

## THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, 1907.

## THEY WANT TO KNOW.

Last night the Board of Works took another look into the Hydro estimate for the proposed city electric light distribution plant, with the result that, on Mayor Stewart's suggestion, the members decided to wait till they had some definite information before ordering the preparation of a by-law. The delightful state of fog in which the entire question is buried from the aldermanic intelligence was beautifully illustrated when it was stated that a mistake of \$10,000 had been made in stating the annual cost of operation at \$35,517, the corrected figures being \$25,517—the exact figures stated in the Times and upon which our criticisms were founded. That estimate allows only \$1,800 for wages; \$500 for oil and waste; \$1,500 for renewals and \$3,470 for power. Even the aldermen regarded the allowance for power as too low. The wages item will probably be several times the estimate. No allowance is made for superintendence and management, accidents, damages and various other contingencies, which any business man would provide for in undertaking such a work, if he hoped to carry it out within his estimate. But the estimators in this case are happily free from responsibility. Ald. McLaren wished to know where the city's share of the transmission line came in, and was put off with the "information" that it was included in the \$175,000 estimate of the cost of the city distribution plant. That was news indeed. There has been a wonderful fall in prices, in addition to a complete underground distribution system for 500 lamps we get a clear receipt for our share of the transmission line, transformer stations, etc., for \$175,000. In the original estimate the lowest cost of the transmission line (our share) was put at \$358,379, and we were told that it was not practicable to begin with a line for lower service. On the whole, after last night's performance, we do not wonder that the aldermen concluded to wait and learn something about the scheme before taking the hook.

## THE U. S. ELECTIONS.

Henry M. Whitney, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, who was an advocate of reciprocity with Canada, was defeated yesterday, by a plurality of perhaps 75,000. Perhaps it would be injudicious to conclude that the figures are a correct index of public feeling in the State as to trade relations with the Dominion, other issues of course being prominent, but it is evident that that part of New England is not so desirous of reciprocity as to make it the paramount issue in State politics. Well, Canadians will not worry. They long ago ceased to look to improved trade relations with the United States as a means to prosperity. And we are doing fairly well without the trade neighborliness of our friends to the South. This is Canada's century, and the time is approaching when the Yankees will be ready to come to us and ask for terms. They must be long have some of our products at whatever cost Dingleyism imposes. Already they are clamoring for our pulpwood, and are ready to take it on any terms; but they may not get it at all, but may be constrained to buy the finished material from the Crown lands, at any rate. They will soon be a people who must import many things which Canada produces, and Canada will have control of the deals.

In New York the Democrats win, thus apparently gaining 6 in the State assembly. In Delaware local optionists won a great victory, all the State but Wilmington going dry. In Cleveland Tom Johnson is elected, and in Toledo "Golden Rule" Jones is succeeded by Brand Whitehead. Figures from the other States are not complete at time of writing.

## MUNICIPAL BONDS.

The Toronto Star asks: "How is it that Ontario municipal debentures are not more sought after as a medium for the investment of funds belonging to those of our own people who depend upon the interest on accumulated savings for their income?"

At first sight it might seem strange that people would be ready to take 3 per cent. in the banks, or 4 per cent. in debentures of loan companies, in preference to municipal bonds at 5 per cent. But a study of the situation is enlightening. The lower rate paid by the banks is for a demand loan; that by the loan companies for a loan for a definite short period. The man getting 3 per cent. in the bank can get his money whenever he asks it. The one getting 4 per cent. for a debenture gets it in one, two or three years, as may have suited his convenience to arrange for. The man who buys municipal debentures, however, finds that they run from 15 to 20, and even 40 years; and if he wants his principal earlier, he must offer them in the open market, and accept what price they will command, less cost of brokerage. Until Municipal bonds are made redeemable on demand at the banks it is highly improbable that they will sell readily to the small investor who may have occasion at short notice to need the cash they represent. And it is not clear that it is practicable to make them so redeemable.

The cautious man who invests only in dividend-paying stocks has no cause to worry about stock market slumps. If this dividends come regularly, he may rest easy. Of course, if he bought at an exorbitant price and should be compelled to sell, he may suffer a loss; but earning stocks at a price justified by the revenue produced are a very good thing to own.

## IT WAS NO FIASCO.

Some newspapers are inclined to cast ridicule on the Peace Conference just concluded at The Hague, and refer to it as "a fiasco." Nothing could be further from the fact. The Peace Conference did not put an end to war—the nature of mankind is not to be changed in a day—but it did do much to lessen the horrors and outrages of war and to make easier settlements of international difficulties that might lead to war. As a contemporary puts it, "the peace habit has been strengthened and the war habit has been weakened." The creation of a tribunal calculated to remove provocation to wars is a very great gain. Some of the far-reaching proposals made at the conference were not agreed to but the realization of better things was undoubtedly brought nearer. The regulation of the rights and duties of neutrals at sea, the adoption of rules for a prize court, the agreement as to the collection of national debts, and several other important results were achieved, and these signify much. There will be other peace conferences, and the work done at the recent gathering will be continued. As the nations come to see that the consequences of these agreements are beneficial, there will be progress. It may be slow, but education is not the matter of a day or a year, and there is no ground for discouragement. The Peace Conference was not a fiasco; it did not fail. On the contrary it took some important steps in the direction of the ultimate achievement of the object toward which its efforts are directed. Let us not expect impossibilities.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Bourassa is resting his word well.

The Board of Works overdraft is likely to exceed \$13,000. And nearly two months of the work is yet to provide for.

The generous offer of Mr. Flatt of the West End Park plot is to receive the attention of the aldermen. And none too soon, either.

The little town of Almonte, with about 3,000 population, has 40 cases of typhoid. It is time the water, milk and meat supplies were inspected.

Mr. Bourassa has the warm admiration of the Mail and Empire and its encouragement to continue his campaign of disturbance. He is serving the Tory ends.

There is a rumor that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt has resigned the magistracy of West Toronto to run for Mayor, but Premier Whitney denies any knowledge of it.

In the ten months ending with October the succession tax "robbery" and "outrage" has yielded Whitney over \$800,000. For October alone \$44,433 was taken from 33 estates.

The surplus of copper in store is estimated at 111,000 tons net. In October the stocks were reduced 14,000 tons, so that there is still a margin on which demand may call.

MacKay is sound in contending that the Government's duty is the same to ward all. If it furnish power, bake bread, and rock the babies for one district, it should do the same for all.

The treatment of Cobalt ores by a Toronto firm is causing so much annoyance by the discharge of arsenic fumes that petitions are being circulated against the industry, and the Health Department is inspecting.

We very much doubt if the suppression of meetings intended to promote agitation in India will meet the needs of the hour. To draw the fires, or furnish an outlet for the energy generated, would seem to be a wiser course than to sit on the safety valve.

The publishing of ghost stories has become a serious matter. The grave judges of the Supreme Court have held that the Winnipeg Free Press must pay \$1,000 damages to the owner of a certain house which it said was haunted. Just as if a real ghost wasn't worth a mint of money to the property.

The Legislature took away from municipalities the right to fix the weight of the standard loaf of bread. Now there is a very general feeling that it should be restored. The matter is one that would probably not be seriously objected to by the bakers. It is merely a matter of ounces and price.

The difficulty of getting cars to meet the demands of shippers at thousands of points in the rush period is one that offers a problem to the railways and railway commissioners that will be hard to solve. It is a good deal like the problem of meeting the demands on the street railways at certain points during the rush hours.

The warden of the Central Prison says that not one in fifty of the young convicts sent to that institution have a trade. That raises the presumption that the possession of a trade tends to prevent crime. It is not only the fact that the possession of a trade qualifies a person to earn a living by some special exertion of endeavor, but the discipline acquired in learning it helps to build up character.

The annual report of the Department of Justice shows that it would be cheaper to build schools than penitentiaries. It is stated that of the prisoners not it is stated that of a good common school education, seventeen per cent. being ab-

## GOOD PRACTICE PIANOS

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solutely illiterate. This presupposes that these prisoners were neglected by their parents when young, and allowed to grow up criminals by society.

In many parts of the United States the doctrine of abstinence from flesh foods is being taught. This is not always done as scientific dietetics, but mostly as a means of economy and of getting back at the Meat Trust. But it is worth considering whether we do not habitually eat more meat than is good for us, cheapness out of the question. Certainly many of us could reduce our meat ration with benefit to our physical system as well as to our pocketbook.

President Roosevelt has, it appears, come to realize that his big stick speeches had not a little to do with increasing the financial difficulties of the United States within the last few weeks by contributing to the feelings of doubt and apprehension that go to produce panic and precipitate crises. Some level-headed friends have reached his ear, and he will cease to play the role of bull in the china shop. And if he has made such a resolution, the United States business and financial interests have reason to be thankful.

It is doubtful if the attitude towards the Provincial University which Mr. MacKay has chosen to adopt will command general support, although he no doubt expresses a certain feeling in the Legislature and in the country.—Toronto News.

What is there about the men chosen to be University Senators that the people of Ontario should be asked not to follow and criticise their course? Why should anybody of men be entrusted with spending close on \$500,000 a year without any check, and without allowing the people to know the why of their doings and which of them supports any given course? Is the star chamber to be revived under Whitney rule, and will the News defend it?

The St. John's Times does not seem to be entirely convinced of the complete altruism of Mr. Hugh Graham's contributions to Borden's—well, purity fund of 1904. At least its references to that kind of giving smack of irony, sarcasm and such. Hear it:

The wealthy men who support campaign funds do not want a return in currency. In the United States an ambassadorship will do. In France a bit of red ribbon in the lapel of the coat will suffice for desire. In England the party supporter is raised to the peerage—so it is claimed. In Canada we have no titles to give, although we may soon have ambassadorships within our gifts; and it is, therefore, all the more delightful to consider that our wealthy men give of their means to accomplish the triumph of their principles, mind you!—at the polls, without a thought of reward. It is fine.

According to last night's Spectator Commissioner Van Allen has been saying nasty things about the Times, because, as he alleged, it said that he failed to keep an appointment in Toronto with John Patterson and Col. Ingersoll. The Times merely repeated the statement of Mr. Patterson that the two Beach Commissioners failed to keep the appointment in question. So that no injustice might be done Mr. Van Allen a reporter called up that gentleman by telephone and got his side of the story—a denial—which was published along with Mr. Patterson's statement. There would be less burlaque about the Beach commissioners if Mr. Van Allen were not so apt to fly off the handle and cause people to talk. He had no cause of complaint against the Times, which took every precaution to see that he was not wronged.

## HERE AND THERE.

Kingston Whig: When Hon. Adam Beck was in Kingston he pictured the time when electric light would be as almost as cheap as candle light. Is this time near at hand?

Nebraska State Journal: Thought for the day: Really, the man whose

face isn't set on crooked has no use for burying it in wiscons.

Chicago Tribune: No, you can't always tell how these football games are going to turn out.

Guelph Herald: No wonder Sir Frederick Borden sticks to his guns seeing that he is head of the big gun department.

Toronto Telegram: The more a woman has in her head the less she thinks about what is on it.

Toronto Star: A clergyman says that there are men in the pulpit who ought to be behind the plow. As it is they merely content themselves with harrowing the feelings of the sinners in the congregation.

London Advertiser: The cost of living shows no signs of breaking down. The statement is just made that the new process of making artificial diamonds by radium is as expensive as the natural gems.

Baltimore American: "Do you believe in atavism?" "No, I don't; I'm a hardshell Baptist."

Montreal Star: Montreal having invented the pay-as-you-enter car, might now thrill the universe by inventing a car that will prevent a woman getting off the wrong side.

Toronto Star: Mulai Hafid has declared a holy war on his brother, the Sultan of Morocco. Mulai's say-so, however, doesn't make war any holier than Gen. Sherman said it was.

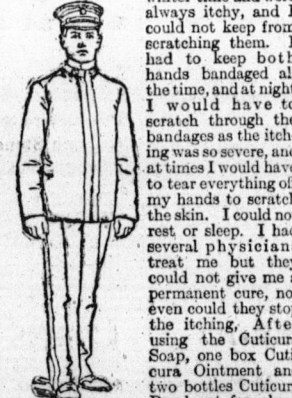
Canadian Courier: Hamilton will soon be the Haughtiest Thing. In one week it bought up a battleship and had a balloon descent just twelve miles away. And yet the Toronto press insinuates that events do not occur in Wentworth.

## FIFTEEN YEARS OF ECZEMA

Affected Hands, Arms and Legs—Endured Terrible Itching and was Unable to Sleep—Would Tear the Bandages to Scratch the Skin—In less than One Week

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"I had eczema nearly fifteen years. The affected parts were my hands, arms and legs. They were the worst in the winter time and were always itchy, and I could not keep from scratching them. I had to keep both hands bandaged all the time, and at night I would have to scratch through the bandages as the itching was so severe, and at times I would have to tear everything off my hands to scratch the skin. I could not rest or sleep. I had several physicians treat me but they could not give me a permanent cure, nor even could they stop the itching. After using the Cuticura Soap, one box Cuticura Ointment, and two bottles Cuticura Resolvent for about



six days the itching had ceased, and now the sores have disappeared, and I never felt better in my life than I do now. Edward Worrell, Band 30th, U. S. Infantry, Fort Crook, Nebraska.

The most torturing and disfiguring humors, eczemas, rashes, itches, irritations, and inflammations of the skin, scalp, and blood, with loss of hair of infants, children, and adults, are instantly relieved and speedily cured by the Cuticura Remedies, when all else fails.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Adults consists of Cuticura Soap to cleanse the skin, Cuticura Ointment to heal the skin, and Cuticura Resolvent or in the form of Chocolate Coated Pills, in vial, to purify the blood. Send for the world's best. Better Drug & Chem. Co., 209 Prince Street, Boston, Mass. Send for all skin humors.

## Great Bargains for Thursday, the 7th

1,000 Pairs McPherson's Sample Shoes Go On Sale Thursday at Nearly Half Price

\$5.00 Men's Shoes \$2.98

McPherson's Sample Shoes, in patent kid, patent calf, Blucher cut or straight laced, heavy Goodyear welt soles, dull kid tops, extra straps, regularly \$5.00, for ..... \$2.98

\$2 Evening Shoes \$1.25

Women's Evening Shoes, in patent leather, one strap, bows and buckle, ..... \$1.25

\$4.50 Women's Shoes \$3

McPherson's samples of Women's Shoes, in patent kid, Vici kid, calf, buttoned or laced, Blucher and straight cut, value for \$4.50, Thursday's special sale price ..... \$3.00

Boys' Shoes \$1.50

Boys' Boston Calf School Shoes, heavy double sole, wax stitched, sizes 1-5, Thursday special ..... \$1.50

35 and 40c Sheetting for 19c

500 yards of Bleached Sheetting, manufacturers' ends, from 1 to 10 yards, would sell regularly at 35 and 40c, Thursday's sale price ..... 19c

## Great Bargains from the Coat and Skirt Section

\$13.50 Coats \$10.00

Ladies' Jackets, in black, navy, brown and green, three-quarter and seven-eighth length, box back, a few semi-fitting in black, some braid-trimmed, others trimmed with straps of self and buttons, worth ..... \$13.50, Thursday ..... \$10.00

\$5.00 Ulsters \$3.49

Children's Ulsters, in blue and green, plain cloth, and tweeds, loose back, velvet collar, trimmed back and front with straps and fancy buttons, value \$5.00, Thursday ..... \$3.49

\$15 Tweed Jackets \$7.50

We are clearing out every Tweed Jacket in stock, light and dark tweed jackets, loose back, three-quarter length, nicely trimmed with straps and buttons, worth up to \$15.00, Thursday's price ..... \$7.50

\$5 to \$8 Skirts \$2.98

Ladies' Tweed and Plain Cloth Skirts, in light and dark colors, some pleated and trimmed with straps and buttons, worth from \$5.00 to \$8.00, Thursday ..... \$2.98

## Great Sacrifice in Dress Goods

1,000 yards of this season's Dress Goods, worth up to \$1.25, will go on sale Thursday for 29c yard. This is one of the greatest reductions in the price of Dress Goods we have ever advertised.

Tweeds, 54-inch, in stripes, brown and fawn mixtures ..... 29c  
46-inch Tweeds, in grey and white, fawn and blue, brown and green, blue and brown, Thursday's price ..... 29c  
42-inch Fancy Serge, in navy, green, brown and black ..... 29c  
44-inch Serge, fine twill, in navy and black, only ..... 29c  
44-inch Fancy Brown Lustre, with green and white dots ..... 29c  
42-inch Lustre, in navy, red, cream and black ..... 29c

This great sale of 29c Dress Goods starts sharp nine o'clock Thursday morning. The best bargains will be picked up promptly. Better be amongst the early buyers.

## Another Lot of Ladies' Underwear to be Sold Thursday at Less Than Half Price

50 and 65c Union Vests and Drawers 29c

Just 100 dozen in all, Ladies' Undervests and Drawers, white and natural colors; this is one of the greatest bargains ever offered in Ladies' Knitted Underwear, actual value for 50 and 65c, you have your choice Thursday at 29c

8 to 15c Flannelettes 5c

Just 1,000 yards of plain colors in Flannelette, pinks, blues, cardinals and yellows, manufacturers' remnants that would retail at from 8 to 15c, Thursday morning price 5c; a limit of 5 yards to any one customer.

59c Beau de Chine Silk 25c

200 yards only English Beau de Chine Silk, navy blue only, makes an excellent waist, will not cut, ordinary 59c value, Thursday morning's price 25c

\$2.00 Long Kid Gloves 98c

100 pairs 12 button Kid Gloves, grey and white only, suede, regular \$2.00 value; we clear this lot at ..... 98c

75c Men's Underwear 49c

50 dozen Men's Underwear, three different kinds, all wool Scotch knit, all wool Tiger brand, elastic knit wool fleece, value ordinary for 75c, special sale price Thursday ..... 49c

25 and 35c Puff Combs 10c

25 dozen in all Tortoise Colored Puff Combs, value for 25 and 35c, sale price ..... 10c

## Half Price Sale of Furs

Caperines, Stoles and Throw Overs, in fox, mink and sable, on sale Thursday at exactly half price.

\$40 Eastern Mink Stoles, regular \$40, Thursday ..... \$20.00  
\$13.50, Brown Fox Stoles, regular \$13.50, Thursday ..... \$6.75  
\$12 Eastern Mink Throw Overs, \$12, Thursday ..... \$6.00  
\$16, Brown Fox Cape, regular \$16, Thursday ..... \$8.00  
\$16.50 Dyed Sable Stoles, regular \$16.50, Thursday ..... \$8.25

Stylish this season's plain colors and black Jackets that sold at \$13.50, Thursday's price \$10.00

## THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

Will Spec. Do Good Samaritan Act?

(Montreal Herald.) If Mr. Bourassa does not want to go back to Ottawa via Lachine, possibly the Hamilton Spectator will be kind enough to offer its old friend French a seat in the Ambitious.

Our Daily Bread.

(Toronto Globe.) It is the duty of the Legislature to change the law and restore to municipalities the right to establish a standard loaf of bread. Labelling various weights should never have been allowed.

That's No Indication.

(London Free Press.) The Hamilton Times says "Leader McKay looks and talks like a man who would lead." Perhaps. But his readiness to accept advice

from Col. Gibson indicates that he is rather more a man who could be led than a leader.

Civic Servant Politicians.

(Toronto Star.) It is about time that they paid a little attention to the permanent officials of the city as well as to the Mayor, controllers, and aldermen, and compelled these officials to devote themselves to the city's interests, and to keep out of party politics. The present conditions are scandalous.

Firemen Politicians.

(Toronto Telegram.) The weakness of Chief Thompson serves notice on the whole fire brigade that its leaders should get out and struggle in the ward associations lest they be passed over in the race for promotion by the influence that Capt. William Crawford has accumulated in his career as a politician.

## Ready-to-Wear Section

\$1.25 Underskirts 99c

Ladies' Black Satene Underskirts, made of best quality satene, deep flounce, finished with accordion pleated ruffle and rows of stitching, regular \$1.25 value, for ..... 99c

Flannelette Gowns 50c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, made of striped flannelette, Mother Hubbard style, neck and sleeves edged with lace, special price ..... 50c

Flannelette Gowns 59c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, made of pink flannelette, neat Mother Hubbard style, neck and sleeves edged with lace, special price ..... 59c

Lustre Shirt Waists \$1.25

Cream and Black Lustre Shirt Waists, made of fine quality lustre, with 3 box pleats down front, with groups of fine tucks down either side, long sleeves, with tucked cuffs; sizes 34 to 40; special value ..... \$1.25

\$3 to \$4 Waists \$1.49

7 only China Silk Shirt Waists. These are samples, in size 34 and 36, tucked and embroidered fronts, collar and cuffs, edged with Val lace, value \$3.00 to \$4.00, Thursday ..... \$1.49

## Housefurnishing Dept.

50c Linoleum 39c

6 pieces extra heavy Scotch Linoleum, in black or floral designs, thoroughly seasoned goods, regular 50c, Thursday ..... 39c

60c Linoleum 45c

A very special line of heavy cork Linoleums, 4 yards wide, thorough reliable quality, effective design; today's price 60c, Thursday ..... 45c

32½c Floor Oilcloth 25c

We have just put in stock a shipment of new patterns heavy Canadian Floor Oil Cloth, value for 32½c, special price Thursday ..... 25c

\$1.50 Lace Curtains 99c

Special line in Nottingham Lace Curtains, strong, reliable lace, 3½ yards by 50 inches; regular \$1.50, for ..... 99c

## Big Shipments of Japanese China

Have recently been placed in stock. Many of these have been purchased especially for the holiday trade, as there is a limited quantity of each line it would be well for you to select at once if you desire a good assortment. Among the display will be found Biscuit Jars, Bonbon Dishes, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Vases, etc., all of which are very closely priced.

3 qt. Pudding Pans 9c

50 dozen first quality Granite Pudding Pans, in 3-qt. sizes, every piece double enameled and value at 20c, will be cleared Thursday at the low price of ..... 9c each

Double Roast Pans 35c

Complete

Several dozen Sheet Iron Roast Pans, made of splendid quality material, self-basting, good useful size, will be sold for only ..... 35c each

Wash Basins Half Price

20 dozen Granite Wash Basins, all perfect goods and in a size that sells regular at 25c, will be sold on Thursday for only ..... 12½c each

## Specials in China Dept.

Salad Dishes 25c

Several fine China Salad Dishes, Cakes Plates, etc., decorated in forget-me-not and violet patterns, will be sold on Saturday for only ..... 25c each

Cups and Saucers 15c

China Cups and Saucers, same decoration as above, each ..... 15c  
Bread and Butter Plates, dozen ..... \$1.50  
Fruit Sets at ..... 98c  
Odd White Cups, each ..... 5c

## Groceries

Best Red Salmon, can ..... 15c  
Sardines, per tin ..... 5, 10 and 15c  
Choice Olives, bottle, 10, 15, and 20c  
Malt Vinegar, bottle ..... 19c  
3 lbs. Fancy Biscuits ..... 25c  
Prime Cheese, lb. ..... 17c  
Pure Lard, per lb. ..... 15c  
Ceylon Black Tea, 40c, for ..... 25c  
Royalty Coffee, lb. ..... 25c  
3 cans Peas for ..... 25c  
3 lbs. New Raisins for ..... 25c  
Pan Van Sauce, bottle ..... 15c  
Pickled Walnuts, bottle ..... 15c  
Pickles, per bottle, 10, 15 and 20c  
Table Figs, per lb. ..... 15c  
2 cans Condensed Milk ..... 25c  
6 bars Surprise Soap ..... 25c  
3 pkgs. Ammonia ..... 25c  
New Prunes, per lb. ..... 10c

## Two From Toronto.

(Toronto News.) Hamilton Liberals displayed a banner the other evening bearing the inscription "Liberalism stands for Provincial Rights." No speaker mentioned the Autonomy Bill. Mr. MacKay says that Col. Gibson is the brainiest man in Canada. Sure he is. He knows that an Attorney-General is not a politician.

Moore Jaw Liberals, on Tuesday nominated Mr. W. E. Knowles, and Selkirk Liberals nominated Mr. S. J. Jackson, their present members, for the Commons.

The Government cruiser Vigilant ran into a tug, the Nettie B. at Port Stanley, and injured her so that she had to be beached.

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