

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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CIVIC ECONOMISTS.

Solicitor Lobb, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, appeared before the special power committee of the Council last night with a new bid for its favor. This was nothing less than to waive the monopoly clause of the contract, upon which the Commission has insisted, and to give this city an exceptional position among the municipalities which it seeks to serve with electric energy.

This is an extraordinary departure, and one entirely unaccompanied by the statutes or by the Hydro-Electric agreement. The Power Commission Act looks toward securing mutuality among the municipalities taking power from the Commission, and the method of sharing the cost of the same according to the quantity of power taken is devised on that principle. The basis of the price of power is the sum per horse-power paid to the Ontario Power Company by the Commissioners. To this is to be added, at the annual adjustment to be made by the Commission, every other item of cost and charge incurred in connection with the scheme, the total representing the bill which is to be apportioned to the several municipalities. The monopoly clause was devised to prevent municipalities being drawn off from the scheme, to patronize cheaper competing power. Mr. Lobb has not made it clear by what authority he is empowered to waive or modify any of the conditions of the statute or terms of the agreement which has been ratified by the Legislature. And without impugning his good faith in the matter we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the "leading municipalities," parties to the contract which Mr. Lobb interviewed, do not have it in their power to abolish or disregard an act of the Legislature. Before dealing on the basis proposed, the aldermen must take care to protect the city against any false step taken upon such assurances.

But Mr. Lobb's proposal, even assuming that he could bind the Commission, would give us no assurance of a fixed maximum price for power. We should still be at the mercy of the other municipalities—still be obliged to take our chances in the gamble—and to stick to the bargain for 30 years, without redress, and without having a voice in the management of the venture. Mr. Lobb does not come forward and say: "I am instructed by the Commissioners to offer Hamilton so many horse-power of current at a given price per horse-power, leaving to the city the privilege of terminating the contract at the end of any 5-year period, or of renewing it from time to time." The object would appear to be to commit Hamilton to helping to pay for the long transmission line, and to lay her under tribute for 30 years.

On such matters Mr. Lobb left no room for misunderstanding and the information which he gave fitted in with the terms of the statute and the agreement. If Hamilton orders 1,500 horse-power and subsequently reduces this amount to 800 horse-power, it must pay its share of line and maintenance on the higher figure. If it orders 1,000 horse-power it must pay for line and maintenance on that scale even if it use only 750 horse-power. Its 750 horse-power would probably cost the city at the rate of \$20.70 a horse-power. As to line loss from Dundas to the pumping house, Hamilton would have to bear it all, and where the meter was placed could make no difference. Engineer Merrill, equalizing the voltage of the Hydro and Cataract power at 2,200, computed the cost of the Hydro current at the Beach at \$19.25 and at the sewage disposal plant at \$19.75. This estimate is \$8.25 and \$3.75 more than the first option of the Cataract contract. Mr. Lobb significantly remarked in reply to a question, that Mr. Beck would probably advise the city to fight its suit, if one were brought in connection with defaulting in the Cataract contract. Mr. Beck and Mr. Lobb are both, however, in a happier position in this respect than are the Hamilton taxpayers. Neither gentleman pays their bills of cost! And it is to be noted that even if we assume that Mr. Lobb's proposals may be made perfectly legal, in accepting them the Council would bind Hamilton to a 30-year contract for current at an unknown price, the most sanguine estimate given by Mr. Lobb for 750 horse-power being \$29.70. This is \$4.70 a horse-power more than the assured price under the first option of the Cataract agreement, which will Hamilton stand to gain by throwing away even this \$3.25 a year! In 30 years that leakage will run into enormous figures. The men who deliberately incur it should have their names handed down for the admiration (?) of the citizens of the Hamilton to come.

PACKERS' REQUESTS.

A number of meat packers yesterday waited upon the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture with a request for amendments to the act governing the inspection of meats and canned foods. Their more important requests were for the application of the regulations of the Dominion Act to meats slaughtered for local consumption as well as to those intended for inter-Provincial or export trade, and for an amendment which would compel the Dominion treasury to bear the loss of all animals seized and condemned as unfit for food.

These requests have from the applicants' point of view, something to be said in their favor, but it is not to be expected that they will meet with undisputed favor. It is to be doubted whether the request for the inspection of meat slaughtered for local consumption should not have been made at Toronto instead of at Ottawa. It involves a question of local and federal jurisdiction; and it is to be feared that any proposal or suggestion, coming from the federal authorities, would be seized upon as an excuse for a cry of invading Provincial rights. The object to be served by inspecting meats slaughtered for home consumption is, of course, a laudable one; but the federal Government has no desire to obtrude itself into the Provincial sphere; nor should the duty laid upon the Provincial administration in this matter be unloaded upon its shoulders.

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With regard to the second request, that for compensation for all animals seized and condemned as unfit for food, it seems to us that it is rather a large one. One does not require much reflection to reach the conclusion that to grant it would be to open the door to serious abuses. Under such a regulation, all that would be necessary to turn into money an animal damaged or worthless by disease would be to have it slaughtered for food purposes and then submit it to inspection. The man who deals in animals for food purposes may reasonably be called upon to pay for any others should be paid for by the State when they become legally unsaleable. Certainly, whatever arrangements are made, Parliament cannot afford to open the door to the establishment of a trade in working off diseased food animals at the expense of the public.

A GREAT BUSINESS.

The life insurance interest of the Dominion is a very important one, and is constantly increasing. The business increased last year to the extent of \$33,090,428, the total insurance being nearly 5 per cent. greater in 1908 than in 1907. The Canadian business as reported to the Government by the companies was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1907, 1908) and Total (1908 carried over). Rows include Canadian, United States, and British life insurance figures.

Only six of the British companies appear from the returns to have written any new business in 1908, and the new business of three of the number amounted to only 19 policies. Of the 23 Canadian companies, 9 do business outside of Canada as well as in it. The assets of the Canadian companies total \$138,398,259, among the items being:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Real estate, Loans on real estate, Loans on collateral, Loans on policies, Stocks, bonds, etc., and various other assets.

BRITISH TAXES.

The distribution of taxation in Britain is clearly set forth by a statement recently published by the British Government. From this statement it will be gathered that the property and income tax yields the largest single item to the Exchequer, excise duties, and customs, coming next in order.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Billy Maclean is honored by the Mayor of Hamilton even kicking him. The Cataract Company intimates its intention to carry out its power contract of last year. Why should it not do so? Aid. Allan is fortunate in incurring the bitter abuse of the anti-Hamilton power monopoly organ. Why should its masters thus seek to bring him popularity? It is somewhat amusing to watch the efforts of the United States Senate at juggling with the tariff question. The great United States public apparently likes to be humbugged. The Greater Hamilton Association does not want to see the Public Library building sold. It could be used to advantage if the Library Board could be supplied with the money which its sale would bring. Where is it to come from?

torage if the Library Board could be supplied with the money which its sale would bring. Where is it to come from? Toronto Fair management announces that Lord Charles Bessford will be one of its attractions this fall. It's a good stroke of business; but we wonder if "Condor Charlie" will take a tumble as to the role he is to play before the grand stand?

Perhaps the swashbuckler of the Toronto World reasoned that if Lawyer Duff was allowed to say hard things about Hamilton, why should he not amuse himself by shying verbal stones at Hamilton's Mayor. But he may learn that there is a difference.

The Detroit Waterworks Department has decreed an increase of water rates of 23 to 66 per cent. The Free Press wonders what would have happened if a similar increase of rates had been decreed by the Street Railway Company! But even with the increased rates Detroiters enjoy cheap water, compared with Hamiltonians.

Those souls of pity for the poor dear robber who was "tortured" by the court clerk's error of reading the verdict "not guilty" instead of guilty go to show that there exists a very maudlin and unhealthy sentimentality regarding brutal criminals. A dose or two of the lash would be more in keeping with the fitness of things.

Rev. Dr. Workman has entered an action for \$5,000 for libel against the Wesleyan Theological College. This is the second action for that amount brought by Dr. Workman and grows out of the plea filed in defence of the first suit. Perhaps, when these cases get into court, the public may be enlightened as to the causes leading up to the difficulty.

We publish to-day a letter from Mr. Morgan regarding the Patriotic Fund, accompanied by a letter from Mr. W. C. Warren, a South African veteran. Mr. Warren, we believe is more or less of an invalid, having contracted rheumatism on the field. Mr. Morgan's request for some statement by the Trustees as to the funds is a reasonable one, and should receive proper attention. Silence on the part of those in charge of the fund should no longer be maintained.

The statements presented at the meeting of the Anglican Synod are of the most encouraging character, indicating great progress and prosperity in the church. There has been a gratifying increase of membership and the finances of the Synod are in a healthy condition. In his address, Bishop Dumoulin gave expression to the opinion that church union was well within the range of possibility. The kindly feeling prevailing among the different Christian denominations is one of the most hopeful signs of the times.

"Autonomy" is a term which is used chiefly as an expedient by those Canadians who desire that their country should continue to enjoy the benefit of British naval protection without paying anything for it.—Hamilton Herald. And "patriotism" and "honor" are terms which are used chiefly by a certain class of mouth loyalists to describe their own crank ideas as being infinitely superior to those of the average Canadian and form the basis for insults aimed at men against whom no charge would lie. Such "patriotism" is well described as "the last refuge of soundness."

A local contemporary is worrying about why Chicago meat packers have been making sales to the British War Department. It reasons that the British War Office is not to blame, as it buys where it gets the best and cheapest goods. It thinks that "either the Canadian packers were not in a position to handle the contracts or else their price was prohibitive in competition with that of their American opponents." We half suspect that it is right. As long as the Canadians are able to get the prevailing prices for Canadian meats, we are inclined to think that they will not sell the goods at a lower figure even to sell to the War Office. And we cannot find it in our heart to blame them. The New York Times fears that Britain and Germany are helplessly committed to a burdensome and perilous struggle which may at any time bring on war. Goldwin Smith thinks it is too likely that they are, unless "reason and justice can get the better of militarism and of its confederate, protectionism, of which at present there is not much sign." He thinks that it is unfortunate that the press of both nations is inflammatory. "Journalism has," he says, "of course, vastly improved within the last half century in literary ability and in news. But whereas a couple of generations back its chiefs felt something like the responsibility of statesmanship, the ruling motive now is too plainly circulation, with sensation as its source."

A TAINTED LOAN?

The Ontario Government loan continues to make some headway although no very strong interest has been aroused. Local dealers who circulate their customers or otherwise advertise the bonds, are receiving a few inquiries for small amounts. It was reported to the Post yesterday that two or three of the best U. S. bond firms had written saying they could do nothing with the issue owing to the underlying power taint. It is rumored, too, that the Government will again have recourse to short-term notes in case this issue is not all subscribed—an unfortunate position to take in a weak bond market. "He made a hit with me," remarked the at, as the Sampson slogger of the team faced the opposing pitcher.

Our Exchanges

THE HOLIDAYS. (Toronto Star).

Society is nearly ready to tuck itself away in its summer cottages and take on tan.

LEFT BEHIND. (Toronto News.)

Certainly news not improved lately for the man on a small fixed wage or income.

LET MEN TEACH. (Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Let the Chinese man be converted by men, and the Chinese women, if there should be any in the country, by women. If the young women can fill desire to do real missionary work, they have plenty of opportunities for service among people of their own race.

CHEER UP. (London Globe.)

"Bill," said the invalid's friend "I've come to cheer you up a bit like. I've brought you a few flahrs, Bill. I fought if I was too late they'd come in 'andy for a wraaf, yer know. Don't get downhearted, Bill. Lummy, don't yer look gaashly! But there, keep up yer spines, old sport; I've come to see yer and cheer yer up a bit. Nice little room yer 'ave ere, but as I sez to myself when I was a-comin' up: 'Wot an ockard staircase to get a coffin dahn!'"

LIGHTNING. (London Free Press.)

To escape danger don't take shelter under a tree, don't stand on the plain near a body of water; don't stand over a spring if you know it. To protect your buildings a rod is found efficacious. Statistics gathered by the department of physics, at Guelph, show that, in eight years, out of 511 buildings struck with lightning, only eleven bore rods, and of these eleven more than fifty per cent. were in need of repair. In the Halton Mutual Fire Company's report for last year, out of fifty-nine claims paid forty-nine were for damage by lightning.

CHINESE JOHN. (Grimsby Independent.)

Mr. John Chinaman will soon take to the missionaries. He will learn their ways, he will sing psalms and say prayers, he will put on American clothes, he will cut his piggee tail, he will go to Sunday school, he will carry his Bible under his arm, he will be a good Christian boy, all on the surface, but deep down in his villainous heart he is on the look-out to do the other fellow, or in other words, to do the other woman or girl, because you never saw his dozen Christman in the world converted by a man. There must be a woman in it or John will not Christianize.

AFTER-DINNER SPEECHES. (Toronto Farmers' Sun.)

M. E. Nicholls, of the Winnipeg Telegram, speaking at one banquet held in connection with the Imperial Vess Conference, declared that Canada should contribute a Dreadnought or its equivalent to the British navy. Sir Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star, in the course of remarks, offered on another of these festive occasions, expressed a feeling of shame because, as he said, the Dominion had been sponging her defence at the cost of the empire for so long a time. Evidently, in some cases, at least, the social and political attentions paid the Canadian delegates to this press conference are having the desired effect.

AN OLD HERALD TRICK. (Toronto Globe.)

It appears from the last mentioned paragraph that the Herald knew where to go for the truth. The leading article on March 23, under the heading "The Wearing of the Sons," was the first article in the Globe on the question. Had the Globe turned tail later on its own ideas one would assuredly find in that first article some statement in favor

of a contribution of a battleship or its money equivalent. The Herald went there expecting to find some such statement. The extract printed shows that the Globe urged that Canada should do more than her share of turning Dreadnoughts from the stocks. The Herald most dishonestly suppresses the fact that the Globe in the same article declared for Canadian control of Canadian ships of war, the policy afterwards unanimously adopted by both Liberals and Conservatives in the House at Ottawa.

DAMAGING THE COUNTRY'S CREDIT. (The Financial Post.)

An English investor, who of late sent a May bond list by one of the local firms in his reply says that when speaking of Canadian securities he is "met with the answer that the late, late, make the Ontario Legislature has alarmed investors in this country who have lost confidence in the security that they had fully believed was assured to them in Canada. "It was the general opinion that Canada which to invest and that its legislators and its Government were themselves guarantees of security. You may obtain investors here, but people are much alarmed and there is great hesitation in the financial world. "It has been a great disappointment—as it was not expected that any Province of Canada would so act."

FARMERS AND MILITARISM. (Goldwin Smith.)

It is time that the farmers of this country should watch the growth and challenge the designs of militarism. To challenge the designs of militarism they are ready to respond, but not to the demands of an ambitious policy which aims at dominion in every part of the world, and maintaining and constantly keeping on foot such an army and such a navy as that policy requires. They are not unrepresented in our Parliament. That we know. But their representatives there come under social and political influence which has little to do with the farm. The same may be said of the city press, which is under urban influences, political and social, of a special kind. The farmer makes up his own mind to what length of a military policy he is prepared to go.

APPEAL WAS DISMISSED

Sisters of St. Joseph Win an Important Case.

The appeal by Mrs. Elizabeth Long, of New York, the mother of two infant female children, from an order of Mr. Justice Britton, refusing to direct that the children be committed to her custody by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, has been dismissed with costs. The court finds that Mrs. Long, who has not discharged the onus of proving that the children will be better off with her than where they are. But it is suggested that the Children's Aid Society might make inquiries in New York as to the probable effect of transferring the girls to the mother's custody. This is a very important case, bearing in mind the care of neglected children. Mr. M. J. O'Reilly, K.C., has acted for the Sisters of St. Joseph through all the courts, and has finally won. In Donnelly vs. the Bell Telephone Co., J. R. Marshall, for defendant, moved to dismiss the appeal by the Manufacturers' Natural Gas Company from the order of Chief Justice Meredith, dismissing their appeal from the report of Geo. B. Douglas, official referee, in the action of Henderson vs. Manufacturers' Natural Gas Company to recover the price of gas supplied by plaintiff to defendants under contract in writing the action having been referred to him under the arbitration act by Mr. Justice Britton.

4 TINS PEAS 25c

Maple Leaf Brand Delhi Peas, standard quality, in perfect condition, just 100 cases of them, and they are worth considerably more wholesale, going Friday, Saturday and Monday 7c tin or 4 tins 25c, 75c per dozen. Golden West or Farmers' Corn, 3 tins 25c. Vineland Tomatoes; if you have not tried this brand you do not know just how good canned Tomatoes can be; 3c per tin, 3 tins 25c. Savory Pork and Beans, 10c tin for 5c, 15c tin for 10c. Lombard Plums, Quaker brand, 8c tin, 2 for 15c. Quaker Pitted Cherries, finest, per tin 10c. Crawford Peaches, tin 15c. Sliced Pumpkin, 2 tins 25c.

New Potatoes, Cabbage, Etc. Lots of New Potatoes this week, and the quality is good, 10c per quart, 3 quarts for 25c. Old Potatoes, 20c per peck. Florida Cabbage, hard green heads, at per head 7c. Bermuda Onions 5c pound, 6 pounds for 25c.

Biscuit Special Weston's Coconut Macaroons, per doz. 10c. Special Jam Jams, regularly 15c lb., while they last 11c lb. Chocolate Walnut, regularly 15c lb., while they last 11c lb. Only a few of each of these lines. Ginger Cookies, regularly 10c lb., for 7c; 4 lbs. for 25c. Home made Lemon Cookies, very nice, special, 2 lbs. for 15c. Vanilla Bar, Fruit Bar, Lemon Bar, Almond Bar, Claret, 3 lbs. for 25c. Vanilla Wafers, lb. 15c. Cambridge Wafers, made from Cream of Wheat, 15c lb., 2-lb. tin 25c. Ginger Snaps 7c lb. Broken Sweet Biscuits 5c lb., 6 lbs. 25c.

Strawberries are here (will have lots Saturday), and if you remember, it is difficult to eat them satisfactorily, but you can do it if you use good Sugar. We have Reppath's Extra Standard Granulated in 100-lb. bags at \$4.50 per bag; 25-lb. bags at \$1.00; 10-lb. for 50c. The best is always cheapest, and you can always get the best Sugars at our store. 21 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar \$1.00; 10 1/2 lbs. for 50c; 5 1/2 lbs. for 25c. Berry Sugar, Ice Sugar, Cut Leaf Sugar, 3 1/2 lbs. for 25c.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese Cheapest Fresh Creamery Butter, per lb. 25c. Fresh Dairy Butter, per lb. 22c. Fresh Eggs, per dozen 22c. Prime New Cheese, per lb. 15c. Peanut Butter keeps without ice, does not get rancid, always sweet, palatable and wholesome; most economical to use, 20c per lb.

Table listing various food items and prices: New Lemons, Mexican Oranges, Teddy Bear Dates, McLaren's Maple Iceing, McLaren's Chocolate Iceing, Pure Gold Salad Dressing, Quick Tapioca, Quick Custard, Quick Chocolate, Lipton's Jelly Tablet, Alliance Jelly Powder, Alliance Baking Powder, Alliance Corn Starch, Alliance Vanilla, Alliance Lemon, Alliance Soap, Sunny Monday Soap, Fels-Naptha Soap, Naphtho Soap, Black Watch Tobacco, Shamrock Tobacco, 1 lb. tin Davies' Roast Beef, 2 lb. tin Davies' Roast Beef, Holbrook's Malt Vinegar, Wilson's Malt Vinegar, Crosse's Manzanilla Olives, Nation's Sauce, Alliance Catsup, Canadian Sardines, Imported Sardines, Anderson's Sardines, Cascade Salmon, Antuna Lake Salmon, New Lobster, Mackerel, fresh, Clams, Fresh Herring, Morton's Kipperd Herrings, Sunny Monday Soap, Shaker Salt, Sapolio, Bon Ami, Harvey's Ammonia, Sticky Fly Paper.

As next Thursday will be Dominion Day, our stores will be open Wednesday all day, until ten o'clock at night. Make a note of this.

Raisins, Currants and Prunes Special Select Valencia Raisins, 4 lbs. for 25c; Raven Brand Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. package, choice fruit, special, 2 packages 15c; Holly Brand Sultana Raisins, cleaned and stemmed, 2 packages 25c; He-cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. 25c; Shell Walnuts, per lb. 31c; finest new Lemon and Orange Peel, regular 1 1/2 lbs. for 25c; Prunes, great big fellows, fine in flesh and flavor, regular 2 lbs. for 25c, going 3 lbs. 25c.

Summer Drinks Lemonade Powder, easily and quickly made into Lemonade, 10c tin, 3 tins 25c; Batger's Lime Juice Cordial, large bottle 35c; Raspberry Vinegar, per bottle 15c and 25c; Turner's Grape Juice, per bottle 10c; Turner's Unfermented Port Wine, per bottle 15c; Turner's Tokay Wine, unfermented, per bottle 15c.

Miscellaneous Specials Pot Barley, 3 lbs. for 8c; Huyler's Cocoa 10c, for 7c; Savory Mince-meat, 3 packages 25c; Clark's Chicken Soup, 3 tins 25c; Celery Relish, 3 bottles 25c; Chow Chow Pickles, per bottle 5c, made to sell for 10c; Sweet Pickles, per bottle 10c and 15c; Keystone Pickles, bottle, 10c; Macdonald's Marmalade, 10c stone per lb; 2c jar for 10c; Empty Lard Tubs, each 10c; Snow-Castle Soap, large bar 20c; Ivory Soap, regular 7c bar, for 5c; Challenge Soap, regular 10c, for large bar, going 8c.

115 Hudson Street South. Cor. Emerald and Wilson. Cor. James and Macaulay. Cor. Queen and Hunter. Cor. York and Caroline.

CARROLL'S Five Stores

HOTEL MEN FINED TO-DAY. Two Liquor Cases in Dundas—Coming Big Picnic.

Dundas, June 24.—Among visitors in town during this week were: Frank Greenwood, Grimsby; Mrs. Clergy, Montana; Miss Foote, Brantford; Geo. Harris, Toronto; Miss Emma Porter, Gore Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Windsor; Mrs. Woodlams and daughter, Ethel, of Calgary; Geo. Currie and Richard McKenny, Wymore, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rowlett and Miss Anderson, Toronto; Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. McVeikar, Guelph; Miss Rhoda Buttery, Toronto; W. H. Brown, New Haven, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Batty, Miss Helen Batty and Thos. Batty, Norwich; Wm. Woodhouse, Toronto. Among visitors out of town the past few days were Miss Grace Pennington, in Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lyons, in Toronto and Brantford; Miss Corrie Horning, in Milton; W. W. Forryth, Toronto. Recent examinations at different seats of learning show that Dundas is keeping up its reputation for clever students. At the recent examinations at the Royal Military College, Kingston, the name of Jamie Bratman is found in the second year list, and at the examinations at St. Michael's College, Toronto, the names of Johnnie Sullivan and Mark Robertson stand out conspicuously. Arrangements are about completed for the annual picnic at the House of Providence on Dominion Day. The programme for the day is one of more than ordinary merit and attractiveness. The 7th Regt. Band will render a choice programme; R. Mullin, humorous vocalist; Gordon B. Fleet, national dancer, with the pipers, St. Joseph's Dramatic Club, and Wilson, Spruhan and Soubrier, acrobats, will complete the programme, besides the usual games and sports. Before Mayor Lawson and W. H. Moses, J. P., this morning, Alex. Crooks, of the Melbourne Hotel, was charged with being in his bar after hours. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and costs. At the same court James McCordie, of the Osborne Hotel, was charged with allowing liquor to be consumed on his premises after hours, and was fined \$50 and costs. Miss Grace Pennington leaves on Saturday for Edmonton, Alberta, where she will take a position with P. H. Davidson, in the bursar's office at the University of Alberta.

TWO WEDDINGS. (Special Despatch to the Times.) St. Catharines, June 23.—St. Thomas' Church was the scene of a pretty wedding at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The contracting parties were Ethel Irene, eldest daughter of ex-Ald. Geo. F. Ecclestone, and Harry James Hindson, of Buffalo. The pastor, Rev. N. I. Perry, M. A., conducted the ceremony, at which a large number of invited guests were present. In the presence of about fifty guests the marriage was solemnized at 4 o'clock this afternoon of Charles Morley Gardner, of Garner Bros., grocers, and Miss Caroline Widdis, daughter of William Widdis. The ceremony took place in the new home of the contracting parties, Rev. Vernon H. Emory, of Picton, officiating.

WORK OF FIREBUGS. Goshen, N. Y., June 24.—Fire to-day destroyed the lumber yards of the W. M. Sayer estate, the Olivet Presbyterian Church, two residences and several small buildings. Assistance was called from Middletown and Chester. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The lumber yards have been burned four times within the last few years. The loss to-day was \$40,000. Fortune never smiles on a man who stares her out of countenance.