

HAMILTON EVENING TIMES

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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The ceremonies at Ottawa to-day consisted of little more, in which the public is interested, than the reading of the Governor-General's speech, as an adjournment to January 7th had been decided on. The text of that document will be found in another column. Naturally, the Manitoba School question, for the adjustment of which the sixth session was called, occupies a prominent place in it, and some space is given to Lord Aberdeen's tour to the Pacific. The war scare opens the way for promises of expenditure of defensive works and of improvement in the armaments of the militia. Increased representation will be given to Alberta. In spite of deficits in the revenue during the last two years, the Government adheres to its idea about spending large sums on the fast Atlantic service, and the Pacific cable, neither of which can possibly repay their cost to the Dominion. Mr. Montague is also to the fore with proposals for promoting export trade to Europe, which means, we suppose, the preposterous Government cattle buying and butchering scheme. There is also a reference to copyright. It has come to pass that the "speech from the throne" is no longer looked upon as really indicative of the work of a session. Most important measures, not forehanded in the speech, are often carried through, and other measures heralded in the speech as of pressing importance are unceremoniously dropped. Next week the debate will begin, and the Liberal members, reinforced by the two new ones from Montreal Centre and Jacques Cartier, will see to it that nothing goes by default.

REFORMERS AND THE MAYORALTY.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir, The Times, my favorite paper, is before me and I have just read your leading article "The Liberal Vote for Tuckett," and I am somewhat surprised at your advising Liberals to vote for Tuckett. When Mr. Tuckett and his set were asked a year ago to vote for Mr. Dixon they replied no. They would rather have Stewart, if he was a P. P. A., than have a Grit like Dixon in the Mayor's chair. And now the Times is advising us to vote for the party that upheld Stewart and killed Dixon. This seems strange to me. However, I listened to the Times, and as I had no use for Stewart I decided to vote for Mr. Tuckett, but concluded to go to Mr. Morris' meeting and there I was simply disgusted with the action of Mr. Tuckett's heeler and Mr. Stewart's pluggers, and then to have Tom Brick slinging mud at Ald. Watkins, that settled me. I went home, decided to vote and work for Mr. Morris, and I have secured him live good staunch Grit votes, and will do my best for him.—Non-Temperance Reformer. Dec. 31, 1895.

We are aware that our correspondent voices the sentiments of not a few Reformers in Hamilton. At the same time he is a little out in his facts. We remember, if he does not, that there were a good many stiff, dyed-in-the-wool Tories about Mr. Dixon's committee a year ago, helping all they could to secure Mr. Dixon's election and Mr. Stewart's defeat. They were as sorry for the failure as we were, for like ourselves and our correspondents those Tories had no use for Mr. Stewart. But the sympathy card was very effective with both Grits and Tories. "Other Mayors had had two years of office; Stewart had had only one year; as a matter of fair play, let him have the customary two years." That put him in for 1895, but it has no bearing upon the contest for 1896. The Times does not apologize for rowdiness anywhere, but it did not understand, and has yet no reason to believe, that any of the rowdies at the Morris meeting in the Palace Rink were Mr. Tuckett's supporters. They obeyed A. D. Stewart's hint to keep quiet at one part of the proceedings, and they all followed him out of the hall when he retired. Tom Brick was not present as a representative of Mr. Tuckett, and what he said about Ald. Watkins, though doubtless provoked by what Ald. Watkins had said about the Tuckett tax-exemption, was said on his (Brick's) own responsibility.

We submit that our correspondent has not presented a sufficient reason for throwing away his vote and urging his Reform friends to do the same. The desire to get back at the Tories for not rallying as one man to the support of Mr. Dixon last year may be very natural, but think of the cost of it—another year of Stewart in office! Viewing the situation politically, no Reformer can want that fellow elected. Yet every Reform vote cast for Morris weakens Tuckett and strengthens Stewart. "Of two evils choose the less" is good philosophy, but the policy of punishing oneself for the sake of revenge upon another is not one that can commend itself to men of intelligence. We hope our correspondent and others who may have agreed with his course of reasoning will reconsider their determination. The duty of the hour is to retire A. D. Stewart to private life. He has had his innings. As a presiding officer, he has been a rank failure. In expenditures he has been extravagant beyond precedent. As a man he is just what he always has been. In politics, he has sold everyone who ever befriended him. If the Tories do not want anything more to do with him, surely the Grits don't. Our recommendation is, therefore, that every elector, Grit or Tory, who "has no use for Stewart," should vote for Tuckett. Ald. Morris will have his turn in time. It

would have come all the sooner if he had kept out of the present melee. As Mayor Mr. Tuckett will be fair and just to all parties, and he is the sort of man required for the present municipal emergency. Vote for Tuckett.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

So that story about Russia offering to lend gold to the Yankees turns out to be a lie, just like so many others of the Washington rumors.

So Shortis' neck has been saved. An insanity plea is a great thing, when backed by a long purse. If it falls in the courts there is always a chance of working the politicians.

Kingston is to appropriate \$2,400 to begin relief works to keep men willing to work from starving. And Kingston is the home and splendor of the father of the great N. P. humbug!

Chamberlain is right in acting promptly to prevent encroachments by Dr. Jameson's forces in South Africa. There is no discredit in preventing and undoing wrong and Britain is strong enough to be generous and cautious.

If Mr. James L. Hughes has no more regard for truth and honesty than his manifesto to the Orangemen indicates him to have he should instantly be retired from his school inspectorship. A pretty man he is to talk about teaching religion in the schools!

If the Chicago Chronicle does not get the last Anglophobe vote for its party it will not be for lack of abuse of Britain and everything British. But if our contemporary has any sense-of-decency and fairness it pays a high price for the seam-vote.

Hamilton is not going to be deprived of her Sunday street cars. The judicial decision to that effect will be found in another column, and so far as we can judge public opinion in this city will not be outraged by it. Once the people get used to Sunday cars, they want them and would feel lost without them.

On Friday last Montreal Centre by a sweeping majority refused to elect Sir William Hingston to Parliament. Yesterday in defiance of the will of the people so recently expressed Sir Mackenzie Bowell appointed Sir William Hingston a Senator, to legislate for the people for life whether they wish it or not. Yet the Government claims to represent the people!

Dr. Montague, Minister of Agriculture, at the Experimental Farm—A beautiful quadruped, Mr. Saunders, a very beautiful quadruped, and you say she is a fine milker. But, Saunders, I want to get posted, now that I have to boss the country's agriculture; I see where the milk comes from, but, really, ah—Saunders—is this one of the animals from which you—ah—express the cheese?

The Buffalo Express heads its report of the Transvaal troubles: "War Imminent—Here's a chance for America to be aggressive." What a noble-minded people our neighbors are! When the Armenian difficulty came up they reasoned in that way; Cleveland and Olney became "aggressive"; perhaps their aggression cost a few more Christian lives in Armenia, but, then, they had a "shy at Britain," you know.

The Mail and Empire quotes from the Ottawa Journal a bitter and mendacious screed about the successful candidate in Montreal Centre as "an Independent view of Mr. Laurier's clean man." The Ottawa Journal is just about as "Independent" as the Mail-Empire. It is one of those sheets that play jockey to the Tory lion and its independence mask is promptly laid aside whenever by so doing it can more effectively work for the Tories.

The Rochester Union and Advertiser, which has been slugging Britain in a style to make the New York fanatics cheer, says in discussing the Baptist Ministers' condemnation of Yankee Jingoism: "It is hoped that Lord Salisbury will have more sense than to bring on such a war with the United States." Lord Salisbury has been minding his own business. If the Yankees will keep their noses out of it they won't get them tweaked.

Ex-Mayor Blatcher promptly withdrew from the running in No. 1 Ward on Tuesday evening, when he learned that his sudden appearance in that happy hunting ground on Monday had not been well received. Nothing that smacks of party politics is wanted in this municipal contest. We are anxious to have a Tory elected for Mayor and willing to take chances with regard to the political composition of the Council, but compromises, to be fair, must involve mutual concessions. All's well that ends well.

The Toronto World has a little story to tell about how Shortis escaped the gallows. He asserts that Lord Aberdeen acted without the advice of his Ministers, who were unable to decide upon a course of action, and committed the sentence. We cannot accept such an extraordinary statement without the best of evidence to support it. The Governor-General has no right or power in such cases, save as Governor-General-in-Council—that is, "by and with the advice of his Ministers." His prerogative is exercised according to the decisions of the Cabinet. One-man government in Canada ended nearly a

generation ago. There is room for explanation of Shortis case, but the World's story can't explain.

Among the New Year's honors conferred by the Queen at the instance of Lord Salisbury we note the elevation to the peerage of Mr. Henry Hicks Gibbs. Doubtless in anticipation of the public query as to who Gibbs was, or why he was made a legislator without popular sanction, the information is given that he "has been a large donor to the purse of the Conservative party." It is common talk in Canada that senatorships are the price of party subscriptions, but, alas! has England sunk so low!

It is very amusing to Canadians to read in United States papers about so strongly the Queen is opposed to Salisbury in the Venezuelan matter, and how she is "calling him down." If they could only understand that Queen Victoria is a very much smaller feature of the British Government than President Cleveland is of the United States Government they might avoid such silliness, and seek some other line of retreat from the ridiculous position which they took in support of Cleveland's jingoism.

The Tories feel defeat in their bones, and there is a great rush for shelter among those who have not yet got the price of their patriotism (?). Mr. R. S. White has got his long-promised customs collectorship, and the fat berth whose vacancy did not seem to cause the Dominion much inconvenience is now filled. Four of the Senate vacancies have also been filled by the appointment of Messrs. Owens, Villeneuve, Hingston and O'Brien, all of Montreal. Sir Mack and his aids seem to have decided to give as many of their friends as possible offices before the people get a chance to apply the electoral boot-toe to the party incapables.

The Buffalo Express is not prepared to admit that the Times spoke truth when it said the Buffalo editors had a poor idea of Canadian sentiment, and affects to ridicule Canada as "dependent." It says: "But if Canadians really feel that they must belong to someone, we should think they would prefer a membership in the nation with which they are most closely connected in interest, and which, by the very nature of its institutions, could not rule them, as England now does, but could only guarantee them the permanent right to rule themselves locally and permit them to help rule it on general matters."

No, thank you! Canadians are today a freer, better-governed people than the people of the United States. They "rule" themselves; they have all the advantages of making their own laws to suit themselves and being a part of the greatest of the world's empires. Do you think they would exchange their condition to be swallowed up in the maelstrom of Yankeeedom? Not much! Our laws are enforced; lynching is unheard of; life and property are safe; the people, not the bosses, rule here; we do not need to outrage decency and insult our neighbors in order to make votes. Our people can afford to ask, is it right? when shaping a policy. Oh, ho! Uncle Sam. Keep in your own yard; now that we know you better we will lock our hens in at night.

T. H. & B. BONUS. To the Editor of the Times: Sir, Whether or not the T. H. & B. Railway Company have complied with the condition in the \$225,000 bond-by-law of the city of Hamilton, and that their railway from Waterford to Welland shall be completed, opened and operated before the 31st day of December, 1895, may be a question; but the condition in the bond-by-law to which I wish to draw attention. The \$225,000 granted by the by-law is not to be paid over to the company until, among other things, and as a condition, all the conditions contained therein have been declared by competent legislative authority to be binding on the railway company, and all who may claim under them. The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company applied to the Dominion Legislature last session for an act having, among its objects, the confirmation of this by-law, and an act was passed, Cap. 66 of the Statutes 58 and 59 Victoria, ratifying and confirming it. This act, however, is not in force, and did not come into force until the company satisfied the Minister of Railways that all debts incurred by Bracey Bros. & Company, or their sub-contractors, for railway construction between Hamilton and Cainsville have been paid and discharged. That condition has not yet been complied with, and there are a very large number of persons in and around Hamilton who have not been paid a copper on account of their legitimate claims, which that statute required the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company to pay. If it was necessary that the bonus by-law should be confirmed by the Dominion Parliament, then such confirmation has not yet been obtained, and the time has not yet arrived when the bonus can be properly paid over. It is contended, I understand, that the by-law was confirmed by the Ontario Legislature, and that this confirmation sufficiently complies with the condition of the by-law, that the by-law shall be declared binding on the Railway Company, and all who may claim under them by competent legislative authority. The opinion has been given by counsel that the only "competent legislative authority" in the premises is the Dominion Parliament. The Railway Company appear to have had their doubts about the competency of the Ontario Legislature, as after having the by-law confirmed by that Legislature, they applied for further confirmation at Ottawa. If the city attempts to pay over this bonus before the Dominion Act confirming the by-law shall have been declared to be in force, it will be simply courting litigation.

In closing this letter I may just record the fact that at the meeting of the Finance Committee held towards the end of November, when the application was made for a further bonus, Mr. Carscadden pledged his word that by the 10th day of December every workman, laborer, and boarding-house keeper, having claims against Bracey Bros., would be paid in full. I have on several occasions since the 10th day of December reminded the gentlemen, who are understood to be charged with the duty of paying these claims, of a large number of creditors coming within the class specified by Mr. Carscadden, whose claims are still unpaid; but to this date I have been able to pass on to my clients simply indefinite promises. I should like to hear from Mr. Carscadden how he reconciles the emphatic pledge which he gave in the Council Chamber, and which produced a hearty applause from the large audience present, with the failure to carry it out. Yours, etc., Peter D. Crear.

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YOUNG MEN'S RECEPTION.

A Large Crowd and Good Entertainment at Central Church. The Young Men's Club of Central Presbyterian Church held its third annual New Year's reception in the rooms in the basement of the church yesterday afternoon, and it was a most successful affair, the congregation and friends turning out in large numbers. The reception was in charge of Mr. James Stewart, and Mr. Jas. Dickson, Vice-President of the club, acted as Chairman during the programme. Piano solos were played by Messrs. Nesbitt, Cauley and Mason; recitations were given by Misses Allen, Grace, McKewen and Mr. James Stewart; flag drill by Miss Hardman's Sabbath School class; exhibitions on horizontal and parallel bars by members of the club. The programme closed with a chorus by the Young Men's Club, singing "A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea." Refreshments were in charge of the Social Committee of the C. E. Society, under the leadership of Miss Lydia Allen.

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