

THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1909.

A WARD BOSS INSPECTOR.

James Sturdy, the Tory boss in Ward 5, whose appointment as license inspector was demanded by the local Tory machine as a reward for his party work, has got the job, and another step toward "lifting the administration of the license law out of party politics" has been taken. Rumor had it that James Miller stood a good chance of securing the plum, and his friends had strong hopes of success; but the Sturdy wing of the party had the ear of the machine, and what it says goes with the Whitney spokesmen. Some say that Miller is in a position to appreciate the meaning of the saying of old, that "a new king has arisen that knows not Joseph"; but his friends are still confident that his pull and his large knowledge of party secrets will doubtless secure for him "something just as good" as Sturdy gets.

There is some guessing as to why, after recommending Sturdy, the senior local organ should have made a volte face and sought to prevent him from getting the job. Whatever the reason, the organ has already "lain down," and it hastens to present the new man as declaring that he is "going to be square and fair between license-holders and the temperance people." The utterance is unfortunate. The temperance people are no concern of his. The law makes certain stipulations, and it is his duty to enforce it, no matter what the influences from without. If he will do that, he will have no trouble. But if he essays to enforce the law with one eye on the license-holders and the other on the temperance men, his bed will not be a downy one. Let him forget that he has been a Tory machine man. Let him cut his party connections with the liquor ring in Ward 5, of which the Spectator spoke so deploringly the other day, when considering his legitimacy to the inspectorship, and knowing neither Grit nor Tory, whiskey man nor temperance man, insist on license-holders living up to the letter and the spirit of the License Act, and he may "make good," notwithstanding his "previous condition of servitude" to the party machine, and his dealings as ward boss with the license-holders. He has his chance now.

It is whispered that the party feels that it would hardly be expedient, having in view certain facts, to treat Mr. Birrell harshly, and that a bid will be made for his good-will by offering him a new appointment of some kind, probably at the Insane Asylum, the remuneration being substantial. Whether he will pocket his affront and accept, or enter private business and be free to speak freely, remains to be disclosed.

CANADA AND DEFENCE.

There are not lacking indications that the threatening military and naval programme of Germany, which has apparently aroused much alarm in Great Britain, will result in so increasing apprehension throughout the British dominions as to start the young and peaceful British states upon a wasteful policy of naval and military expenditures. For a long time there has been a small party in Canada that clamored for increasing expenditures of the sort. It was made up largely of those whose bent was war-ward, and who from temperament and ambition for place always exerted pressure for the increase of such burdens. A larger element has advocated colonial contributions toward the maintenance of the British fleet as a sort of quid pro quo for our defence. Such a tax or tribute has not strongly appealed to the Canadian public at large, it being generally felt that if we are to contribute to the maintenance of the fleet we should not be entirely without voice in the policy which might give it direction. The prevailing Canadian view has been that Canada should take up its own defence and gradually make proper provision therefor, thus relieving the mother country of part of the expense and becoming a comfort and support instead of a burden to the old land. This policy has been actually put in operation. We have been steadily organizing such a defence force as becomes a peaceful people who do not seek for difficulties with their neighbors, and whose relations and the relations of the empire with her neighbors offer it no menace.

But now the alarm is sounded—doubtless, there is more or less of hysteria in it—that the safety of the motherland is menaced and that, great as is her naval supremacy, she may be overborne and rendered unable even to protect herself. Assuming this perilous condition, the cry goes up that Canada should provide herself with a navy suitable to her own defence and which might, in time of need, render aid to the motherland.

There are not two opinions as to Canada's duty and Canada's desire to be true to herself and to the empire. On that point all are of one mind. But there are differences of opinion as to the necessity or wisdom of diverting the peaceful energies of our people from the development of our country to the creation of a constantly increasing army and navy burden to be borne upon our shoulders. Whatever part Canada elects to play in the matter should be chosen with an eye to utility and efficiency. It is worth while considering the proposal for a Canadian navy in the light of what might be required of it should occasion arise for it as a means of defence. Grant that the likelihood of our being attacked is extremely remote; whence should such attack be apprehended and what force would reasonably be required to withstand it? What would it cost the people of Canada to

establish and maintain such a fleet, and what effect upon the country's development would the withdrawal of such a sum from useful industry have upon it? The problem involves many questions which require answers that may have great importance to our future. While there is general agreement as to Canada's fealty to the empire and her determination to do her whole duty, her people are not likely to be stampeded, by a "periodical" war panic, into some course which she might have cause to bitterly regret. Her representatives will give careful consideration to the question, and any action taken will be along lines that will preserve Canadian influence and Canadian control, and whatever expenditure is undertaken will be along such well-considered lines—and with British approval—as will furnish the assurance that we are not uselessly throwing away our money.

OUT OF INFANTS' CLOTHES.

According to a Paris cable a meeting of the representatives of the pig lead producing interests has recently been held in that city to form a world-combination to prevent the public to profit by reduced prices. This is explained in the object of the meeting, which was "to arrange an international agreement to restrict production when the price of lead falls below a minimum price. The agreement is world-wide, affecting the output of Spain, Australia, Mexico, Canada and the United States, and it is understood to be similar to the international agreement entered into to control the world's spelter output." Now, Canadians have a very near interest in the plot being laid by these conspirators. Canada has been taking annually a very large sum of money out of the public treasury to pay bounties to home lead-producers, with the object of building up a big industry that would give our people cheap lead. Cheap lead is necessary to the success of a number of industries mineralogical, and chemically related. Now we find this pap-fol infant has apparently grown strong enough to join in an attempt to hold up and tax us artificial prices for its product! Is the Government and Parliament aware of what is going on? What will Hon. Mr. Fielding do when he learns of the action contemplated by the world lead combine?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of these days news will be more plentiful and the war terror in Britain will subside.

Hamilton is becoming less healthy for vagrants. They'll welcome the coming of nights when they can sleep behind the fences.

The street railway and its employees have set a good example to the foundrymen and moulders. Now let them get together and follow it.

The Street Railway Company has agreed to pay more than its share under the terms of the by-law towards the cost of paving James street. Outrageous! Why does the Council not threaten to go to law about it?

Now the fun will begin over the United States tariff bill. Every influence of selfishness and greed will be brought to bear to prevent the reduction of duties by which special interests profit at the expense of the masses.

The appointment of Mr. J. T. Bell to succeed the late Mr. H. H. O'Reilly as manager of the head branch of the Bank of Hamilton is an exceedingly popular one. He stands high in the estimation of the business public.

The burglar who shot Policeman Smith is very hard-hearted; he has not yet felt it to be his duty to come in and surrender himself. Perhaps he is offended at the apathy of the authorities in refusing to offer even a \$100 reward.

The distance which those two newly discovered planets are from the sun—forty-five times and sixty times respectively as far as is the earth—makes one think of the cold distance which separates the Alberta Tories from power.

Roosevelt has set out for Africa to hunt big game. The spirit of taking life is strong within him. But suppose some African wild animal, without the respect of ex-presidents in its make-up, should come to grips with him on fair terms?

Australia was recently reported as being about to present a Dreadnought to the British navy. It is now said that this will not be done, but that Australia will use any money she has to spare for her own defence, that being her settled policy.

There will never be an insurance bill to which some people will not object. The insurance men will be well advised if they offer no unreasonable objections to the very moderate measure now before the House. The public interest is great, and it must be considered.

Lieut. Shackleton's Antarctic expedition reports having reached within 111 miles of the south pole, travelled 1,368 statute miles in 126 days, undergoing much hardship. The magnetic pole was reached in latitude 72 degrees 25 minutes, longitude 154 degrees.

quired in the property by the company. Mr. MacKay contended that the matter was one for the courts of justice. Whitney refused to allow the case to go to the courts, and resorted to arbitrary confiscation. Why did he fear the courts?

Admiral Douglas has no misgivings as to Britain's navy, contending that her ships and personnel of the navy are the best in Europe. The discussions in the House of Commons furnish no excuse for the despatches about fear and suspicion of Germany, which have been sent to this country.

The idea of guarding against the opening of the permanent pavements by having sewer and water connections made before they are laid is a good one. Provision for connections should be made at regular distances, so that the street would not need to be cut into beyond the curbs. It would be money well spent.

Mayor McLaren will have the approval of the people in holding out for a square deal in making terms of annexation of that eastern territory. We do not want to take over any more white elephants to be supported at the expense of the older part of the city. Let it be "play and pay." The people to be taken in should be treated fairly; but we are not out to purchase them.

The sweeping victory of the Alberta Liberals has convinced our contemporaries that the Liberals of that Province "are already on the down grade." It is greatly consoled by that thought—also by the reflection that the Tory Opposition "was hardly in that position as a party where it could hope to win!" How pleasant it is to have everybody satisfied and the interests of the people served!

The tariff issue is bound to come to the front in Canada. Millions of Canadians believe they are being unduly taxed. They are being unduly taxed.

The farmer sweats and pays through the nose twenty, twenty-five and thirty per cent. more for his machinery than he should pay.

The artisan pays huge taxes for his tools, what he eats and wears. He is in very much the same position as the farmer.—Winnipeg Tribune.

And the Tribune lends its best (or worst) endeavors to injure the party of lower tariff and does all that it can to forward the cause of Borden, who seeks to have the tariff burdens increased!

The junior local Tory organ reproves the Liberals for denouncing Whitney because he proposes to give away 2,000,000 acres of the Provincial clay belt to a railway company, and says: "It is easy to howl against the alienation of public lands to railway companies, but the howlers might do something more than howl. What do they propose in the way of an alternative policy?" Why did not Sir James Plihy Whitney and our contemporary think of that when they "howled" against the Liberals for making land grants to encourage railway building, and when the Premier declared that he had put an end forever to the alienation of the lands of the Province in that way? It is Sir James Plihy's gross inconsistency and insincerity that stand out in this matter. He is either wrong then, or wrong now. To excuse is to accuse.

A PARTY DODGE.

It is well to remember that the naval scare in Great Britain has been manufactured largely for party purposes. While Canada should do their share in imperial defence, they should not be stampeded into playing the game of the militarists and jingoes who are trying to oust the present British Government.

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The Kinrade case illustrates the dilemma that society makes upon jurymen in the way of unrewarded public service. These jurymen are business men; and yet they have had to sit night after night listening to evidence until at last they decided to ask for a 12 o'clock adjournment in case the examining counsel desired to sit later. The lawyers will be well paid. The coroner gets fees enough to make his position a coveted one. But the jurymen must work for nearly nothing. Some time society will recognize this anomaly and insist upon the proper payment and treatment of jurymen.

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CUR EXCHANGES

MYSTERIES.

War scares are like financial panics, in that it is often very difficult to tell where they come from or why they come.

SCARING GERMANY.

There are some foolish people in Canada who want to plunge the country into the expense of building one or two Dreadnoughts to scare Germany.

SOCIAL NOTE.

Mrs. De Crawley's beautiful French poodle Voltaire is suffering from neurosis and complications. Mrs. De Crawley will not receive again this season.

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GERMANY'S MENACE.

It is a danger to humanity, to liberty, to everything that makes life precious in free nations that military powers should carry their armed frontiers to the continent of Europe on to the open seas.

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A JINGO TRICK.

While the speech of Premier Asquith, in the course of yesterday's debate in the House of Commons, condemned the pernicious activity of the professional jingoes and deplored the "artificial agitation" which attributes unfriendly motives to Germany, he made known in plain terms the Government's intention to maintain the naval supremacy of Great Britain. His indignation against

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KAISER'S YACHT

Collided With and Sank Norwegian Steamer in North Sea.

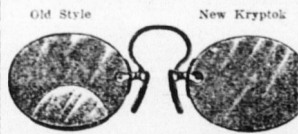
Hamburg, March 24.—The imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which left Kiel yesterday through the canal bound for the Mediterranean for the use of Emperor William in the event of his desiring to make a cruise to Corfu, collided last night in a dense fog near Northerney, in the North Sea, with the Norwegian steamer Por, which sank immediately. The crew of the latter were rescued. The Hohenzollern was only slightly injured. The Emperor was not on board.

WILLIE DOESN'T REALIZE.

Plays With the Other Boys, Much as Usual, Envied by Them All.

Sharon, Pa., March 23.—The whole borough of Sharon turned out to-night for the homecoming of William Whittle, who, with his father, arrived here soon after noon to-day. A big parade was led by the Bull Independent Rifles, a national guard company, and the Bull Rifles Band, both named for Willie's uncle, and thousands of persons marched behind them through principal streets of the town to the Whittle home, where fully 5,000 assembled on the lawn and in front of the house, cheering and giving every evidence of public participation in the family joy.

In the front room, visible through a window, were the Whittle family, Willie, beside Detective Ward, his father and mother behind him.



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Mr. Whittle appeared on the porch. He extended his thanks to all who had assisted in the search and expressed the gratitude of himself and family for the sympathy of the people, which he said had done much to help them during the darkest hours of their sorrow.

The block occupied by the Pacific Club at Victoria, B. C., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The loss was nearly \$200,000.