

THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1909.

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 unanticipated by the statutes or by the Hydro-Electric agreement. The Power Commission Act looks toward securing mutualism 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 horsepower 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 some 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 \$20.70. This is \$4.70 a horse-power more than the assured price under the first option of the Cataract agreement. What 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.

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 show cause why his goods more than that of 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 \$33,990,428, 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:

	1907.	1908.
Insurance in force	\$685,523,485	719,513,913
No. of Policies	825,429	883,920
Policies issued in year	201,320	222,397
New insurance in year	90,382,932	99,895,999
Premiums received	23,143,872	24,694,645
Amount of claims paid	9,554,582	9,698,902
No. of claims	10,201	11,113

The companies reporting are thus classified: Canadian, 23; United States, 13; British, 14.

The Canadian business seems to have the lead over all others combined; the insurance done being as follows:

	Issued in 1908	Carried over from 1907
Canadian	\$16,081,504	\$480,299,931
United States	7,066,896	193,087,126
British	1,546,275	46,159,856

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 \$138,598,259, among the items being:

The liabilities to insurers are placed at \$123,700,990, the surplus of assets, excluding capital, being \$14,897,269. The total capital of the Canadian companies is \$4,306,180.

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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.

Customs	£29,200,000
Excise	33,650,000
Estate, etc., duties	18,370,000
Stamps	7,770,000
Land tax	730,000
House duty	1,000,000
Property and income tax	33,830,000
Post office	17,770,000
Telegraph and telephone	4,530,000
Crown lands	530,000
Suez Canal, etc.	1,171,466
Miscellaneous	2,028,829
Total	£151,578,295

It may astonish a good many people who have heard so much complaint from the landlords that land taxes yielded only £730,000, a mere bagatelle in comparison with the £33,830,000 yielded by the property and income tax. The new budget will add something to the land taxes, but even allowing for them, the burden upon the landlords will still be small out of all proportion to that borne by the other British producers.

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?

Ald. 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?

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 who 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 battlefield. 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 scoundrels."

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," 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 Financial Post.)

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 J. at the champion sapper 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 times have 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 find a Chinese woman to convert and still 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 wraef, yer know. Don't get downhearted, Bill. Lummy, don't yer look gaashy! But there, keep yer spirits up 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 orkard 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. Statisticians 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 a dozen Chinamen 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 Press 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 Ties," 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 the tie.

Friday, June 25, '09

SHEA'S

May Mantons Patterns All 10c

Friday, a Bargain Day In Small Things

Children's Linen Pinafores 39c

Made of splendid quality, well-wearing natural linen, trimmed with fancy braids and embroidery, worth 50c and 60c. Friday special, each 39c

Children's Gingham Slips 29c

Made of fast colored check gingham, pink and blue, fit 5 to 8 years, well made and sewn, 50c value, on sale for, each 29c

Children's White Pinafores, worth up to 40c, on sale for 19c

Women's Wash Belts 10c

A clearing up of oddments, all beautifully embroidered and worth 25c, a few at 50c, on sale Friday at, each 10c

Women's Elastic Belts 2 for 25c

Women's Elastic and Braid Belts, good buckles and worth every cent of 25c, on sale Friday for 2 for 25c

Women's Linen Collars 5c

A quantity of Linen Collars, embroidered, stiff laundered kind, worth 15c and 25c; some a little mussed from handling. Friday special, each 5c

Handkerchiefs 5c, Worth 12 1/2c

A quantity of Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs and plain hemstitched, worth 10c and 12 1/2c, Friday 5c

Black Silk Gloves 35c, Worth \$1

Elbow Length Black Silk Gloves, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 size, splendid heavy quality, worth \$1.00; bought at a great reduction. On sale, per pair 35c

Women's Blouses at 50c, Worth \$1.50

Another lot of Women's Blouses, made of fine Lawns, Mulls and Vesting, white and colored, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, all go on sale at 8.30 sharp for, each 50c

Women's Underskirts for 50c, Value \$1

A large table of sample Black Satteen and White Underskirts, a little mussed, but otherwise all right, and worth full value. Friday special, each 50c

Veilings at 15c, Worth 25c

Black and Colored Veilings, in Russian Mesh and other correct weaves, worth 25c, on sale Friday for, per yard 15c

Women's Vests at 10c

A quantity of Women's Vests, fine knit, sleeves and no sleeves, worth 20c and 25c, but they are slightly imperfect, so they go for, each 10c

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. Vineyard Tomatoes; if you have not tried this brand you do not know just how good canned Tomatoes can be; 8c per tin, 3 tins 25c. Savory Pork and Beans, 10c tin for 5c, 15c tin for 10c. Lombard Plums, Quaker Peas, 8c tin, 2 for 15c. Quaker Pitted Cherries, finest, per tin 10c. Crawford Beans, tin 15c. Sliced Pineapple, 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, 5c 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.

Sugar

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 lbs. for 50c. The best is always cheapest, and you can always get the best Sugar at our store. 21 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar \$1.00; 10 1/2 lbs. for 50c; 5 1/2 lbs. for 25c. Berry Sugar, Icing Sugar, Cut Leaf Sugar, 3 1/2 lbs. for 25c.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese

Choicest Fresh Creamery Butter, per lb. 25c. Fresh Dairy Butter, per lb. 22c. Fresh Eggs, per dozen 25c. 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.

New Lemons, per dozen	12c	1 lb. tin Davies' Roast Beef	15c
Mexican Oranges, dozen	20c	2 lb. tin Davies' Roast Beef	25c
Teddy Bear Dates, 7c per pkg., for 5c		Holbrook's Malt Vinegar, btl. 10, 20c	
McLaren's Maple Syrup, 3 pkgs.	25c	Wilson's Malt Vinegar, btl.	15c
McLaren's Chocolate Icing, 3 pkgs.	25c	Crisco's Manzanilla Olives, btl.	10c
Pure Gold Salad Dressing, 3 pkgs.	25c	Nation's Sauce, 20c btl. for 10c	
Quick Tapioca, 3 pkgs.	25c	Alliance Catsup, large btl.	10c
Quick Custard, 3 pkgs.	25c	Canadian Sardines, tin 5c, 6 for 25c	
Quick Chocolate, 3 pkgs.	25c	Imported Sardines, per tin	10c
Lipton's Jelly Tablet, 3 pkgs.	25c	Anderson's Sardines, 2 tins	25c
Alliance Jelly Powder, 5 pkgs.	25c	Cascade Salmon, tin	10c
Alliance Baking Powder, lb. tin, 10c		Autumn Leaf Salmon, tin	10c
Alliance Corn Starch, pkg.	8c	New Lobsters, tin	20c
Alliance Vanilla, bottle	10c	Mackerel, fresh, tin	10c
Alliance Lemon, bottle	10c	Clams, tin	10c
Alliance Soap, 8 for	25c	Fresh Herring, tin	10c
Fairy Soap, 6 for	25c	Morton's Kipper Herring, 3 tins	25c
Sunny Monday Soap, 4 for	25c	Shaker Salt, pkg.	10c
Fels-Naptha Soap, 4 for	25c	Sapolia, 4 for	25c
Naptha Soap, 6 for	25c	Bon Ami, 2 for	25c
Black Watch Tobacco, 3 plugs	25c	Harvey's Ammonia, 3 pkg.	25c
Shamrock Tobacco, 3 plugs	25c	Sticky Fly Paper, 2 double sheets	5c

Dominion Day

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 Seedless Raisins, 1-lb. package, choice fruit, special, 2 packages 15c; Holly Brand Sultana Raisins, cleaned and stemmed, 2 packages 25c; Re-cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. 25c; 2 Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 31c; finest new Lemon and Orange Peel, 15c lb., for 25c; Prunes, great big bellows, 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. Bitter Lemon Juice, Cordial, large bottle 35c; Raspberry Vinegar, bottle 15c and 25c; Turner's Grape Juice, per bottle 15c; 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; Savor 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 pkg. for 7c; 15c jar for 10c; Empty Jar Tubs, each 10c; 80c Castle Soap, large bar, 20c; Ivory Soap, regular 7c bar, for 5c; Challenge Soap, regular 10c, for large bar, going 8c.

CARROLL'S Five Stores

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

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. Wooliams and daughter, Ethel, of Calgary; Geo. Currie and Richard McKenny, Wymore, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. J. 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.