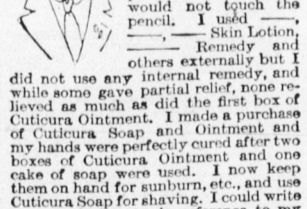
Police duty is terribly monotonous, and one day a month isn't much relaxation. In a community like this, where the Lord's Day Act is so rigorously enforced by the police department, it is hard to see how the commissioners can conscientiously decline to consider the plea of the men for at least an occasional Sunday off.

Somer or not, apparently, there will be a fight to a finish between the Hydro-Electric Commission, backed by the Government, and the private corporations, which have millions at stake, and will not be driven into bankruptcy. The collision which has been long anticipated is in view, and it will be one of giant interests.

Why Should He? (Brantford Expositor). Hon. Adam Beck is said to have declared that Hamilton must take all its power or none at all from the Hydro-Electric Commission. Why should Mr. Beck, or the Government either, assume to determine such a matter, seeing that the municipalities are putting up all the money and taking all the risk? The Hydro-Electric Commission is to be sold, and it ought to be ready to serve the municipalities with such quantities as the latter may see fit to order, without imposing conditions that private corporations are not in the habit of exacting.

Deep Cracks From ECZEMA. Could Lay Slate-Pencil in One—Hands in Dreadful State—Diseased Defied Remedies and Prescriptions—Suffered Seven Years.

FOUND A PERMANENT CURE IN CUTICURA. I had eczema on my hands for about seven years and during that time I had used several so-called remedies, together with physicians' and druggists' prescriptions.



CHILD SUFFERED WITH SORES ON LEGS. Cured in Two Weeks by Cuticura. "My little daughter suffered with sores on her legs all last summer. Her sores were so bad that she couldn't wear her shoes. I think she was poisoned by running through weeds but the doctor said it was eczema and I tried several remedies but failed to find a cure.

IS PATENTED NOW. A patent has been granted the Laxa-Peel Co. of this city, on its excellent product, and it is the intention of the firm to manufacture it also in biscuit form, which will be very convenient for housewives. Laxa-Peel is meeting with a popular demand.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1909. SHEA'S. OUR WINTER CLEARING SALE. Still going on with a swing that means that the SHEA store is the place for bargains that are appreciated by the thrifty buyers. Never have such values been offered as you can get now for the rest of this month.

ASCENSION WON DEBATE. Local Option vs. Reduction Discussed in Able Way.

OBITUARY. Death of Mrs. Nelligan—Mrs. Dyke Dead at Age of 92.

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After an illness of about five months, Mrs. Mary Ann Nelligan passed away this morning at her home, 306 James street north. Deceased was one of the best known business women in this city, having conducted a fancy goods business on James street north for nearly 26 years.

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An old and highly respected resident of this city, Mrs. Euphonia Johnson, widow of the late John W. Johnson, passed away yesterday at her home, 202 Mary street. Deceased was born in Scotland on August 2, 1833, and had lived in this city for twenty-four years.

After eight months of local option, the streets were free of drunken men and after midnight the streets are quiet, where formerly disorder reigned. Only two arrests have been made and business has been much improved. In West Toronto, Thornesford, Scarborough and many other places where local option had been tried the merchants all testified to a big improvement in business.

The remains of Mr. James Kenny were laid to rest in Hamilton Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral taking place at 2 o'clock from his late residence, Chedoke, Rev. John Young conducted the services. The pallbearers were Charles E. Gray, J. P. McLeod, Fred Claringbowl, Harry Taylor, John Mitchell, and D. G. Mowatt.

The judges, A. P. Jarvis, J. Harley and R. T. Kelley, after carefully considering all the points, decided in favor of the affirmative, who had an advantage by three points.

The funeral of William Lorne Spera took place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his father's residence at the Methodist Church, Eldridge, where a memorial service was conducted by Rev. W. W. Prudham and Rev. S. Sarkissian. The church of Stoney Creek Methodist Church provided appropriate music. The interment took place at the Swazie burying ground in Binbrook.

COMPANION COURT, I. O. F., GAVE PLEASANT AT-HOME. Companion Court Imperial, Independent Order of Foresters, held an at-home last night in the chambers over Traders Bank. The rooms were crowded with the friends of the members.

Former Hamilton Young Lady Married at Durban. The Natal Mercury, of Durban, Africa, January 14th, has the following report, which will interest the bride's many friends here: An interesting wedding took place in Berea Road Presbyterian Church, Durban, on Tuesday last.

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BURNS CHILD. Kind and Loving Father Throws Baby on a Heater. Hornell, Feb. 17—George Corcoran, a butcher, who lives at Sim's Hotel on Loder street, was today sentenced to three months in the county jail in default of bonds to provide for the support of his wife and child.

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