

THE HAMILTON TIMES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1908.

THE GERRYMANDER.

A. G. MacKay, M. P., dealt trenchantly with Whitney's gerrymander, and his remarks made it quite clear that none who read it can escape conviction that it is just about as honest in intent as the action of the man who robs a neighbor's hen roost...

In his remarks, Mr. MacKay dealt with the cases of Cardwell and Peel. As these constituencies stood, Cardwell had a population of 17,473 and Peel 18,032, a tolerably well-equalized pair of constituencies.

The plea that equalization of population is the principle on which Whitney proceeds finds many strange illustrations in the measure. In North Hastings there is a population of 24,088; in West Hastings, 17,772. But this difference of 6,216 was not sufficient to convince Whitney that there should be some change made.

In East Lambton the population is 24,808, in West Lambton 22,470; but this difference of 12,338 failed to move Whitney to attempt to equalize them. He could not see how the party could be benefited.

Between East and West Kent there is a difference of 10,296, but Whitney thought the party chances could not be improved, so they remain as they were.

There is nearly 8,000 difference between East and West Elgin. They remain untouched, lest a worse thing befall the party.

The difference between the two Ontarios is 4,027; between the Perths about 1,000, and no changes are made there.

North Lanark has a population of 18,008, and South Lanark 15,428, a difference of 2,580. A deputation of Dr. Preston's party workers tried to induce Provincial Treasurer Matheson to consent to give up to them of his strength one Tory township; but Col. Matheson only smiled that sad smile of his, so much more touching than tears, and declined to increase his political risk by any such measure of equalization.

The case of Huron County is almost a typical one. The figures of the last elections in the three ridings show a total of 7,106 Liberals, and 6,944 Tories.

By bunching the Grit townships in a long, narrow strip extending about 30 miles, it has been found possible to serve out three ridings, one with a large Liberal majority, and the other two fairly safe Tory seats.

Brookville, as gerrymandered, recalls to Mr. MacKay's mind Sir Richard Cartwright's description of the Hurons as repeatedly gerrymandered by Sir John A. Macdonald—"Nothing like them in the heavens above, the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth."

It is certainly a most unshapely specimen. Yet, before Whitney's gerrymander, Brookville had a population of 18,322, and Leeds 19,254. The alteration of such boundaries in such a manner finds no excuse save that of party gain.

With all his boasted majority of 44 in the Legislature, Whitney does not altogether get out of proportion to his majority of the electorate. Taking the total vote cast in the last election, his majority in the House should not exceed 10. He is counting on legislating himself in a strength which he does not receive from the electors. How long will he be able to thus throttle the free voice of Ontario? Why should a Premier, whose regard will bear scrutiny, and whose policy in power looks to the good of the province, need to resort to such nefarious methods? "Conscience makes cowards of us all."

THE BOYS ARE HUNGRY.

The annual expenditure of the Province is rapidly rising. In three years, under Whitney, it has increased as much per capita as in thirty-three years of Liberal rule. The modest budgets of Mowat, Hardy and Ross, at which Tory critics were wont to rail as ruinous and extravagant, are now quite eclipsed, and require to meet the demands which they make upon the public treasury.

Not only does Canada gain largely in productive value by each immigrant coming to our country, but the actual cash brought in is an important item. It is estimated that the 200,000 settlers who entered last year, 5,000 of whom were United States farmers, brought, at least, \$30,000,000 with them. Besides this, it is held by United States authorities that each immigrant is worth \$2,000 apiece to the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Can you imagine Hon. Col. Hendrie's look of ineffable disgust as he read that Spectator guff yesterday?

So the kid teachers are to be put to practise on the Public School pupils! How the teachers of those schools will rejoice!

Oh, yes! Hamilton will have a technical school after the elections, you know. Likewise, when she puts up the money.

The Spectator daily assures its readers that R. R. Gamey is a "strong" speaker. And the editor winks the other eye, and chuckles at his double entendre.

Ottawa will be authorized to pay her controllers \$1,000 apiece. What a scramble there will be for the plum if such a snap is offered to Hamilton aldermen!

Wonder how many voters those \$10,000 and \$15,000 items for fire and forest rangers, which appear in the supplementary estimates, will scare up for Whitney?

GIVE THEM WATER.

It is not as supplicants for charity that the 200-odd residents on the mountain who are now talking of securing annexation for the purpose of getting city water are coming to the city with their request. Their neighbors just across the roadway are residents within the corporate limits of the city.

In matters political, when you see anything in the Spectator about what the Liberals of Hamilton are going to do, you may take it for granted, in the absence of better authority, that it isn't so.

If any more of the "boys" holding down Ontario Government jobs would like to have their salaries raised, now is the time, in the classic parlance of Candidate Regan, to "seize the psychological moment, and get their work in."

Hon. Sydney Fisher proposes to amend the Fruit Marks Act, largely increasing the penalties under it. He will also provide penalties for the adulteration of cheese. Both of these are good measures, and will tend to maintain Canada's reputation in the world's markets.

It is now stated that Mayor Stewart will not insist upon the smallpox patients making a refund of the price of the oranges furnished them during their detention. Good enough! Let them go in with the tea and the Epsom salts and the biscuits.

The Russian Douma is proving itself capable of some results. One of the Czar's Vice-Ministers has been forced by it to retire, thus acknowledging to a degree, responsibility to the popular House. The victory is not a great one, of course, but straws show the direction of the wind.

The scandal hunters of the Ottawa Opposition raise a joyous whoop over the discovery that the Government employed a tug at \$25 a day plus some extras. By the way, how much did our aldermen pay for the little tug employed to tow the celebrated sandercock to and from its work daily?

It is said that in European Russia, 1,200,000 children under 1 year die annually. The death rate of such children in other European countries is said to be: Norway, 79; Sweden, 93; Denmark, 112; England, 132; France, 137; Belgium, 155; Italy, 172; Germany, 204; Japan, 152; Russia, 322.

That item of \$2,000 in the supplementary estimates "presumably" for plans for a technical school at Hamilton, is not intended for election purposes—perish the thought! It just never occurred to the Minister before to make any move toward doing anything in the matter since our Normal College was stolen, till on the eve of an election.

It is said by Samuel A. Stodel, a representative of the Industrial Workers of the World, that there are at present 4,750,000 men out of employment in the United States, and that "matters are going from bad to worse." But have not our neighbors an infallible remedy in the tariff for that sort of thing? Why not lay on more taxes?

A reader wishes to know what there is to prevent Hamilton from protecting itself by "standing pat," allowing the other municipalities not so favorably situated, to experiment with this Hydro power business, and then go in afterwards if it prove to be her advantage. Nothing in the world, save the headiness of a few who have axes to grind.

Mayor Stewart announces that Adam Beck is to come to explain some of the points of difficulty in the power contract. It is not "explanation" that is needed; it is rather reasons why a city situated as Hamilton is with an electric supply provided for, and lying in the path of all the other Niagara lines, should enter into any such improvident contract.

Hon. Mr. Foy's Division Court Amendment Act, which was announced with a flourish of trumpets as to greatly reduce the costs of the "poor man's court," has gone the way of his law reform scheme. It was withdrawn the other day, after a deputation of officials of the court, who have a pull in election campaigns, had protested to him that the bill was an invasion of their rights.

The marriage of Miss Garrow, daughter of Mr. Justice and Mrs. Garrow, to Mr. Joseph Gardner Standart, takes place in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday afternoon, April 28th.

OUR EXCHANGES.

It Never Thought So. (Victoria Colonist.) The Telegram thinks that under the proposed amendment the returning officers in the Provinces named may be authorized to put identification marks on ballots, but we do not so read the bill.

The Bravest Monarch. (Sheffield Independent.) It was stated by the writer that during the German Emperor's recent visit to England he called at this shop, and bought half a dozen handsome hats for the press.

Now it is not as if the Kaiser had done this thing in ignorance of his danger. He has been married for many years; he has sisters, and cousins, and aunts; he is very learned and very wise. Yet he coolly went and did what in a monarch in Europe would dare to do what perhaps no other man in Europe would dare to do. What do you, male reader, know about the hats of women? Are not the shapes and garnishings of them a matter in which you, even if you are married, are utterly devoid of competence? Is there anything on earth that bears the remotest resemblance to a lady's hat? Are not the rules of taste and style that govern these creations wholly beyond realization by you? Finally, are you not aware that if in a moment of insanity you did choose a hat for a lady you would be condemned to write under the lash of her bitter scorn—that you would feel absolutely the smallest being on earth? Yet the Kaiser bought for his wife not one hat, but six hats. The question then arises, will he consent to wear any of them is one that I shall not seek to answer. It is immaterial. The great thing is that the Kaiser bought six hats for his wife. It is the supreme triumph of omniscience over human frailty. They have met men who profess to know everything, but not one of them has posed as an authority on ladies' hats. But the Kaiser knows about ladies' hats; he buys ladies' hats. He is really omniscient.

Ontario, Birmingham. (Montreal Gazette.) By the proposed contract of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission the city of Stratford will pay \$24.50 per horse-power, for Niagara electric current, provided 1,250 horse-power is taken. To the sum mentioned there is to be added \$3.90, being the estimated cost of local distribution. It is calculated that, when all charges are paid, the cost to consumers will not be less than \$30 a horse-power in every instance that were to dot Ontario as the result of the public control of Niagara's "white coal" will be looked for on the map for some years yet without being found.

Domestic Science. (St. Catharines Standard.) The Public School Board of 1908 is giving ample evidence of the fact that its members are alive to the interests of the children entrusted to their care, and the lecture by Mrs. Hoodless, of Hamilton, in the Collegiate Institute hall last night was an event which proved most successful, entertaining and instructive in every sense. Mrs. Hoodless is exceptionally well versed in her subject, and as her words evidently come from the heart, it is little wonder that the large audience accorded her an uninterrupted and most attentive hearing.

If You Are a Woman? (Sheffield Independent.) Nobody ever sympathizes with him who toils at odd jobs, even when he suffers in his old age, and is not able to use a hammer, scientifically aimed at the head of a nail, wanders from its course and alights with emphasis on the thumb. The disagreeableness is vastly intensified if, while you are wringing your hand in woe, you see a young man who has many words—not many, as a general thing—that you are a fool. And are not aware of the chagrin of those humiliating moments when the hammer or the screwdriver is wrested from your hand, and you have to thrust aside the sympathy with your view that the task is one of extraordinary difficulty.

Club House Needed. (Goldwin Smith.) A hint has been given in a quarter likely to be well informed that sexual vice is prevalent in Toronto, such was morally sure to be the case in nearly all, as Toronto now is, of young men without homes. The best antidote is well known to be a good club where a young man can spend his evenings in right company. Such a club was founded under the excellent auspices of the late John Beverley Robinson. Through misadventure of its cost it was left in debt. To relieve it of this it received liberal contributions from some who were not bound by any social responsibility. Of those whose social responsibility was greatest help was sought in vain. The club house stands a melancholy monument of niggardly indifference to social duty. When the lady of a Governor-General applied in the same quarters on behalf of an object in which these gentlemen were not specially concerned, \$50,000 were subscribed in a quarter of an hour.

FIRESIDE CLUB.

Officers for 1908-9 Were Elected Last Evening. The annual meeting and election of officers of the Centenary Fireside Club was held last evening in the Club's church quarters, and the large turnout manifested much enthusiasm in the selection of the officials. It is the order of the society to hold the elections at the close of each term, as to enable the ones elected to gather new ideas during the summer months.

Reports of the different committees were read and showed a flourishing condition, with the one exception of the treasurer's which had the balance on the wrong side. Mr. J. Jolley, however, explained the cause. During the past year the Fireside Club had gone to considerable expense in furnishing new quarters and with a supper after each meeting the treasury has become low. When an association has a membership of one hundred, as Centenary has, it requires expense to manage it.

Invitations for the banquets of Burlington Street Union and St. Paul's Guild were read and Geo. Hancock and P. Pennington were chosen to represent Centenary at these affairs, respectively. The election of the 1908-09 officers resulted as follows: Hon. President—Rev. R. Whitney. President—J. E. Magee (accl.). First Vice-President—C. H. Darrall. Second Vice-President—Jas. L. Jolley. Secretary—Norman Mead. Treasurer—Nelson Mills. Executive—Messrs. Geo. Foote, F. R. Griffith, Norman Jones and H. P. Birley.

Press representatives—Chas. Cox, Reg. Sloan and Geo. Hancock. Short addresses were given by the new officials, and an interesting travel talk by Chas. Finch on his recent experiences in London, closed the last business meeting for the present term. Arrangements are being made to have the season's banquet surpass all others. It will be held in two weeks.

CANON O'MEARA.

Principal of Wycliffe Spoke at Cathedral Meeting. The last of the series of Lenten lectures on subjects pertaining to the Pan Anglican congress was given last evening in Christ's Church Cathedral lecture hall by Rev. Canon O'Meara, LL.D., principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto. The subject was "What the World Owe to Christian Missions." The speaker in his opening remarks said it was cause of encouragement to know the study of missions was so largely taken up. Canon O'Meara asked what would the world be without Christian missions, and what would it be without the word of God and the great religion of Jesus Christ? No one could conceive. The object of missionaries was vastly different from explorers, for the latter wished to discover land while missionaries wanted to get at the soul of the man. The reverend gentleman pointed out that if the darkest regions of the world were to be civilized and saved it must be by the introduction of the word of God and the Christian Missionaries going in to teach the Word. Concluding Canon O'Meara said that the work of carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ must go on until the great Saviour Himself came. He also gave many interesting figures of the past 50 years' work of the Anglican Church, in helping missionary work and in the alleviation of suffering. Fifty years ago there were no such institutions in foreign lands as hospitals, asylums and similar places for the benefit of the afflicted, but now such places are to be found all over the world in the most remote quarters.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Archdeacon Forrester, seconded by Mr. H. J. Gilbert. The chair was occupied by Rev. Archdeacon Clark. There was a fairly good attendance and the lecture was one of the most interesting of the series.

Second Double Hanging. Philadelphia, April 7.—The second double hanging of the present year at the Philadelphia County Prison, took place to-day, when Max Soifer and Joseph Tolric were executed for murders committed during jealous passions.

Soifer shot and killed a girl because she threatened to end their engagement to marry, and Tolric killed the brother of his sweetheart after attempting to shoot the girl.

There is a good deal of cheer on life's journey if it be made with a contented heart.—Van Dyke.

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Toronto, April 8.—As a testimonial of the great work of Dr. Walter B. Geikie, formerly dean of Trinity Medical College, in advancing medical education in the province and in founding and building up Trinity Medical College, which has sent forth so many graduates, who have highly distinguished themselves in their profession, his life size portrait in oils was unveiled at the Medical School of Toronto University last night in the presence of a large number of prominent medical men. The picture was accepted by Dr. Geikie and presented to Toronto Academy of Medicine.

After a strenuous fight the by-law for a new \$55,000 public school at Paris, Ont., was carried on Tuesday by a majority of 65 votes.

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