

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THAT BEACH BUNGLER.

Ludicrous bungling and incompetency on the part of the lawmakers of the Whitney Government are disclosed by the tangle which has arisen over the local option by-law in Saltfleet. The applications to the city of Hamilton made by electric railway and power companies that were seeking to get right of way along the Beach opened the Whitney eye to the fact that there was "money in it." So the Government stepped in and took the management of the Beach into its own hands. So eager was it to get its hands upon the spoils that it put through a half digested bill which has resulted in the present muddle. The Government placed on the statute books an act which took from the Beach people the right to vote on Saltfleet municipal matters, yet left them subject to the will of the other voters of the township in regard to local option.

The temperance people of the township have long been working for local option. They have asserted time and again that the votes of Hamilton people who held Beach property forced the license system upon the township against the will of the actual residents of the municipality. They see a good chance to succeed now, with the Beach out of the voting, even with the mill-stone of the three-fifths vote which the Whitney Government tied about their necks.

And now the Government has stepped in and asked that the local option vote be postponed until the bungling Tory lawmakers can amend the act. The temperance people look upon the request as an attempt to trick them. Suffering under the disability of having to get 60 per cent. of the votes cast they resent waiting for any further legislation that may place them at a still further disadvantage and will oppose any attempt to postpone the vote.

In the meantime the other side have visions of technicalities that may enable them, thanks to the Whitney bungling, to upset the will of the Saltfleet people in case local option carries.

THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

The ninetieth annual general meeting of this great financial institution was held in Montreal on Monday last, and by the statement published in other columns of this issue it will be seen that last year was a most successful one. The profits for the year, after providing for all expenses, amounted to the large sum of \$1,980,138.04, showing careful management and the best business ability. The enormous assets of the bank, all of the most solid character, which it holds to meet all liabilities, are the best guarantee of the soundness and substantiality of the bank. The addresses of Mr. E. S. Clouston, the Vice-President, and General Manager, and of the President, Sir George Drummond, were optimistic and illuminating in that they made clear one or two matters upon which the general public had more or less hazy ideas. Mr. Clouston explained that the financial stringency in certain quarters was largely the result of universal prosperity. In other words, the country has been suffering from too much prosperity—too much business. Retrenchment will relieve the situation. He also showed that short call loans held by Canadian banks in the United States or Britain, could be called in on short notice, proving that the money was not in any way tied up. President Drummond believed that the general state of trade was sound, but counselled refraining from speculative ventures. Several branches and sub-agencies have been opened since last annual report. And the People's Bank of Nova Scotia had been acquired. Election of directors and congratulatory speeches closed the meeting.

PLAYGROUNDS.

The Times has recently made reference to the need of public playgrounds for the children of the city. Hamilton is growing fast, but nothing is being done to supply these grounds, and the longer their purchase is deferred the harder they will be to get and the dearer they will be. We have an idea that many of our readers do not know what other cities are doing in this respect or how these grounds are managed in the interests of the children. For those it may be interesting to give a brief account of what is being done in Philadelphia in this connection:

Beginning on July 1 and continuing until September 1, sixty playgrounds will be open to the children of that city. The Special Schools Committee of the Board of Education has provided a teacher and a custodian for each garden, and those that attract especially large crowds of children will have two or more teachers. Professor William E. Stecher, director of physical education in the public schools, has arranged a general programme for the guidance of the instructors. The grounds are to be open every day except Sunday from 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. There will be no lack of games, for Professor Stecher has compiled a manual with the names and descriptions of more than 200 games, ranging from simple exercises for the youngest children to contests that will arouse the interest of older boys and girls.

A feature of the playgrounds' programme will be a parents' day each week, when contest games and races will be arranged, and the parents and others interested in the children invited to attend. One afternoon each week will be

given over to patriotic exercises, such as flag drills, saluting the flag and national songs. Wherever possible there will be a flag-raising each week.

Of course, we shall be told that Hamilton has no money to spend for such work. Perhaps not. But money spent in that way would not be money wasted. These happy Philadelphia children are not left to their own devices in the public streets, nor have they the fear of the police before their eyes while they engage in these innocent health-giving amusements without any danger of being run in for disturbing the peace. Our School Board and Parks Board can find food for thought in this short statement of the work being done for the young in Philadelphia. Hamilton children deserve as great care as do those of other cities, and let us hope that the time will yet come when such playgrounds will be provided for them, so that they can find outdoor amusement without spending their time on the streets dodging the police. And the need for them will increase with the city's growth and the density of population.

BRITISH LICENSE LAW.

Great Britain is to have a new licensing bill, a work to which the Liberals have been pledged, and as the great brewery interests are closely allied to the Conservatives, they are likely to be free from some of the difficulties which would have confronted the Opposition had it fallen to them to devise a measure of reform. The nature of the legislation to be expected is now much discussed, but it is not expected that it will look toward prohibition. Great Britain would not consider such a move in its present state of feeling on the question. The aim of the promoters of the new bill will probably be to lop off the abuses of the old excise system, to place saloons, clubs, restaurants, grocers and hotels under severer restraints, and in general to extend the application of government supervision of the trade in alcoholic drinks. Whatever the advance made the bill will have the bitter hostility of the Tories, and contributions to fight it will not be lacking. The attitude of the Lords on the question is a subject of some curiosity, but the government is not at all alarmed about it. It could wish no better luck than to array the Upper House on the side of the liquor interests against a reasonable measure of regulation of license such as the country demands. No revolutionary legislation is looked for, but there is room for such a change in the licensing law as will bring legal control abreast with healthy public opinion. And in that respect Canada is greatly in advance of Great Britain.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Colchester makes the Tories "chesty."

The School for Scandal—the Dominion Parliament.

There are worse Christmas gifts than an up-to-date snow shovel.

Col. Ptolemy is not making many votes quarrelling with the county constables.

Aldermanic candidates will please come to the front now and avoid the rush later on.

Sir Wilfrid is in such fine trim himself that it is quite a pleasure for him to trim his opponents.

When Hon. Mr. Borden declared that Mr. Foster was not an angel, it may not have occurred to him that he might be a fallen angel.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley has the names of the men who handled the Tory boodle. He will be allowed to keep them. At least Mr. Borden does not want them.

Mayor Stewart might make his calling and election sure were he able to tell us just what we would save by using Hydro power instead of Cataract power.

Mr. Cockshutt says the country is heading for another soup kitchen era. That would bring us back to the National Policy days, when men had to leave the country or starve.

Statements made at annual meetings of banks are not usually made for political effect. Consequently the figures quoted by Sir George Drummond at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal held the other day are worthy of consideration. The report says:

He then noted in detail the increase of Canada's foreign trade from \$234,926,000 ten years ago to \$371,783,000 in 1907. Domestic trade, measured by the amount of currency in circulation, had experienced a similar expansion. In ten years the circulation of Dominion notes had risen from \$7,569,000 to \$16,430,000, and the bank note circulation from \$36,000,000 to \$84,290,000. Since 1897 the aggregate of deposits in banks, with the Government, etc., had mounted up from \$270,000,000 to \$677,400,000, and in the last six years the deposits of the public in banks had increased from \$74 per head to \$103 per head.

Sir George added that in the nature of things Canada will borrow largely in the future to carry on the development of her resources.

Bankrupt Stock.

The bankrupt stock of C. C. Moore, 25 MacNab street north, consisting of boots, shoes and slippers, is being disposed of. The low prices at which the very best of these articles are to be sold at are really astonishing, and in some cases two pairs can be obtained for the price of one. This sale, coming, as it does, at the Christmas time, should commend itself to everyone. The complaint is often heard that with so many presents to purchase, one has little money left for personal requirements. Here's a chance to buy a handsome present, as well as something for yourself, cheaply. The entire stock must be sold, the store will be open during the evening.

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DR. NELSON WILL GO TO MINNEAPOLIS,

Was the Opinion of the People of Knox Church at Last Night's Meeting.

Congregation Wants Him to Remain But Cannot Pay More Than \$3,000.

Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D. D., pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, who has received an offer of a salary of \$4,000 a year and a fine manse from a Minneapolis church, will probably accept the call to the west. He has placed his resignation in the hands of the moderator, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, and although at a congregational meeting last night it was practically unanimously decided to ask Dr. Nelson to withdraw it, a majority of those present declined to increase his salary to \$3,500. By a vote of 113 to 83 it was decided to increase it from \$2,500 to \$3,000, but the general opinion seemed to be that the extra \$500 would not be a sufficient inducement for the pastor to remain. Attached to the \$3,000 offer was a promise of a further increase as soon as the congregation felt in a position to pay it.

The meeting on the whole was harmonious. A man named Festing, who seemed to have some grievance against the newspapers and spoke of them telling lies in connection with the case, gave a gasp of surprise when he discovered three reporters present. Mr. Festing did not meet with much sympathy when he appealed to some of the other officials to have the newspaper men ejected, and he finally went away and sat down with out having his desire to hold the meeting behind closed doors gratified.

After opening the meeting with prayer, Dr. Fletcher announced that he had received Dr. Nelson's resignation, a statement that caused considerable surprise. The Minneapolis church being out of the sphere of the Canadian church, Dr. Fletcher explained that the call would not come in the ordinary way. He said he would deeply regret seeing Dr. Nelson, who had shown such ability, leave Knox Church after such a short pastorate.

On motion of Mr. Robert Smith, seconded by Mr. George Guy, it was decided to ask Dr. Nelson to withdraw his resignation. The vote was practically unanimous, although three young ladies stood up when the moderator asked if any were opposed to it.

Mr. John Wright, of the Board of Managers, in an appreciative reference to Dr. Nelson's work, said he realized that the pastor was worth more money, and should receive it, but he did not see how with the present revenue the congregation could offer more than the \$3,000. He moved, seconded by Mr. Guy, that the salary be fixed at this amount, and increased when the church felt in a position to pay more.

Mr. C. W. Laing said that from what Dr. Nelson had intimated to some of the officials of the church, he doubted if this increase would retain him. He did not think that \$3,500 was too large an estimate of Dr. Nelson's worth, and he did not believe that the church could afford to have the pulpit vacant after such a short time. The increase meant only half a dollar extra from the twelve hundred members comprising the congregation. "There was no question that the salary should be raised, and it was always intended that it should be," said Mr. Walter T. Evans. "That was a foregone conclusion." Dr. Nelson had intimated to him in private conversation and to others that \$3,000 would not keep him in Hamilton. If offered \$3,500, to date from the first of January, Mr. Evans thought it might induce Dr. Nelson to remain for perhaps five years. The call had come to Dr. Nelson without him seeking it. It was not the money he was after, and he was not a mercenary man, but Mr. Evans reminded his hearers a minister had more calls on him than the ordinary person.

"How long might we not be trying to

get another man who would be our unanimous choice?" asked Mr. Hugh S. Brennan, who spoke of the prosperity of the church had enjoyed and the splendid work of Dr. Nelson. Where would the church, he asked, get another minister for less money? While he did not say that money should enter into it, a minister had more calls to meet than most people had.

Mr. William Brennan quoted financial statistics of the other Presbyterian churches of the city to show that Knox Church was able to pay Dr. Nelson the salary of \$3,500. He made a strong plea on behalf of the motion.

Mr. John Moffatt showed a decrease of \$150 over the same period last year. He favored a vote on the motion by ballot because he believed there were people there who would vote the increase if they saw their neighbors standing up.

Mr. H. S. Brennan argued that for the pulpit to become vacant now would mean disorganization for probably another six or eight months. It was essential to keep the church strong that it might be in a position to look after its other obligations. He pointed out that in three years the debt had been reduced \$9,000, while as a matter of fact the congregation was only expected to pay it off at the rate of \$1,000 a year. He asked that the treasurer give the figures of the financial standing, as the ones he had been supplied with were different from those quoted by the secretary.

Mr. John Wright, as one of the managers stated that the figures as given by Mr. Brennan were perfectly correct and he thought it was rather out of place for Mr. Brennan to comment on the matter as he had.

M. Brennan said he had intended no offence. "It is only fair that the congregation should know the facts and the statement made by Mr. Brennan is correct," said Mr. W. H. McLaren.

There was considerable discussion as to how the vote should be taken before the congregation overwhelmingly agreed that it should be by ballot.

Just after the ballots were handed out to be marked, Mr. Evans announced that the president of the Ladies' Aid Society had promised that that body would guarantee \$500 of the \$1,000 if the congregation voted the other \$500.

When the result of the vote was announced the opinion prevailed that Dr. Nelson would not withdraw his resignation.

Visit Our Toy Section on Friday

One-half of our great basement is now devoted exclusively to the display of Toys and Dolls, of which we have an extraordinary assortment, and every article at a lower price than can be obtained for elsewhere. Now to-morrow (Friday) we intend to make it worth your while to purchase your supplies, as many lines will be even lower than our usual low prices.

Easel Blackboards

Similar to Cut 25c

6 dozen Easel Blackboards, something like cut, will be sold all Friday for only 25c each

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Stuffed Animals, Each 5c

6 dozen Stuffed Animals, including Dogs, Cats and Rabbits, regular 10c, will be sold to-morrow for only 5c each

Wheelbarrows

Like Cut 50c

Steel Wheel Barrows, with heavy top, all nicely painted red, for only 50c Large sizes . . . 60, 85c and \$1.00

Toys at Half Price on Friday

Swords, regular 5c, for . . . 2 1/2c
Squeaking Hogs, 10c, for . . . 5c
Dark Lanterns, 10 and 15c, for 5c
Dolls' Hammocks, 25c, for . . . 12 1/2c

Girls' Sleighs

Like Cut 35c

3 dozen Girls' Sleighs, similar to cut, with nicely painted top, will be sold on Friday morning for only 35c each.

Hair Stuffed Dolls

On Sale 10c

Hair Stuffed Dolls, in soft body, light and dark hair, will be placed on sale Friday for only 10c each

Iron Trains

Like Cut, 25c

Iron Trains, consisting of engine, tender and two coaches, similar to the above cut, for only 25c each

Toys at 15c

Bagpipes, Picture Blocks, Iron Banks, Drawing Slates, Leather Whips, Bubbles, Bottle Horns and several other good lines.

Sleighs

Like Cut, 89c

One dozen only Sleighs, like cut, with red top, black japanned runner, will be sold on Friday for only 89c each

Boys' Sleighs

Hardwood runners 25, 30 and 35c
Round steel shoeing 50, 60, 75, 00c
Rail Sleighs for babies \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.00
Box Sleighs with handles, each . . . \$1.85 and \$2.25

Go-Carts

Like Cut, 50c

3 dozen of these will be sold to-morrow for 50c each. Larger sizes 75c, \$2.25 and on up to \$6 each.



Dolls' Buggies

Like Cut, 50c for 39c

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Like Cut, 25c

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