

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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TO THE PEOPLE NOW.

The expected having happened and the House of Lords having rejected the budget, the struggle will be removed from the British national legislature to the electoral arena.

Many years ago the land bore a much greater proportion of the expenses of Government. Bit by bit the powerful class which controlled it succeeded in relieving itself of its share of the general burden.

The issue raised is one not to be easily obscured. Money must be had. The Lords stand for the privileged classes. They say, Don't tax the land values; that would put part of the cost of government on the landlord.

The House of Lords will be very lucky if it escape without being shorn of much of its abused privilege. If the Government is defeated, it will be an intimation that the people of the United Kingdom are willing to be taxed on their food and clothing for the benefit of the poor dukes and earls, and to abandon their age-long constitutional claims to deal with questions of finance.

THE FRENCH TREATY.

The performance of the Ottawa Opposition in the French treaty matter is not likely to bring it any increased respect from intelligent Canadians.

The Opposition plea that we should not ratify the French treaty for fear that the United States might in retaliation for negotiating it place us under the maximum clause of their new tariff, did not appeal strongly to the House.

Mr. Monk resorted to the belittling of the value of the French treaty, declaring that there was no market for Canadian goods to be found in France.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Value. Includes Wheat, Flour, Oats, Barley, Grains, Horses, Eggs, Cheese, Woods.

There are many other products of Canada which might find a market in France. Why should we not give our people the opportunity to get a share of this trade when it can be secured without disturbing the present British preference?

The House of Lords last night passed the development and road improvement bill exactly as it left the Commons before the Lords undertook to amend it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The British Post-office savings banks have on hand £160,648,214 due depositors. Nearly eighteen and a half million dollars was paid out last year in interest to depositors.

The world's total production of sugar in the season of 1908-09 is placed at 15,711,000 tons, of which Europe contributed 7,151,000. The amount of sugar consumed constantly increases.

Mayor McLaren has been fortunate enough to earn the hostility of the Toronto World. No better testimonial of his endeavors to serve well the city of Hamilton could be asked.

Our Selkirk friends estimate the cost of the Lake Erie-Hamilton canal at \$38,490,000. The present Welland canal capital expenditure since it was projected to date were less than \$29,000,000. Let us hear from the engineers.

The school lands case between Ontario and Quebec is to be heard by the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council in an appeal from the Supreme Court which decided it in favor of Ontario. About \$350,000 is involved in the case.

Uncle Sam has dismissed the Nicaragua Charge d'Affaires, and intimated that Zelaya is a violator of solemn international conventions, and that all parties will be held accountable for actions affecting United States interests.

The Globe announces that Whitney will, at the coming session, pass legislation to provide for disposing of differences in securing right of way for the Hydro-Electric transmission lines.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, in a speech delivered last night in London, Eng., declared that Canada, in the matter of naval policy, would be safe in following the guidance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Borden and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and that she would have a navy above party politics.

The news that the costly annex sewerage system is very far from being value for the money which it has cost the people may be unwelcome, but it is not entirely out of harmony with the facts of experience of municipal life generally.

As an agricultural country France makes an excellent showing. Her crops yielded this year: Wheat 16,236,000 acres, 360,208,000 bushels; maslin (mixed grain) 355,600 acres, 7,117,000 bushels; rye, 3,068,000 acres, 60,580,000 bushels.

City Engineer Rust, of Toronto, proposes that the corporation, in connection with its Hydro-Electric power scheme, establish a store and deal in electric supplies of all kinds without the expectation of making any profit on the sales.

Lord Rosebery is not at home. He is like a man politically without a country. He has separated from his own party, and he cannot march in company with the Tory lords.

The establishment of an electric smelting plant at Sault Ste. Marie is a forward move that may mean much to Canada. Dr. Hannel has done much to show the advantages likely to accrue from electric smelting.

The matter of warships on the lakes, to which we referred at some length recently, was discussed in the House of Commons last night. The matter has been occupying the attention of the Government, and such papers and correspondence as are not confidential will be brought down.

Pianos and Player Pianos FOR CHRISTMAS CAREY PIANO & MUSIC CO., Limited, 90 King St. W. Christmas is nearly here, and the thought naturally comes to you: What shall we do for the children? There is nothing that brightens the home more or gives the whole family as much enjoyment as a Piano or Player Piano, and it is something that lasts a lifetime.

SHE WILL BE CARED FOR. House of Providence Takes In the Aged Invalid. St. Andrew's Day Fittingly Celebrated In Dundas. Personal and General News of the Valley Town.

Our Exchanges THE BEST EVER. (Buffalo Express) "Have you desirable neighbors?" "Excellent. They never have tried to become acquainted."

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WINTER FAIR, GUELPH, DEC. 6-10, 1909. A special feature in connection with the Fair this year is the discussion of proper types to be sought for in the breeding of the various pure breeds of live stock.

AND HIS FATHER'S SON! (English Exchange) The Hon. Neil Primrose, Lord Rosebery's second son, and Liberal candidate for North Camb., addressing the electors, said the action of the Lords would make the Government the most popular Government ever known.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. THE GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO SUFFERERS. THE HON. NEIL PRIMROSE, LORD ROSEBERY'S SECOND SON, AND LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR NORTH CAMB., ADDRESSING THE ELECTORS, SAID THE ACTION OF THE LORDS WOULD MAKE THE GOVERNMENT THE MOST POPULAR GOVERNMENT EVER KNOWN.

FRIDAY SHEA'S BARGAIN DAY December 3, 1909. Bargain Day Dependable Goods. Many of these bargains will make gifts and good ones, too, and save you many a dollar. Shop early to-morrow and get first choice; it's always best.

LIKES CANADA. Medill McCormick, of Chicago Tribune, Favors Annexation. Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Medill McCormick, the publisher of the Chicago Tribune, was in Ottawa yesterday, and in the course of an interview had occasion to say several things about the city of Toronto.

FIGHT FOR LIFE. Patrick Makes Another Attempt to Save Himself. New York, Dec. 2.—For the second time this week Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer serving a life sentence in Sing Sing for the murder of Mr. Marsh Rice, today emerged from his cell to renew his fight for freedom.

JOLLY SURPRISE PARTY. An enjoyable affair took place last night, when a surprise party was given for Crissie Strong at his parents' residence, 242 Bay street north.

Y. M. C. A. STAR COURSE. Holders of tickets in the Y. M. C. A. star course should not miss the treat in store for them in Association Hall to-night. Pitt Parker, the wizard crayon artist, is a prime favorite with his audiences, and Douglas Stanbury, the wonderful boy contralto, will also please.