

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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IMPORTANT ISSUES.

The Manufacturers' Association yesterday dealt with several questions of importance to itself and to the general public of Canada. Prominent among these, and one of the most important that are likely to come before the Association, was the proposal to establish a permanent tariff commission. This proposal has for some time occupied the attention of the Association. It will be remembered that in September of last year, President Hobson, in his inaugural address discussed the matter, and while disclaiming a desire to force upon the country an arbitrary policy or to lessen Governmental responsibility, advocated such a commission for investigation of any tariff questions which might be referred to it. Viewed in the light of his statements then it is to be presumed that the Association in recommending the establishment of such a commission has in view the creation of nothing more than an inquiring and advisory body. We say "presumed," because the Association has not taken the public into its confidence in the matter. When it came up yesterday, the members voted to exclude the press and to consider the matter in private, and at the close of a two-hours' discussion the announcement was made that "the Association approved of the proposal to establish a permanent tariff commission." While this is all the official information supplied, it was learned from individual members that, far from being unanimous, much difference of opinion was disclosed, and the decision was reached by a very narrow majority. Some favored a tariff commission in the belief that it might be used to further the objects of the Association, while others strongly opposed it, holding that it was just as likely to result to the Association's disadvantage.

Without further information, it is impossible to deal intelligently with the proposal. Mr. G. M. Murray, the secretary of the Association, recently contributed to "Industrial Canada" an article in advocacy of a tariff commission that would "take the tariff out of politics," "scientifically fix duties upon definite information regarding the cost of production at home and abroad," and stop log-rolling. That is a large contract, and we may be permitted to doubt the efficiency of Mr. Murray's proposal to effect any such purpose. Mr. Murray contends for Government responsibility, and while Government responsibility exists, Government authority must remain commensurate. The device proposed by Mr. Murray, and of which he made much, was that the commission should report, not to the Government, but to Parliament itself. He recognizes the difficulty which might be created by a commission reporting counter to a government's policy; but he seems to think that this could be evaded by the expedient of reporting to Parliament instead of to the Executive Committee of Parliament. He apparently does not stop to consider that no government could retain power in the face of the adoption of a tariff policy contrary to its own. He fails to realize that what is asked is that this Tariff Committee should be made superior in authority to the government of the day, but that the government of the day should be held to responsibility.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to dwell upon the dangers to which dependence upon a tariff committee clothed with such powers as this one proposed would subject the industries of the country. A little careful thought will not fail to suggest them to the student of social and political economy. If information is all that Parliament or the Government requires to enable it to deal with the matter, and any further facilities for obtaining information are required, the resources of Parliament and the Government are equal to obtaining them without establishing a committee without any responsibility yet with powers superior to its own. Even the suggestion for which comes from one section of the country's industries as the result of a conference from which the press was rigorously excluded. In its course in this matter we cannot but think that the Association has been ill advised.

Another important matter discussed by the Association yesterday was the Provision of the Insurance Bill calculated to operate against unlicensed fire insurance companies, which were required to pay a tax of 15 per cent. upon premiums. This provision discriminates to that extent in favor of companies registered in Canada, a sort of "Made-in-Canada" policy with regard to fire insurance. But this does not meet with the Association's approval, and it is to be remarked that even the members most strongly advocating a wall of tariff exclusion against foreign goods strongly objected to such a provision as calculated to exclude competition in insurance. It was pointed out that the Government might as well tax loans as tax such insurance. Taxing loans, taxing insurance, and taxing goods are not much dissimilar in effect. Such measures make loans, insurance and goods dearer; and when the thing it buys (insurance) is likely to be affected, the Association is not slow to see it.

The unscientific character of the Ontario Assessment Act figured in the discussions. Mr. Robbins, of Walkerville, pointed out the folly of making the buildings the basis of assessment. This measure is a penalty upon the erection of fine structures and a discrimination in favor of the man who maintains tum-

blown shacks. While no substitute system was offered, it is satisfactory to find the Association expressing its dissatisfaction with present conditions.

The Association made very clear that it does not favor the abolition of the election deposit required of parliamentary candidates. On that position the Times congratulates it. Indeed, the Association is of the opinion that the amount of the deposit should be increased from \$200 to \$500. While we are not prepared to favor such a large increase in the amount, we are of opinion that the public interest is to be served by making the deposit larger than at present, instead of smaller.

Discussions upon transportation express rates, the new Bill of Lading, legislation, defence, etc., developed many points of interest, but space forbids further comment at present.

AN "OWNERSHIP" EXPOSURE.

When the Municipal Association members a year or so ago returned from the meeting held at Fort William and expressed their astonishment and disgust at the wretched municipal service there of which they had heard so much boasting, some of the ownership organs sought to take comfort from the reflection that it was, at least, owned by the people, and any surplus earnings obtained by its operation would come to them. But it appears that not only has the service been wretched, but there are no surplus earnings; there is, instead, a large deficit. Those who do not use telephones are being taxed to pay for the services of those who do use them. The Fort William Herald, in reporting a recent council meeting, gives a statement from the City Auditor of the financial result of the operation of the municipal telephone system for the first half of the current year, as follows:

Net loss 3 months ending June 30th \$1,318.54
Net loss 3 months ending March 31st 1,914.71

Net loss on telephone operation 6 months \$3,233.25
This amount—nearly \$7,000 a year—taken from the pockets of the taxpayers by the "ownerships" in the attempt to make it appear that the service, wretched as it has been, has a show of cheapness. Add to this, depreciation and the other expenses which must certainly be reckoned upon and the actual deficit will probably reach \$14,000. The Fort William Times-Journal is equally strong in its statements as to the telephone situation. It remarks:

The continued deficit in telephone operations is something that business men cannot understand. It has been known for a long time that the rates charged cannot support the system; or at least they have not supported it. If any of the present council expect to save themselves from the fact that it has just overtaken the Board of Commissioners, they will at once take drastic measures to stop that eating away of the profits in the telephone system. The very thing that the Bell Telephone Company representative said would happen has happened—the non-users of the telephone are being taxed to pay for some one else's somebody else to get a benefit from. Those who were here during the campaign against the Bell Company on account of the poor service it gave, will remember that it was said that the municipal telephone would never support itself and therefore the property owner who does not want a telephone must help pay the bill of the one that does not want it. This is a condition that should certainly not exist and it is now up to the City Council to show that the operation has not been along practical lines. If it is operated to get votes for next year, it will be in the same condition it is now; if it is operated to benefit the user and from the standpoint of a practical utility it will soon be seen.

Fort William has been the exhibition place of Ontario municipal ownership advocates. The disastrous results of street railway ownership are already familiar to the public. It appears to have done no better in telephone matters. The progress of the twin towns has been great and their future is beyond question. It is assured by the natural situation of the towns and by the vast expenditure of privately owned railways and other enterprises. It is not unreasonable to look for the people of these towns waking up to the fact that municipal ownership has had as little to do with their prosperity as the loading of the pack mule with luggage does to increase the speed of his travel.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Another highly paid official added to the Hydro-Electric machine—to be paid for by the municipalities.

A sunrise meeting between Judge Snider and Dr. Roberts, weapons unabridged dictionaries, distance ten paces, might prove very entertaining.

Mr. Duff has got his money from Barton for his services as solicitor, less a substantial abatement, the Council has had its law experience, and all is happy. The ratepayer, he pays.

Whether you use "air guns" or spring guns, or rifles, boys, spare the wild birds. They give you much more pleasure alive than dead; and they are the friends of mankind.

Harriman's will, which is expected to dispose of \$90,000,000 and \$200,000,000 of outside interests, is being kept secret. It is generally believed that for a time, at least, the fortune has been left in trust.

The Provincial mine on the Gillies line it has been sold for \$113,111. The total proceeds of the sale thus far are \$225,654. The outlay for prospecting, etc., has been well on to \$100,000. This property would seem to have been sacri-

ficed, or it has been of trivial value compared with the claims made by the Government. Perhaps, however, while there has been little in it for Ontario, there may be more for "the boys."

Those papers which profess to have confidence in both Cook and Peary would probably be quite ready to answer the question: "What would happen if an irresistible force met an immovable body?"

Those confiding people who think that these great mergers are formed to give them cheaper goods have another "think" coming. The stimulus for it will be furnished when the merger plans are completed.

Now it is said that the man who backed Cook is the proprietor of a fashionable gambling resort at Palm Beach, Florida. Was it his occupation that stimulated in him the great scientific interest in discovering the North Pole?

Already Germany is taking measures to meet the new New York tariff on potato salts. The new German measure will place an export duty on this article and the result will be that the sharp practice attempted in the Aldrich tariff will fail of its purpose and the Yankee combine will be unable to profit thereby.

Some people are wasting a lot of sympathy on the poor wretches who live on the planet Mars, and are forced to breathe an atmosphere almost destitute of moisture. We have need for all the sympathy available for subjects nearer home. Imagine the case of poor Jim Livingston, compelled to subsist in dromedary Grimshy, where even a breaker of "old stone fence" would be a godsend!

Hydro-Electric devotees aver that Murray, of Toronto, has no case whatever against the Whitney Government, hence the Attorney-General will undoubtedly refuse him a fiat to ask the court to pass upon it. How very simple. The man to be sued may usually be depended upon to object, and, if possible, to prevent the suit being brought. If Murray has a poor case, the argument is the stronger for trusting to the fairness and shrewdness of the court.

The local Hydro organ speaks in ridicule of the application of Murray, of Toronto, for a fiat to permit him the right to sue the Commission, as "an action at law." It is hardly that. The Russian legislation of Whitney takes away the civil rights of the citizens and denies them the right of appeal to the courts without getting the Whitney Government's permission to do so. Murray's move is to get the "privilege" of having his case heard in the courts of justice.

The Manufacturers' Association is warm in its praise of the work of the Dominion Railway Commission. And properly so. The Board has a very important duty to perform to the public, and it does it without delay and in a very business-like manner, while treating the railways with justice and consideration. The Railway Commission legislation will always stand as a work highly creditable to the Laurier Government and in the first degree beneficial to the public.

The Parks Board proposes to submit a by-law to raise \$55,000 for the purchase of park lands, no less than \$20,000 of which it proposes to spend on a Beach park. The Times thinks that such an apportionment of the money will have a great tendency to bring about the defeat of the by-law. Why should the Hamilton ratepayer be asked to spend \$20,000 (and that is only a beginning in the scheme) for a park property miles out of the city and under the control of other government, while the needs of the people at home in park matters are so very far from being satisfied?

Rev. Dr. Chown volunteers an opinion on the question of the issue of charters by the Secretary of States' Department contrary to that recently given to the Minister by the Department of Justice and the legal officers of the Government. The reverend gentleman having thus burst upon the public as an eminent legal light, decided this matter off-hand and made a bitter attack upon the Secretary of State in the columns of the Mail and Empire, it is to be presumed that he thinks that the cause of Temperance and Moral Reform, of which Association he is the Secretary, has been vastly benefited. Alas, the Revs. Chowns frequently do great harm to good causes by permitting their zeal to outrun their knowledge and discretion!

The Globe refers to the compliments paid by visitors to the work of sea-wall construction there and kindles with enthusiasm over the great improvement which might be wrought by turning the few yards now built into three miles along the water front. Hamilton has an excellent illustration of the great benefit to be derived by a permanent and sanitary deep water frontage. The revetment wall along our bay front is one of the finest pieces of engineering construction on this continent. By it a considerable area of made land will accrue to the city, and a most uninviting locality will be made a place of use and beauty. In years to come, the people of Hamilton, and especially those of the North End, will feel grateful to those who devoted so much time and effort to bringing about this great improvement.

One of the things you can't get for nothing is experience. The football player now begins to feel that he has a kick coming.

You Must Have the Goods

In spite of scarcity in many lines we have the goods you want and at prices that will save you money, to say nothing of your satisfaction in the quality of the goods. You must have them. They are here for you in quantities, qualities and prices to please.

Dairy Butter Special

Just 800 lbs., no more, choice, fresh Dairy Butter, to arrive Friday morning. Some of the best Butter we have ever had came from the same section, and this is promised to be equal to anything, and it goes while it lasts at just 26c per pound. Choice Fresh Creamery Butter, per lb., 28c. Fresh gathered Eggs, per dozen, 27c. June Cheese, lb., 10c. Best Pure Lard, per lb., 17c.

Sugar

Even at our present price Sugar is a bargain, because of the quality in it. Absolute purity, perfect granulation, and clarity of color. 100-lb. bags \$4.05. 20-lb. bags \$1.05. 10 lbs. for \$1.00. 5-lb. bags 50c. 20 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar \$1.00. 10 lbs. 50c. 5 lbs. 25c. Cut Loaf Sugar or Ice Sugar 3 1/2 lbs. for 25c.

Fruit Jars

They are going out fast and there promises to be the usual scarcity. See that your wants are supplied. Crown Pints, per dozen 72c. Crown Quarts, per dozen 85c. Half Gallons, per dozen, \$1.00. Best White Jar Rubbers, per dozen, 8c. Best Gray Jar Rubbers, per dozen 5c.

Brooms Special

They have been very dear, and it is said that they will be still dearer. We have a lot of ten dozen supposed to be 35c Brooms, but they do not suit us at that price, and they go while they last at 25c each. They are a good four-string Broom, and the price quoted is just a little below wholesale price.

New Rolled Oats, 7 pounds	25c
New Rolled Wheat, 7 pounds	25c
New Germ Meal, 7 pounds	25c
New Corn Meal, 8 pounds	25c
New Japan Rice, 4 pounds	25c
Best Ragwort Rice, 6 pounds	25c
Best Pearl Tapioca, 4 pounds	25c
Best White Sago, 4 pounds	25c
New Raisins (expected), 3 pounds	25c
Seeded Raisins, 3 pounds	25c
Reckoned Currants, 3 pounds	25c
New Peas, 2 pounds	25c
Lime Juice, per bottle, 20 and 35c	25c
Lime Juice Cordial, bottle 20 and 35c	25c
Unfermented Wine, bottle	15c
Alliance Flavoring Extracts, bottle 10c	10c
Alliance Baking Powder, tin	10c
Alliance Jelly Powders, package 5c	5c
Alliance Soap, 8 cakes	25c
Castile Soap, large bar	20c

Biscuits

Village Biscuits, Vanilla Bar and Homemade Lemon Cookies, 3 lbs. for 25c. Jelly Lunch, Jelly Fingers, Coconut, Cream, Currant and Fruit Bar, per lb., 10c. Fig Bars, 10c. 2 lbs. 25c. Peach Turnover, Peach Blossom, Alliance, per lb., 15c. Water Loaf, per lb., 30c. Broken Sweet Biscuits, per lb., 5c. 6 lbs. for 25c. every Biscuit in the batch is perfectly fresh.

Flour

Lily White, per bag, \$2.80; per 14 bag, \$1.40; per 14 bag 70c. Gold Medal Flour, per bag \$3.15; 14 bag, \$1.50; 14 bag, 75c. Royal Household or Five Roses, per bag, \$3.25; per 14 bag \$1.65; per 14 bag, 85c. fresh Graham Flour, 7 lbs. for 25c.

Spanish Onions, Sweet Potatoes, Etc.

Spanish Onions, never had finer, large and firm, per lb., 4c. 7 lbs. for 25c. fancy Sweet Potatoes, 7 lbs. for 25c. Yellow Danvers Onions, per basket, 45c. per quart, 5c. good Potatoes, per basket, 30c. per peck, 25c. Apples, good Cookers, per basket, 25c.

Surety of Purity

And purity of a surety in Spices and Vinegars. Everything you need in Spices, at our usual low prices, best XXX White Wine or Cider Vinegar, per gallon, 30c. genuine English Malt Vinegar, per gallon 60c.

CARROLL'S Five Stores

115 John Street South.
Cor. Emerald and Wilson.
Cor. James and Macaulay.
Cor. Queen and Hunter.
Cor. York and Caroline.

Our Exchanges

A LADY PRESIDENT.
(London Free Press.)

New York suffragettes predict a woman President for the United States within 20 years. England found a woman head of the Empire a good proposition.

PLENTY OF MATERIAL.
(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"Seen the fall styles as yet?"
"Not in detail," answered the big importer, "but I understand the press hounds won't have any cause for complaint."

MRS. PEARY.
(Toronto Star.)

Wives who complain because their husbands occasionally come home an hour or two later than usual, should ponder the question: "How would you like to be Mrs. Peary?"

SHOTGUN ARGUMENT.
(Toronto Star.)

Farmers are fighting the Hydro-Electric line men with shotguns and injunctions. The latter method is perhaps more modern, but at the same time the

yawning muzzle of an able-bodied shot gun is extremely convincing.

DOESN'T LIKE OUR COUNCIL.
(Burlington Gazette.)

We cannot understand the Hamilton Council. They profess to be business men, but we fail to see it. The sooner the ratepayers of Hamilton elect a Council that will get down to business, instead of fighting the Cataract Power Company, which has done more to make Hamilton a great city than anything else, the better it will be for all concerned.

THE STARS AND STRIPES.
(Toronto Telegram.)

The Stars and Stripes is a beautiful flag. It is the emblem of freedom and the ensign of a great and kindred nation. Canadians gaze upon it with cordial respect and good-will when they visit the United States. The flunkies who run up the Stars and Stripes in Canada need not imagine that they are wise. The fools who tear down the Stars and Stripes in Canada need not fancy that they are brave.

WHO SIR THOMAS IS.
(Grimby Independent.)

A man in Hamilton said to me the other day, "Who the deuce is Sir Thomas Taylor?"
"Sir Thomas Taylor," I replied. "Don't you know who Sir Thomas Taylor is?"

Friday Sept. 17, '09 SHEA'S MAY MANTON Patterns All 10c

Millinery Opening To-Day, To-morrow and Saturday

If you haven't had time to get down town to-day come to-morrow or Saturday, for we assure you it's worth your while to see the Shea Hats this season. We have never seen such enthusiasm in a millinery showroom as was shown by one and all from early morning till the time of this writing. After being thoroughly impressed with the beautifully becoming styles and shadings, their greatest surprise was the most reasonable prices compared with what was seen elsewhere. We'll expect you to-morrow. You'll find nothing old fashioned, excepting the welcome. To get down to the business part of it, the prices are \$3.95, \$5.00, \$5.95, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 up to \$15.00.

Silk Petticoats WONDERFUL VALUES

The most elegant values in Silk Underskirts you have ever seen. Never has any Hamilton store attempted to equal them in regular goods. Blacks, of course, and all the new shades, and any shade we haven't got we'll get for you. Short navies greens and cardinals, plain taupe, wistaria, cat-awba, browns, etc. The prices are \$3.98, \$4.98 and \$7.48

Women's New Fall Suits WE'RE PROUD OF THEM

And so will you be when you buy them. Absolutely the best fitting garments that can be produced. All the good new shades and materials; elegant long silk-lined coats and beautifully finished skirts. \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$19, \$23 and \$25

New Waists and Blouses A SPECIAL

Be sure and see our special Net and Lace Waists that are full \$5 value and come in white and ecru, all the new sleeves and front trimming and only \$3.75
Black Silk Waists, made of splendid quality of taffeta that will stand hard-usage; very special at each \$3.75

Our Corset Sale is Still Going On Half Price and Less Than Half Price

Fall Styles in Shoes

Note the fine points: The style, the character of the Shoe. Look for the maker's name on the shoe, and if you see such names as Hurley, Steenson, Kneeland, Barry, Hagar or Sorosis on a shoe it is a guarantee that the shoes are exactly what they should be—honest all through. These names stand at the very top of shoemaking in Canada and the States.

We Accomplished What We Mapped Out to Do

Over a month ago we started a clean-up sale in order to get into shape for a large fall business. We cleaned up all right, and our hundreds of customers got genuine bargains—and now we are in shape for a big business in NEW, STYLISH AND GOOD SHOES.

STYLES—We have made it a point this season that our Shoes will be the embodiment of STYLE and COMFORT. The styles are neutral, the comfort is extreme. As usual in this store, our prices will be marked in plain figures at a fair living profit. We do not figure on how cheap we can sell shoes, but on HOW GOOD A SHOE we can sell for the money asked.

ALL DOCTORS who have worn our "Corndodger" Shoe will tell you that foot troubles vanish before its influence. They will also tell you that many ills are due to foot troubles. See the Corndodger Shoe for women and men.

\$4.00 SHOES—Men who wish a strong, well made, stylish Shoe should see our \$4.00 lines in Patent and Calf. Every pair are GOODYEAR WELT and HONEST ALL THROUGH.

J. D. CLIMIE

30 and 32 King West

Why, Sir Thomas Taylor is Sir Thomas Taylor; who else would he be?"

"Well, sir," he replied, "I have lived in Hamilton over thirty years and I never heard of Sir Thomas Taylor before."

"Well, sir," I replied, "Sir Thomas Taylor is the man who discovered that in a prize drawing is not a prize drawing, but a lottery, and the man who is guilty of aiding and abetting, or in any way whatever giving countenance to a lottery in the form of a prize drawing or bazaar is guilty of aiding and abetting and giving countenance to a lottery in the form of a prize drawing—for further particulars apply to the Lottery Committee of the Labor Day Demonstration, Hamilton, Ont."

"Thanks," replied the man. "I am much obliged for the information, and now that I have found out, I will sleep better to-night." "Good-day," "Good-day," I replied, and passed on.

COURT HAMILTON.

The regular meeting of the above court was held on the evening of Tuesday, when the report of the delegates to the I. O. F. High Court was received. A deputation from the District Committee attended, and presented the cup won in a baseball competition at the I. O. F. picnic, held at Oakville, on the 18th of August. Bro. Geo. Rousseau, chairman, made the presentation, and a few pleasing remarks. Short addresses were also made by Bros. Salisbury and War, of Court Orient, and Bro. Mittenhall, of Court King Solomon. The following were elected delegates to the District Committee: Bros. Miller, Peebles, Coffee, Dougherty, Donaghy, Thompson and McPhail.

British colonies supplied the mother country with \$100,000,000 worth of wool last year.



The Carling Company
beg to announce that their
FALL MILLINERY DISPLAY
is now complete and will be
on exhibition on and after
Thursday, Sept. 16th, and Following Days
IMPORTED HATS, BONNETS AND NOVELTIES
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