

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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 \$1.26 1/2. In Chicago May wheat reached \$1.23 1/4. These are speculative prices, of course, and there is no immediate necessity for the raising of the price of bread in Hamilton.

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.

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.

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

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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.

In 1869 the cost of the Prussian army was 40 cents a head of the population. In 1876 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. Spectorator.

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.

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.

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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."

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"Yes, but—between ourselves—what is he at home?" "Oh, at home! He's a perfect nuisance."

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, fix it up. 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, and spray the leaves with kerosene.

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

Illuminate the front of your store in the business section.

A peculiar 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.

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OUR EXCHANGES

MIGHT TELL 'S. (London Free Press.) If Hamilton police know the kind of murders they 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' houses.

COURT REPORTER WRITES VERSE. (Toronto Star.) Two men, a fight, And then all night Within a station cell.

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.

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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.

- 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 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

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.

- Women's Suits, made of Panama, 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 1/2 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, 1/2 and 3/4 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.

- \$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.

- 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 Handsome Linens for the Easter Table

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

- 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 Tabling for 59c
65c Tabling 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 2 1/2 yards and 2 x 3 yards.
\$5.00 Cloths for \$3.95
\$4.00 Cloths for \$2.95--Napkins to match.

Easter Hosiery

Women's Fancy Polka Dot Hose and plain pink, tan, blue and fancy stripes, very special, per pair \$1.25
Women's tan and black Fancy Embroidered Hose, high spliced heels and double soles, per pair \$1.50
Children's very fine Cashmere Hose, all sizes, plain and ribbed, spliced knees and heels, very special values at \$1.25, 25, 35 and 50c
The best Men's Black Cashmere Half Hose in Canada for \$1.25

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 \$1.50
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 \$1.50
Mercerized Tray Cloths, worth 35c, for each \$1.95

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. 20c. 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.