

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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PROFANITY AND SLANG.

The letter of "A Resident," protesting against the profanity and slangy and filthy language so prevalent among the youth of the city, which appeared in these columns yesterday, touches a matter which should occupy the attention of the parents and educators of society.

There is nothing manly or clever in profanity, and the duty of inculcating that truth is one that is too much neglected by parents; the example too often set by the older men of the generation is unfortunately often not what it should be.

Could some people see their ordinary conversation, taken down verbatim and put in cold type, we are inclined to think they would experience a shock to find how plentifully it is punctuated with blasphemy and curses. No statement of fact is made more impressive by the use of oaths. Profane swearing adds nothing to forcefulness and elegance of diction. It merely disgusts decent hearers and degrades the user.

It is not only in the use of profane language that the youth of our city are deficient. They are also deficient in the use of correct English. It is a beautiful language; one of almost unlimited possibilities; yet many speak as if they feared that it was incapable of giving expression to their sentiments. They resort to the jargon of the stums, where language and character are alike degraded.

Have a mind above that sort of thing, boys. Be pure in speech, as your mother would have you pure in mind. Cultivate habits of conversational diction of which you need never be ashamed. You will profit by it. Shun profanity. It is a useless habit, and far from elevating. No matter what your sphere, you will be the better for observing it.

WHITE SLAVERY.

The Hon. Edwin W. Sims, United States District Attorney, of Chicago, has an article on the above subject in the Chicago Woman's World, which lays bare the hideous proportions of this un-speakable and almost unthinkable traffic in human flesh, a subject which we would not touch were it not that it is our bounden duty to warn parents and others that the danger of contamination from this scourge is very real.

Mr. Sims declares that the recent examination of more than two hundred white slaves by the officers of the United States District Attorney of Chicago has brought to light the fact that literally thousands of innocent girls from the country districts are every year entrapped into a life of hopeless slavery and degradation because parents in the country do not understand conditions as they exist and how to protect their daughters from the "white slave" traders who have reduced the art of ruining young girls to a national and international system. He declares that these parents "have no idea that there is really a trade in the ruin of girls as there is a trade in cattle and sheep," and that he has reason to believe "that not fewer than fifteen thousand girls have been imported into the States in the last year as white slaves."

It is astounding to be told that this traffic in girls is carried on by a syndicate which has its ramifications from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with "clearing houses" or "distributing centres" in nearly all of the larger cities; that in this ghastly traffic the buying price of a girl is \$15 and that the selling price is generally about \$200, sometimes double that; that this syndicate made \$200,000 last year out of this unholly business; that it is thoroughly organized, sending out its hunters all over Europe and into Canada, agents being stationed at certain ports of entry in this country; and that this traffic is an imminent peril to every girl who goes to a large city. If these statements of Mr. Sims are true, and no doubt they are, the authorities in this country should use every effort to stamp out the vile thing within our borders, and make it so hot for such vamps that none will dare show themselves here. Parents cannot be too careful in seeing that their daughters run no danger of becoming the prey of these harpies.

"OWNERSHIP" FINANCE.

Much has been made by municipal ownership faddists of the "success" of the London, Eng., tramways, and great has been their boasting over the alleged saving in "profits" earned of \$1,500,000. Now it turns out that the London "profits" of the system are as illusory as those of many other places have been. The report presented to the London County Council, signed by the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and others, proves that the showing is made by cooking the books. Up to March 31, 1907, the London tramways, instead of showing a profit of \$1,500,000, were from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 behind, besides about \$1,000,000 arrearages on renewals and central office charges! In the "Ownership" method of bookkeeping an item of nearly \$1,000,000, incurred in

the displacement of the horse car system, was entirely ignored! Several other items of hundreds of thousands of pounds each are charged up to the general taxes. That sort of thing was found to be the practice throughout the management's bookkeeping. It is a short and easy way to make municipal ownership "successful," but it is a little hard on the ratepayer, however it may suit the parasites and grafters of the system.

THE DOMINION BANK.

The thirty-eighth annual general meeting of the Dominion Bank was held in Toronto the other day, and from the reports presented it was seen that the bank has had an eminently successful year, showing excellent management and the strong financial position of the institution. For the year ending December 31 last, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, the profit was \$641,318.11, which, with a balance of \$235,140.61 carried from the previous year, and \$148,274.75 premium received on the new capital stock, made the splendid aggregate of \$1,024,733.47. In dividends at the rate of 12 per cent per annum there was paid \$473,462.64; there was written off the bank premises \$100,000, and transferred to the reserve fund \$148,274.75, leaving to be carried forward the handsome balance of \$502,996.08. The reserve fund, which is announced, now totals \$4,981,731.62. During the year a number of new branches have been opened, including one in this city. The reports presented cannot help but be gratifying to all concerned, especially to the general manager, Mr. C. A. Bogert.

AS THE CITIZEN VIEWS IT.

The Ottawa Citizen (Tory) has some "smart" things to say about Justice Cassel's report. It is exceedingly annoyed at the exonerations of Hon. Mr. Brodeur and his two predecessors, and it remarks that "either the Tory appointees were a remarkably smooth bunch or that the new Minister had overlooked a few eggs in the departmental machinery," further declaring that the Ministers "were mere figure-heads knowing nothing of what was going on under their noses." "Smooth" as the erring employees seem to have been, the Minister became suspicious of their methods, and the Civil Service Commission Inquiry, much ridiculed by the Tories, was the first step to the exposures brought about. There have been many instances in which trusted employees have conducted themselves dishonestly for years; sometimes they were never found out, but we cannot recall a single instance in which the fact of an employee having succeeded in hiding his wrongdoing for years was put forward by a professionally respectable journal as a little over twenty years ago this was a live question, and a would-be official felt almost sure of the salary to be attached to the office. It was then contended that delay in making such an appointment was not to be thought of. But Hamilton has got along nicely for twenty years without such an inspector, and the ratepayers have saved a great many thousand dollars by not appointing him. And they have other uses yet for the amount his salary would absorb.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The policeman who is "on the rocks" smiles at investigations into police tipping.

The rumor that certain aldermanic church dignitaries who opposed license reduction will explain their course to their congregations, does not seem to ring true.

Today the new Isolation Hospital is being formally opened. The modest building will in case of need serve an excellent purpose. May we have little use for it!

Now it is hinted that Hon. Mr. Sinclair, Lord Aberdeen's son-in-law, is likely to be the next Governor-General of Canada. If "like father-in-law like son-in-law" holds good, such an arrangement will be welcome to Canadians.

Judging by the questions which the aldermen intend to ask this "dark horse" expert, they do not share the power monopoly organ's pretended co-sensitiveness that Justice Anglin's decision "frees" the city from the contract with the Cataract Company.

And if the aldermen by their procrastination in the effort to sell out the city to the Hydro monopoly bring about a general increase in fire insurance rates, because of waterworks incapacity, can they stand before the people whose interests they seek to betray and plead innocence?

It will probably be better for the innocent members of the police force that those tipping charges be dealt with by the Commission. Granted that there may be cause for warning against that sort of thing, it is hardly likely that the entire force is guilty. The inquiry may place the blame where it belongs.

The policy of the Canadian Opposition press does not seem to have changed since the last election, notwithstanding the disastrous failure of its campaign of falsehood and slander. Thomas Jefferson, in dealing with such a matter, wrote: "Perhaps an editor might bring a reformation in some such way as this: Divide his paper into four

chapters, heading the first, Truths; second, Probabilities; third, Possibilities; Fourth, Lies. . . . The third and fourth should be professedly for those readers who would rather have lies for their money than the blank paper they would occupy." But would the Opposition press agree to giving up even one-fourth of its space to "truths"?

The Council of 1909 has begun its work with too much of the "do-it-in-the-dark" about it. First we had the spectacle of a secret faction meeting with out-of-Hamilton interests. Now we are to have legal advice from an expert whose name is to be kept dark. Why all this lugger-mugger, gentlemen?

It is at least satisfactory to know that the Hamilton Herald has been brought by public opinion to feel ashamed of its villainous course in defaming the city by falsely representing that a firm's reason for building in Toronto was because power rates were too high here. The people have no use for those who to forward their own selfish ends resort to "knocking" the city.

A contemporary quotes the Financial Post to prove that under the Hydro contract method of measurement a municipality is liable to pay twice as much for the power it uses as the nominal contract price. That is true, but it cannot be news to any alderman who has intelligently viewed the matter. The aldermen know that it is all a gamble, with the dice loaded against the municipalities. Still some of them want to commit the ratepayers to it. Why, think you?

This is "growing time" in School Board estimates. They go up each year by leaps and bounds. This year the Board will ask for \$220,000, an increase of \$25,000. And no provision is made for the new technical school. It will take a lot more money to complete and equip it. What it will cost to run it nobody can tell till some policy is decided upon as to what it will teach. That cannot be done intelligently till the Whitney Government formulates a technical education programme; and as yet it is quite at sea on the subject.

We should like to have Mr. Thomas W. Watkins receive the chairmanship of the Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education, but it seems that the machine whose odious grip is strong on the Board would not make such a concession to decency and real worth. Mr. Watkins, however, has the satisfaction of knowing that the public values his services highly, and even the trustees who obey the machine's blash when their course in this matter is mentioned.

The Board of Health is considering the question of a plumbing inspector. A little over twenty years ago this was a live question, and a would-be official felt almost sure of the salary to be attached to the office. It was then contended that delay in making such an appointment was not to be thought of. But Hamilton has got along nicely for twenty years without such an inspector, and the ratepayers have saved a great many thousand dollars by not appointing him. And they have other uses yet for the amount his salary would absorb.

According to the estimates of statisticians the population of the world has increased about 2,000,000,000 in the last fifty years. The latest available summary of the population of Asia gives a total of 916,247,583; of Europe, 407,433,630; of Africa, 147,239,102; of North America, 119,128,388; of South America, 11,436,208; of Oceania, 31,115,278. Total of the globe, 1,988,509,237. It is interesting to note the latest estimates of the population of principal cities are these: London, 7,217,941; New York, 4,113,013; Paris, 2,763,292; Chicago, 2,166,055; Berlin, 2,040,148; Vienna, 1,909,912; Tokio, 1,818,655; Philadelphia, 1,441,735.

The Winnipeg Tribune, which has been one of the enthusiastic "municipalizers" of the city, has come to the conclusion that the city's high pressure plant is a "white elephant." It costs in the first place half a million more than the estimates, and now it is announced that it will take 27 men to operate it. "Think of the cost of keeping 27 men housed and maintained at the high pressure site," says the Tribune.

"Surely this is too great an army to keep in constant attendance, more especially when the plant may not be operated more than once a month on an average. It is just such a 'cold duck' as was rung in on the citizens in connection with this enterprise that makes the public extremely wary of being caught again." It's the old story of municipal ownership mismanagement over again; yet there are people in Burlington enough not to learn anything from the experience of others.

OUR EXCHANGES

Don't Do it. (Galt Reporter.) Don't throw waste paper on the street. It is a slovenly habit.

The Less the Better. (Ottawa Free Press.) The less the Conservatives say about delaying business for the balance of the session the better.

Thanks to Judge. (Brockville Times.) The thanks of the newspaper fraternity are due to Mr. Justice Teetzel for his wholesome comments upon the matter in advising the jury. Fortunately, and to the credit of the legal pro-

cession, there are few of its members who belong to the unscrupulous "slyster" class.

When to Strike. (Toronto Star.) Hamilton stove-moulders are about to strike. A stove-moulder should strike when the stove is hot.

What It Means. (BuffaloTimes.) "C. Q. D., which has been made famous by Binnie, when interpreted, simply means "Come Quick, Danger."

A New Royal Family. (Toronto News.) The Gomez family seems to be doing well in the present business, one being President of Cuba and another President of Venezuela.

Out of Season. (Belleville Intelligence.) The toughest thing about this mild winter is that so many ministers in this district have been given fur coats and can't use them.

Are Stayers. (Toronto Telegram.) English sailors "stay with the job" until the water is up to their eyebrows because they are built that way, not because the rewards of their heroism ever get into the pay envelope.

Chocolate Jags. (Dunville Gazette.) When a man can purchase all the necessary raw material for a fair-sized jag concealed in a pound box of chocolates, one of the obstacles to making local option effective is very clearly revealed.

Dr. Pugsley. (Kingston Whig.) Dr. Pugsley more than held his own in the discussion of public contracts. He challenged the opposition to cite a single case in which irregularly cited charges since he became Minister of Public Works. Dr. Spruille made a bluff at it and surrendered.

We Always Get It. (Montreal Herald.) Every time Canada floats a loan in London some local paper announces that the country's credit has gone on the rocks and that the loan has failed. Still, the money is always raised, and the credit always holds out for the next time.

Shyster Lawyers. (Ottawa Citizen.) It was also broadly intimated by the judge that a certain class of solicitor was not averse to encouraging such actions on trivial grounds, knowing that no matter how small the damages awarded he would receive a goodly share of the costs. To the credit of the legal profession, however, lawyers of this stamp are now very rarely met with in the Canadian courts.

Editor vs. King's Counsel. (Kingston Whig.) A Hamilton lawyer—a king's counsel, and therefore a legal representative of some consequence—gave his opinion of the press of the day. He was directing the cause of one who was suing a newspaper publisher for libel.

The average editor, might, under the inspiration of the moment, ruminate upon what he would do if he were a lawyer. He would not give countenance to every grievance that was laid before him. He would be a humble imitator of the great Abraham Lincoln, who only took to court the cases he could not settle out of court, and the cases which he felt he could advocate conscientiously. He would realize that a libel really was, and he would not complain of a word or a phrase which hurt some one and then proceed to abuse the whole newspaper fraternity.

The editor would not worry about fees or retainers or costs, because, he would accept what he is offered in recompense for his service, and to feel that he is always a benefactor of his race. Oh, yes, the editor, if he were a king's counsel, would carry himself with great decorum and dignity. He would be forever represented of the thought that he represented the king in the Temple of Justice, and Edward VII. does not slander or slang-whang any man.

THE KICKERS' COLUMN. The Times opens a column to-day for the benefit of the kickers, people who have a grievance or think they have, and want to make it known. Those who wish it will be expected to be brief. In all cases the names of the writers must accompany the kicks, although not necessarily for publication.

How the Assessors Taxed My House. Mr. Editor,—I wish to register my grievance against the manner of assessment in this city. Five years ago I purchased a small house and lot. All went well until the assessor came around and informed me that he had added \$100 per annum to my already big enough assessment. When I inquired the reason he tried to explain that my next door neighbor had planted some trees in front of his place, which would in time throw a shade over my lawn, which he considered worth considerable. Now, it is no use of arguing with the assessor, for he knows it all, so I let it go at that. But when you have to pay for shade, I thought it wise to take down my front fence, which I proceeded to do. All well until the next visit from my friend, the assessor, who, noticing the change, looked upon it as another improvement and tacked on another \$100. The place last spring looked like a shabby, so I concluded to have it painted and a veranda added thereto, and behold, the assessor stuck me this time for \$200 more. Now, what inducements are there for a poor fellow to improve his property, when all such only tend to increase his taxes? I might say here that my wife is fond of flowers, of which she has not a few choice ones, but we are afraid to even set them out in front of the house, for fear of another one hundred or two being added to our assessment. Will some other overburdened taxpayers air their grievances through this column.

Mr. Editor, Why doesn't the city attend more promptly to cleaning the snow off the crossings? What's the use of cleaning the sidewalks and then have it wade through the snow on the crossings? Snow Shovel.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1909 SHEA'S Bargain Day

Our Winter Clearing Sale

Sale Bargain Days are wonders in Value-Giving. The thrifty buyers are here by the hundred and make a point of never missing a Monday's shopping. It will pay you to spend your money here during this sale but more particularly on Bargain Days. Note the 2 o'clock sale.

Men's Underwear 49c. Women's Skirts at \$2.95. Women's Suits \$8.95. Coats at \$8.95. Women's Waists at 79c. White Blankets \$4 for \$2.69. 2 o'clock Sale ---500 Blouses for \$1.95. Bed Comforters \$1.95 for 99c.

White Blankets \$4.50 for \$2.95. Art Muslins and Cretonnes on Sale. Floor Oilcloth for 19c. Mill Ends of White Cotton 6c. Flannelettes 7 1/2c. Wrappettes 3 Yards for 25c. Honeycomb Shawls 39c. Women's Underwear 19c.

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DRINK THE GREATER EVIL.

Young Men's Debating League Holds First Public Event.

Central and Zion Churches Were the Participants.

And Central Won by the Unanimous Decision.

Despite the stormy weather and the disagreeable walking conditions, there was a large attendance at the debate in Central Presbyterian Church last evening.

The other speakers, Messrs. Pennington and Findlay, spoke along the same lines, elaborating and supporting the arguments of their colleagues.

The judges, Messrs. Roy Mowdie, F. E. McPherson and C. E. Kelly, gave a speedy decision in favor of the negative, claiming that the papers of the affirmative contained too many statistics, and newspaper clippings, and did not have the originality of their opponents.

Quite a large number of the fair sex were present. The ladies are cordially invited to attend all these meetings.

At the close of the meeting, short speeches were made by Dr. Davey, on behalf of Zion, and N. Zimmerman, President of Barton Street Methodist Young Men's Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speakers.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. Rev. W. H. J. Brown, of Barton Street Baptist Church, is a man with a message who should be heard by a large gathering of men in the Y. M. C. A. on Feb. 1st.

Rev. F. W. Hoffmann will give an interesting and instructive lecture in Association Hall at 8:30 on "The Ten Virgins," both men and women cordially invited.

Young Men's Bible Study Club at 3 p. m. increasing in attendance and interest. There is still room for more young men.

The Senior Cabinet meeting on Monday evening next will be of special interest. Sixty men are expected to set down to supper, and will hear an address on "Short Term Menialness," by J. W. Hopkins, Provincial Secretary.

Religious work committee will meet at 8 o'clock to-night. There will be a practice of the Checkers Club this evening. All interested will be welcome.

Keep April 1st in view for the Ladies' Auxiliary unique entertainment. The plan for ladies' night is now open, and tickets can be secured at the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. M. C. A.'s offices.

Monday \$9.00

The men's Blue and Black Suits that are going to-day at \$10.00 will not be quite so attractive on Monday, but the price will only be \$9.00. You see it is very natural that those who buy to-day get the better quality. \$15.00, \$16.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00 lines are sure to go first, but on Monday you might still get a good one at \$9.00. There will be plenty of the \$12.00 and \$13.50 lines, anyway.

Oak Hall 10-12 James North

LAST DAY OF OUR DISCOUNT SALE. To-day marks the closing of our "Selling Sale." Take advantage of this final opportunity and buy now. Many dainty pieces in STERLING SILVER and SILVER PLATE at 25% Discount. NORMAN ELLIS JEWELER 21 and 23 King Street East.

A. M. E. DEBATE. A very interesting meeting was held last evening by the members of the Twentieth Century Literary Society of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church. The feature of the evening was a Debate, "Which is the most beneficial to mankind, iron or wood?" Affirmative, Mrs. R. Hammond and Mr. A. Doston; negative, Mrs. J. C. Holland and Wm. Holland. The negative were successful by one point.

Mr. Geo. H. Gorderham, M. P., has been elected President of the National Exhibition Association.



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