THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10, 1907.

DECEIVING THE PEOPLE

A short time ago Engineer Barrow was attacked in various quarters for alleged inefficiency in office, the complaints being in reference to waterworks and sewcondition in which the conduits at the ins were found to be, and censure was visited on him for the repeated flooding to which some districts of the city were subjected. When the public was let into which prevails so largely in municipal affairs it discovered that the Engineer's policy as to the conduits had been all right, but that his plans were not carfied out, the work having been left in an nished and useless condition by specific orders of the aldermen to he owes obedience, and that the flood-ing continued because the Sewers Committee declined to make a cut-off conmention which was necessary to divert

fected locality.

"These are but instances of the misent of the aldermen which inmanagement of the aldermen which in-teriores so much with the success of works and wastes public It will probably be repeated, with aggravations, in the electric pump

With an offer before them that would ensure us the pumping of two-thirds more water than is now pumped at no increase of cost over what we now incur the plant of electric pumps becoming ours in five years, the Fire and Water aftermen, for reasons not those of the city's good, refuse to even consider it, ed to arrange to buy plant. There is the usual unbusiness-like preliminaries junketing tours of men know nothing about pumping machin-ery; schemes to get \$1,200 or \$1,500 comon out of it for somebody, and juggling to prevent the man who pays the taxes from seeing what is shead of him. Engineer Barrow presented his estimate of the cost of installing the pumps, calling for \$50,000. The aldermen disregard it, and cut \$10,000 off. They did that knowing, as certainly as they can know anything in advance, that a debt will remain as the result. Why did they take this unbusiness-like course? order to make the cost involved look less to the ratepayer than it will be. But why should they do that? The reader does not need to look beyond the fact that we could get the work done and in five years own the pumps, under the offer so long before the Fire and . The members of that Water Committee committee refuse to consider it. They prefer to charge up \$50,000 (and doubt ss it will be very much more) against the texpayer for the pumps, so that they out the Hydro-Electric scheme at this city's expense to cheapen power to competing towns, even at the cost of paying a higher price ourselves. And to this scheme they actually cut \$10,000 off the Engineers' figures of the cost of installing the pumps. not be astonished if by and by the same men are condemning the Engineer for

Is that a proper course for sworn aldermen to take? Is it just to the ratepavers, or fair to officials? Whom are they elected to serve—the Hydro-Electric schemers and the towns which hope by it to be put in a position to compete with us, or the people of Hamilton? And if the Hydro scheme falls through, as ems not improbable, or can give us power only at rates much higher than the betrayed ratepayers have to say about the malfeasance of their municipal representatives? Barrow cannot be made

making his estimate too low.

BORDEN INTERPRETED.

Mr. R. L. Borden opened his tour in Halifax, perhaps because Halifax was his litical home and the place of his defeat the elections of 1904. It will be intersting, therefore, to mark how the leader s regarded among those of his party who now him best. Recently the Toronto News said; "The Conservative party at Ottawa has suffered from something like dry rot since the lightning of 1896," and declared that it is "heading straight for a epetition of the fiasco of 1904." The ws is not the only Tory organ that as arrived at that opinion. The Halifax erald, the Tory organ in Mr. Borden's

"What is the matter with R. L. Boren's NO MAN IN PUBLIC LIFE HAS UFFERED MORE FROM BEING JAMNED WITH FAINT PRAISE THAN IAS MR. BORDEN. IT IS HARD FOR

raise. "Yes." we are told, "Mr. Borden is a pleudid gentleman; he is a hard worker; e is a fine speaker; he is an ornament to the House; he would make an ideal phief Justice; BUT"—the inevitable, the

tal "but" is bound to follow-"AS A LEADER HE WON'T DO." Why not? "We are told that he is not aggressive hat he lacks nerve; that he does not ake occasion by the hand; that he is COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF DRIFT.

OMMNITTED TO A POLICY OF DRIFT.
The reply is made, and not without reason, that in order to be a leader you MONT HAVE SOMETHING TO LEAD, but the rejoinder is found in the maxim that a general is not made by his army; the army is made by its general.
That the present Opposition at Ottawa is NOT THE EFFECTIVE FIGHTING MACHINE that it should be, is evident beyond dispute. To what extent is its inefficiency inherent? To what extent is it handicapped by its header? These are questions not without interest. Their discussion involves a diagnosis, delicate but important.

These are the organ's candid opinions of leader and party. And it has not

esstated to reassirm them.

o give clean government.

That was the Halifax Herald's diagosis of the moral condition of its own party less than five months ago. It was in a position to know; it was behind the scenes. Not only did it know of the party's rottenness, but it knew that the public knew. And here is the open con-

fession of corruption in party and lack of ability in leader:

The moral, therefore, is that an opposi-tion must thoroughly purge taself if it would fit itself for the high duties of

government.
Further, it must be led by men of resome guarantee of fidelity in respect to
pledges given to the people.
That looks like a severe reflection on

Mr. Borden. It is not a direct charge, but the Herald did not stop at that; it

but the Herald did not stop at that; it had more to say. Listen:

The Conservative party was not always a clean exponent of alean politics.

That is plain truth.

It is the simple and damnable truth that as late AS THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 1904 CONSERVATIVE HEELERS as well as Liberal heelers WERE ARMED WITH CORRUPTING FUNDS.

Election trials have proved it against iberals. THE PEOPLE KNOW that it

roved corrupt, admits this organ in its ame party and the same leaders are appealing to the people to-day on a platform of purity! Has it been "purged"?

But the Herald's charges that Mr. Borden's support was procured by corruption were, in other issues, even more specific. Here is one of its editorial

"The Conservative central fund for "The Conservative central fund for Nova Scotia was somewhere about \$75.000. This sum must have been disbursed in about sixteen constituencies, as in one or two constituencies, such as Yarmouth and Guysborough, the Conservative case was so hopeless that it is not likely that they spent very much money in them. IN SOME RIDINGS THE OUTPOURING OF MONEY WAS VERY GREAT.

If these were the accusations of a Grit paper, they might be put aside as preudiced or ignorantly made; but they are the statements of the Halifax Herald Mr. Borden's own organ, made in his with the echoes of that confession still ringing in his ears, Mr. Borden appears before the people of Ontario and asks for support on a policy of purity! And the party organs assume a superior aid and point the finger of scorn at the Liberals! When were the "purging" and "purifying," said by the leader's own organ to be necessary to the party, effected? Just as long as the ballotbox stuffer and the corruptionist are supreme, just so long are the people dethroned," says the Mail and Empire; and then the hat-passers of the party go out and hustle to raise huge co tion funds! Great is Humbug. And Borden poses as its high priest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Toronto seems to have been pretty rotten, according to Mr. Starr's official

The Japanese in to be arming for self-protection. And nobody will blame them for doing so. Let there be no mercy shown to mobs in Canada

Commissioner Starr regarded the \$1,000 deal as a purchase of Dr. Beattie Neshitt's influence. Was that suppose to b echeap?

If a by-law to purchase pumps is to be submitted now there should be nothing to prevent the submission of the ward by-law at the same time. The cost of two by-laws will be little more than the cost of one.

The Ottawa Citizen argues that the men should cut the timber on our Crown lands. The nursing of the babies and the darning of the stockings will be reached as a grand triumph of the faddists ere long.

The Woodstock Express pretends to regard the choice of Mr. Graham for Minister of Railways as a great mistake. It says the position "demands experience." But the Express would have no object tion to giving a Tory time to gain experience; probably it would not care whe ther he got it or not.

The Montreal Gazette says that, after remaining for thirty years at eight cents a quart, the price of milk there during the coming winter will be advanced two cents, the 10 cents a quart rate to become effective October 1st. Will the ten cents stick for another thirty years?

If Mr. Graham, of the Montreal Star, who was so "warmly attached to the Conservative party" that he sent \$29,380 of his own money into Mr. Pelletier's dis-trict of Quebec to help Mr. Borden's cause in 1904, was, as he says, sending much might his contributions to the boodle find amount to in the aggregate? And how many other rich Tories were similarly "attached to the Conserva-

Brantford has decided to form a British Welcome League, on lines similar to the one in existence in Toronto. Possi-bly such an institution would be useful

organization would render considerable ssistance in providing work or help

Mr. Borden has still one journalistic sition. The Ottawa Journal warmly defends his course, and attacks Mr. Graham for having (it alleges) accepted pe-cuniary aid from Liberal friends. But they are few now who defend the pay-ment of a saiary by the country to a man to help in thwarting the legislation brought forward by the men the people have by a majority elected to legislate.

Speaking of the so-called Ontario Municipal Union the Brautford Expositor says: "This organization is made up, for the most part, of municipal officials," and its views consequently are not al-ways to be accepted as those of the electors." Very true. It has no more title to claim to represent the people than had the Tailors of Tooley street to style themselves "We the people of England." And its impertinent intrusion into public affairs is remarkable mostly

The Halifax Chronicle, one of the brightest and best of our daily exchanges for the Liberal cause in the Maritime ome new building, and it marks the occasion by the issue of a booklet giving sketch of its history for half a cer tury. The Chronicle shows no signs of ous with the years. Long may it chron icle the success of Liberalism in uphold ing good principles and clean Govern-

By undertaking not to incur any large enture debt for a specified time Ottawa has succeeded in borrowing for her 51/2 per cent., plus commissions, which cent. That was the alternative of the sale of the city's bonds at about 95. It s high time that the municipalities began to curb the spending of their Councils. The debts of Ontario municipalities are increasing at an alarming rate, with out any corresponding increase acity to meet them.

Speaking of the hoodlumism in Vanouver the Toronto World says:

Our connection with the mother country is both a source of strength and a source of weakness in this matter. We are bound by Britain's treaties. We must find a way of establishing our complete independence of the mother country and her treaties in dealing with this problem.

And so recently these same organs were so impatient of the delay of the Canadian Parliament and Government in coming under this same treaty! Would the World have us cut the painter and quit

The Renfrew Mercury nominates John F. MacKay, the Globe's business manager, for the Leadership of the Ontario Liberals. Mr. MacKay is a clever young man, and very popular with those who know him. He is beyond all question a ave not heard that he has any aspirais no bar. That one who has not been rominent in the political arena is thus out forward is but another evidence that there is no lack of good material from which to make leaders in the Liberal party. What is specially needed just now in Ontario is a very decided increase in

Mayor Stewart doesn't like to hear of that offer to put in pumps and pump two-thirds more water without a dollar increased cost, and give us the pumps free in five years. Why? He says, "The Cataract Company has no claim on us. When we get ready to ask them for tenders it will be time enough to discuss that." Meantime, Mayor Stewart, you will spend \$50,000—probably more—of the people's money. Of course the Cat-aract has no claim on us; but the city a claim on its Mayor, and it looks to him not to deliberately throw away \$50,000 or more, because to save it it would be necessary to consider a plain business offer by the Cataract Company or anybody else. Would any business man act in that manner, Mr. Mayor?

Last year, says a St. Catharines paper, the St. Catharines Horticultural Society led all the other horticultural societies of the Province in membership and work. This year the St. Kitts so ciety has made an increase already of over a hundred members, the roll standing at present at 392, and new members are yet being enrolled, so that the list, our contemporar; says, will go considerably beyond 400. Now, how does the Hamilton society compare with this? We should have a larger society than St. Catharines. But we are afraid it is much smaller. What is more, and worse, is that our local society seems dead, o nearly so. It has made litle noise for Provincial fruit, flower and honey show to slip through its fingers. What's the trouble, anyway? The Times would like to see the Hamilton Horticultural Society become something like its former self.

The marriage was celebrated at Peterboro, New Hampshire, on September 4, of Professor William Henry Schoffield, head of the department of comparative literature at Harvard, and Mrs. Charles P. Cheney. Professor Schoffield is a Canadian graduate. The ceremony was conducted by Right Rev. Edward McPartner, coadjutor Bishop of New Hampshire. Mrs. Schoffield is well known for the interest shown by her in charitable and philanthropic work in Beston.

Our Exchanges

A Cold Deal.

Sarcastic.

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(Kingston Whis.)

Col. Bendrie, Hamilton, has been made a commander of the Royal Victorian Order. That ought to make him more popular than over with the workingmen, whose yotes are essential to his success.

as a title of description, if not distinction. A member of the legal profession was recently classified in print as "Attorney—"
Why should not a member of the plumbing profession be called "Plumber Jones"
Also a practitioner of the art of tin or shoet iron work might be described as "Tinsmith, Robinson," or "Roofer Smith?"
There are great possibilities in this new type of decorating names—if the style only supperson.

The Fellow Race.

The Wail of a Waitress. (By Ethel M. Kelly.) the nerve to bring her here to

eat.'
I seen them comin' half-way down the

an' I was ready for them, you can het. I ain't a showin' the white feather She's got my beau, but I don't say I'm beat.

I waited till they'd settled in their seat.
"Fine day." I says to him, real soft and sweet.
"Fine day." he says, "'f you like your weather wet."

He had the nerve!

Oon't say a word; I fixed that couple He acted like he's crazy with the heat; He didn't have no notion what he et. He can't come to jolly up his pet. She didn't come this way with willin

As one that loves a wanton, knowing well
That she is false, I yield me to thy spell.
But when my cup is foaming to the

brim.
Yea, when I dream that I have clasped the prize, I see the scythe and mark the face of

him That is thy lover leering from thine eyes.
—September Smart Set.

THE BARD REPLIES

To a Churlish Attack by a Toronto Editor.

Some time ago the Bard of Athol Bank contributed two stanzas of greeting to Hon. Geo. P. Graham, the new Minister of Railways. The heavyweight of the Toronto News devotes half a column to fully the standard of the column to fully the standard of the column to fully the standard of the stand elaborate ridicule of "W. M's." tion. "W. M." is not cast down, probably recalling one line to which he of the News takes exception:

"However renegades may rail," and he comes back at him with the folwing:

TRUE "TORY" AT LAST.
Thanks a thousand, noble News
From "W. M's." immortal muse
And every lark alive,
Em. showing in, such shining hues
(Including brilliant black and blues),
That three and two make five.

Take carel Great Byron once was broke To bits beyond a Jeffrey Joke By certain bold "Reviewers," Who. Turther on, were taught to croak In certain sunless rewers; instead of crowing like a crew Gr goosters in their proud review. The certain, 9th Sept. 1907.

Let the News beware! "W. M." may not always tolerate the setting up of Bourassa as a sort of fuse to protect others on the line from the lightnings of his wrath, if he is once roused to dip his poetic pen in gall and sulphuric acid and such delicacies.

MRS OTTER'S WILL

The will of the late Mrs. Anna Otter, filed for probate westerday, divides the state of \$4,898.65, all personal, among the two sons. Brigadier-General William D. Otter, of Toronto, and Harold C. Otter, of Chicago, and one daughter, Emily M. Stewart, widow of the late A. D. Stewart. Stewart.

The Harbor at Manila.

The amount of money spent on the harbor of Manila and the Passig River during the past year totaled at nearly four and a half million dollars. It is now the best and safest harbor in the Orient. Breakwaters and large covered docks have been constructed and channels cleared. The improvements are not yet completed.

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He didn't have no notion what he et. He can't come to jolly up his pet. She didn't come this way with willin' feet— 17.

He had the n-rve.

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(By George Sylvester Viercek.)

Thou art the quick pulsations of the wine.

The laughter and the fover and the doom.

Skull crowned with roses, malady divine.

Dweller alike in cradls and in tomb!

Thine is the dangor of the ceaseless strife.

The agony of being and the lust.

But Death, thy bridegroom, turus thy heart, O Life,

Whence thou hast risen, to the primal dust.

As one that loves a wanton, knowing Personality.

Sentence Sermons.

Nursing sorrow is raising sin, You cannot fatten folks on phrases.

There are no friendships without faith.

The poverty of life is due to the things The love of truth goes before likeness

truth.
Ornamental piety usually adorns an empty heart.

Every life may be known by the way

God is not in the closet if He is not on The beautiful life wastes no time look-

ing for a mirror.
When faith gets to dreaming there

When faith gets to dreaming there son is omething doing.

A great deal of piety is only a game of trying to dodge the Almighty.

If you have faith you will see something glorious in every face.

The poorest way to make an impression is to give up to degreession. sion is to give up to depression.

You may know the greatness of any

man by the way he treats a child. You cannot keep life sweet and whole-some by taking all your salt on Sunday. Some think they are full of faith be-cause they turn their backs on the facts. Often the best way to inderstand your brother is to look in the face of

Often the best way to Inderstand your brother is to look in the face of your Father.

There would be fewer prayers for the removal of mountains if all were called by their right names.

Some think they are wonderfully brave because they screw up enough courage to give poor old Jonah a lambasting.

Found Death in Pint of Milk.

st. Clair, Pa., Sept. 10.—A pint of on knows to Suiran with state streets. Akibari I would treets of use, burn with the store to take the milk off because the way beling over, and was deluged with it, the thick fluid literally boiling his flesh in spots.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11TH. 1907

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