

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THE ASSESSMENT.

The completion of the assessment of the city of Hamilton shows that we have been making steady growth and progress. The total assessed value for municipal purposes this year is \$41,166,778. This is an increase of \$1,330,403, slightly more than 3 1/3 per cent. It is not a very startling increase, but it is a real one. There has been no general inflation of values; here and there, there has been equalization of individual properties, but for the most part the increase consists of newly created values. A cause for congratulation is the decrease in the amount of realty exempt from taxation. The exemptions now total \$6,054,910. It is to be remarked also that these exemptions include the Government buildings, post-office, customs house, etc., all the public schools and municipal property, and the churches of the city. It will be plain, therefore, that the exemptions represent principally a matter of book-keeping. Deducting them, the rateable assessment for the year is \$35,111,868.

The population, according to the assessors, is 67,268. This is an increase of 301 over last year's figures. There was a falling off of 365 in Ward 2, and 284 in Ward 5. This is accounted for by the movement of the industrial population into other districts. Our increase in population is very small, and, to many, it will be a disappointment. It must be borne in mind, however, that populous suburbs without the city limits are being built up. The district in the southeast, now proposed to be annexed, contains, according to the statement presented by the petitioner, a population of 1,298. That would bring the figure up to 68,566.

It is satisfactory to know that our progress in the last year has been healthy, if not rapid. We are going ahead. Our building record of the year has been satisfactory. We have had no commercial or industrial disasters. Our manufacturing capacity has been considerably increased. We have recovered from the depression which so largely affected Canada in common with other nations. And the future looks bright for our industries. With a people loyal to Hamilton, and true to her industries and interests, the next year should be productive of greater results than the last.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Do it now. Equalize those water rates.

Massachusetts Democrats advocate in their platform a reciprocity treaty with Canada, and announce the recent tariff revision as humbug. Canada goes on sawing wood.

Perhaps Whitney might be induced to pass an act confiscating the local electric company's property and condemning all those in it to penal servitude for life. That might gratify the Hamilton Herald.

Readjust those water rates. When gross inequity is so freely admitted it would be immoral on the part of the aldermen to continue the wrong. No excuse of shortness of funds can justify taking more from one man than is right to let another off with paying less.

We observe that the Ottawa Citizen does not contend that opposition to extending the franchise of a private electric company there was due to any other cause than the fear on the part of the owners that it would reduce prices below the city plant's figures.

A London cable brings the rumor that Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, President of the G. T. R., will probably soon resign his office. Such rumors should be taken with a liberal quantity of salt. Sir Charles' recent visit and inspection of the line do not go to lend credibility to the story.

The United States-Coke Combine, which was to unite \$65,000,000 worth of independent coke plants in Western Pennsylvania, is dead, and it is thought that the combine of independent steel interests involving \$800,000,000 will also fall through. That will not be sad news to the people.

Britain has just launched her eleventh battleship of the Dreadnought type, the Neptune. She is of 20,250 tons displacement, carries a battery of 12-inch guns and is expected to develop a speed of 23 knots an hour. She will represent when completed an expenditure of about \$10,000,000. That's where British taxes go.

Michael Lawlor, of St. Louis, was stabbed in a fight on Aug. 27, and hospital surgeons performed an heroic operation in a not too hopeful operation to save his life. Several ribs were resected and an opening made through which a wound in his heart was closed with twelve stitches. The victim rallied well and has now almost completely recovered. He says the injury to the heart caused him but little pain.

Referring to the frequent disclosures of prevalent municipal maladministration which the constant enlargement of the municipal sphere makes harder and harder to detect and punish, the Contract Record suggests that it should be made illegal for a municipal council to award a contract otherwise than as the result of public tender. It is to be doubted if such a change in the law would be of much effect. Municipal life is too rotten to be purified by such a

remedy. The first thing to be done is to largely reduce the abused powers of the municipalities; that is a measure called for in protection of the ratepayers.

Word has been received from Tokio that W. T. R. Preston has been successful in his suit for \$2,000 damages for libel brought against the Japan Chronicle. The Chronicle incautiously republished from a Canadian Tory organ the statement that Preston was conspiring to bring Japanese laborers to Canada in contravention of our agreement with Japan. Mr. Preston also obtained damages in a previous suit against a Tokio paper that had been loaded up by Canadian Tories.

According to Collier's there is much complaint about the extortionate rates charged on the T. & N. O. Railway by the Provincial Management. Manager Lloyd, of the Imperial Bank at Cochran, is quoted as having paid \$8 on an express parcel from Toronto. A farmer who brought up a cow is said to have been charged \$40 freight. These are given as samples, and they are certainly eloquent of a railway robbery that would not be endured from a road privately managed. How would the public like to have the general railway rates raised to that level?

What's the use of growling about high taxes, Mr. Ratepayer, while you vote for every alderman and every scheme adding to the municipality's expenditure? If the taxes are high, you probably voted that they be so. And it is not at all certain that you would not vote for the next big municipal scheme to involve you in further debt and obligation. The time to object is when you are asked to assume the obligations. If you vote for the expenditure or are too indifferent to come out and vote against it, as in the Hydro-Electric matter, you should not object to sweating to pay it.

It appears that the West Peterboro Tories had been prepared with a great mass of perjured testimony to swear Mr. Stratton out of his seat. Each day of the trial brings new illustrations of Tory unscrupulousness. Several of the petitioner's witnesses swore they got money from Robert H. Leary, at the Liberal Committee rooms, on the afternoon of election. Evidence was given to show that Leary was out in Monaghan township at the time he was alleged to be doing this bribing in the Liberal Committee rooms. There would seem to be some able-bodied liars in West Peterboro.

Readjustment and reduction of water rates is of a hundred times more importance to the householders than the Hydro power, even were it to be a cheaper power, which it is not; and yet the Hydro organ protests against the Council readjusting the water rates so as to relieve the householders, on the plea that the Council needs money. The Councils of this and former years have wasted thousands of dollars of the ratepayers' money jockeying to load the people with an unnecessary and costly Hydro contract, but the abandoned organ never blamed them. If it can but serve its retainers it cares not for the wronged ratepayer and water-user.

Mr. Albert Plant, head of the jobbing and importing drug house of Lehn & Fink, New York, speaking of his recent four-months' trip abroad, ridicules the idea that the same business men of England wish a return to protection. He says he found abundant prosperity. His observations do not support the idea that England is decadent.

The people are rich and happy. Their manufacturing enterprises are showing a fair ratio of profit and the taxes levied for the support of the Government are by no means exorbitant. The English people are not seeing red, as some of their own important citizens seem to think. So far as I was able to judge, they are going about their business in the usual way and are piling up capital, which must needs seek investment abroad.

According to the judgment of the Ontario Railway Board which permits the H. & N. O. Railway to carry its line along the water front of the town of Haileybury, the town authorities, in opposing the road's application, mentioned among the "horrible examples of the evils that follow from permitting railways to reach waterfronts," the city of Hamilton. Where did they get their authority for holding Hamilton up as suffering injury of that sort? The Board was not impressed with the "horror." It very sagely remarked that "in all probability if these railways had not been permitted to reach the waterfronts when they did these cities and towns would have their waterfronts, but nothing else."

Mr. Walter Beardmore, of Toronto, has filed a claim in court attacking the validity of Whitney's act denying to the citizens access to the courts to sue the Hydro-Electric Commission. He alleges that such an act is ultra vires and contrary to the British North America Act. He also asked for an injunction to restrain the city of Toronto from levying taxes to carry out the alleged illegal contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission; which contract, it is claimed, does not conform to the by-law submitted to the ratepayers. If the case goes to trial, some interesting constitutional questions may be raised. It is not improbable, however, that Whitney, having committed the original outrage of closing the courts, will be equal to the work of stifling legal inquiry into the validity of his course.

It is somewhat amusing to note in the remarks of many United States papers that their greatest regret over the Cook-Peary controversy is that it should be between "two Americans." The Baltimore American says: "The country is

Mfrs'. Sale Still Rolls On

Values Grow Greater Daily. Stocks are Continually Being Replenished. Crowds are Getting Bigger All the Time

THE BIG STORE JAMES SOUTH

The Manufacturers' policy of a Semi-Annual clearance never before brought better or bigger results. This of all years has been the hardest on the manufacturer. Retailers and jobbers were skeptical as to the extent to which business would be restored. They bought sparingly, and left heavy surplus stocks in addition to accumulations of odd lots for the manufacturer to dispose of, and his only method was a cost sacrifice clearance. Anticipating this sacrifice we bided our time for purchasing and by taking the "Surplus Stocks" of several big makers, got unusually big price concessions. Saturday's list comprises merchandise of the choicest and most desirable sort at prices that scarcely represent the cost to manufacturers. Be early.

Great Millinery Display

We are ready for the big rush Saturday. Our workroom is busy turning out Hats for this great sale. Copies of the latest models.

Extremely smart Hats, in good quality of French felt; has nice, rich finish, in stylish turban shape, trimmed with handsome hand made wings and has soft folds of taffeta silk encircling crown, with pretty bows and buckle at side \$3.25

Charming Hats, combined in remarkable degree style and good taste, finest French felt; has wide rolling brim and large dome crown, trimmed with soft, graceful folds of satin, large wired bows at side; has attractive mount and fancy ornaments \$5.00

Particularly chic and jaunty Hat of silk panne velvet, in large mushroom, with wide rolling brim at side, with wide velvet ribbon shirred around, stylish bowl crown, ending in large rosettes at side and two handsome Paris wings with fancy buckle \$8.00

Last of Mfrs'. Big Purchase Hats 69c

Hundreds for Saturday's selling, of every style and design for fall wear; fine French felt, stylish and napped velvet, our beavers, in chic turbans, flaps, sailors and mushroom, from the small, neat walking hat to the large, dressy mushroom; in navy, lizard, tan, brown, wistaria, myrtle and black; regularly \$1.50 to \$2.75, values, Saturday 69c

8.30 to 10.30

Sale of \$8 to \$15 Richly Tailored

Coats \$5.95

You can't afford to miss this early morning bargain.

6 only Stylish Fall Coats, worth up to \$15, choice \$5.95. Only from 8.30 to 11.30; thoroughly man tailored; in Kersey, Cheviot and Beaver; semi and fitted designs; the latest style trimmings, popular 7/8 length; navy, brown, green, grey and black. First choice always best, so be early. Worth up to \$15. Choice \$5.95

Fine Tailored Coats \$10

Genuine Man Tailored Coats, the latest up-to-date semi and fitted styles, in rich Kerseys, Cheviots and Beavers; trimmed with silk Soutache braids and buttons; many have velvet collars; in brown, green, blue, tan and black; actual values \$15 to \$18, Saturday \$10

Grand Value in Girl's Hats \$4.75

Special lot of an importer's models of high-class Misses' Coats, beautifully made and trimmed with silk braids, velvet and large covered of metal buttons; double or single breasted; in Cheviots, Beavers and Kerseys; in every popular shade; up to 14 years; worth regular \$6.50 to \$8, Saturday \$4.75

\$5, \$6 Lace and Silk Blouses \$3.75

Good chance to secure a fine dressy Waist. The lot comes prizes fine and rare Nets, with pretty lace insertion, high fancy collar and long trimmed sleeves, also Chiffon Taffeta, in fancy or tailored effect; cream, green and black; \$5 and \$6 values, Saturday \$3.75

Tailored Separate Skirts \$2.95

225 choice Fall Skirts, well tailored, in the latest fall styles, in the favorite Panamas, Shadow Stripes and Taffetas, with strappings of self and ornamented with satin and bone buttons; in brown, navy, green, grey and black; regular worth \$4.50 to \$6, Saturday \$2.95

Elastic Belts for 25c

2 gross for early selling Saturday morning of handsome Shirred Elastic Belts, finished with handsome buckles; regular 50c Belts; on sale Saturday 25c

1 gross boxes, each containing 6 handsome Neck Frills, worth 10c and 12c each, a special bargain for Saturday 25c

10 new patterns in Cushion and Kimona Handkerchiefs to select from on Saturday at our special price, 2 for 25c

Handsome Spot Net for waists, in cream, white and colors; 2 1/2 yards makes a waist; a bargain at 40c yd.

New Bowmaker 15c

On display at Jewelry counter. Ask to see it. 'Tis going to be a big seller; on sale, in any color, Saturday 15c

Crackerjack Sale of Shoes

No wonder with leather away up, and selling Shoes at these prices. Another of the big store wide awake moves. We were the first buyers, did not ask for terms. What can you do for cash in case lots? Thousands of dollars we have plunked down in hard cash. Wholesale Banrupt Shoe Stock Saturday.

\$3 Boots for \$1.98

240 pairs of Women's Vici Kid Lace Boots, double soles, with extension edge, Blucher style, dull kid, plain tops; regular \$3; all sizes; sale price Saturday \$1.98

\$2 Boots for \$1.25

120 pairs Women's Dongola Lace Boots, good heavy extension soles, Blucher cut, broad fitting last; all sizes; worth \$2, on sale Saturday at only \$1.25

\$2.50 Boots for \$1.89

120 pairs Men's Box Call Lace Boots, standard screw soles, solid leather all through, Blucher cut; sizes 6 to 10; regular \$2.50; sale price Saturday \$1.89

\$2.50 Boots for \$1.50

180 pairs Women's Dongola Blucher Cut Boots, dull kid tops, medium heels; all sizes in the lot; made to sell at \$2.50; sale price Saturday \$1.50

\$1.50 Boots for \$1

100 pairs Girls' Dongola Blucher Cut Boots, heavy soles, spring heels; sizes 8 to 10 1/2; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50; sale price Saturday \$1.00

\$2.25 Boots for \$1.50

180 pairs Boys' Box and Velour Call Skin Boots, heavy extension soles, Blucher style; made to stand the hardest kind of wear; sizes 1 to 5; regular \$2.25, sale price Saturday \$1.50

SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL

60 pairs only, Boys' Lace Boots, odds and ends of our \$1 and \$1.25 lines. On sale 8.30 Saturday morning at 50c

Manufacturer's Stock of Loom Ends of Embroidery 3c and 5c yard

5,000 yards specially reserved for Saturday's selling, including Edgings, Insertions, Beadings, etc.; worth 10 to 15c yard; sale at 8.30 sharp 3c and 5c yard

Corset Cover Emb.

All the gapes made by the tremendous selling of the past two days filled for Saturday; 1,000 yards on sale 8.30 sharp as follows. All good designs:

15c yard, regular 23c values.

10c yard, regular 30c values.

Mfrs'. Lace Strips 25c

Sample and mill end strips of beautiful Laces, Bandings and Insertions, in rich Plauen Net and Guipure makes; worth up to 65 and 75c yard, on sale at only 25c yard

Soutache Braid 25c

The best Silk Soutache in black and 40 different colorings, for binding; on sale Saturday 25c dozen yards

The G. W. Robinson Co., Limited

18 to 24 James St. South

Our Exchanges

WASH YOUR FACE. (Brantford Courier.) It pays a community to keep clean just as much as an individual.

ALL PAY. (Toronto Star.) Nobody who occupies a house or a room in a house can escape taxation.

WORTH THE MONEY. (London Free Press.) The Shaw case has cost the taxpayers of New York \$200,000. But then look at the entertainment they have had.

IS THAT SO? (Brantford Courier.) If it had been a Hamilton assessment they would have counted the figures on the Brant monument to help boost.

A LOSING GAME. (Buffalo Express.) A bookkeeper in a New Haven Bank who went the pace has been sentenced to five years in a federal prison. The game doesn't pay.

LOOK OUT. (Rochester Herald.) "Boy hunter kills companion." "Man shot while arising from stump." The hunting season seems to have opened auspiciously.

THE NEWS VIEWPOINT. (Louisville Courier-Journal.) "Why don't you print the news?" "We try to," explained the editor. "We have daily bulletins from both Cook and Peary and special correspondents in all the world's capitals. What news have we overlooked?" "A neighbor of ours had her husband

arrested yesterday, and your paper hasn't a word about the affair."

DESERVED WHAT THEY GOT.

(Montreal Star.) If the Conservative workers really entered into a conspiracy to keep a spy in the Liberal camp, they deserve all they seem to have got.

CUT OFF. (Windsor Record.) A man in Texas named Isaac Brock died at the age of 121. He was a hard drinker and dissipation is blamed for his early death, although he fought longer than his namesake, Sir Isaac.

TO PREVENT HUNCHING. (Chicago News.) There ought to be an international starter for the next race to the South Pole to see that all get away evenly and that no one steals a march after announcing in a casual way that he is going berry picking in Michigan.

EVER NOTICE IT? (Kansas City Journal.) When a man of national prominence becomes ill enough to have a consultation of physicians, and bulletins are issued from his bedside, he is going to die. It never fails.

VINDICATED. (Brookville Times.) The Hamilton police recently ran down a man who had appropriated an umbrella, and the culprit received a month in jail. At last the reproach has been removed from the Hamilton police!

SOMETHING NEW. (Stratford Beacon.) There does seem to be something new under the sun. In Hamilton a man was sent to jail for stealing an umbrella. If that is not absolutely new it must be a revival of the old, for it is a long time since such a thing was heard of before.

GETTING NEXT.

(Cleveland Leader.) "Is your husband thoroughly domesticated by this time?" "Oh, yes. He never has any loose change in his pocket and is careful not to leave any of his private letters lying around the house. We have little to quarrel about, now."

OUTLIVED IT.

(Kingston Whig.) It is proposed that Toronto shall honor Goldwin Smith, and keep his virtues before the people, by erecting a statue of him. There was a time, for his plain speaking, when some people in Toronto wanted to burn him in effigy.

AFTER THE FAKIRS.

(Brantford Expositor.) New York State officials have this year assumed to forbid pitching rings to get games and throwing balls to get cigars at country fairs, under penalty of forfeiture of State aid. Of course there is a row over the decision on the part of fair officials and the fakir fraternity, but the decision will be generally endorsed as being in the interests of the general public.

THE AUTUMN GRIND.

(Boston Herald.) Don't you hear the stiddy grindin' I've the luscious cider mill? Don't you see the ol' horse windin' in the early mornin' still? Can't you taste the juicy drippin' As they gurgle from the spout? Can't you smell the golden pippin As they spatter in the cheer? Git your straws an' git your bonnets, Come on, Nell, an' come on, John! How kin poets grind out sonnets When the cider mill is on?

HE—"I would go to the end of the world for you."

She—"If I didn't know that the world was round, I would believe you."—Fliegende Blätter.

A Misspelled Tail.

A little buoy said: "Mother dear, May eye go out to play?" The son is bright, the hair is clear; "Owe mother don't say neigh."

"Go forth my son," the mother said; His ant said: "Take ever slay. Ever gneiss new sled awl painted red. But dew not lose your weigh."

"Oh, know," he cried, and set the street With hart sew full of glee. The weather changed and snow and sleet And reign fell fierce and free.

Threw snow drifts grate, threw watery pool. He flew with mite and mane. Said he: "Though eye wood walk by rule Eye may not ride, 'tis kindly."

"I'd like to meet some plain soul. For here knu dangers weight. And yonder stairs a treacherous whole. Two sloe has bin my gate."

"A peace of bred, a gneiss hot stake; Eye'd chews if ye were home. This crenel fair my hart will brake; I love knot thus to Rome."

"I'm week and pall; I've mist my rode."

But here a cart came passed. He and his sled were safely lood Back to his home at last. —Houston Post.

Suspicious of His Mother.

"Ma!"

"Yes, precious."

"I'm a good boy these days, ain't I?"

"Yes, pet—you've been a very good boy since mother talked to you so seriously."

"And you trust me now, don't you, ma?"

"Yes, darling—implicitly."

"Then what do you keep the jam cupboard locked for nowadays?" —Cleveland Leader.