

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1908.

PUBLIC OPINION IS FELT.

The presentation of a petition, signed by a large number of the manufacturing concerns of the city, representing in the aggregate a capital investment of about seven and a half million dollars, to the Council last night, doubtless exercised some influence on the views of the aldermen who might be amenable to reason. The signers strongly advocated that the offer of power made by the Cataract Company be accepted, with proper provisions to safeguard the city. A motion in accordance with the prayer of the petition was offered by Ald. Lewis and Allan, but Mayor Stewart ruled it out of order. On the ground that it had not been properly considered by one of the committees of the Council. Subsequently the proposal to refer the matter to the special committee was carried, and its report will be presented on Tuesday night.

It has become quite clear, within recent weeks, that the public has been taking an active and intelligent interest in the studying of this power matter, and that it has been trying to ascertain on what principles compatible with the conduct of business any aldermen could seek to plunge the city into such an untried and costly scheme as the Hydro-Electric advocates propose. The more it has been examined, the less has it appealed to the level-headed business men of the community, and the weaker has become the sentiment in favor of those Hydro-Electric aldermen, who have sought throughout no other end than the injury of the local concern, even at enormous cost to the corporation. There has been so much of the animus, shown in this ill-considered expression of one of Mayor Stewart's supporters, "that he had never read the contract through, did not know anything about it, and did not want to," that other aldermen have been asking themselves what excuse they could offer to intelligent and honest citizens for pursuing such a course. Shutting their eyes to the facts of experience and of common knowledge; incurring a huge debt and obligation, and binding the city in a 30-year monopoly would be bad enough had they a reasonable prospect of bettering our condition by so doing. But when there was never any prospect of such an improvement, and when, in addition to the statutory protection in reasonable price power from a cheaper source than the Hydro-Electric, the local concern voluntarily agrees to guarantee power and light both for public and private use at a lower price than the socialistic scheme can possibly do, there remains nothing which the Hydro advocates can plead save the desire to injure the Hamilton concern. In such a position it is not to be wondered at that the aldermen who have only the interests of the city at heart should object to being rounded up and driven by the Mayor to carry out his pet schemes.

Between now and Tuesday evening the Special Committee will be expected to give some consideration from a business point of view to this important question, and it is to be hoped that the Council, in disposing of it, will carefully safeguard the rights of Hamilton and her citizens. Without any action in the matter, Hamilton has still, for consumers as well as for the corporation, the portion of the Connee clauses of the Municipal Act, by which we could at any time compel arbitration. If, however, the aldermen secure us still better terms, the people will be thankful.

DOMINION DAY.

The Canada of July 1, 1908, is a very different Dominion from that whose name was modestly inscribed on the world's register on July 1, 1867, just 41 years ago. The earlier years of the Dominion were a series of slow upward struggle; but the Canadians had set out to build for permanence, and no discouragements were allowed to bar the way to success. Now the world acknowledges that Canada has fairly won a place among the nations. She has won it, not by powder and steel, but by the helpful and unobtrusive arts of peaceful industry. Not that our people are without heart or ability to defend their native land, but each of them is a defender, whether from farm, shop, factory or office. We are a people not minded to meddle in the world's bickerings. We are builders, not destroyers. The result of the work of such a people is to be seen in the figures of our exports and imports, which astonish the world; in the growth and development of our industries, the extension of our railways, and the steady sweep of the wave of settlement which rolls over our western prairies. Canada is the magnet to which turn the home-seekers of the world, and we already find ourselves forced to a policy of excluding the unfit who would seek homes among us. What will Canada be in another quarter of a century? Who can place a limit to her possibilities as a power for good among the nations of the world?

A FARM BENEFACTOR.

The death of Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, of Stratford, which took place yesterday, in his 79th year, removes from the scene of earthly activities a man who gave much public service to his fellow-citizens. He took an active part in municipal affairs and in Provincial politics, and the work he did for the dairy industry had the effect of laying broad and deep the foundations upon which its later success was built. The struggle for recognition of the industry and for Government teaching and investigation was practically won by Mr. Ballantyne's personal efforts, he even putting his hand into his own pocket and paying for the services of Professor Arnold to instruct the dairymen. His enthusiasm in the work has been amply justified. He was an ardent Liberal and sat in the Legislature from 1875 to 1894, being Speaker of the Legislature for the last four years of his term. He lived a busy and useful life, and was universally esteemed by his fellows.

IMPORTANT TO SETTLERS.

The late Government offered grants of immense areas of land to encourage the building of railways in western Canada. The present Government, when it took office, was not in accord with such a policy, and discontinued the practice of making land grants to railway companies. But, of course, it had to observe the obligations entered into by its predecessors, and those that were outstanding when it took office it has had to carry out. Practically all the lands capable of being earned, under the terms on which they were granted, have been earned; and the lands have been transferred. A land grant of 12,800 acres per mile was originally offered for the building of a line of railway from the Saskatchewan River to Hudson Bay, but, although the Canadian Northern Railway Company obtained a charter for the purpose, it has not built this section of the line. The Government is now proposing to finance such an undertaking by creating an additional source of revenue out of the sale of pre-emptions to homesteaders in the central prairie area, which lies in the heart of the territory, formed by the two new provinces, and is apparently an extension of a similar, but vaster, area across the international boundary. The stretch of country, outlined in the bill containing this proposal, comprises districts that have regular and sufficient rainfall, and districts where the conditions are intermediate between the dry and the moist.

From the area, outlined in the bill, the railway companies have selected some 6,000,000 acres in satisfaction of their land grants, but there remain 28,000,000 acres available for homesteaders and pre-emptors. A man who takes up a homestead of 160 acres will be able to have reserved the adjoining 160 acres for his future use. This reservation is what is called pre-emption. In order to pre-empt he will have to pay a fee of \$10, and then, at the end of three years, he will have to commence paying for the property. His first payment will be one-third of the price of the pre-empted land, which is to be sold at a rate of \$3 an acre. The railway to be built from the Passon on the Saskatchewan River to Hudson Bay will be 500 miles, and this, at the liberal estimate of \$30,000 a mile, would work out at \$15,000,000. The additional revenue thus provided is more than enough to meet the cost of the Hudson Bay Railroad, and no matter under what arrangement it is built it will, therefore, not cost eastern Canada a cent. The scheme will confer two benefits on Canada: First, it will open to settlement on advantageous terms a large tract of land which would not be attractive to settlers unless on such terms. Second, it will provide the funds to give the whole farming community of the west a cheaper route to the British market. Both are essential to the full development of the country. The bill, while providing for pre-emption by new homesteaders, gives old homesteaders, settled outside the area, the privilege of purchasing a homestead within it. The old homesteaders, already within the area, would also have the same right.

The "purchased homesteads" are to be sold on the same terms as the pre-emptions. Last year's land bill, which was withdrawn, contained a similar proposal, which was only different from the present proposal in the extent of its application. The Minister of the Interior then wished to open the privilege of a purchased homestead to all settlers who had not already acquired pre-emption. It was thought by many that this would have a disturbing effect on land values by inducing farmers to leave the older settled parts, and was strongly opposed by the Conservative party and by several of the Government's supporters. By a resort to their usual tactics of obstruction the Opposition were successful in preventing the bill of last year from becoming law, as the Premier's absence in England made it desirable that the session should be closed without undue delay.

The principle of settlement, with cultivation, implied in homesteading, is applied to both pre-empted farms and "purchased homesteads." So that the present proposal does not vary from the end which the Government has always had in view, namely, cultivation and settlement by resident owners, who will support and promote the social development of the particular neighborhood in which their interests lie.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. Mr. Foy announces that the cases of some of the combines "have not been dropped." Perhaps the combines will not worry much as long as the cases are not brought to prosecution.

A few days ago Chief Justice Meredith unburdened himself of the opinion that "a jury of twelve honest men is worth fifty lawyers or perhaps a dozen Judges." The Chief Justice sometimes condenses the pith of a long argument into a brief sentence. In the above remark, he expressed the wisdom of many years of careful observation.

It is to be regretted that there should be any ground for suspicion that the

Attorney-General, through red tape or other cause, should leave undone what would seem likely to throw upon the Barton murder. Hon. might spare sufficient time to look into so important matter himself.

Toronto is still. When the Tory machine faithful in defence of its past huge vote is polled. When the people is sought on great questions, such as pure water, efficient sewerage, little heed and only a trifling over 4,000 vote. Toronto takes her own time to look into her policies, or of course.

From Cranbrook comes a circular, issued by the Presbyterian ministers, pleading for action by the forcing the liquor to the Attorney-General's neglect of its barrooms of the place. The Mayor takes action, the Mayor offers that the hotels in the town are likewise open on the how many of the men of those towns "rooted" in the recent election campaign him for keeping his rigorously enforce the license.

The Morden, Man., says that at the recent registration of the lists, and the clerk at Kaleida, a Tory heel, back from the west, where he took his instructions from the Tories handed in to him, his course is clearly enough the act provides no way by which he can be reached.

If anybody feared that might be a troublesome time ahead for him he should feel reassured by the knowledge that Hon. J. P. Flaherty has personally undertaken of rescuing British statesmen from their dilemmas. Some time ago to Telegram was heartless enough to mark that "you can throw through the window of any lawyer's office and hit a greater than P. Pliny Whitney." But has no small estimate of his help he would be inclined to Asquith to Hosea Biglow's relief, "Wal, it's a blessing we've so tell us.

The rights and the wrongs matters, I vow; God sends country lawyers wise fellows To start the world's team stuck in a slough."

A Clever Fellow (Kingston Whig.)

Winston Churchill for the service for twenty years, in many parts of the world, and for five years in and in short a time. Oh, what a clever, able, audacious, but somewhat of his own that will be stained on Nelson's old ship "The Victory," his gun being just at the brass marking the spot where the hero Trafalgar fell. He sailed around the world four times and had crossed the twelve times. Mr. Goulding had lived in Hamilton as a pensioner for thirty years, and was well known as caretaker of Hess Street School from the opening of the school. The deceased was a consistent member of First Congregational Church, and, after many years of being, is at rest.

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Mamma's Waltz (duet) Streabog
Dorothy Wallace and Belle Davidson.
Home Sweet Home Roy Cowan.
Sunshine Geibel
Dorothy Wallace.
Gaily Chanting (duet) Behr
Jeanne Robertson and Kathleen Simpson.
Lullaby Ascher
Belle Davidson.
Banner March Ortlepp
Hamburg Fox.
Song—Mona Adams
Mr. Austin McDonald.
Nelke Lichner
Hattie Bagshaw.
La Chatelaine Margaret Doyle.
Valse (duet) Holst
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Mary Cotter.
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Lillian Kelly.
Nocturne Op. 17, Williams
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Heintzman & Co's. Stupendous BARGAIN CARNIVAL

All "Used" Pianos and Organs Have Prices Lowered Almost Beyond Belief. We Are Overstocked and Must Make Room.

The greatest slaughter sale of second-hand Pianos and Organs that has ever occurred in this city will be inaugurated on Thursday morning. The bargains will be the marvel of the town—the biggest SNAPS that your eyes ever beheld. This is the chance you have been dreaming of, wishing for, but believing would never happen—because such reckless price-shattering has never before been met with outside of "dreams." Away with them, regardless of profit—you get the benefit. We MUST get rid of our second-hand stock of "used" pianos and organs which have been taken on exchange for Heintzman & Co. Pianos and we are prepared to practically give them away. Come at once. Send your neighbors. Tell your friends about it. Below is a mere handful of the many bargains.

Each Instrument Guaranteed for 5 Years, Having Been Thoroughly Renovated Inside and Out

\$5.00	Bell Organ, 5 stops, nice walnut case; good condition, per month	\$1.00	Bell Organ, large mirror, richly carved case, 10 stops, a beauty, per month	\$2.00
10.00	Victoria Organ, 7 stops, walnut case, elegant shape, per month	1.00	New Bell Organ, piano case, 14 stops, regular \$125, per month	3.00
14.00	Karn Organ, 8 stops, beautiful case, elegant shape, per month	1.50	Boardman & Gray Piano, 7 octave, walnut case, per month	3.00
15.00	Bell Organ, 7 stops, complete in every respect, per month	1.50	Russell Upright Piano, good tone for price, per month	3.00
20.00	Estey Chapel Organ, 8 stops, extra fine tone, per month	2.00	Shultz & Ludloff Piano, 7 octave, extra fine practice piano, per month	3.00
22.50	Ontario Organ, 11 stops, high top, original price \$150, per month	2.00	Weber Piano, beautiful rosewood case, regular \$500 piano, per month	3.00

EXTRA SPECIAL

\$240.00 Fancy Burl Walnut Upright Piano, 7½ Octaves, Colonial Design. All Improvements. Been Out for 5 months. Regular \$323, Per Month \$6.00

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TRAINED ON THE VICTORY.

DEATH OF ARTHUR GOULDING, A WELL-KNOWN VETERAN.

Was Caretaker of Hess Street School and Had Been a Pensioner 35 Years.

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"ROOF GARDEN."

Good Crowd at Mountain Park Theatre Last Night.

Notwithstanding the rain last night, there were several hundred persons at the opening of the Hamilton Park Theatre, at the head of the East End Incline Railway. A capital programme was presented by the Geo. Summers' Own Company. "An American Drummer," a modern comedy in four acts, was produced, the cast being as follows: Tommy Swift, Geo. H. Summers; Lord Randolph, Orrin T. Burke; Oscar Carston, Louis E. Appel; Sir Hubert, Fred J. Dorrity; Rev. Simon Braston, Bert G. Deeks; Thompson, Howard Arthur; Louis Loeb, Jerre Sanford; Officer, Harry Barton; Monica, Gertrude Stanley; Lady Ryvers, Florence Natoli; Violet, Frances Barrow.

Between the acts clever vaudeville turns were given. Illustrated songs were sung by Master Louis Atwell; character songs and ballads were given by little Loris Canfield, and coster singing by Franklyn and Hiatt. The last named team made the hit of the night.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Herbert A. Martin, conductor of the Savoy Theatre orchestra, rendered a popular programme.

The theatre has been greatly improved since last season, and the comfort of the patrons has been considered, as well as the beauty of the place. Tomorrow two performances will be given. The matinee will start at 2.15 and the evening performance at 8.15. "An American Drummer" will be the bill all week. The bill next week will be "Out of the Fold," a comedy drama.

NORTH BAY CHURCH FEUD.

French-Canadians Not Satisfied With Affairs.

North Bay, June 29.—A largely attended meeting of the French-Canadian adherents of St. Mary's Church was held to-night in Ferguson Hall, to consider matters affecting their interests, particularly the unpleasantness at the church yesterday, when the St. Jean Baptiste mass was prevented. The meeting was private, and nothing was given out for publication, except that a French-Canadian society was formed, and that the church matter would be laid before Bishop Scollard upon his return.

French-Canadian parishioners are incensed at the action of the church authorities in being refused permission to hold mass yesterday in celebration of the Fete of St. Jean Baptiste. On Wednesday the fete was duly observed by the French-Canadian with a picnic and sports. On Sunday the French choir asked permission to repeat the mass, and a refusal angered them. There is a large French-Canadian section in the congregation, and strong feeling exists between them and the English-speaking members, principally over the language question in the school and church.

The ultimate result will probably be a new French congregation for North Bay, although Rev. Father Dufresne is permanently attached to the local church and French service is held every Sunday.

MILLSTONE BURSTS.

Buchanan, Sask., June 29.—Two Doukhobors were killed and another seriously injured at their communist village of Christiana, two miles south of here, this afternoon by the bursting of an old-fashioned millstone weighing over a ton, which these primitive folk still use. All three are heads of families.

Chatham Grain Dealer Disappears.

Chatham, Ont., June 29.—Frank Crow, a well known grain dealer, has suddenly disappeared from the city, and his friends and family know nothing of his whereabouts. A searching party has revealed nothing. He has been away for two weeks.

SUFFER FOREST FIRES.

Several South of Cobalt Lose Their Buildings.

Cobalt, Ont., June 29.—A big fire swept through the country four miles southeast of here yesterday and wiped out the plants of a dozen or more mines.

The Temiskaming lost their powder house, and the fire was up to their mine buildings at last report, but they will likely save these.

The Coleman Development Co. lost all their buildings, and the men barely escaped with their lives.

At the Shamrock mine a diamond drill and a boiler was all that was saved.

The Lumsden, Duchess, Patterson, Progress, Cochrane and Fisher Epilepsy lost all their buildings and machinery.

H. P. Davis, of the Davis Cobalt Silver Mines, stated this morning that he lost all his mine buildings and machinery, and the fire was still raging in the vicinity of Cress Lake.

At the Beaver, the fire burned up the office, but the men worked heroically, and managed to save their buildings.

At the Badger mine, the hoist house and one shaft house were burned, but the rest was saved.

Robert Bryce, of the Silver Queen mine, sent a large gang of men out to the Badger property to help in the work.

The Rochester, next to the Badger, was saved.

The men at all the mines deserve great praise for the manner in which they worked to save the properties.

At the present time it is difficult to obtain authentic information, but the full report will be on hand to-morrow.

Wednesday, July 1 1908

SHEA'S

Dominion Day

THIS store will close to-night at 6 o'clock and remain closed all day to-morrow, July 1st, Dominion Day.

Commencing Thursday, July 2nd, will close every afternoon, excepting Saturdays, until the 1st of September at 5 o'clock.

We would ask our customers to assist us in this 5 o'clock closing by doing their shopping as early in the day as possible.

On THURSDAY our grand Summer Clearing Sale will go on again with better showing of bargains and at prices than any we have yet given you.

Shop early and help us do 9 hours' business in 8 hours. We close at 5 o'clock.