

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THE STRAIGHT PATH.

Our semi-Socialistic contemporary the Herald, applying to the Times its own measure, finds no difficulty in accounting for our consistent opposition to the ill-starred Hydro scheme which has brought Whitney so much trouble. The organ attributes our course to a desire to knock Whitney and to serve the Categorical Company by keeping the Hydro Commission out of Hamilton. While the question of motive does not change the facts with which Whitney and his scheme has to reckon, we might suggest for our own contemporary a consideration of the Times' consistent opposition to these socialistic "ownership and operation" schemes long before Whitney attained to power; its support of a policy of efficient and just regulation of all public service corporations so as to do right as between private investors and the public, and its adherence to these principles, regardless of Grit or Tory interests. Mark you that the regulation of the railways by the Dominion Railway Commission was a triumph of the Times' long-advocated policy under Liberal Government; and that policy is being wisely extended. The Herald states what is manifestly untrue when it says that "the Times cannot see any virtue in legislation passed by a Government to which it is opposed." In this very matter of just regulation of those who operate public utilities, the Times has furnished an illustration, for we have frequently and in the most hearty manner approved of the policy of regulation adopted by the Ontario Government when it organized the Railway and Municipal Board and set it a beneficent work to do. That policy was, however, diametrically opposed to the principle and spirit of the Hydro scheme—a scheme which the Government seems to think can be made to succeed only by resorting to the grossest of legislative bad faith, the sacrifice of private property, the denial of civil rights, and the assumption that every dollar invested in good faith in public utility services is a crime against the Province. Such a view is narrow, vicious, harmful to the Province and country, and unworthy of any man fit to sit in a legislature, far less direct a government. The Times is as consistent and true to the people in condemning it as it is in approving the just regulation of all such services, no matter by what Government the legislation is passed and administered. Let the Herald remove the coppers from before its eyes and view the question at longer range and in the large without the obstruction which they present.

WITH VERY POOR GRACE.

The Mail and Empire, in a half-hearted attempt to excuse Whitney's Russian legislation closing the courts against the wronged private citizen and taking away his legal rights to protect his interests against confiscation, says "a single individual can take a by-law into the courts, and hold it there, thus delaying, indefinitely, the works that are proposed, or impairing the value of the securities issued for the carrying on of the enterprise." And why should not "a single individual" have the right to appeal to the courts, even if it were a case of his rights against the will of the entire population? Justice is not a matter of majorities. But the Mail and Empire's statement is extreme to falsity. The single individual could not delay the issue referred to the courts beyond the time which the courts thought reasonable. The very assertion of the organ is a confession that the tyrannical legislation in question was unequalled for, save as a means of effecting injustice. The organ's article furnishes other evidences that it is aware that its cause is bad. It devotes some space to recalling two or three cases in which remedial statutes were enacted validating by-laws creating debts. Such citations are very far from serving the organ's purpose in the present case. That it felt this is evidenced by its careful avoidance of any reference to the fact that Whitney by this Hydro act interposed to prevent ratepayers from having a say on a question which binds them for 30 years to the incurring of a large obligation; and took from the courts a case of great importance then before them, and declared that the trial of the case should be "forever stayed." If the argument presented by the Mail and Empire means anything, it means that the right of appeal to the courts shall be withheld whenever a premier wills; and that this confiscation of the property of the individual and denial of his civil rights is to be approved at all times unless the wronged one can muster a majority of the electors to declare against it.

FOR TAX REFORM.

Petitions are being sent out for signature from Ottawa and Toronto asking the Legislature to amend the assessment act so as to grant municipalities the power to reduce the rate of taxation on improvements, and to make up any deficiency by increasing the rate on land values. It is pointed out that land value increases in direct ratio with population. A town of 5,000 inhabitants will have land value five times as great as a village of 1,000, and a city of 100,000 will have more than twenty times the land value of a town of 5,000. This

land value is increased also by public improvements, such as water-works, schools, police protection, good roads, and in fact everything that makes a location a more desirable place in which to live. Houses and goods are not so increased in value by these improvements. The pecuniary profit from tax expenditures accrues to land values, and such should contribute a larger proportion to the municipal tax fund. In other words, the community is justified in taking such a sum as it may require in taxes from the values made by the community. Ottawa and Toronto are well warranted in making this request. The power is one which should be given to every municipality, if, indeed, the general law should not settle the matter so that improvements cannot be taxed at as high a rate as land values.

GREAT WORK WELL DONE.

Mr. H. A. Parker, former vice-president of the C. R. L. & R., has recently travelled on horseback from Edmonton to Prince Rupert, and in speaking of the G. T. P. line, he says: "I have no hesitation in declaring that the Grand Trunk Pacific has secured a first class route. The location survey, with possibly a few changes of a few feet here and there, will be adopted. I have no hesitation in affirming that in the matter of grades the projected line will surpass all records in transcontinental railway building. It will be practically as easy for the new railway to haul heavy trains over the mountain section as over the prairie division. The grades are virtually the same. The company has secured a maximum gradient of four-tenths of one per cent. per mile, or a rise of twenty-one feet a mile on east bound traffic via the Yellowhead pass for the entire distance between Edmonton and the Pacific coast; and but five-tenths of one per cent., or a rise of twenty-six feet to the mile on west-bound traffic. This will enable the company to handle traffic cheaper than any of its rivals. The country all along the line looks like one with a future."

This is the opinion of a thoroughly practical railway man. Similar expert opinions have been given of the part of the Transcontinental line between Winnipeg and Moncton. There is the best of evidence that the entire road is being built in the most substantial and perfect manner. Those carpers who complain of the expensiveness of the road take no account of the fact that comparison with similar lines in the matter of cost should be made with the ultimate cost of the latter. Lines like the Canadian Pacific were in the beginning constructed in the crudest manner and have undergone innumerable improvements in order to make them permanent and first class roads. Grades have been lowered, curves straightened, trestles filled in with earth, timber bridges replaced by steel and concrete, and the entire length of the line relaid two or three times with heavier rails. These improvements are, of course, highly creditable to the managements of the railway making them. In the case of the new ocean-to-ocean railway, these vast subsequent outlays are rendered unnecessary, the railway being completed as a permanent work in the original construction, easy grades secured, well ballasted, bridges and culverts of steel, stone, or concrete, and the heaviest of rails laid from end to end. Such work is bound to cost much more money than would a railway in which temporary make-shifts are resorted to. But such construction is economy in the end. The National Transcontinental Railway will stand out as a great work done on sound business and engineering principles. It is worthy of the pride of a country in whose development and growth it is destined to play such a large part.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Of course what "the city officials" think about the guarding of that railway crossing cannot be allowed to count. The "city officials" obey orders; and the armen decide the matter of policy, and they are held responsible by the people.

How sorry those Tory editors are that the Canadians did so well at Bismarck! They would rather that never a prize or a dollar had come to Canadian marksmen than that the Ross rifle should have won such a triumph. What a contemptible spirit!

The Coleman Miner is now edited by Mr. T. B. Brandon, a son of J. Brandon, M. D. of Ancaster. Mr. Brandon has had considerable newspaper experience in the west, and under his direction we look to see the Coleman Miner go on to prosperity. Alberta's mining future promises to be a bright one.

the five-cent pound "bun" becoming cheaper—or larger—with cheaper wheat?

London, Eng., hotels are in the midst of their season, and much difficulty is found in accommodating the rush of visitors. It is said to be a record season. The London Daily Mail presents the following statement of where the hotel population comes from in a table drawn up by a manager:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Percentage. America 30 per cent., Continent 30 per cent., England 25 per cent., Colonies 15 per cent.

At last the Ontario Government has allowed the public to learn that applications for flats to permit farmers to sue the Hydro Commission in connection with the taking of their land for right of way have been asked for. Here is a confession that the right of the citizens have been abridged when entry to the courts is made contingent upon obtaining Whitney's permission.

The hunt for subjects of taxation is become extremely keen. Whitney is now said to contemplate taxing every transfer of stock, shares and mortgages. Some such tax has been levied in Quebec for two years, and is said to have yielded, last year, nearly \$30,000. Will this taxation on exchange of property ultimately be levied on the bushel of wheat, the bag of potatoes, and the basket of fruit?

According to reports, the fatal fire at Hanlan's Point, Toronto, last night, found the firemen practically helpless, the water pressure being insufficient "to extinguish any kind of a blaze bigger than a bonfire." But how could Toronto Council be expected to devote any care to fire protection when so much of its time, money and attention are employed in pushing socialistic ownership schemes and endeavoring to destroy private investments?

Col. Denison, Toronto's Police Magistrate, has adjourned a number of Sunday ice cream cases until a higher court pronounces upon cases that have gone to appeal. The one question on which the cases appear to hinge is: Is ice cream a food? Ordinarily, on week days, at least, it is not boots and shoes, millinery or dress goods, and it is eaten much like other articles of food. What is required, however, is a legal decision as to its technical character, on Sunday as well as week days.

Our Exchanges

CASE FOR A DESPERATE REMEDY. (Sketch.)

The Proud Mother—This boy do grow more like 'is father every day.

The Neighbor—Do 'e pore dear? And 'ave you tried everything?

ET TU, BRUTE. (Boston Transcript.)

Actor—In that war scene last night I came near being injured by the bursting of a shell.

Manager—Who threw the egg?

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. (Puck.)

"I suppose Newrich is making quite a splurge with his money?"

"He did the day he backed his auto off the ferryboat."

KEEPS HER EXERCISED. (Boston Transcript.)

Mrs. Briggs—Does your husband take any special exercise?

Mrs. Briggs—Yes; he's all the time kicking."

A DRESS FOOTING. (Louisville Courier-Journal.)

"England thinks her navy ought to be just twice as large as that of her principal rival."

"My wife likes to regulate her wardrobe along those identical lines."

UP-TO-DATE ROMANCE. (Puck.)

"At last we are alone," he murmured, as the airship rose above the city.

"Wait a minute!" she exclaimed. There's somebody rubbering through that skylight!"

HORSE FOR THE NURSES. (Galt Reformer.)

Subscriptions for the purchase of a horse for the hospital nurses are not coming in very rapidly. Make your contribution early, please.

THAW CASE. (London Free Press.)

Perhaps the Thaw case, with its interesting ramifications, is going to furnish a needed warning to America. If it does, all the seam and rottenness that have accompanied it may be freely pardoned.

INSANITY TEST. (Toronto Star.)

If you can put your left forefinger on your nose with your eyes shut, first trial, you are not insane. We are glad the test is not finding a girl's lips in the dark or looting the sharp edge of a chair rocker with the bare foot at 2.30 a. m. on arising to shoot out a burglar. The latter, if not a test of insanity, is a provoker of profanity.

SOME DRIVEL. (Guelph Herald.)

Now let the Globe and its hallelujahs of war; the Hamilton Times has risen in its righteous wrath and smites its Toronto contemporary by terming one of its articles a "bit of drivell."



MRS. MINNIE CABANNE-BRANDENBURG, Wife of Broughton-Brandenburg, magazine writer and adventurer, and her son, who vanished from St. Louis in a second mystery.

calmly as we think of improvements in motor cars, and the whole problem of the conquest of the air seems to us to be a mechanical one.

SUNDAY MEALS.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

Again, to many people, the after-dinner cigar or pipe is almost as necessary at the dinner itself. Will it be regarded as lawful for the bona fide restaurant keeper to sell tobacco and cigars on Sunday at part of a meal, real or understood? Where will it end? Perhaps there is no great need to worry.

THE AVIATOR'S TRIUMPH.

(Montreal Witness.)

Take a corpse and we make it stand. When it was alive it stood quite easily and without an effort. Surely a very slight application of science would make it stand now. But try it. It falls absolutely limp in every limb, or if it has grown stiff it stands no better than a stick. We have only to think for a moment of such a gruesome experiment to realize that the balancing of a man or a child or an animal on its feet is a miracle in mechanics governed by some law of life of which we who use the power know absolutely nothing. The more one thinks of it the more it is a marvel that a man can balance himself at all. Supposing we should conclude that after all the man's body was not the right sort of machine to hold an erect position and to balance itself—certainly when you see it deprived of life it does not seem to be any more fit for the work than a lump of soft dough—then could we make a machine that would stand and walk better? Let us try it and see. And yet we think because a bird can soar we ought to be able to make a machine that can. If a man had knowledge of all the parts of a bird's machine by which his center of gravity is so easily maintained in equilibrium whether in motion or at rest, and had to think of every part of it, how busy he would have to be to keep all its parts working truly according as he wished to walk or stand. How many years would he be old before acquiring the necessary skill? He could without a thought lay himself on the air and flies or soars just as naturally as a man stands or walks. Kill the bird and set all the Royal Society to work to work to soar any more. The machine is all there. It is no heavier than it was before. Nothing has gone but the life and that with life the mystery of mysteries, the power to balance on the air. It is when we realize the infinite separation between the live bird and the dead that we have some little sense of the problem that faces the aviator, and the majesty of his victory over the air.

Proper Care for the Pet Canary. The following rules sum up what lovers of the yellow warbler can do to keep a canary in good singing condition practically throughout the year:

It is of the first importance that the work troughs are emptied and cleaned every day and kept filled to the brim with clear, fresh water. They should be deep enough to admit of "dickie" taking a bath.

Keep a small handful of bird seeds on an enameled dish at the bottom of the cage, and have an unlimited supply at one time, since the bird's hopping and fluttering over it will render it fetid in a short time. The dish should be washed every morning and a fresh supply put in it.

It is a good idea to make a pad of tea paper for the bottom of the cage every time it is unscrubbed as it will greatly facilitate cleaning.

Fractured oyster shells or cuttlefish bones to which their bills on are recommended by all who make a business of raising canaries, and should not be omitted for a single year in the form of crushed shells. Crisp bread and cracker crumbs in small quantities may be given occasionally.

That the room in which your canary abides should be kept well lighted and ventilated is essential. Bright weather always has a stimulating effect on his voice! He enjoys a sun bath more than anything else and when the weather permits it is well to provide a hook for his cage on the porch, under a tree, or in the open window.

Most singing canaries when liberated cannot fly far from their usual wings the first time, and there is little danger that he will make his escape to the woods, even when let out in the back yard or orchard. One young woman in sunny California who makes a special business of raising canaries allows them to fly and hop about an hour at a time in an open vineyard, while she keeps watch on them. They cannot fly more than twelve feet at a stretch and seldom more than ten feet, and were easily recaptured with a butterfly net.

One Reason for Forest Fires.

The question has been asked why there should be so many fires in our American forests when there are so few or none at all in the forests of Europe? The answer is this: When the trees are cut in the forests of Germany, France or Switzerland, the entire material in the tree is marketed and removed, leaving no inflammable litter on the ground. In our American forests, owing to lack of a market for such material, fully one-half of the tree—the limbs, smaller branches, twigs and foliage—are left upon the ground where they soon become dry and furnish material for a forest fire. In the European forests every part of the tree, including the smallest twigs, is sold. The sale of this minor product constitutes over one-half of the revenue. Hence, when the forester is through with his tree-cutting no inflammable material is left upon the ground.

TO SEIZE CITY.

(Amey, Aug. 11.)—Native reports received here indicate that the disaffection in the Chang-Foo district is increasing. The revolutionists have 600 armed troops, have established a powder manufactory and are continually importing arms. According to reports they have planned the seizure of the city and all business has been suspended.

We are never satisfied with our lot unless there is a lot of it.

WAS DISFIGURED AND TORMENTED

By Dry, Scaly Eczema on Most of His Body—At Times Flesh Seemed on Fire—Rim of Crusts Around Scalp—Suffered 3 Years

CURED IN TWO MONTHS BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"I first became affected with a dry, scaly humor which was pronounced dry eczema by three leading physicians. It commenced on my legs and arms, and finally covered the greater part of my body. I suffered for about three years. My scalp around the edges of my hair was a complete ring of scales and crusts. The disease was more distressing than can be imagined, and heat and perspiration caused my flesh to be as if on fire and I could not keep my hands away from it at times. I was given salves and medicine repeatedly by each physician, and advised to bathe frequently in soda and water, but nothing cured me. Then I read of the wonderful Cuticura Remedies and decided I would try them, and I am glad to state openly that by continuing the use of Cuticura Remedies I am entirely cured. I used two cakes of Cuticura Soap, three boxes of Cuticura Ointment, and the same number of bottles of Cuticura Pills. I will gladly tell about Cuticura to those whom I see in need of a skin cure. Write to Greeney, R. F. D. 4, Windsorville, Me., May 3 and July 12, 1907."

ITCHING SCALP

For Ten Years. Could Hardly Sleep. Cured by Cuticura.

"My wife had suffered for ten years with a bad itching of the scalp. Most of the time she could hardly sleep at night. The skin was all discolored and inflamed and she had tried hundreds of things which had been recommended in the papers and by friends, but in vain. Last year I sent for a set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills. She used this complete treatment as per directions and has not been bothered since. Louis Siegel, Mohrren, Va., May 10, 1907."

Advertisement for SHEA'S Midsummer Clearing Sale. Includes text: 'Thursday Aug 12, '09 SHEA'S OUR MIDSUMMER CLEARING SALE' and lists various items like 'Wash Goods Sale', 'Misses' and Children's Dresses', 'White Quilts at 99c', 'Lace Jackets—A Clearance', 'Women's Waists—Clearance', and 'Silk Petticoats \$2.95'.

Advertisement for LITTLE TOT'S TERRIBLE END. Includes text: 'She Was Burned to Death by Her Playmates. Danced About Her as Flames Leaped Around Her. Police Notified But No Action Taken.'

Advertisement for Good Taste Eyeglasses. Includes text: 'Good Taste demands that your eyeglasses look neat and inconspicuous. When you wear Shurtzweg's eyeglasses you dress the eyes and nose in the best taste possible.'

Advertisement for HORSES ARE A FEATURE. Includes text: 'Buffalo, Aug. 11.—Mary Snieocki, five years old, of 103 Mills street, was burned to death yesterday afternoon by her playmates, in a lot near her home. It was all part of a game, the police have learned, and although they know the names of the little ones who danced about the Snieocki child, as the flames swept above her, no action will be taken against any of them.'

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Railway—Upper Lakes Service. Includes text: 'Commencing at once steamships Athabasca and Alberta will be withdrawn from service between Owen Sound and Fort William. Steamships Kewatin, Manitoba and Assinibois will have Owen Sound on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, on arrival of steamship express leaving Toronto at 1 o'clock p. m.'

Advertisement for BIG PICNIC AT MAPLE LEAF PARK. Includes text: 'One of the biggest picnics of the season will be held at Maple Leaf Park on Saturday, when the fire Toronto branches of the Ancient Order ofibernians will run an excursion from Toronto, and will hold the games and have lunch at the local amusement resort.'

Advertisement for CASTORIA. Includes text: 'The Kind You Have Always Bought' and a signature 'Chas. H. Fletcher'.