# THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1908.

### WILL IT BE CLOSURE?

One of the probable results of the pe sistent obstruction of business practised ating in the attempt to paralyze public business by preventing the voting of upplies in order to defeat the Government's bill to provide for honest voters' lists, is the adoption of the closure by the Dominion Parliament. The measur effectively with them.

Under our constitutional system, the chatter: Parliamentary majority must rule; the Government of the day, backed by its following, which must be a majority, therefor. The minority has a right to state fully its objections to any act of the majority, and having so placed it. the majority, and having so placed it-self on record, its duty is then to appeal to the larger Parliament of the people, to whom all the members must, at stated times, submit themselves.

That is the true theory of responsible Opposition has not proceeded upon that ory. It has deliberately, and on numerous occasions, set about the obstruction of public business by abusing the allow, and utilizing its time-killing talking capacity—even resorting to tests of physical strength and staying capacity to prevent the passage of measwere supported by the ma-Opposition which has always been as as for lack of ability or influence, and from session to session its power in its

is one that is without the slightest excuse in the circumstances. Briefly, the new Elections Bill did not accept for fifths vote and declared for majority Dominion purposes the voters' lists of rule. At a recent nomination meeting the Provinces when not prepared by the the matter was presented to Mr. Macmunicipal authorities. This provision af. Kay by a clergyman in the audience, and in which Provinces the lists are prepared state his views. Mr. MacKay unhesiby the agents appointed by the Govern-ments of the day. In addition to the fact that in Manitoba, about the case of which the discussion has raged, the vote should count for as much as anof which the discussion has rageu, the compilers of the lists are chosen by the compilers of the lists are chosen by the What is the Spectator's motive—what Government, a difficulty arises from the and Dominion constituencies are not co- arrant falsehood as it is guilty of in terminous, and it is necessary, before a this matter? Dominion election, to readjust, or redistrict the lists. This would have offered no great difficulty had the Manitoba remained as before 1904, leaving the matter to the appointees of the judges of the Province. The Liberals would have been satisfied with that. In the have been satisfied with that. In the year 1904, however, the Roblin Government chose to take this matter out of the hands of the judges and place the preparation and manipulation of the lists in the hands of appointees of the Ministry. The Dominion Government could not accept lists so prepared. The Opposition has for many days been obstructing the new Elections Act with the fobject of compelling the majority to accept these partisanly prepared lists on penalty of having business brought to a standstill. By way of facilitating project. year 1904, however, the Roblin Governstandstill. By way of facilitating pro- it. gress, and giving assurance to the Opoffered to make provision, if it we agreeable to the Opposition, that the favor of intelligent Canadians. matter should be left to the County Judges of Manitoba, the work to be don by them, thus guaranteeing that it uld be unpartisan and that every

At first Mr. Borden expressed himself as much gratified by such a reasonable proposal. But Borden does not lead his party. In caucus the evil elements preterim appropriations voted to carry on the business of the country were ex. the aspirant to serve a probationary hausted, and, that if they continued to period. The British system is far from obstruct hydrogen entirely, or submit to have the Parliamentary business of Canada thrown into very fair compromise was rejected, and salary have been made automatically and

of the House Sir Wilfrid, while expressing his consciousness of the grave he was unwilling to adopt the measure: Since that time, however, there have been many evidences furnished to show that, distasteful as it may be to many of us, the closure would save to the of us, the closure would save to the country many thousands of dollars each year, would shorten by months the period of each session, and would make it possible to give to important measures the due consideration which they are now sometimes denied. And, in spite of n of the parties on any public ques-n coming before Parliament would materially affected. The major

ity would still have to accept the reponsibility for any legislation adopted The Montreal Star (Conservative), save: "There will be sound business men in the country who will think that it ought not to be in the power, of a small group in Parliament to absolutely tie up the financial resources of the country by simply talking against time for a few days." Such a condition of affairs is so intolerable as to make the closure welcome.

#### FIITHE MENDACITY.

Utterly unable to defend Whitney's course, the senior local Tory organ atis one which we are naturally loath to tempts a diversion by attacking Mr. see applied in Canada. It would be en-MacKay, declaring that his position on tirely unnecessary had we to deal with the three-fifths vote clause is uncertain. only reasonable and patriotic men in It says: "The temperance people know Parliament. But, unfortunately, we where Premier Whitney stands, both by have, to reckon with others, and it his words and the acts of his Governmay be necessary to so frame the Par- ment. Isn't it about time the leader of mentary order of procedure as to deal the Opposition was placed on record? Here is a further specimen of the organ's

It is hardly necessary to say that the organ's statement is pure falsehood, a falsehood of which it was thoroughly well aware when it penned the article.

There has never been any doubt about Mr. MacKay's position on the question. Government. Unfortunately, the present When Whitney, after obtaining by false pretences, the support of a large number of Liberal temperance men, concluded that the time was ripe for their betrayal, he had an amendment to the Liquor latitude which the dules of the House License Act introduced by Hon. Mr. Hanna, providing in effect that three temperance votes should be equal only to two liquor votes. Exception was at once taken to such invidious legislation. Mr. MacKay's motto was "Trust the iority. There is a small element in the People." When the bill was put through in 1906, Hon. Mr. Ross moved in amend Opposition which has been time-wasting ment a declaration for a simple majority vote, which was defeated on a straight party grew until this session it controls its leaders, and dietates their policy, which is one of obstruction. By its course, hundreds of thousands of dol. lars of expense is added to the Parlia. feated. In 1908 Mr. Preston (Brant) mentary bill each session, the legitimate seconded by Mr. MacKay, moved that of Parliament is delayed, and the bill (Mr. Hanna's) be referred back valuable time, that should be devoted to pressing matters of importance, is the simple majority vote. It was voted down at Whitney's command.

The present exhibition of obstruction But that is not all. From a dozen Manitoba and British Columbia, He was asked if he would then again

fact that the boundaries of Provincial object does it seek to serve—by such an

### THE POLICY OF SLANDER.

Mr. Lighthall, of Montreal, in his splendid protest against the Tory policy f slander, explains it on the theory that the Opposition at Ottawa regard this as a pre-election session, and he says:

He thinks this is a very poor policy position that the bill was intended to se. and concludes that the Opposition has cure only a full and fair expression of been quite outgeneraled. He does not electoral will, Sir Wilfrid Laurier think it possible that a party which has d to stoop to such means can secure the

## THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

The forthcoming Civil Service Bill has not yet been given to the public, but in elector should have his right to the a general way a few of its principal features are known to the public. pointments to the service will be made system, involving competitive examinations, conducted by a non-partisan commission, the appointments being in the first place only temporary, thus requiring that Laurier's proposition to leave those perfect, and in adapting it to Canadian but fairness is not what their party in obstruct business, the Government perfect, and in adapting it to Canadian might be compelled to abandon the bill needs an endeavor will be made to eliminate some of the weaknesses which have disorder, or seriously demoralized. They has in our system been the cause of had their way, their influence being serious trouble and no little hardship greater than that of Mr. Borden; the will be remedied. Hitherto increases in pitiful performance of the obstruc- altogether independent of the relative merit of the officials. This will Three sessions ago it was proposed to include the power of closure in the rules only on recommendation of superior only on recommendation of merit, thus encouraging the capable and The bill will make the civil worthy. abuse caused by obstructive tactics, said servant less of an automaton, a timetrustworthiness.

# EDITORIAL NOTES.

Is it a foremanship, Mayor Stewart, or is it something else this time, that you have in view for Berry?

Sir Hibbert Tupper will not get the Sir Hibbert Tupper will not get the for disbanding every regiment and bat-Tory nomination in Vancouver. Even move the machine.

The street railway negotiations ap The Citizen's attention might be called

# Last Day of the Blouse Sale

#### Remember These Prices: \$1:29, \$1.79

Pretty Persian Lawn Crossbar Mull and Pin Dot Blouses, also blue Gingham, with white trimming, lace and embroidery trimmed fronts, with fancy collar and cuff, 10 different styles for your choosing and in all sizes. Note that these Blouses are all new styles, being fresh and crisp, selling for Saturday only at

\$1.75 Lawn Blouses selling Saturday at .. \$1.29 \$2.25 Lawn Blouses selling Saturday at . \$1.79

### You Also Save If You-

The answer—buy one of these blouses. Fine qualities in white Persian Lawns and Mull Blouses, some made with lace yokes in filet and German Val. Insertion, others are fancy Swiss embroidered fronts, with lace and embroidery over the shoulder giving the Gibson and Merry Widow effects, just' think, new Blouses, selling at

\$3.50 Lawn Blouses selling Saturday at .. \$2.89 \$5.00 Lawn Blouses selling Saturday at .. \$3.89

# An Invitation; Ladies! Save Silk Blouse Money

Scores of pretty styles in white or black Jap Silk Blouses, go in this saie, Jap Silks in bright taffeta finish, that will give you wear. A few styles are: Plain tailored, with pleated and shirred front, others with silk embroidery trimming and Val. and Guipure insertion, practically any new style in % or long sleeves, open back or front, and all sizes. Be an early buyer and get your pick at

\$1.49 for regular \$3.50 Blouses, \$2.49 for regular \$5.00 Blouses. \$3.49 for regular \$6.50 Blouses.

### On Sale 8.30 to 12 a. m.

Women's and Misses' White Linen Embroidered Coats, some piped with colors, loose styles, collar or collarless with button quffs, slightly soiled, Re-gular \$8.50, clearing for ... \$3.89

White and Colored Lawn Shirtskirt and large frill, 1 dozen to clear, \$3.50 line for ..... \$1.19

A few only navy or black Lustre Shirtwaist Suits, with pleated and strapped skirt, and tucked blouses, trimmed, Regular \$10, clearing \$6.20

Not a great many black Silk Taffets imper Suits with full kilted skirt Jumper Suits with full kilted skirt, with strapped and tucked jumper straps, with shirred belt, sizes 36 and 38c, \$18, on sale at . . . . . \$10.89

# Women Who Want Spring Outer Garments Read This and Come Here

Opportunity to save on all your spring garments never knocked louder than it will to-morrow. Imagine buying Finch Bros.' stylish garments at a big saving. A visit will convince and amply repay you. Come in the forencon.

#### **Short Coats Reduced**

Made in plain and stripe coverts and black broadcloth, cheviot and Venetian. Styles are loose box, semi-fitting and tight backs, also Prince Chap and Merry Widow styles; some Gibson shoulder, velvet or self collar, cuffs and lap pockets.

\$4.79 for \$7.50 Coats. \$6.69 for \$9.00 Coats. \$7.50 for \$10.00 Coats. \$8.50 for \$12.00 Coats.

#### Stylish Suits Going

Stylish and correct models in Pan-ama, Vanetian, Chiffon, Broadeloths, self stripe Armures and two-tone Worsteds in stripes and checks. Every new style in this season's Coats, with pleated and gored skirts with circular folds. Some suits are trimmed.

\$12.50 for \$16.50 Suits. \$13.50 for \$18.50 Suits. \$18.50 for \$25.00 Suits. \$22.50 for \$30.00 Suits,

#### Also New Dress Skirts

Numerous styles in Voiles, Chiffon Panamas, Poplins, Armures and stripe and check Worsteds, plain colors in black, naxy, grey, green, brown and tan; side and inverted pleats and 15-gored styles, trimmed with straps and circular folds in self and taffeta silk.

\$4.89 for \$6.50 Skirts, \$6.89 for \$8.50 Skirts.

Regular \$1.50 Moire and Sateen Underskirts, all colors, for ... 98c

#### **Imported Silk Coats**

Stylish Black Taffeta or Peau de Soie Silk, made in the loose and semi-fitting % length, braid and ap-plique trimmed, lace covered, lined \$10.00 for \$15.00 Coats, \$12.89 for \$16.50 Coats, \$16.50 for \$21.00 Coats,

Women's and Misses' Cravenette Shower Coats in fawn, olive and grey, ¾ and full length. \$2.69 for \$6.50 Coats, \$6.89 for \$13.50 Coats,

#### Save in Children's Coats

Military, plain reefer and sailor styles are prominent in these Coats. Materials are Serges and Broadcloths in navy, cardinal, fawn, peacock and Russian blue. Some have wash collars, braid trimmed and emblem on sleeve and collar; all

#1.95 for \$2.75 Coats. #2.19 for \$3.50 Coats. #2.89 for \$4.00 Coats. #3.89 for \$5.00 Coats. #5.50 for \$7.50 Coats.

# Clearing Lines of "Quality" Dress Goods

\$1.00 TAPE STRIPE VOILES 75c-Very handsome and fashionable all wool tape and graduat 

Superior qualities in English All Wool Cream and Navy Serges and Panamas selling at these pecial prices for Saturday only: 85c quality for 69c, \$1.00 qualities for 89c, \$1.25 qualities 98c

\$1,00 PLAIN BLACK WOOL VOILE **59c**—Just the material for a separate summer skirt, plain and fine weave with an uncrushable finish, unfading dye, limited quantity, so be early, going **59c** \$1.25 BLACK FILET NET VOILE S9c-The very latest weave for summer separate skirts, all ol and fast black color, 46 inches wide, medium square mesh, one piece to go, regular \$1.25,

New May Millinery Attractions

New and exclusive, in fact, they are just budding out from our millinery room; many bright and summery looking Hats; but to-day we will tell you about some twenty-five Hats for street and dress wear, specially trimmed for Saturday. They are of mohair and chip straw, in turban, sailor and rolling brim shapes, with touches of flowers, wings, ribbons and tulle. These Hats are fully worth \$5.00, so be early, going at 1. \$2.250 each UNTRIMMED HATS 49c—Large assortments and new styles provide great enthusiasm in buying. If so, these Hats should have a quick and hurried leaving. Shapes in rolling brims sailor.

ing. If so, these Hats should have a quick and hurried leaving. Shapes in rolling brims, and turbans, in chip and Milan straw, in colors of brown, tan, Copenhagen, green and rose, English quality, regular up to \$1.50, leaving here.

### 12½c for Wash Goods Worth Up to 20 and 25c

## Sale of Women's Whitewear

mming, \$1 values, on sair.

Fine White Cambric Underskirts, with torchem lace trimd-flounce; also embroidery, large and full sizes, \$1.00, for

Women's Fine White Cambric Corset Covers, face and emnumerous styles; sizes 34 gular prices 40c, clearing Saturday ..... 25c cach

### Towels to Go Quickly

Irish Linen Huck Towels, in an extra fine and soft quality 

# Selling Off Summer Gloves at 39c 35-inch Natural Shant of Silk 75c

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# 65c Women's Elbow Silk Gloves 39c

### Clearing Perrin's Kid Gloves 69c

Women's Black and White Elbow Length Silk Gloves, Jersey and two button, mousquetaire style, extra heavy quality for wear all sizes, regular \$1, sale price

all sizes, regular \$1, sale price
Saturday will be the last day of these big Glove savings.
rin's famous Kid Gloves, in colors and black, all sizes, in two c wear, 81 for Sale of Perrin's 12 and 8-button length Kid Gloves, in

## 89c Striped Ta eta Silks 59c

Neat hair line stri shades of pink, blue, fawn, tan, mauve, and reseda, ver stylish for blouses, selling for .. 59e

This is the popular and fashionable silk for summer wear

rough and medium, Pongee finish, so desirable in this Heavy quality for wear, worth \$1 yard, on sale for . . .

Soc Black Pailette Silk 55c Beautiful satin finish, even weave, very reliable for wear, in dresses or sepaarte waists, regular 85c, on sale 55c a yard

75c Fancy Foulard Silks 371/2 c

A final clearing of these Silks, that are best for separatts. Coin mottled effects, in medium and dark grounds, i fawn, reseds and navy, bright silk finish, usual clearing 8.30 a. m. for

Colored Madras Muslins in Dark and Light Colors 65c, Clearing 35c

Sale of Nottingham Lace Curtains, New Designs, for 69c Pair

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many difficulties vanish. The Spectator's excuse for the La Rose iniquity is that Whitney got money

the Liberal Club and find out if you are on the list, and if you are not, get posted on how to have your name registered.

McClemont's work for the Scottish riendly and charitable societies has made him a host of friends among the on a plan similar to that of the British and they will stand shoulder to shoulder

Those Tory organs that had decided voters' lists to the Judges was an emi-nently fair one, were doubtless right, the House was after.

Down in Toronto some people are making a fuss about a gas meter that didn't tell the truth. But some of the same people do not appear to regard such a failing on the part of the Pro-

The Mail and Empire tells a cock-andbull story to the effect that Mr. Boyd, the oft-defeated opponent of Mr. Macundisturbed" some years ago. It will oc cur to some people that it would be nuch easier to believe that Boyd had had a bad dream than that anybody subjected him to such a temptation.

The Ottawa Citizen is so disgusted beada is not to be taken to the Quebec Tercentenary that it is ready to declare are now spending more for defence than we did a dozen years ago, and the peo-

pear to be proceeding in a business-like millions a year for the militia to "blow When that method is adopted. themselves on a show at Quebec; but perhaps it would not be well received by the sore-head. It is ready enough grumble at expense, but it is ever to by it. Many a highwayman could plead the fore in advocating anything to in-

> Whitney seeks to make it appear that the \$130,000 swag that went to the La Rose crowd (Hon. Mr. Cochrane's broth eh-in-law one of it) was in the nature of a price paid for evidence to enable hir to defeat O'Brien. It may be all right for a premier to pay cash in hand for evidence, but, if a private citizen did such a thing he might find himself in

difficulty with the courts for so doing. Speaking of Whitney's three-fifths local option legislation the Toronto News says "the Government, however, con tends that it is esential to the satisfac tory enforcement of prohibitory legisla tion." That is not Whitney's own state ment. He has repeatedly stated that he is not wedded to the three-fifths principle, and he has hinted that it may be changed-probably when it has been used to the full to handicap the local optionists, and changing back to a najority vate may facilitate the repeal of local option by-laws.

There is not likely to be any great rush of municipal ownership and opera tion advocates to claim Battersea as Kay, was "offered \$10,000 to allow Mr. brilliant example of the success of the MacKay to occupy the seat [N. Grey] principle. That borough is facing bankruptey, being unable to raise money even to pay the wages of employees and the banks hesitate to advance it \$145,000 needed to pay overdue accounts. The "ownershippers" have held high carnival there for some time; now the socialistic element in the council is beeching the London County Council to aid it in getting loans.

There seems to be no doubt that at present public feeling is inclined to be unjust to corporations. Unless this is checked it will prove a danger to the prosperity of the country.—Toronto News.

This is but too true; and yet it is to

are likely to be heeded in quarters where they are most required. There are to-day too many newspapers which, to serve a policy of blackmail, to court the plaudits of the gallery, or to earn cheap reputation, for the moment, of posing as the friends (?) of the downtrodden. are ready to prostitute their opportuni;

In the discussion of the Dominion Elections Act, on Tuesday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointedly took to task a mem ber who had repeated some of the false goods about Mr. Leech, in connection with the readjustment of the Manitoba polling divisions, to which the senior local Tory organ the other day referred as "the thin red line outrage." mittee of the House, on which Mr. Ingram, Dr. Stockton, and our own able scandal smeller, Mr. Barker, served, inestigated the matter, and found nothing in it. It needed but the fact that the Manitoba Government, which, with much flourish of trumpets, undertook to prose cute, abandoned the case, declining to go into court, to refute the charges

Some of the local Chamberlainite or gans have been trying to make it appear that, but for the labor vote being drawn off from the Unionist, in the Dundee contest, the figures would show a great gain for their fad. The Montreal Star (Tory) holds a very different opinion, It

Was:

While the election of the Labor candidate would have left Mr. Churchill without a seat for the time being, it would not have given the Unionists a supporter in the House. Labor is still more closely allied by far with the Liberals than with the Unionists; and thus it is most absurd, when considering the result in Dundee, to talk as if the Labor vote might be added to the Unionist vote against the Minister. A fairer test of the polling is to add the Labor yote to the Liberal, and present that as the strength of the anti-Conservative forces.

We are never too old to learn the latest wrinkle

bright and early.

### William Berry.

(Kingston Whig.)

Wasn't he great? asks a Conservative print, referring to Mr. Whitney at Hamilton. Yes, a great disappointment. The Chatham News recalls what the Toronto Telegram said of him while he was yet in Opposition, "that one could go through any Ontario village, throw a brick through any lawyer's office, and hit a man with as large possibilities and as much greatness in his make-up."

(Pittsburg Gazette Times.)

If it be true, as reported, that Mrs.
Hetty Green has received a threatening Black Hand letter, demanding
\$5,000, she has simply incurred the
logical penalty for her changed mode
of life. As the occupant of an \$18a-month Harlem flat nobody thought

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OF sending a Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she was not in the market for expensive luxuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand tribute and gold luxuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand tribute and gold luxuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand tribute and gold luxuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she nowlet on the most or expensive flowers affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she make now the most or expensive flowers and the has black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she make for expensive flowers affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she now the new to make now a flower she was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was realized that she was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green. It was not in the market for expensive unusuries affected by other rich folk, such as Black Hand letter to Mrs. Green's feature and she has black Hand letter to Mrs. Green's feature and she has been deally and the surplus and she has always believed that the lack of money is the root of all evil and she has always believed that the lack of money is the root of all evil and she has always believed tha fashionable hotel in New York, wh has taken for its motto "welcome coming, bleed the parting guest," a engaged a \$30-a-day suite with an interrupted view of Central Pa three banks and a trust company, Black Handers, who have felt the

William Berry.

(Toronto Star.)

Hamilton labor men have expelled a comrade for seconding the nomination of J. J. Scott in East Hamilton. Much trouble arises in this world from the fact that men often climb over the fences to think.

Good Evidence.

(Brantford Expanitor.)

The chief evidence of the desire of the Whitney government to remove the administration of the Liquor License act out of politics, to be seen hereabout, is the dismissal of Mr. W. G. Miles from the office of license in spector for the city of Brantford and the appointment of Mr. McCann in place.

A Disappointment.

(Kingston Whig.)

Wasn't be great's asks a Conservative print, referring to Mr. Whitney at Hamilton. Yes, a great disappointment to pay interest at the rate of about 10 per cent. a year. Really entrough any Ontario village, throw a direct more could go through any Ontario village, throw a comrade a trust company, the Black Handers, who have felt the effect of the general industrial depression, began to take notice. They naturally regarded all this as an evitence that Mrs. Green in longer intended to claim the immunities of the impecunious, but would boldly share the perils of the plutocratic, taking up the rich person's burden. Their letter, however, has met with rude repulse. Since no stamp was enclosed, Mrs. Green did not even detective as bodyguard.

An actual meeting between Mrs. Green and a Black Hander would ever get \$5,000 or any other sum of money, from one cent up, from Mrs. Green without first depositing security to double the amount, accompanied by an agree ment to pay interest at the rate of about 10 per cent. a year. Really the transmitted colors as a misnomer. May it not be that ironical fate called her would ever get as a direct encouragement to innocent come one?"

## TO BUY WARSHIPS.

London. May 15.—The Government has decided to replace the cruiser Gladi-ator and the destroyer Tiger, which re-cently were sunk, by the purchase of two warship from private British firms.

Rev. James R. Mann, B. A., of Stur-geon Falls, formerly of Baltimore, has received a call from the Presbyterian congregations of Auburn and Smith's Falls.