

## THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, OCT. 22, 1907.

## A VICIOUS SYSTEM.

The Brockville Recorder points out that the method adopted by the Ontario Government through which the University of Toronto gets a very large amount of public money each year, without consulting the people's representatives in the Legislature, is a direct violation of the spirit of the constitution of this country. The principle of Government by the people is totally ignored. It does not object to the giving of financial aid to this great Provincial seat of learning, but it unreservedly condemns the plan by which that aid is granted.

And the Recorder is undoubtedly right in that condemnation. The clause in the act which gives the pecuniary assistance to the University is thus framed:

For the purpose of making provision for the maintenance and support of the University, and University College, there shall be paid to the board out of the consolidated revenue of the Province yearly and every year, a sum equal to fifty per centum of the average yearly gross receipts of the Province from succession duties.

Briefly set forth, the affairs of the University are turned over to a commission over which the people have no control, save through the Government, and in whose deliberations they have no voice. Indeed the theory is advanced that it should be allowed to work in secret and deny the people the right to know who of its members favors or who advocates any particular course. These men, be it remembered, are not elected by the people, and owe them no direct responsibility. The act empowers it to take in every year half of the succession duties, without regard to how much they may yield, and to spend the money as they may decide, without being held to account by the people.

This is not an arrangement in keeping with the principles of responsible government, or of the theory which underlies it, that no money of the people shall be voted by the Legislature till the representatives of the people shall have had an opportunity to be heard on the subject. The clause of the act already quoted was opposed by the Liberals in the Legislature, the following amendment being presented:

"That all the words after the word 'that' be omitted, and the following be substituted: 'The bill be not now recommitted to a committee of the whole House, with instructions to amend clause 145, first, by striking out the words 'a sum equal to 50 per centum of the average yearly gross receipts of the Province from succession duties,' and inserting the following: 'Such sums as may be appropriated by the Legislative Assembly on report of the board, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.'"

It was voted down, and those who did so sought to present its supporters as unfriendly to the University. The true friends of the institution are those who would aid it in a constitutional manner, and who would consult the people, and require the University Commission to take them into its confidence. As it is, the Commission may take its money of the succession duties, be they \$800,000 or \$1,500,000, and spend them as they will, without let or hindrance, or without allowing the public to know why, where, for, or who favored or who approved. Whitney's government-by-commission is being carried to a great length, and is taking from the administration responsibilities which it should not be allowed to divest itself of, and depriving the people of rights which our system of government is supposed to guarantee to them. Its tendency is toward the establishing of a later and more tyrannical and corrupt family compact than that of which the Canada of to-day still retains the odious memory.

## A SWINDLE THAT FAILED.

A very extensive and ingenious swindle has been recently attempted on investors in mines by some Wyoming sharks. These gentry were not primarily after the small fry investors; they were angling for the big fish. Bankers, business men and capitalists were to have subscribed to the stock of the corporation, which was headed by Thomas L. Greenough, partner of the late multimillionaire, Peter Larsen, in Northwest mining and railroad operations. The prospects were excellent for floating a huge scheme easily. J. R. Neill, of Spokane, one of the best known mining men of the Northwest, was interested in the venture, and he headed a party of Washington and Montana capitalists, who, after visiting the ground, voted that it was the greatest mining proposition in the placer line the world had ever seen.

But the denouement shows that Burns' words, "The best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley," apply with full force to crooked mining promotion. Causes for suspicion developed. Two of those deeply interested—E. W. King, a former speaker of the Montana Legislature, and J. R. McNeill, of Spokane, undertook a searching personal investigation, and it is said that their work resulted in the exposure of the greatest mining swindle the Northwest has ever had. They found to a certainty that the 150 prospect holes and shafts had been salted with gold dust to an extent that, it is believed, must have cost the swindlers more than \$100,000.

The first lot of investigators had scraped the walls of the shafts, and the scrapings showed \$0 gold to the pan. That looked bonanza-like. But when the second party investigated, with suspicious aroused, and dug into the walls of the prospect holes, they found to a certainty that the dirt was worthless—that the walls of the holes had been "shot" with fine gold by some means. The job

was well done, and at enormous cost. The risk taken may have involved \$100,000, but the amount at stake, and the swindlers was away up in the millions; and only a chance word dropped aroused the suspicions that led to the discovery of the swindle attempted. Already the Greenoughs had bought up farm lands necessary to control the water supply at a cost of \$125,000, and in a few days more the sharpers would have been in possession of a payment of \$1,500,000.

There is a hint in this for the unsophisticated chap who so cheerfully parts with his coin for paper representing shares in all sorts of mythical and other prospects. Even the sharpest men, thoroughly familiar with such deals, sometimes get bitten. The ordinary man at the desk or bench or counter or plough has need to exercise all the intelligence and discretion he can command, if he is going to embark in such speculations, if he would not be literally "skinned."

## IS THE TRADE WANTED?

Commissioner Ross, who is making great efforts to build up trade with Australia, has a grievance against our home manufacturers which calls for immediate attention and reform. In one of his recent letters to his department he makes this complaint:

The very slow delivery of orders placed with Canadian manufacturers is operating seriously against the development of trade with Australia. I am aware of orders having been sent from Melbourne to Canada in June, 1906, and no advices have yet been received that the goods are shipped. There are numbers of instances of orders accepted by manufacturers, mine to ten months ago that were not at latest advices executed.

Several instances have been brought under my notice of Canadian manufacturers repudiating business contracts, obviously on account of an increase in demand and higher prices ruling elsewhere. Upon the basis of their own quotations some manufacturers notified Australian importers of their acceptance of orders, and the buyers, after anticipating the arrival of the goods from month to month, simply received a notification that the orders could not be filled at the prices upon which the orders were in the first instance accepted. Such treatment is most reprehensible, as it reflects upon the good name of all Canadian exporters who are endeavoring to secure a larger share of the Australian trade.

That is a state of things that should not exist. If Australian trade is worth having, orders should receive prompt attention; if it is not desired, we may as well stop paying public money to drum it up. It does not tend to increase Australian respect for Canadian enterprise or business methods that a year or more should be allowed to elapse before a purchaser should hear of the shipment of his order. Can it be possible that for the Canadian factories are too busy to fill the orders? And, if so, would it not have been courteous (as well as good for the future of our trade) for the recipient of the order to get somebody else to fill it?

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

This is a great day for the Woman's Wentworth Historical Society.

The lessons Magistrate Jelfs is teaching these days are those of good order. Heed them.

Kipling sees in Canada "the spirit of national life." Kipling is a gentleman and a scholar; also a bit of a blarney.

Hanna got no moose. If he wants to run up against a bear, however, he might visit Toronto registry office, where Dr. Beattie Nesbitt makes his den.

The Toronto News' correspondent says Borden addressed seven meetings in the west, the total of the audiences being "about 7,000." That does not spell wild enthusiasm.

For the year ending June 30, 1907, the emigration of persons from the United States to Canada was 56,518, as compared with 190,520 of other nationalities. This is a large leaven, and almost entirely of people who are in no need of State or any other aid.

There is no need for alarm over the presence of smallpox in Oakville. The health authorities there are exercising care in the matter of quarantine, and our health department is taking proper care of the patient discovered here. But it would do no harm if vaccination were more general.

Our Government does well to invite the Indian Government to take steps to discourage Hindu emigration to Canada. If the conditions prevailing were known to the people there they would not wish to come. Perhaps the best way to make the situation clear would be to return some of those now in the country and let them speak.

Leo W. Broom, a Chicago junk dealer, bought an old gas stove for 50 cents. Failing to sell it at a profit he broke it up, and in doing so found \$7,000 in United States bonds wrapped in a newspaper of date of three years ago. Now there is trouble to find the owner of the securities. Broom says he found \$800 in a stove two years ago.

Mr. Fielding, in his Halifax speech, claimed that in eleven years of Liberal rule there had been surpluses totalling ninety-five million dollars; but stated that in the same time there had been an increase of the debt of five millions. It is time Governments in Canada adopted a straightforward way of dealing with the finances of the country. Ninety-five millions of surpluses and five millions of debt are too contradictory things to be made in the same time.—Montreal Gazette.

We think it would be possible to improve on the system, but it is the one that has always been followed in Canada. The surpluses exist, of course—on paper. The money they represent, and

more, has been put into works for the development of the country—canals, public buildings, railway aid, etc., and is set down as capital account expenditures. If they are worth the cost to the people they are still a real gain of that much to the country.

The bill providing for the regulation of electric power export will come into effect on Oct. 28th. By adopting the policy of licensing and controlling the export of power the Dominion Government indicates its determination to see that Canadians are not wronged by the big power companies operating in Canada. It will be away ahead of the Hydro-Electric scheme as a benefit to Canada.

The New York Sun is apparently growing alarmed at the war talk and the situation created by the sending of the United States fleet to the Pacific. It characterizes the sending of the fleet as an "insane project," and says that although the Executive cannot declare war, it can create a state of affairs that Congress would have no choice but to declare war, or it might have said, the other party might be in a similar predicament. It declares that the American people must speak before it is too late. But once the yellow journals get a-going the people will be unable to make themselves heard.

The correspondent of the Montreal Herald who accompanies Mr. Borden in his Northwest tour says the leader of the Opposition "has not discussed the tariff since he went west." The correspondent of the Toronto News, who is very friendly to Mr. Borden, says he is "keeping industriously quiet about it." Borden is not frank in this matter. He should either tell the Northwest farmers that he is for higher tariff—"as high as Haman's gallows"—or he should tell the eastern Tories who want that sort of tariff that he cannot approve their policy. He will not be allowed to straddle—to be a "Haman's gallows" tariffite in Toronto and a low tariff advocate in the west.

We have received a copy of "The Quest," an annual published in the interest of the blind, by E. B. F. Robinson, M. A., Markham, Ont., together with a circular from the Canadian Free Library for the Blind at the same place. In it the following statements are made:

The Dominion has made books for the blind post free. The Province has placed under the supervision of the Education Department and voted us for this year \$200, which must be wholly expended in books, but for rent, office expenses, etc., we must depend on private aid. For the quarter ending Sept. 30, the number of members enrolled was 39, the number of books loaned, 229. Of these members only one resides in Hamilton, but in a city of Hamilton's population we feel that there may be others to whom our books would be welcome. We would therefore respectfully request readers to send us the names and addresses of any blind persons of their acquaintance in Ontario.

Any one interested in the matter can have a perusal of the copy of "The Quest" now in our possession.

The Canadian Canneries, Limited, have called the attention of the Victoria Colonist to the injustice done the Canadian canning trade by the wide reproduction of some very grave reflections credited to Dr. Hogg, of the Provincial Board of Health, and the Colonist explains that it printed the despatch in good faith and without any desire to do injury. The Times, as it will be remembered, very strongly objected to such a sweeping condemnation of the canneries as the story sent out carried with it, and pointed out that the factories with which it was familiar were scrupulously clean and well managed. It is a very serious matter to create want of confidence in such an industry without the best of cause, and in many cases we are sure that no cause exists.

## HERE AND THERE.

Ottawa Free Press: While Mr. Borden is working his way east, it doesn't signify he hasn't the money to buy a railway ticket.

Vancouver Province: Whatever else is true, it is certain that in a very few years no obnoxious, smoke-puffing locomotive will be permitted to enter any large city.

London Free Press: Men of fortune with sons to train for a life of the highest usefulness and independence, now look to the farm rather than the factory or the professions. It is a career in which no amount of competition can down a man, or force him to a faster pace than he chooses.

Ottawa Free Press: Now just listen to British Columbia how about "the Japanese invasion!" The first baby born in Prince Rupert is the child of Japanese parents. What's the use of anything after that?

Toronto News: "O give me a drink of tobacco sauce." Said the fellow out of breath, "I rode down town in an open car. And I'm frozen half to death."

Toronto Sun: If girls who wanted to get married would also advertise for husbands they wouldn't have to burn coal and gas for months finding out the intentions of a gentleman caller.

Ottawa Citizen: Toronto troops will attempt to capture Hamilton on Thanksgiving Day, and you can bet that Hamilton will put up a fight that will make the defence of Saragossa look like a post-nuptial reception.

Montreal Star: A snake five feet long was killed in Toronto. The temperance movement is spreading. There was a time when Toronto could see a dozen snakes that long.

Peterboro Examiner: If the Church in general, to-day, made as energetic effort to reach the hearts of the masses, as it does to reach the pockets of the millionaires, its work would more speedily regenerate society.

Brantford Courier: They say that Le-

mieux is in a terrible stieux as to the views of the Mikadieux.

London Advertiser: Statistics show an increase of 60 per cent. in drunkenness in Ottawa in ten years. The Ottawa Citizen will not fail to point out that ten years ago the Laurier Government took office.

## Our Exchanges

Banded Together. (Toronto News.) Hamilton is a cluster of houses about the Thirtieth Band.

His Fine Figure. (Toronto News.) Mr. Hendrie says that the Ontario Cabinet is united on the Power Question. Sarcasm sniffs at this statement by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt will have no influence. Mr. Hendrie is a fine figure of a man; and figures cannot lie.

Wants to Come In. (Toronto Telegram.) Owen Sound and the village of Brook may be merged in the city of Osbrooke. How about merging Toronto and the village of Hamilton in the city of Trami-lot?

Crazy to Get Out. (Toronto Star.) Two inmates escaped from the Queen street Asylum last week. When recaptured they explained that they had been crazy to get out for a long time.

Gore on the Gore. (Montreal Herald.) The Hamilton Times comes out on its front page (with its dinky little red corners) and says that Col. Gibson will be unable to defend Hamilton. Mercy me, and the Donkshobers are headed straight for it, too.

Toronto's Hydro-Electric Outlook. (Toronto Globe.)

The best offer made to the city by the Government's Commission is \$17.75 per horsepower, and the city is to be bound to take and to pay for 15,000 horsepower. The Electric Light Company, according to its manager's statement, gets all the Niagara power it requires at a rate which works out at \$8.75 per horsepower, and it pays for only what it sells to its customers. Let any common-sense man look at that proposition, and say if it would be good business for him to enter into such a competition with such a handicap. Its competitor has a twenty-five years' contract for its supply of Niagara power at less than one-half the city's wholesale purchasing price.

## DISTURBED HIS MEAL.

Perhaps That is Why a Doctor Earned \$2 "Quick as Wink." (Toronto News.)

What is it worth to take a cinder foot? Not a very large sum, one would naturally say, but it might depend to a certain extent on the time or trouble spent in the operation.

A young lady who is a teacher in one of the city schools, while walking along the street, saw a cinder lodge in her eye, and finding a difficulty in getting rid of the painful little intruder, went to a physician on Carlton street.

This reliever of human pain had just sat down to dinner, but he arose, and simply by using the corner of a handkerchief, had the cinder extracted in a very short time.

The patient was, of course, delighted to be relieved of the cinder so speedily. "What is the fee?" she inquired. "Two dollars," was the quiet reply. "It nearly took my breath away," said the young lady afterwards, when referring to the incident.

It was worth something to have the little operation successfully performed, but the fee seemed slightly large.

## A FINE LECTURE.

Close of Charlton Avenue Church Silver Anniversary.

Last night Rev. S. Cleaver, D. D., of Toronto, closed the silver anniversary of Charlton Avenue Methodist Church with a lecture on Jean Val Jean. The church was filled to overflowing to hear this popular divine give his celebrated lecture, and none were disappointed. Dr. Cleaver is a man of broad ideas, and his lecture, though given here before, was even more interesting, it having been improved in the composition, and in material since his last visit. A silver collection at the door netted the church a good sum.

A good musical programme was given as follows: Solo by George Collins, who was chosen leader of the church 25 years ago; ladies' quartette, by Mrs. Thomas Allen, Mrs. Cameron Begg, Miss Bertha Carey and Mrs. P. Griffin; solo by Miss Bertha Carey, and organ selections by Miss Clara Morris. Rev. R. H. Bell, the pastor, was the chairman.

## CENTENARY LITERARY SOCIETY

The Centenary Literary Society held its regular meeting last evening, and the discussion of Macbeth was ably led by Miss Townsend. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the reading of the scenes by Miss Ella Allen, a pupil of Owen Smiley. Mrs. Potts contributed a bright and interesting paper on Lady Macbeth. A well rendered solo by Mr. Peacock and a piano solo by Miss Edna Howell concluded a most enjoyable evening.

## The Worker is Our Patron.

We strive to serve him. Pants, shoes, shirts, overalls, duck and leather coats, oil clothing, mitts, at close prices.—M. Kennedy, 240 James street north, and 148 John street south.

## VIOLENT STORM.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 22.—A violent storm, the worst this year, raged all along the Newfoundland coast yesterday. Many marine disasters are feared, as a large number of fishing vessels are moving along the coast from Labrador.

## ACTOR VERY WELL.

Paris, Oct. 22.—Constant Coquelin, the actor, is suffering from acute neurasthenia, and his friends are most anxious about him. He shortly will be taken to a sanatorium in England.

## THANKED NEILDOFF.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—The Emperor has addressed a rescript to M. Neildoff, who was President of the second Peace Conference, thanking him for his services at The Hague.

## Big Purchases in Several Sections of the House to Be Sold Wednesday Much Under Price

We were very fortunate last week in making some big cash purchases from the manufacturers. The manufacturers are now over their fall and winter making, and a number of them have come to us to clear out the balance of their stocks. This we have done when we could get goods at exceptionally low prices.

## Big Purchase of Children's Headwear

80 dozen in all Infants' Embroidered Silk Bonnets, purchased at half the ordinary price.

## 50c Infants' Bonnets 25c

Infants' Silkette Bonnets, handsomely embroidered, net ruch, Japanese silk strings, value 50c, special sale price ..... 25c

## 65c Infants' Bonnets 29c

Infants' Silk Bonnets, made from Japanese silk, handsomely embroidered, regular 65c, for ..... 29c

## \$1.00 Silk Bonnets 50c

This is really the best bargain we have in Infants' Bonnets: practically the best goods made in embroidered silk, with silk ruch; regular \$1.00, Wednesday ..... 50c

## Big Purchase of Plain Silks

## 1,500 Yards 59c Silks to Be Sold at 33c

English Tarnoline Silks, sold regular at 59c; colors navy, cardinal, turquoise, in fact any staple color. These Silks will not cut, being of soft fabric; regular 59c value, for ..... 33c

## Big Purchase of Low Priced Lace Curtains

Just 200 pairs of Lace Curtains held by a manufacturer's agent and sold to us cheap, ordinary value for \$1 to \$1.50. We have marked them two prices for Wednesday ..... 75c and \$1.00

## Our Great Dress Goods Stock

No place in Canada will you see such an up-to-date show of Dress Goods as here. Every new fabric and color produced in the foreign fashion markets can be found in this stock.

## Plain Amazons and Venetians

Plain Amazon and Venetian Cloths are the correct thing this season. We have a big showing of navies, garnets, greens and browns, at from 59c to ..... \$2.50

## 75 and 85c Dress Goods for 59c

59c is our special price this season, extra efforts being made to get extra qualities to sell at this low price. You will find Plain Venetians, Amazons, Panamas, worth 75 and 85c, for ..... 59c

## Great Show of This Season's Nobby Jackets

We have had big selling in our Jacket Department; all the very latest up-to-date styles can be found in this stock, and at a little better prices than they can be purchased elsewhere. Jackets from ..... \$5.00 to \$50.00

## THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

## TORONTO PRINTER

BARRED AT BORDER UNDER THE NEW U. S. LAW.

Not Public Charge—Was Going to Printers' Home—A Protest to be Lodged at Washington.

Toronto, Oct. 22.—Will the printers in Canada be compelled to erect their own home for the sick and aged?

This question has been forced upon the members of the Typographical Union by the action of the United States Government, through the agent at Port Huron, in refusing to allow a printer from Toronto to proceed to the printers' home at Colorado Springs.

On July 1st an order of the Government prohibiting the entrance of persons unfit to earn a living through sickness or other causes, went into effect, and since that time the officials at all border cities have been diligently looking for persons crossing from Canada who cannot pass medical examination.

It so happens that this order of the United States Government prevents the printers of Canada from taking advantage of the home in Colorado Springs, which they help to maintain, and the probability is that an appeal will be made through the Executive Council of the International Typographical Union to the United States Government to amend the prohibitive legislation.

The member of the Toronto union who was refused admission to the United States, had received all the necessary papers to admit him to the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, and when he reached Port Huron he was taken ill. He was anxious to reach the home as soon as possible, but notwithstanding the fact that he was in a position to prove that he would not be a charge upon the country, he was not allowed to go any further. The physician who examined him was disposed

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23rd, 1907

## SHEA'S

May Manton Patterns All 10c

## WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR

Splendidly heavy fleeced and ribbed vests and drawers, absolutely the best values in the trade in button front vests and ankle length drawers, 25c to sell at per garment, each

## WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR AT 50c TO \$1.25

Every best make in the trade is here in stock, and all marked at absolutely the lowest prices it is possible to sell them at, all weights and 50c to \$1.25 all prices, at from

## Women's Waists at \$1.50

Made of a good quality of Cream Lustre, finished with tucks and silk embroidery, tucked back and long sleeves, extra special value ..... \$1.50

## Luster Waists at \$2.00

Made of Cream, Navy and Brown Lustre, hemstitched tucks back, and front, tucked collar and cuffs, very neat and stylish, worth more, but our price is ..... \$2.00

## Waists at \$3.75

Navy, Cream and Black Cashmere Blouses, front elaborately embroidered in silk, pleated back, ¾ sleeves, tucked cuffs, a really beautiful waist, at ..... \$3.75

Knitted Underskirts, a Great Stock. Hundreds of dozens of Ladies' Knitted Underskirts, imported direct from Germany, and some made in Canada. Plain colors and fancy colors. Plain stitch and fancy stitch. We buy direct from the makers and save you the middleman's profit. All most moderately priced at 50, 59, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50

## Tapestry Table Covers

A splendid showing just arrived in beautiful patterns, colorings and designs, our own direct importations and sold to you at very near the whole sale prices ..... \$1.75 and \$3.95

## Window Shades at 35c

At this very nearly impossible price we can still give you a good assortment of Mounted Shades on self-acting rollers, good opaque cloth, white, cream and 2 shades of green; they are really worth 45c, our price ..... 35c

## Corduroy Velvets at 50c

Beautiful shades of green, brown, carnal, most reasonable in price, at per yard ..... 50c

## Velveteens in All Shades

Our well known makes of Velveteen, all wanted shades, a full and complete stock just to hand, and equal value to any we have ever shown, at per yard ..... 25, 50, 75c and \$1

## New Art Sateen

Beautiful qualities of Art Sateen and Pon Silk, at ..... 15, 25 and 29c

## Ladies' Neck Ruffs

Mink Marmot Ruffs, broad front, wide cape, trimmed with heads and tails, special value at, each ..... \$7.95

Isabella Opossum, a very strong fur, with heavy under fur in stoles, with good front and cape, trimmed with tails, special value at, each ..... \$10

Isabella Opossum Muffs, flat shape, satin lined, good large size, and extra value at, each ..... \$6.50

## Ladies' Mantles at \$10.00

Made of splendid quality heavy mantle tweeds, and excellent quality of beavers, all made in the very smartest styles, with the newest ideas of trimming and absolutely the best cost value in Canada at ..... \$10.00

Our clearing sale of Mantle Cloths and cloths for men's wear is still in progress. We advise buying as early as possible.

## Our Great Sale of Ladies' and Men's Underwear Continues for Wednesday

## Ladies' Underwear 19c

Only a limited quantity of Ladies' Vests, ordinary value at from 25 to 40c, for ..... 19c

## Ladies' Underwear 49c

Ladies' Union Vests and Drawers, every garment good value for \$1.00, special price ..... 49c

## 40 and 50c Underwear 25c

Children's Vests and Drawers, value in the regular way for 40 to 50c, special sale price ..... 25c

## 75c Men's Underwear 50c

Men's Scotch Knit Underwear, full range of sizes and ordinary value for 75c, special sale price ..... 50c

## 75c Underwear 50c

Just a limited quantity of Men's Wool Fleece Underwear, value regularly 75c, sale price ..... 50c

## 75c Boys' Sweaters 59c

Boys' Heavy, All-wool Sweaters, dark mixed and plain colors, every garment value for 75c, special sale price ..... 59c

## Ladies' Headwear at Less Than Half Price

Just 40 dozen in all Ladies' Felt Shapes and Ready-to-Wear Hats, sold regularly up to