

THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 1907.

ADVISES ROBBERY.

The Herald professes to know that Adam Beck did not speak in ignorance of the facts when he said in Brantford that the Government would be responsible for the difference between the estimated and the actual cost of the Hydro-Electric power to the municipalities—that the Government had gone behind the Act in taking this position, but got cold feet when the leader of the Opposition, Mr. MacKay, showed the injustice of the new stand taken by it. Lots of people imagined at the time that Mr. Beck had made the slip because he did not know what the Act said on the subject. Be that as it may, the Government receded from what looked like an untenable position. A retreat which annoys the Herald, and it makes an appeal to Whitney to brace up, and pass a law compelling the people who cannot enjoy the blessings of hydro-electric power to help pay for the power for those who can. The beauty of the arrangement would be that other portions of the Province would be paying to make the western belt more attractive for manufacturers than it is now, and as a consequence injuring the interests of the places thus compelled to contribute—to pay for their own undoing. The bait held out that those districts not within the Niagara power zone will get some other power some other time is not apt to mislead any one. People do not pay taxes on such assumptions. Anyway the circumstances would be entirely different. While they might have to "make good" large sums in connection with the Hydro power, it is possible that we would have to pay nothing to help them out. The only just way is for each to stand on its own bottom, and pay the shot whatever it may be.

Because Mr. MacKay declared that it would be manifestly unfair to tax municipalities and power users who are not within the electric zone for the benefit of those who are, the Herald charges him with "utilizing sectional prejudices in a most unfair manner in an attempt to stir up hostility to the Government for the sake of gaining a little party advantage." To compel a manufacturer to contribute money to help make a rival manufacturer a still more effective and dangerous rival would be what Mr. MacKay said it would be—monstrous. Sectional prejudice is not needed to stir up people in such circumstances. Self interest and the fact that an injustice is being attempted upon them are sufficient to range all those who are outside the zone to protest against such a proposition. Mr. MacKay deserves the thanks of the whole people, even those who would have benefited by the injustice, for raising his voice in protest against such an imposition.

GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME.

Selling municipal debentures at 89.6 is a get-rich-quick scheme—but not for the unfortunate municipality that has to do the selling. To the city that must raise money in that way it means that during the whole term that the debentures run the corporation must pay to the money lenders interest at the rate of 16.07 per cent. Let us imagine that John Jones is a grocer with a nice, profitable business, but with his money so invested that he cannot just at the moment place his hands upon \$800 with which to improve his property. Note that the price he will have to pay for the work is exactly what the city of Hamilton will receive for each \$1,000 debenture under the last sale. John Jones is no wiser than the City Council of Hamilton and decides to pay the same price for the loan he must make. He agrees to repay at the end of one year, with interest at 4 per cent. After twelve months he must hand over \$1,040. The lender receives \$111 for one year's interest on \$896. That figures out at just 16.07 per cent. That is what Hamilton is paying on its last loan.

If John Jones, prosperous grocer, is wise, what will he do? He will postpone the improvement he had contemplated until "money comes down." It was not by paying usury at that rate that he became prosperous John Jones. An expert in finance has told the Hamilton City Council that it will, in all probability, be harder to sell debentures next year than it is now. What is Hamilton's wise course in the premises? Just what would be the wise course for John Jones.

Our ratepayers are to be asked to vote on a by-law at the next January elections to authorize an issue of debentures amounting to \$275,000. The city fathers cannot even say that the works it is proposed to spend the money on can be completed for that amount. They may require 25 or 30 per cent. more. Is the city prepared to pay 16 per cent. interest on \$275,000 to \$330,000 for the next 20 years for the privilege of owning a power distributing plant and of paying a higher price for the power to be used than it can buy it for from an existing concern? That is what the ratepayers have to face: uncertainty as to the amount they will ultimately be called upon to spend; certainty that it will be but the beginning of a greater burden in the future and certainty that the enormous rate of interest must be paid.

The citizens who believe in good civic government should see that the Tory plot to capture the Council for the politicians comes to naught. The city wants men who will transact its business for its own benefit, and not for the benefit of a political party.

VERY UNDIGNIFIED.

Mayor Stewart gave out the statement yesterday that Chief Engineer Sothman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, had stated to him that "the Cataract Power Company was figuring on a cheaper grade of pumps than the city had in view," in connection with the Beach pumping plant. The statement puts Mr. Sothman in a decidedly undignified position. It is quite a common thing in the City Hall, when contracts are to be let for supplies, to see and hear selling agents and travellers belittling the wares of their rivals, but when it comes to the chief engineer of a project such as the Hydro-Electric scheme descending to the tricks of rival agents it has a bad look. It makes the project he represents look cheap, and almost fakey. Mr. Sothman has no means of knowing what grade of pumps the Cataract Company is figuring on. Mr. W. C. Hawkins, general manager of the Cataract Company, does not himself know. Mr. Sothman's course is not becoming to the dignity of the Hydro-Electric Commission, if Mayor Stewart understood him rightly.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Shop early. Right after breakfast is the best time.

This weather is good for Christmas trade and the Board of Works overdrift.

The Hydro-Electric Commission will have to muzzle its chief engineer.

Under the Cataract offer the city gets a modern pumping plant as a gift.

The electors will be wise to pay no attention to municipal slates or tickets.

The Times Christmas number next Wednesday. Have you sent in your ad yet?

How would you like to get that Dundurn bear in your stocking on Christmas morning?

The Tory ward organizations are completed. All they are waiting for now is the boodie.

It is good business to vote against any proposition which calls for the borrowing of money at 16 per cent. interest.

The report that the Japs have got Mr. Lemieux "on a string" is not likely true. They want Canada as a customer.

What's the use of trying to boom Hamilton if our aldermen are going to help other towns to cut under us in power matters.

Foster should bring Fowler with him to-morrow. Then what's the matter with Gamey? Is he not respectable enough for Mr. Foster?

Of course, if the Toronto experts' report on the street railway is not what the employers of the experts want, other experts will be engaged.

As long as the city is in the power of a political ring it will be in a hole. Decent Tories suffer just as much as do Grits when the city's business is distributed to political ends.

Some people are surprised to think that the Cataract Power Co. should want to make anything out of the pump it offers to the city. They supposed the company was just playing Santa Claus.

To be quite fair, however, it is necessary to say that if steam pumping were continued the cost would increase to the extent of the cost of the additional coal that would have to be consumed. This total increased cost might amount to about \$25,000 in the six years—not more.

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If steam pumping were continued for another six years, would it not be necessary to spend \$50,000 or more for new steam pumps?

Raphael Tuck & Sons, Limited, art publishers to British royalty, make a specialty of all sorts of works of art for the Christmas and holiday trade, and it may be safe to say that their productions are among the finest, if not the finest, in the world. Everything they touch give evidence of the handwork of the artist. The pictorial games for children, their children's books, the Christmas calendars and cards and even the Tuck's post cards are all things of beauty and good to look upon.

The St. Catharines Standard has published a special souvenir number, regarding which it would be difficult to speak too highly. It consists of fifty-four pages of royal octavo, exclusive of the covers, and is well printed on heavy toned paper. It is descriptive of St. Catharines, Thorold, Merriton, Port Dalhousie, and their industries. One special feature of interest to Hamiltonians are a description and illustration of the Cataract Power Co's works, with lifelike portraits of Hon. J. M. Gibson and Manager Hawkins.

In another column reference is made to the check Canadian newspapers have received in connection with their subscribers residing on the other side of the line. There is not a newspaper in Canada but has lost largely by the increase of postage on newspapers—some of them have lost hundreds of dollars. That is only one side of the question. The thousands of Canadians living in the United States kept alive the love for and interest in their native land by subscribing for the daily or weekly paper from the home town. Now the increase of the postage has caused a great number of them to cut even this connection that bound them to the old home. Mr. Lemieux's action may be of service to Canada in some way, but we confess we have not seen the benefit.

Greater Business Than Ever

This Christmas will outstrip the sales of previous years by a large per cent. The public are taking advantage of our profit-sharing scheme, every dollar's worth of Christmas goods having been marked at a lower percentage of profit than any previous season. Our staff will be nearly doubled for Saturday, but we would advise purchasing in the morning.

Great Bargains from the Silk Section

300 Waist Lengths in Silk, each done up in a neat gift box, these we have decided to clear out Saturday at about half their ordinary value.

- \$5 Waist Lengths \$2.45
\$3.75 Waist Lengths \$2.63
Fancy Silk Blouse Lengths, 5 yds. Tartan Silk Dress Lengths, Louisiana, will not cut, regular price \$3.75, Saturday \$2.45
\$1.50 Crepe de Chine \$1 Black Peau de Soie 75c
Fancy Stripe Colored Crepe de Chine, 44 inches wide, value for \$1.50, Saturday \$1
\$4 Children's Silk Dresses \$2.95
Children's China Silk Dresses, made Mother Hubbard style, with accordion pleated skirt, and French cut, trimmed with silk braid and nicely shirred, colors red, sky and cream, size 1 to 6 years, worth \$4, for \$2.95
Thousands of Yards of Dress Goods Will be Offered Saturday at a Big Reduction.

- \$1 Eolienne 69c
40 inch Silk and Wool Eolienne, in pale blue, cream, pink, and turquoise, regular \$1, for 69c
\$1.35 Crepe de Chine 99c
44 inch Crepe de Chine, champagne, navy, cream, regular \$1.35, for 99c
65c Albatros 50c
44 inch Albatros in brown, navy, fawn, pale blue, cream and black, regular 65c, for 50c
\$1 Crepe Duchesse 69c
44 inch Crepe Duchesse in navy, green, cream, champagne, black, regular \$1, for 69c
Cashmere 50c
44 inch all wool French Cashmere in a full range of colors, at 50 and 55c, for 50c
\$1.25 Tweeds 69c
44 to 54 inch Tweed Dress Goods in light and dark colorings, worth up to \$1.25, for 69c

- Blouse Lengths of Dress Goods
300 Fancy Waist Lengths, specially boxed for Christmas business. These will be on sale Saturday at from \$1.50 to \$5.00

Christmas Goods from Our Gents' Section

In no department of the house can we save you as much money on your purchase as we can in our Furnishing Department.

- Handkerchief Boxes Each 29c
Pretty Gift Boxes, containing 3 White Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, special Saturday 29c
50c Armlets 25c
Gents' Fancy Armlets, done up in a glass covered gift box, regularly 50c, for 25c
Gents' Ties 29c
Gents' Hook-on Ties, the 50c kind, each done up in a gift box Saturday 29c
45c Suspenders 35c
Men's Suspenders, each pair done up in a pretty box, regularly 45c, for 35c
\$2 Umbrellas \$1.50
Gents' Umbrellas, silk and wool cover, steel rod, pretty handle, \$2.00, for \$1.50
Mocha Gloves \$1.25
A full range of sizes in Gents' Mocha Gloves, lined, special Saturday \$1.25

TAKE YOUR SMALL PARCELS

Although we have made arrangements to double our delivery staff, it will be late, late work for the drivers, unless you take your small parcels.

Book and Calendar Dept.

This season we have purchased at least four times the usual stock of Books and Calendars, and consequently not only bought them cheaper, but have also marked at a smaller ratio of profit. This department you will find at the end of the store, on the ground floor.

Great Values in Lace Curtains

- \$2 Curtains Saturday \$1.25
10 pairs only extra strong quality Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 50 inches wide, in two patterns only, worth regular \$2, Saturday \$1.25
\$3 Lace Curtains for \$2.25
8 pairs very fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 54 inches wide, strong, double thread, good effective design, overlook edge, Saturday only \$2.25
\$2.50 Lace Curtains for \$1.98
9 pairs only good, fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 52 inches wide, plain centre, with heavy floral border, regularly sold at \$2.25 pair, they go on sale Saturday for \$1.98
\$3.50 Lace Curtains for \$2.25
12 pairs Strong Cable Net Curtains, plain centres, with heavy massive border, overlook edge, sold regularly at \$3.50 pair, Saturday sale price \$2.25
\$2.25 Lace Curtains for \$1.48
7 pairs very special lot of Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 50 inches wide, good, effective design, worth regular \$2.25, Saturday \$1.48
\$4 Lace Curtains \$3.50
5 pairs Brussels Net Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 50 inches wide, Battenburg edge and insertion, regularly sold at \$4.00, Saturday \$3.50
Odd Lot of Curtains
About 30 pairs in all White Lace Curtains, worth up to \$1.00 a pair, in three lots for Saturday's selling, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25
Opera Shawls \$1.25 to \$2.25
Opera Shawls, made of pure silk, fancy design, edged with silk fringe, in colors black, cream, pale blue, and pink, prices \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25
Special Show of Golf Jackets
Golf Jackets, made of fine knitted worsted, fancy designs, with high or roll collar, in black, white, navy or cardinal, prices \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00
\$4.75 Swiss Curtains \$3.75
6 pairs superior quality Swiss Net Curtains, good quality of net; will wash and launder well, good value for \$4.75, sale price \$3.75
\$5 Silk Shirt Waists \$3.50
Ladies' Taffeta Silk Shirt Waists, made of best quality silk, in navy, or brown, regular price \$5.00, on sale Saturday \$3.50
Ice Wool Scarfs and Fascinators
Ladies' Ice Wool and Mohair Scarfs and Fascinators, in black or white, prices \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25

From 8.15 to 9.15 Books 25c for 10c

1,000 Cloth Bound Books, Henty, Alger's, for boys' books, and all well known authors for the grown ups, regular 25c, Saturday morning 10c; only 2 books to a customer.

From 8.15 to 9.15—Jackets \$7.50 for \$2.99

Green Serge Cloth and Medium Grey Tweed Coats, seven-eighth length, loose back, double breasted, lined across shoulders, regular \$7.50, for \$2.99

From 8.15 to 9.15—Doilies 15c for 5c

50 dozen 9-inch Doilies, plain centres and Battenburg edge, usual price 15c, for 5c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Trinket Boxes 19c for 5c

12 dozen only Cane Trinket Boxes, suitable for ribbon trimming, value 19c, for 5c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Silk Handkerchiefs 25c for 15c

100 dozen Pure Silk White Initial Handkerchiefs, full range of initials, value 25c, sale price 15c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Doilies 50c and 75c for 25c

Handsome drawn work Tenerife Doilies, pure linen, regular 50 and 75c, for 25c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Handkerchiefs 15c

50 dozen in all, Embroidered Lawn Handkerchiefs, these are slightly damaged, but worth regular 20 to 50c, sale price 15c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Comb Sets \$2 for 99c

25 in all Comb Sets, in leatherette or leather cases; these sets contain, others 2 military brushes, value \$2.00, for 99c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Pillow Shams \$1 for 50c

36 only White Hemstitch Pillow Shams, with drawn work corners, regular \$1.00 value, for 50c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Kid Gloves \$2.25 for \$1.49

White or Grey 12-Button Kid Gloves, every pair guaranteed, regular \$2.25 value, for \$1.49

From 8.15 to 9.15—At-to Veils \$1 for 39c

50 dozen Auto Veils, all black chiffon, black and navy chiffon, and fancy dots, worth \$1, for 39c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Flannelette 12 1/2c and 15c for 5c

Just 2,000 yards in all, Manufacturers' Remnants of Canton Flannel, plain colors, regular 12 1/2c and 15c, on sale Saturday 5c. Only 10 yards to a customer.

From 8.15 to 9.15—Initial Handkerchiefs 15c for 5c

100 dozen Ladies' White Lawn Initial Handkerchiefs, value regular for 15c, sale price 5c

From 8.15 to 9.15—35c Boxed Handkerchiefs 19c

100 boxes only Men's White Lawn Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, value 35c, sale price 19c. Only 1 box to a customer.

From 8.15 to 9.15—Stockings 50c for 19c

25 dozen Heavy All Wool Worsted English Stockings, size 9 1/2 only, and value for 50c, sale price 19c

From 8.15 to 9.15—Ladies' Vests 50c for 29c

30 dozen in all Ladies' Vests, good weight and value for 50c, Saturday morning \$29c

Great Coat Sale

We are bound to get quit of a lot of Coats Saturday, prices have been marked to less than the cost of material.

Children's Coats

Children's Coats in light and dark tweeds, plain navy and brown, nicely trimmed, with straps, and buttons, or capes, all this season's styles. \$11 Coats Saturday \$6.99 \$6.50 Coats Saturday \$4.99 \$5.00 Coats Saturday \$3.49

\$13.75 Coats for \$4.99

Brown Serge Cloth Jackets, seven-eighth length, loose back, new sleeves, trimmed with straps of self, double breasted, regular \$13.75, for \$4.99

\$10 Jackets for \$4.49

Ladies' Black Frieze Cloth Coats, seven-eighth length, loose back, lined to waist, velvet collar, collar and cuffs, trimmed with straps and buttons, regular \$10, for \$4.49

\$12.50 Jackets \$7.50

Ladies' Jackets in black and dark Tweeds, three-quarter length, loose back, trimmed with velvet braid and buttons, worth up to \$12.50 Saturday \$7.50

\$15 Jackets \$10

Ladies' 3/4 length Jackets in black, navy, brown and green, also dark tweed, loose and semi-fitting with stitched strap or braid and buttons, worth up to \$15, Saturday \$10

\$10 Jackets \$5

Tweed Jackets in light and dark colors, three-quarter length, loose and semi-fitting, trimmed with straps and velvet, value 15c, sale price Saturday \$5

Children's Dept.

\$4.50 and \$5 Coats \$2.99

12 only red and brown velvet Coats, with wide circular cape, sizes 1 to 8 yards, regular \$4.75 and \$5, Saturday \$2.99

\$2.25 Carriage Robes \$1.49

Baby Carriage Robes, made of curled Bearette, with muff attached, regular \$2.25, Saturday \$1.49

\$1.50 Bonnets 99c

White Bearette Bonnets, with tucked corded silk, frill and satin ribbon bow, regular \$1.50, Saturday \$99c

Our Great Basement Brim Full of Special Values for Saturday

Commencing at 8.30 a. m. and the active business will continue until 10 p. m. Quantities of appropriate articles for gifts, such as fine China, etc., and an immense display of Toys at reduced prices; also some splendid bargains in kitchen utensils will form the greatest programme you have ever experienced. Note well the special bargains offered for 2 1/2 hours in the morning, 8.30 to 11 o'clock.

8.30 to 11 O'clock Specials in CHINA DEPT.

Beautiful Fine China at 10 Per Cent. Discount
Hand Painted China in pond lily and fruit designs, very handsome, on sale at 10 per cent. discount off the regular prices.
Any German or Austrian China Cups and Saucers marked regular from 25 to 75c, will be sold between 8.30 and 11 o'clock on Saturday at exactly Half Price.

\$1.50 China Plaques 98c

3 dozen large size China Plaques or Chop Dishes, floral decorated, very handsome, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, on sale at 8.30 for 98c each

China Articles, Worth \$1 for 50c

Biscuit Jars, Flower Pots, Bread and Milk Sets, Cheese Dishes, Fancy Plates, Celery Trays, etc., your choice for \$1, for 50c each at only \$10.00

3.30 to 11—Specials in Toys and Dolls

Dolls' Dishes, regular 10c, for 5c
Dolls' Trays, regular 40c, for 25c
Nine Pins, regular 25c, for 12 1/2c
Iron Hook and Ladder, 75c, for 50c
Hair Stuffed Dolls, 20c, for 10c
35c Dolls on sale for 25c
\$1.50 Dressed Dolls on sale for 99c
10c Rag Dolls on sale for 6c

Iron Toys

Hook and Ladders, each 25c
Iron Trains 15, 25, 50, 75c, and \$1.25
Pickles, per bottle 10 and 15c
2 quarts Cranberries 15c
Table Raisins, pound 20c
Shelled Almonds, per pound 40c
Extracts, bottle 5 and 10c
Baby Sleighs \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$2

Boys' Sleighs 50c for 39c

6 dozen Boys' Sleighs, with round steel shoeing hardwood runners, regularly 60c, on sale at 8.30 Saturday for 39c each

Good Toys Briefly Priced

Magic Lanterns 25c up to \$5.50
Steam Engines 40c, \$1.00, \$2.00
Triangolo Game \$3.00
Rocking Horses \$7.00, \$10.00, \$12.00

8.30 to 11 Specials in Seasonable Kitchen Utensils

100 dozen Oranges go on sale at 8.30 sharp for only 5c dozen. an order for \$1 worth of other groceries.

Great Sale of Fresh Groceries on Saturday

- 12 lbs. of Redpath's Best Granulated Sugar 49c, or 7 lbs. for 29c, to customers leaving
Flour 65c 1/4-Sack
Cook's Pride Flour will be sold on Saturday at 65c per 1/4 cwt.
Lemon Peel 13c
100 pounds Fresh Lemon Peel will go on sale at 8.30 Saturday morning for only 13c per 13c pound
Large tin Baking Powder 10c
4 pounds White Icing Sugar 25c
4 pounds Japan Rice 25c
7 pounds Rolled Oats 25c
3 cans Peas 25c
7 pounds Standard Oatmeal 25c
6 pounds White Beans 25c
Pure Lard, per pound 15c
Ceylon Black Tea 40c for 25c
Another shipment and the last at the price will be placed on sale Saturday, value 40c, for 25c
Navel Oranges 25, 30 and 40c
Mexican Oranges 15, 25 and 35c
Messina Lemons, dozen 20c
Dates, per package 5c
Prunes, per pound 10c
Table Figs, per package 10c
Plum Pudding, 50c, for 30c

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