

## THE HAMILTON TIMES

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## M'BRIDE'S TRIUMPH.

The Provincial elections took place in British Columbia yesterday, and from returns up to the time of writing it would appear that the McBride Government has made almost a clean sweep of the Province. In the thirty-four constituencies heard from thus far, not more than three Liberals appear to have been returned. McBride himself is elected in Victoria and Yale. The probabilities are that his candidates will be successful in most of the eight constituencies yet to be heard from. Vancouver and Victoria send solid Tory delegations.

There were some who built much upon McBride's railway policy, which was antagonized by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, insuring to his disadvantage in the struggle. The Times had little hope of it having such an influence. McBride had no doubts whatever. He knew how little the people consider huge obligations placed upon the Province, and how large a scheme of railway development looms in the popular mind. Moreover, McBride had behind him all the power of a most unscrupulous machine, and its methods were used without let or hindrance. This great railway deal itself doubtless yielded sinews of war, and it is said that money flowed like water, and that in the cities "pluggers" operated on an extensive scale.

McBride's victory is expected to decide whether he will pursue his efforts to supplant Mr. R. L. Borden in the Dominion leadership. There is a considerable element in the Tory party which has no love for Borden, and if the new "Nest of Traitors" saw a prospect of getting a leader, they would not hesitate to apply the smokescreen to Mr. Borden's political neck. Perhaps, however, Mr. McBride will prefer the fatness of Provincial office to exchanging it and its pickings for the thankless task of leading a disunited band of reactionaries through the wilderness of Opposition.

## A SCHEME JUSTIFIED.

While the deputation which went to Ottawa to interview the Government the other day did not bring back a positive promise that the continuation of the bay front improvement work asked for by the city to protect the city dock, make a deep water slip and extend at right angles the revetment wall, it has every reason to believe that the members of the Government who heard the arguments advanced were favorably impressed and that provision will be made for the work. The fact that the improvements contemplated will be the completing of the work already done and which has won the praise of even those who at first viewed the scheme with doubt and derision, is in favor of the grant asked for. The \$15,000 that was appropriated for the work cannot now be utilized without a re-vote, it having lapsed; but the appeal of the Hamilton deputation is expected to secure that. The matter is one of considerable importance to Hamilton as a port and to the general scheme of bay front improvement, the benefit of which no one now doubts.

## CANADA WILL DIRECT.

The Kingston Standard indulges in some very pointless talk about the Canadian navy being doomed out of the mouth of its creator, because Sir Wilfrid has stated that it will be always under the control of the Canadian Parliament. The Standard argues that it will, therefore, be useless as an aid to Great Britain. Such a conclusion is not easy to understand. Whatever Canada may do in the matter of naval defence must be done at the expense of the Canadian people, and no money can be taken from them for that or any other purpose, save by the consent of Parliament. If we concluded to give money or ships to Great Britain, instead of establishing the nucleus of a Canadian navy, that would have to be done by the consent of Parliament; there would always be "that string to it," as the Standard puts it. Our expenditures for naval purposes as for any other must be under the control of Parliament. When Sir Wilfrid declared that the Canadian navy could not go to any war, save with the consent of the Canadian Parliament, he may have given the Kingston Standard great offence, but he stated a cold fact which results from our system of government—government by the people. There is, of course, one remedy for the condition at which the Standard rages. Canadians could, if they wished, abandon their right to govern themselves, and give over the taxing power to the British Government and Parliament. Then, of course, we should have nothing to say as to what we should do in the matter of naval defence; and we should not have a voice in directing the naval unit which might be created with Canadian money. Moreover, we should not have anything to say in any matter of taxation, or the application of the money so taken from our people.

But we do not think Canadians would seriously consider any such abandonment of self-government. And until they are willing to do that, the Canadian Parliament must have the say in such matters.

According to the United States Government report rabies was endemic in 534 localities in 39 States of the Union last year. From 30 States there were reports of 111 deaths of human beings from hydrophobia. The animals reported as suffering from rabies were dogs, cats, wolves, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, squirrels and skunks. The early treatment of patients at the Pasteur Institutes is believed to have saved many lives.

## BANK INSPECTION.

The Times is in receipt of a pamphlet on "Bank Inspection," by Mr. H. C. McLeod, of the Bank of Nova Scotia. The subject is a timely one, in view of the Bank Act decennial revision, being about to occupy the attention of Parliament. Bank managers are divided on this question of inspection, the majority appearing to favor reliance on the character and standing of the men and the institutions themselves, and arguing that inspection leads the investing public to rely too much thereupon, and to use less vigilance. Mr. McLeod presents a strong argument in favor of an independent audit, pointing out that in cases of Canadian banks coming to grief, the trouble might have been discovered in time to avert its worst consequences had an independent inspection been made. Mr. McLeod has collected a mass of evidence and opinions in favor of his views, and they will doubtless prove valuable to Parliament when the revision of the Act comes before it for discussion.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Eggs at 45 cents. No wonder the hens strut!

"Why should any man use his wife's vote?" indignantly queries Allan Studholme. Why, indeed! And why should any wife wear the hubby's breeks?

According to the report of the New York Health Department, 2,940,329 pounds of meat, and 18,626,506 pounds of fruit, fish and other foods, were condemned and destroyed in the year 1908.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh yesterday added his warning that the course of the Lords could only result in a temporary victory, and a loss would prejudice the position, power, prestige and usefulness of that House. Lord Balfour of Burleigh has the correct perspective.

The local Hydromaniac organ devotes over a column to a piteous editorial appeal not to leave the Hydro contract to the ratsavers. Why its great want of confidence in the judgment of the men who must pay the bills? Why the fear that with the terms—as far as known—before them they will avoid the snare?

The Finance Committee has promptly recommended the council to engage an engineer to ascertain information about the proposed Grand River-Hamilton Canal route. This is well. The estimated outlay will be about \$400, and many times that sum has been squandered in the effort to do Hamilton a positive injury by fettering it to the Hydro-Electric scheme.

Ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid is in a fix. He has \$3,000,000 deposited in the Imperial Bank of Germany, but neither he nor the Turkish Government can touch it. The money was deposited under a compact that no part of it is to be paid out except by Abdul's order authenticated by a special seal adopted when the deposit was made. Abdul avers that the seal has been lost. The matter will probably have to go to the courts for decision.

After all the pother that our two Tory contemporaries, the Spectator and Herald, are making over Sir Wilfrid's declaration that the Canadian navy will always be under the control of the Canadian Parliament, we don't believe the people will regard him as a monster of disloyalty because of it. Under whose control should it be? What say the people who elect the parliaments and pay the bills?

One bishop who has spoken on the Lloyd-George budget gives it his hearty support. That is the Bishop of Hereford. He told the Lords that it was a sound welfare budget and was based on social finance. He warned the peers that the answer to an appeal to the ballot would be so decided and unmistakable as to prevent any attempt of a privileged class upon the rights of the people in the future.

The Spectator argues that the present Assessment Act is unjust to the householder who owns his home, giving him the worst of it in the matter of income tax. We should be the last to defend the anomalies of the present Act, but we can see no force in our contemporary's contention in this case. The man who rents a house has as truly to pay the taxes on it as has he who owns his home. Nay, he usually has to pay in addition a profit to the landlord.

The Finance Committee is, we think, wise in refusing the suggestion of Mr. John Milne to accept Mr. Southam's offer of \$25,000 for the present public library property. It requires but a consideration of the amount to be paid for the new library site to convince any person that this would be a great sacrifice of the public interests. It is to be doubted whether the city could buy the old library site and put up such a building for \$50,000 or \$80,000.

If Kaiser Wilhelm wishes to win British confidence, he knows how to go about it. Great Britain was willing to support a scheme for the general restriction of armaments, but at The Hague Germany did not become enthusiastic over it. But perhaps recent events have had an enlightening effect on the Kaiser. He could win the blessings of his own people and stop a criminally wasteful competition in national armaments if he would declare himself. But will he?

It is worth noting that yesterday, while the Spectator, the local Southam organ, was savagely denouncing the



# Hamilton's Foremost Christmas Store

Why? Because here are found gifts that combine beauty, form and splendor with comfort, utility and convenience. Real gifts that are practical as well as beautiful and that will be a constant reminder of the thoughtfulness of the giver for many months, perhaps years—And are there not many things that you know you could buy for your home for father, mother, sister, brother or sweetheart, which, while maybe not a necessity, still make life pleasanter for them. Any of these things will bring gladness to the heart of the recipient.

We are expecting a great demand for useful, practical gifts, and you will find this to be the best place from which to select a suitable Christmas gift.

The best buying time is now. Delay only means that the choicest articles go to others.

## China Cabinets

Handsome Cabinets in golden oak, fumed oak, early English oak or mahogany. Most of them are made with bent glass sides and doors, and mirror backs. Shelves grooved for plates, etc. Thirty-five different designs to choose from at prices ranging from \$12 to \$85.

## Tea Tables

We have three beautiful Mahogany Tea Tables that are simply gems at the price—\$5.00. One is oval shaped with heavy shaped rim and French legs. The others are fancy shaped, with neat shelves, and all finished in first class shape.

## Library Tables

In mahogany, golden oak or early English. The styles are so varied it's almost impossible to describe them all; but whether your room be large or small, and your purse light or heavy, you'll find something in these tables to suit you.

## Children's Go-Carts

Complete little folding Go-Carts for the children and dollies that are as neat and complete as the large ones. They fold up compactly just like the big ones. We expect a big demand for these carts, and you'll do well to be early for one. Our prices \$1.25 to \$3.00.

## Bookcases

Start your friend on the right road by giving him or her the beginning of a bookcase, to which may be added other sections as the books increase. They are made in all the popular finishes, and our cases are made by the most reputable manufacturers in the country.



Illustration shows a moderate priced buffet in quartered oak, two drawers in the top of case, shaped, and shaped doors to cupboard, large linen drawer at the bottom, latest style modern handles. The top is finished with a good bevelled British mirror, a hand some Buffet for \$40.00.

## Music Cabinets

These are indispensable articles of furniture in any home where there is a piano or organ, and who is there that would not like to have a nice Cabinet for the music. Look early, look now.

Prices \$5.50 up to \$25

## Morris Chairs

Large, easy, comfortable Morris Chairs, in golden oak or early English, with cushions in velvet or leather. Smokers' Morris Chairs are made with boxes on the arms for pipes, tobacco, etc., the handiest chair for a gentleman's room, and a gift that will be much appreciated.

## Parlor Chairs and Suites

Louis XV., Chippendale and other styles in solid mahogany three-piece suites, covered in finest French damasks.

Two handsome designs in four-piece Suites at \$40 and \$45 for the four pieces. These are exceptionally fine value. At this time of the year, when manufacturers are busy and stocks being depleted rapidly, we cannot promise you these same splendid values if you leave it too late. The choice goes to those who buy early.

Handsome odd Chairs and Settees, mahogany finished frames, covered in silk tapestries, from \$6.50 up to \$25.00. Mahogany Rockers, upholstered, and Rockers in solid wood, oak and mahogany.



PARLOR CABINETS in mahogany, the finest line we have ever had. Just the thing for your lady's parlor, to keep those finer pieces of china and bric-a-brac safe from dust and breakage. The newest ones are made with semi-enclosed cupboards and lots of fancy shelf-room.

## Pedestals

It is impossible in a short space to describe these Pedestals. Some are made with handsome fluted pillars, others with large square shaped pillars, and others again carved in handsome figures out of the solid wood. Either golden oak or mahogany. These are used for hall pieces or handsome pieces of statuary, or a handsome lamp stand, or for a palm stand.

We cannot urge too much that you make your purchases early. By paying a small deposit on it we will keep any article for you until you want it, and you get the choicest of the stock by buying now. Nothing is gained by putting it off.

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Lloyd-George budget which aims at taking for the people a part of the unearned increment in land values, Mr. W. M. Southam, of Ottawa, was before the Ontario Assessment Commission making a strong and reasonable plea in favor of a similar measure by which more of the burden of taxation would be placed on land values, which are created by the community, and less upon the improvements. He must beware lest he incur the condemnation which the Spectator visits upon Lloyd-George.

The saloonkeeper believes in the open door policy.

THE MOON. (St. Thomas Times.) We are informed that the moon will retire about midnight on Friday in a state of fullness, and will hide her face for an hour. And well she may—the giddy thing.

SUNDAY FUNERALS. (Toronto Star.) The Chatham Planet is out against Sunday funerals because they are not only burdensome to ministers, but quite out of keeping with the spirit of the day of rest. It is hard to satisfy a man who wants something more restful than a funeral.

WORK FOR MRS. PANKHURST. (Toronto Globe.) The Ontario Legislature Committee on Assessment has decided to continue the right of a married man to vote on his wife's property. There is still some work for Mrs. Pankhurst.

CAN'T STAND IT. (London Advertiser.) The second Vice-President of the German Reichstag tells the London Chamber of Commerce that the system of high protection in Germany, the United States and France, is becoming insupportable. It is breaking down from its own weight. Great Britain has no need to arm herself against it.

QUARANTINE. (Montreal Gazette.) In Hamilton it appears that there is some dissatisfaction because the health authorities are energetically enforcing the quarantine regulations in regard to scarlet fever. Diphtheria and smallpox have been robbed of much of their terror, but scarlet fever still rages unchecked. It is one of the most easily communicated of infectious diseases, its germs, concealed in cracks or in crevices of wall paper, remaining active for years. In its more virulent forms it brings death almost as quickly as cholera, and frequently leaves serious after effects. There was a time when it was regarded as one of unavoidable illness of child-

hood, and many people are yet disposed to so look at it. These are the people who in the interests of the community at large require careful watching. One may sympathize with them in the hardship, without recognizing their right to distribute its cause general throughout a neighborhood.

THE CANAL. (Grimshy Independent.) The benefits of a canal to a city is a problematical. Of what benefit is the Welland Canal to the city of St. Catharines. Outside of seeing an occasional schooner pass up and hearing an occasional steamboat "toot, toot" not much benefit accrues to the city through a passage of a canal near its doors.