

## THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1909.

## KILL THIS MEASURE.

The Toronto News takes strong ground against the passage of the so-called "Municipal Association's" amendment to the Municipal Act, relieving councils from liability for keeping the roads in safe repair. The Municipal Committee of the Legislature weakly reported in favor of the amendment, which would make councils liable for damages only when notice had been served on the council before the defect led to accident. The News says: Who is to give this notice? Can the ordinary citizen be expected to report every hole he sees in some of Toronto's asphalt pavements? That would be a fairly large spring, summer and autumn task in itself. The result of such a provision would be that in ninety per cent of the accidents due to defective streets the first notification to reach the department would come from the man who was injured, and this would exclude his claim from being admitted as valid.

Why should not a city engineer and his inspectors be held responsible for the proper condition of the streets? Substitute a similar clause in an agreement with a private corporation and imagine the result. Hold a street railway responsible for damage to life and property only in cases where it has been previously notified of a hanging live wire or a broken rail. Throw out the claims of a family whose wage-earner has been killed by a defect in the equipment of a company as soon as it is found that this company was not given "notice of the defect." Such a principle would be considered absurd and outrageous when applied to a private corporation. Equally absurd and outrageous would it be to place such a powerful plea of defence in the hands of a municipal body.

In some districts the fear of expensive lawsuits is often the most effective stimulant upon a municipal officer to give proper attention to the highways. Remove this, and their condition will deteriorate, and there will be a consequent increase in accidents to individuals, who will be powerless to sue for damages.

It is noticeable that the urban and not the rural officials have been the most insistent in demanding these amendments. Just as insistent should be the legislators in the interests of a high standard of roadways, and in the interests of justice to non-blameworthy travellers, that section 606 shall remain intact in the Municipal Act.

Every man who is found supporting this outrageous attempt to remove from the councils responsibility for the safe maintenance of the highways for travel should be marked by the electors, and should be retired from public life at the very first opportunity. This is but one of the many bad legislative jobs promoted by the Tooley Streeters—mostly hired municipal officials, and all men without any title to represent the public in asking for law amendment—who hand themselves together under the name of this or that "Municipal Association," or league of municipalities. They should be well enough known by this time to ensure that whenever they poke their noses inside of the Provincial Parliament they should be gently turned, face streetward, and given a swift and vigorous impetus in the direction of the homes where they might find employment that is not injurious to their fellow citizens.

## THE WORLD'S BANK.

According to the London Economist the demand upon Great Britain for new capital in the first quarter of 1909 has been greater than in the first quarter of the last two years. The loans made in the London money market have amounted to £64,238,400. This is the largest first quarter since that of 1905, when it was slightly exceeded. A very interesting feature of the quarter's finance is that the larger part of this immense sum of money was placed in other than home government loans, which amounted to only £4,709,400. Canadian loans took £2,287,600. The British colonial loans totalled £29,873,100. Great Britain still continues to be the financial centre of the world.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now let Allan Studholme beware. When Whitney beseechers him with praise, then he is truly in danger.

After yesterday's elemental disturbance people may be able to imagine the pother made when the Ottawa Opposition gets windy.

There is a rumor of a big coffin manufacturers' combine being on the cards. Are further "death duties" to be levied on the bereaved?

Hamilton's Board of Control measure will go through this session, and the chaps who aspire to be controllers—with salary not to exceed \$1,500 a year—may take heart.

May wheat was quoted in New York on Tuesday at \$1.20½. In Chicago May wheat reached \$1.22¼. These are speculative prices, of course, and there is no immediate necessity for the raising of the price of bread in Hamilton.

It is getting to be quite a routine matter for persons convicted before Police Magistrate Jells to go to Judge Monck and have the conviction set aside or the judgment reversed. Wonder if Hon. Mr. Fox's law reform measure will interfere with such appeals?

A short time ago the Tory organs were remarking that the Ontario Opposition instead of fighting the Government was devoting itself to "helpful criticism" of the Administration's mea-

asures. That was surely very much like a compliment. Now Premier Whitney sneers that the Opposition does not suggest an alternative policy!

Castro, the former president of Venezuela, is greatly annoyed because the British Government declined to make him welcome at Trinidad. Of course Castro doubtless thinks Great Britain is under obligations to him for courtesies in the past!

Since January 1 United States railroad and industrial stocks to the amount of \$375,901,880 have been issued. Many millions more have been authorized. There are indications of a period of increased railway activity being at hand.

Whitney's friends exult much over their ability to set principle at defiance and to disregard utterly the Opposition in the Legislature. They should bear in mind that Belshazzar and his lords indulged in similar mockeries and jeers once upon a time.

A correspondent has made the mistake of attempting to argue with the Toronto Telegram! As if logic was respected by that sheet! The Telegram's equipment is entirely made up of reckless assertion and petty party prejudice, to which argument does not appeal at all.

Fact is Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a good deal of an unexploded bluff. All he needs is a few men to go at him as George E. Foster went at him—Toronto Telegram.

But few "men" could so far forget themselves as to descend to those methods.

The temperance men do not look for much in the way of license reduction from the present Board of License Commissioners. They accept its declarations of the past as indicating that it is frankly hostile to any movement aiming at reduction of licenses or minimizing the drink traffic.

The high wind of yesterday caused a good deal of damage to property throughout the city, but fortunately, no great catastrophes resulted. This city appears to have enjoyed comparative immunity when the havoc wrought in some of the towns and cities of the country is considered.

Mackenzie & Mann are said to be contemplating a connection of the Canadian Northern with this city. They can hardly afford to leave so important a centre as Hamilton out of their plans, and it would not astonish us to learn that they have decided to make an early bid for a share of the city's traffic.

In 1809 the cost of the Prussian army was 40 cents a head of the population. In 1816 it had increased to \$1.82; in 1874 it was \$1.90. In 1880 when it was the German army the cost was \$3.15, and in this year the cost is \$3.90, estimating the population at 63,020,000. The military establishment costs \$277,635,000.

As to the form in which the Government is offering aid in the present instance, it is possibly the least objectionable of any yet devised.—Spectator.

A free gift of 2,000,000 acres of the best of our north country—20,000 hundred-acre farms! And the Premier and the Tory organs have so frequently assured us that it was inexhaustible, "outrageous" to give away the land of the country in this way!

The obtaining of \$237,000 of money without the "say so" of the ratepayers does not seem to have had the effect of satiating the appetite of the would-be spenders. They still urge the adoption of the frontage tax system for paving. What matters it that it would be oppressively inequitable; it would make more spending, more patronage, and maybe more chance for graft.

The Tory organs are making much of the cost of underwriting, brokerage, etc., of a "five million" Dominion loan. None of the organs, so far as we have noted, mention the fact that the loan was for £5,000,000, while some of them, notable among them the Mail and Empire, display the figures as \$5,000,000, making the borrowing charges appear as 12 per cent. of the amount borrowed! This is rather petty trickery.

Rumor has it that a block of 300 Suez Canal shares has been purchased by the German Government for \$500,000. It is the intention of the Suez Canal Company to build a second waterway parallel to the existing canal. The company's franchise is to be extended for 45 years. The capital for the new work will be offered for subscription to the present shareholders only at a price of from 2,000 to 2,500.

Apologetically discussing Whitney's 2,000,000-acre gift of public lands to the C. N. R., the senior local Tory organ says: "It is not likely that there will, for very many years, be unanimity of opinion in this province on the subject of government aid to private railway enterprises." Alas, alas! And so soon after the lavish praise of Whitney for stopping "forever" the evil practice of granting lands to railways and unsparingly denouncing the Liberals for making such grants in bygone times when railways were so much needed!

There is considerable feeling in New York and some other of the United States cities against the Beef Combine, against which retailers and customers appear to be powerless. It is suspected that much of the recent increase in price is not due to actual cost of production. Two lines of procedure to secure relief are mentioned; public control, and public ownership. It would seem that the people should be stronger than the Beef

Combine. The craze for public ownership, while neglecting the power and the duty to control trade and commerce, is so great, however, that it should astonish nobody to find an agitation arising for "municipalizing" beef production. If electricity, why not beef? And if beef, why not pork, and bread, and wheat and potatoes?

The churches are not to have a monopoly of the individual cups used for communion purposes. The Lackawanna Railway furnishes to its passengers individual paper drinking cups. By each water cooler stands a nest of a hundred, or more dainty white drinking cups, which once drawn forth and used, cannot be replaced, but must be discarded or carried away. These cups, which are in the exact form of a drinking glass, are stiffened by a coating of paraffine, and, being manufactured automatically, are untouched by hands until they reach those of the drinker.

Rev. Dr. Gregory, of the Manchester and Salford (Eng.) missions, spoke in Toronto the other night, and some of his remarks must have taken back the Pharisees of that self-righteous city, so prone to pity and look down on the old land. He said:

"Our people do not suffer as much from the rapacity of the landlord as your poor people do in Toronto. I visited one shack of three rooms, where we would be ashamed to house our cattle, and I was told that the family living there paid \$8 rent a month. I have met more of what we call hard-shell Tories in Toronto during my brief visit than you would meet in the old country in six months."

The Government majority in the Legislature last night again reaffirmed Whitney's policy that in the matter of temperance the minority should rule in the liquor interest, and that a three-fifths vote must be obtained in order to carry local option. A few of the Tory members refused to be driven, but the party, as a whole, upheld the legislation which makes two liquor votes equal to three temperance votes. Whitney shows every confidence that he depends upon Tory temperance men to pocket their discomfiture and humiliation, and join with the liquor interest in pulling his chariot along.

In his annual report Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, inspector of hospitals, passes some very severe strictures upon the Toronto institution. He says it is not fair to the other hospitals of the Province, which have been forced to obtain a proper standard of equipment in order to receive the Government grant, that Toronto hospitals are permitted to display such indifference toward the need for improving accommodations for the sick poor. He declares that Toronto should provide accommodations for its public ward patients, as good as is provided in scores of other places in Ontario. Why, indeed, should the Government give Toronto exceptional treatment.

In a lengthy review of the G. T. P. situation the Monetary Times comes to the conclusion that there is nothing to fear, although some ravens eager to tear the dead body of the scheme croak wildly. Nor does it think that G. T. P. shareholders need be apprehensive. It says:

In plain words, whatever happens, nothing can stop the completion of the road from coast to coast. From the viewpoint of the Grand Trunk Government's presence is sufficient safeguard. Not knowing the arts of American railroad building and financing, they might be inclined to think that someone had blundered. It is otherwise, having been well managed. No apprehension need be felt as to the financing of the mountain section. In that case, the Government have guaranteed the bonds of the company to the extent of three-fourths of the cost without limitation as to the cost per mile. While tied up with guarantees and bonds, the freedom of the G. T. P. from puzzling finance bondage is rapidly approaching.

## HOT CROSS BUNS.

They're timely. Make them for Good Friday. The ingredients are rather cheap. Though a quarter pound of butter is required.

Work this batter into two pounds of flour and add a pinch of salt.

Then mix a winglass of fresh, thick yeast with a pint and a half of warm milk.

This, with the flour and water, should be stirred to a light batter and then allowed to rise.

When risen work in half a pound of currants, a pound of sugar, half a grated nutmeg and a fourth ounce powdered mace.

Knead well, make into buns, put on buttered tin, make a cross on each with the back of a knife, brush with butter and let stand a quarter of an hour before baking.

There isn't much hope for the fellow who is short-sighted and also long-winded.

## OUR EXCHANGES

MIGHT TELL US.  
(London Free Press.)

If Hamilton police know the Kinross murders thus ought to let the general public in on the secret.

A TORY KICK.  
(London Free Press.)

Premier Whitney says the Canadian Northern deal is one to be proud of. It may be, but nevertheless it is not according to promise.

TAKE WATER.  
(Brantford Expositor.)

Nineteen additional counties in Michigan have gone Prohibition. It is quite natural, come to think of it, for Michiganders to take to water.

HOW THE LIE SPREADS.  
(Guelph Herald.)

That's a shocking story that comes from Ottawa about payments for ladies' blouses. Although it's only a natural sequence of wine, women and graft.

COURT REPORTER WRITES VERSE.  
(Toronto Star.)

Two men, a fight, . . .  
And then all night  
Within a station cell.  
A fine to-day,  
Which they must pay,  
Tis all there is to tell.

DOING WELL.  
(Galt Reformer.)

The present management took charge six months ago, with the greatest confidence in the possibilities of the business and the results have more than justified that confidence. The increase of 100 per cent. in the advertising, 60 per cent. in the daily circulation.

ALL HIS FRIENDS.  
(Toronto News.)

Mr. Adam Brown, Postmaster of Hamilton, has completed his eighty-third year. For nearly sixty years he has lived in Hamilton. He was active in the pioneer railway era. He has been influential in rearing Hamilton's imposing industrial fabric. He represented the city at Ottawa, where his big and genial presence diffused gladness and sunshine. Hamilton people, old and young, are all his friends.

ACT OF A LUNATIC.  
(Toronto Globe.)

If the clay bell were Premier Whitney's own property, and he were to propose giving two million acres to Mackenzie & Mann along their prospective line of railway, his relatives would apply for a commission in lunacy and have the property taken out of his hands. Any county would declare him unfit to look after his affairs. But there is no means of preventing him from pursuing such a ridiculously prodigal course with the property of the Province.

A Sample "Independent".  
(Ottawa Free Press.)

One of the recent by-elections in England is responsible for this story:—  
Canvasser (to lady of the house):—  
"Can you tell me, my dear madam, whether your husband is Liberal or Conservative?"  
"Oh, well," said the lady, "when he's with Liberals he's a Liberal, and when he's with Conservatives he's a Conservative."

"Yes, but—between ourselves—what is he at home?"

"Oh, at home! He's a perfect nuisance."

City Beautiful.  
(Galt Reformer.)

If your store front, residence or fence is dingy, order it painted.  
If your awning is old, torn or faded, get a new one.

If your sidewalk, gate or fence needs repainting, order it painted.

If your advertising sign is old or faded, take it down or paint it.

Resolve never to throw paper in the street.

Take all dandelions out of your lawn; they spoil its beauty.

Destroy the young weeds that are straying on your property and on your neighbor's property.

Burn all the rubbish possible, allow no one to throw it on streets, alleys or vacant lots.

Promote not to spit on the sidewalk.

Organize a block improvement society, and allow no weeds to grow on sidewalk, area or vacant property in your block.

Respect the size of your house make your lawn the finest.

Illuminate the front of your store in the business section.

## A MACHINE CASE.

A peculiar sewing machine case came before Judge Monck yesterday. It was Young vs. Stewart. The defendant had sold a machine to Mrs. Young on the installment plan. She had paid \$48 and then, having decided to take up residence elsewhere she asked defendant to create the machine for her, to be sent away. He, however, sold it to another party. His honor gave judgment for \$40 and costs.

BRANDON-ELLIS.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage, Ancaster, yesterday, when Rev. Dr. Scoullon united by marriage Mrs. Mary Ellis to John Brandon, M. D., both of Ancaster.

## GRASS SEED

## Our Dundurn Lawn Grass Seed

Will quickly made a handsome lawn. Price per lb. 25c.

## CHOICE LAWN SEED

Mixed, fast growing, per lb. 25c. Steele-Briggs' best mixture, price per lb. 75c; ½ lb. 40c; ¼ lb. 25c; 1 oz. 10c.

Shady Nook for shady places, per lb. 40c.

LAWN CLOVER, FANCY. White Dutch, per lb. 25c.

FERTILIZER, for lawn and garden, gives quick and vigorous growth; price per lb. 5c; 25 lbs. \$1.00; 100 lbs., \$3.

Steel-Briggs Seed Co., Limited

Market Square, Hamilton, Ont.

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 10, 1909

SHEA'S

Store Opens at 8.30 a.m.  
Closes at 10 p.m.

## Hamilton's Greatest

## Display of Hats

At \$3.95, \$5.95 and \$6.95—Some at \$2.95

Flower Hats, Tailored Hats, Swell Dress Hats, hats that other places would ask you a third more for, all ready to take home and put on Easter morning. Hundreds of them to choose from and hats to suit every face and every shade of costume. Millinery sold on the Shea principle of an ordinary dry goods profit saves you many dollars. Some Easter specials are:

New York Tailored Hats, in black and colors, neatly and becomingly stylish; regular \$6.00 value, Easter special . . . \$3.95

Swell Dress Hats, many of them specially trimmed in our workrooms for Saturday's great Millinery Sale; \$8.00 values all; sale price at . . . \$5.95

Some new and chic Sailors, neat, plain band, very neat and stylish, each . . . \$2.95

New Pattern Hats that are being shipped us to-day for Saturday's sale, made of the finest English and mohair braids, trimmed with the latest French flowers; not one of them sells regularly for less than \$10, Saturday each . . . \$6.95

Children's Easter Day Hats, most winsome styles, richly trimmed, ribbons and flowers, and priced on the usual Shea basis of ordinary dry goods profit, at each . . . \$3.25

## Correctly Stylish Easter Suits Smartly Tailored

Everyone of them finished right up to the Shea standard, with prices lower than elsewhere (as always). You will find the variety large and good, the styles and qualities strictly high class. Below we give a few priced examples.

Women's Suits, made of Panamas, Serges and Broadcloths, silk trimmed and braided, button finished; full \$12.50 values, Saturday sale price, each . . . \$8.95

Women's Suits, made of pure all wool Venetian Cloths, greens, navy, black and brown, with some pretty stripe effects. Silk lined coats; skirts new plain gored, finished with buttons; \$22.50 values for . . . \$15.00

Women's Suits, made of most excellent all wool materials, in blacks and all the good shades, fitted and semi-fitted coats; skirts plain gored, finished with folds; full \$15.00 value, on sale for each . . . \$10.95

Women's Suits, made with very stylish long coats, silk lined; the skirts are plain gored and very handsomely tailored; full \$25.00 values, on sale for each . . . \$17.50

## Women's Spring Coats

Stylish Jaunty Coats, made of black, grey and fawn cloths, both lined and unlined, fitted and semi-fitted backs and loose backs, finished with buttons; some of them ½ price; all less than regular; at each \$2.95, \$4.75, \$5.95, \$7.50, \$8.95

## Rain Coats—A Special

Tan, fawns and greys, ½ and ¾ lengths, also a few blacks, stylishly made, useful garments. You may need one for your Easter outing. They are reasonable, at each . . . \$4.95, \$7.50 and \$10.00

## Girls' Coats at \$3.50

Browns, tans, navy and reds, prettily trimmed with braids and well and stylishly made; a third less than regular . . . \$3.50

Infants' Cream Cashmere Cloaks, nicely braided and gotten up in the newest styles; special at \$2.95

**A Corset Sale** On Saturday we will put on sale and clear out the balance of our Royal Worcester Corsets—one of the best corsets made in the United States. Owing to the difficulty of keeping sizes assorted and the trouble and loss of time in passing through the customs, we have decided to discontinue the line and give you the opportunity on Saturday of buying them at less than we paid for them and less than your United States cousins are paying for them to-day. On sale at 8.30 sharp at following cut prices:

\$1.25 for 89c; \$1.50 for \$1.00; \$1.75 for \$1.25; \$2.00 for \$1.50; \$2.50 for \$1.75; \$2.75 for \$2.00

## Six Grand Blouse Bargains

Everyone of them are real Shea values at original prices, as well as being the most stylish waists shown in all this region. "Shea's for Waists" is not said by everybody without a reason. Six big reasons for it on Saturday. Here they are

115 only Net Waists and Taffeta and Jan Silk Waists, sizes 34, 36 and 38 only, black and colors, \$3.00 to \$6.00 values, all one price each . . . \$1.95

Women's Waists, made of fine Victoria Lawn, all over embroidered fronts and pointed collars; \$1.50 values for . . . \$1.00

Fine Persian Lawn Blouses, fronts, backs and sleeves of fine Swiss needlework, long sleeves with pointed cuffs and collar; full \$3.50 value, Saturday special, each . . . \$2.25

Women's Net Waists and Silk Waists, cream, white and black, new sleeves, \$5.00 value for . . . \$3.49

Women's very fine Lawn Waists, finished with all-over Swiss needlework, rich fronts, lace trimmed, fine tucked sleeves, full \$3 value, on sale for each . . . \$1.95

Beautifully fine Persian Lawn Waists, front of all-over Swiss needlework, long sleeves of same, finished with fine French Val.; \$4 values for each . . . \$2.95

## Underskirt Sale Saturday--3 Sharp Reductions

**\$2.50 UNDERSKIRTS FOR \$1.49**—Over 100 of them, made of saten, taffeta and moreen, all black, all the new styles of pleating and ruffles; skirts worth \$2.50 and no less, all go on sale for each . . . \$1.49

**\$3.00 AND \$3.50 UNDERSKIRTS FOR \$1.95**—Made of Hyde-grade taffeta, regal taffeta and fine moreen, some of them beautifully embroidered; \$3.00 and \$3.50 values, all go on sale at once price each . . . \$1.95

**\$6.00 UNDERSKIRTS FOR \$3.95**—Made of good well wearing taffeta silk, in black and colors, good deep flounces and dust frills, blacks and all good colors; \$6.00 values for, each . . . \$3.95

## Easter Gloves

The best Kid Gloves that are sold in Canada at these prices. Every pair fully guaranteed. Tans, browns, blacks, modes and all other shades, at per pair . . . \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Special prices in 12-button length Kid Gloves.

## Easter Hosiery

Women's Fancy Polka Dot Hose and plain pink, tan, blue and fancy stripes, very special, per pair . . . 25c

Women's tan and black Fancy Embroidered Hose, high spliced heels and double soles, per pair . . . 50c

Children's very fine Cashmere Hose, all sizes, plain and ribbed, spliced knees and heels, very special values at . . . 25, 35 and 50c

The best Men's Black Cashmere Half Hose in Canada for . . . 25c

## Easter Neckwear

## and Belts

New Dutch Collars, 15, 25 and 35c  
Fancy Stocks at . . . 25 and 50c  
New Elastic Belts at 25, 35 and 50c  
Mercerized Belting, white and colored, per yard . . . 15c

## Handsome Linens for the Easter Table

Beautiful New Linens, best Irish manufacture, Double Damask and pure flax, and the best designs in the trade; new stripe effect and new borders; special cut prices for Saturday—

\$1.75 Linens for \$1.39  
\$1.40 Linens for \$1.10  
Bleached Table Linens, in good patterns and quality. Cut as follows:  
75c Tableing for 59c  
65c Tableing for 45c

Beautiful Linen Table Cloths, with border all round, new designs and new patterns, at the following Easter prices:

\$4.00 Cloths for \$2.95  
\$3.50 Cloths for \$2.50  
\$3.00 Cloths for \$1.95

Hemstitched Table Cloths, pure Irish Linen, new patterns, 2 x 2½ yards and 2 x 3 yards.  
\$5.00 Cloths for \$3.95  
\$4.00 Cloths for \$2.95—Napkins to match.

An immense range of Table Napkins, in all the popular patterns and designs, at special Easter prices.

\$1.50 Napkins for 95c  
\$1.75 Napkins for \$1.25  
\$2.50 Napkins for \$1.75

\$3.00 Napkins for \$1.95  
\$4.00 Napkins for \$2.95  
\$5.00 Napkins for \$3.95

Pure Linen Sideboard Scarfs, hemstitched and embroidered, 72 inches long, regular \$2.00, for . . . \$1.25  
Mercerized Tray Cloths, worth 35c, for each . . . 19c