

THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1908.

MR. ZIMMERMAN AND THE RADIAL.

We regret to notice, however, that Mr. Zimmerman is evidently in favor of the whole bill as it stands. He is reported to have said yesterday that "it was in the interests of the city and the country that the bill should be passed." This would appear to mean that, in Mr. Zimmerman's opinion, the rights of the city should not be protected in the manner suggested by the City Council. It is to be hoped that Mr. Barker will see the matter in a different light. A great blunder will be committed if this bill is allowed to pass without some effort being made to reserve to the city some authority in relation to the management of operating the suburban lines which will be inside the city limits.

True to its Tory instincts, the Hamilton Herald is ever ready to do what it can to hurt the Liberal cause in Hamilton. But it was unfortunate last evening in selecting Mr. Zimmerman for attack by reason of what he said in reference to the Radial Railway Bill at the meeting of the Board of Trade the previous afternoon. From the extract quoted above, it will be seen that the Herald wants it to be understood that Mr. Zimmerman wishes the Radial bill to be passed as it is at present stands, and that he has no wish to see the rights of the city protected "in the manner suggested by the City Council." No argument is required by us to show the injustice of the Herald's editorial comment on this matter. Its own local columns refute the charge brought against Mr. Zimmerman of a want of desire to protect the city's interests. In his report of the meeting the Herald reported said:

Adam Zimmerman said he did not want to go to Ottawa with his hands tied by the resolutions of the City Council. He did not think anyone wanted to block the railway, and for that reason he wanted to see a resolution passed sympathizing with the Radial bill. SO LONG AS THE CITY'S INTERESTS WERE SAFE GUARDED. He thought the citizens of this city would condemn Mr. Barker and himself if they blindly opposed the bill at Ottawa, which they would have to do if they complied with the council's resolution.

The Spectator in its report of the meeting reported Mr. Zimmerman as saying: Mr. Zimmerman said that the majority of the people were in favor of the bill passed. Mr. Barker and himself would be condemned at Ottawa and also at home if they blindly voted against the bill, no matter what clauses were included, if they accepted the recommendation of the City Council. It would be most unfair for the members to do so—unfair to themselves. It was in the interests of the country that the bill should be passed, but Mr. ZIMMERMAN ASSURED THOSE PRESENT THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY WERE SAFEGUARDED.

The Times reporter put it: Adam Zimmerman, the member for West Hamilton, who was present, said that although he did not care which way the bill went, one way or another, it was rather unfair to expect the local members to go down there and vote with their hands tied, and that was practically what it amounted to under the council's resolution. "I WILL CERTAINLY PROTECT THE CITY'S INTEREST," he said, "and at the same time I would like to see this bill passed because the road will be a good thing not only for the city of Hamilton, but the whole Dominion."

These three separate reports certainly do not bear out the statement "that Mr. Zimmerman is evidently in favor of the whole bill as it stands." The three reporters distinctly state in their reports that Mr. Zimmerman stated that he would see that the city's rights were respected, and that is all the Mayor or the City Solicitor asked should be done. In going so far out of its way to do so, it is too much to say that the Herald has already begun its jacked work to discredit the member for West Hamilton and prepare the way for the "coming" Frenchman?

AN ILLEGAL BILL.

If, as is in municipal circles rumored to be his intention, Mayor Stewart should seek to take from the city treasury the money required to defray the cost of his campaign in the promotion of the Power By-law, an interesting situation will be created and a problem will be presented well calculated to make the ratepayers rub their eyes and think.

How could such an action be justified? How could it be reconciled with law and equity? Obviously, the reason for submitting any question to the ratepayers is that opinion upon it is divided, and this method is taken to enable a decision to be reached by polling the individual ratepayers. The rights of those ratepayers, whether arrayed for or against, are equal; and the municipal powers that be discharge their duty when they provided facilities for a fair and full expression of the ratepayers' will on the question submitted; they have no right to use their official positions or the municipal machinery of which they are temporarily in control to influence a result. Only as private citizens should they be heard. As such, Mayor Stewart and his co-workers in the Council were well within their rights; but they had no more legal or moral right to use to such ends the services of city officials, the property of the municipality or the taxes of the ratepayers, than they would have to employ them in His Worship's private manly business.

The correctness of this principle is beyond question; it is too clear to require to be more than stated. And let us say, it is not affected in the slightest degree by the question of the particular by-law to be voted upon, or whether the Mayor or majority of the Council may desire to promote or oppose its passage. In all such cases, the rule must be: Hands

off the money, which belongs alike to supporters and opponents!

The payment of the cost of the Mayor's promotion meetings; of the preparation, printing, postage, etc., of his circulars; payment of the expenses of speakers, organizers, etc., are not matters for the long-suffering taxpayers. The power company, which sought a fat contract, and the Toronto and outside interests in whose behalf the Mayor's efforts were put forth should not seek to saddle that expense upon us. We hesitate to believe that the Mayor will be a party to such an act of piracy.

But it behooves the Aldermen of 1908 to be watchful and prevent any such misdirection of the people's taxes, should it be attempted. And should it become necessary, it is to be hoped that private citizens will come forward to defend the treasury. There should be no "bugger-mugger" business about it, either—no smuggling of the amount through under cover of contingencies. But as between the two, we think it would be preferable that the amount involved should be stolen outright, rather than that a principle so vicious and subversive of justice and equity, and so conducive to speculation and corruption, should be established by the voting of the amount.

Take this into your serious consideration, Mr. Mayor, before drawing on the taxpayer.

In justification of his intention to soak the city for the bill, the Mayor claims that the campaign was one of education. What he did was in the interests of the citizens, to help them to cast an intelligent vote. If that plea be correct, why did he not secure speakers before hand to present the other side of the case to the people? Suppose he had been opposed to the Hydro-Electric power scheme, would he have brought Mr. Beck, Mr. Ellis, Billy Maclean and others here to talk up the by-law? He knows that he would not. Better pay the bill, Mr. Mayor. It is the only honest way out of the hole.

FUNCTION OF BOARD OF TRADE.

Is there any good reason why a representative body like the Hamilton Board of Trade should wait until it is invited before taking up a subject of such interest to the city as the Radial Railway bill—or any other question of moment? The members of the Board, man for man, have probably many times as large a stake in the city as the members of the City Council, and are not bound down by pre-election promises; neither are they influenced by a desire to make votes. They are probably in a better position to express an independent opinion than are the aldermen, and an opinion coming from them would certainly carry as much weight. It is quite certain that, had the Radial bill been discussed by the Board before the City Council had given the City Solicitor instructions in the matter, the discussion would have been fuller and freer than was that of last Tuesday, and the members would not have had before their eyes the fear of appearing antagonistic to the aldermen. The Hamilton Board has shown more activity in late years than it did a few years ago, but under the guidance of a man like Mr. R. A. Robertson, who has made an eminent success of everything he has ever put his hand to, and of those associated with him, it should take a far more active part in public affairs than it does. The city's railway interests are important enough to warrant a free expression of the Board's opinion as soon as they come before the public in any definite form.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Ald. Dickson is also mentioned in despatches as a coming Mayor. Couldn't get a better man.

Ald. Farrar will find it to be to his own advantage to play fair in the chairmanship business.

No one can lay a finger upon any point in which Mr. Zimmerman has not protected Hamilton's best interests.

Some of the members of the Board of Trade the other day talked down to the level of last year's City Council.

The Hamilton Spectator speaks about a "consumptive" sanatorium. We are sorry to hear that the sanatorium is sick, and hope it will soon be well again.

Somebody in Saltfleet who was thought to be making himself solid with both the local opinion and the hotel interests will have plenty of time this year to harvest his peaches.

While the Beach Commissioners are laying plans to provide Beach residents with a water system, some of the aforesaid residents are lamenting the impending loss of their beer system.

The Beach people have plenty of water for drinking purposes. What they want is a supply for fire purposes when they lose their firewater. Some of them would rather fire water than lose their fire water.

Sir Hibbert Tupper, who aspires to consolidate in himself the interests of the extreme east and the extreme west, at Ottawa, is the same Sir Hibbert who once recited a Canadian guide book before a Hamilton audience in the Grand Opera House.

If Hamilton's interests had been as faithfully protected by its representatives at Toronto as they have been at Ottawa we would not now, as a city, be begging for a technical college to make up for the Ontario Normal College which, to use the words of the Conservative members of the Board of Education, the Whitney Government robbed us of.

When Mr. Adam Zimmerman, M. P., says that the city's interests will be protected in the matter of the Radial bill,

it means that the city's interests will be protected. When some of the aldermen say the city's interests will be protected it means that they are going to "knock" the Radial, no matter what effect it may have on the city's best interests.

Colonel Gibson told the Board of Trade that the Radial Railway is even now and for several years has been properly under Dominion jurisdiction because it crosses the G. T. R. at Burlington. Will the Colonel say that the Hamilton Street Railway is under Dominion jurisdiction because its tracks cross the G. T. R.—Hamilton Herald.

We do not know what the Colonel will say, but here is what the Act says on the subject. R. S. C., 1906, cap. 37, section 8, reads as follows:

Every railway, steam or electric street railway or tramway, the construction or operation of which is authorized by special Act of the Legislature of any Province, and which connects with or crosses any railway within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, shall, although not declared by Parliament to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, be subject to the provisions of the Act relating to—

(a) The construction or operation of one railway or tramway with or by another, so far as concerns the aforesaid connection or crossing;

(b) The through traffic upon a railway or tramway and all matters appertaining thereto;

(c) Criminal matters, including offences and penalties, and

(d) Navigable waters.

The above would show that in certain matters the Hamilton Street Railway is under Dominion jurisdiction by virtue of its crossing the tracks of the G. T. R.

Crowded Off.

A new summer hotel is threatened in the Lake of Bays district to avoid dress parade Nature must retire even farther north.

Where He Came From.

East Toronto should have carried local option for the sake of the municipality. Our one drunk on New Year's Day walked in from that suburb.

The Hardest to Come.

(London Advertiser.)

The most difficult part of the Niagara power scheme has yet to come—working it out. Mayor Stevely and the council have a powerful problem ahead of them.

Down to Business.

(Grandfather Expatriate.)

This year another "enabling" by-law has been passed by the people, but as the next means a definite contract with the commission it is to be hoped that before it is taken all requisite information will be before both the people and the council.

Quite a Drop.

(Toronto News.)

Mr. Lemieux has returned to Canada after having dined with the Emperor of Japan, he must get on his knees to the Toronto Patronage Committee.

Hamilton Power.

(Kingston Whig.)

Hamilton and Toronto are peculiarly situated. Each has a plant which is serving the people reasonably. Each is a manufacturing centre, however, and cheaper power is a greater consideration. Each would be warranted in following Kingston's example, and in acquiring the franchise that is now operated by a company. Then, and only then, can the effect of the power agitation be fairly valued. The dependent and competitive plants cost many millions, and "estimates" vary and sometimes fail. Experience will settle the power question in the long run, and all the theories to which the issue has given rise.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—For some time past I have noticed items in the local papers with regard to the laudable work being done by Miss Jeanette Macdonald, on behalf of the proposed Hospital for Sick Children. I have also read in our local papers of last Monday evening the letter from Mr. Appleton, manager of the Savoy Theatre, in which he states that their theatre practically has Miss Macdonald's same proposition as that made by the Grand Theatre, and the suggestion contains therein, that the tickets which are being disposed of by Miss Lewis be sold at either house, seems to me to be a first-class one, and worthy of the consideration of Miss Lewis on behalf of the children.

Trusting, Mr. Editor, that Miss Lewis will give this suggestion her careful consideration, I am, yours truly,

Hamilton, Jan. 9, 1908. A Reader.

DETECTIVE NOBLE DEAD.

Alex. F. Noble, founder and principal of Noble's Dominion Detective Agency, died suddenly from heart trouble at the Western Hospital, Toronto, late last night. Mr. Noble was a native of Toronto, and was 31 years of age. He was with the Pinkerton Detective force for many years as a manager, but organized the Noble Agency nine years ago. For some years the agency had an office in this city. Deceased was a Mason, Shriner and member of the Arcanum and was a captain in the 12th York Rangers.

GOT BIG LOAN.

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Jan. 9.—It is announced that the Government has obtained a loan in England of \$5,000,000.

President Frigero has given the newspapers full liberty to discuss the accounts of public officials.

Choice To-morrow \$17.00.

The 600 suits and overcoats on sale at Oak Hall to-day at \$18 will be reduced to \$17 for Friday and \$16 on Saturday. The best lines, including some splendid silk-lined overcoats, will be shown first, of course, and as the best lines are bought up, the next best lines will be shown; so that the first men to be fitted will get the best quality. The price is to drop \$1 each day, until it reaches \$2 on the 28th.

REDMOND LECTURES.

Rome, Jan. 9.—Wm. K. Redmond, member of the British House of Commons from East Chichester, and brother of John F. Redmond, delivered a lecture in this city to-day on the progress of Australia.

A Cutting Proposition.

Twenty dozen all wool sample undershirts, ranging from \$1 to \$1.50, to clear 50¢; 10 dozen heavy winter caps, for \$1.25, regular 75¢, for 35¢; sweaters at half price. M. Kennedy, 249 James street north.

THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank

For the Twelve Months Ending 31st December, 1907.

The net profits for the twelve months, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, and reserving accrued interest, amounted to \$522,822.81

Premium on New Stock 2,520.00

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss last year 44,349.87

\$569,692.68

Appropriated as follows, viz:

Dividend No. 44, quarterly at the rate of 7 p.c. per annum 75,894.38

Dividend No. 45, quarterly at the rate of 7 p.c. per annum 76,124.13

Dividend No. 46, quarterly at the rate of 7 p.c. per annum 76,151.07

Dividend No. 47, quarterly at the rate of 7 p.c. per annum 76,158.71

Transferred to Rest Account 100,000.00

Written off Bank Premises 100,000.00

Written off Bank Furniture and Safes 30,000.00

Transferred to Officers' Guarantee Fund 5,000.00

Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund 5,000.00

Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss, new account 25,364.33

\$569,692.68

GENERAL STATEMENT.

31st December, 1907.

Capital Stock paid up 4,352,310.00

Rest Account 2,000,000.00

Dividend No. 47, payable Jan. 2nd 76,158.71

Former Dividends unpaid 578.09

Interest Accrued on Deposit Receipts 4,664.12

Balance of Profits carried forward 25,364.33

\$6,459,075.31

Notes of the Bank in Circulation 3,081,065.00

Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date 19,951,193.62

Deposits not bearing interest 3,421,567.07

\$23,372,760.69

Balance due to other Banks in Canada 28,664.30

Deposits from Banks in U. S. 220,115.00

Balance due to London Agents 557,959.85

\$27,260,564.84

\$33,719,640.15

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin Current 356,805.19

Dominion and Government Demand Notes 2,503,160.00

Notes of and Cheques on other Banks 583,261.21

Balance due from other Banks 358,503.96

Balance due from Foreign Agents 465,334.34

Dominion and Provincial Government Securities 573,337.03

Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks 497,038.05

Call and Short Loans on Stocks, Bonds and other Securities 1,289,545.94

\$6,626,985.72

Bills discounted current 25,009,249.60

Notes discounted overdue (estimated loss provided for) 38,601.01

Deposit with Dominion Government for security of general bank note circulation 144,000.00

Real Estate, the property of the Bank (other than the Bank Premises) 4,800.00

Bank Premises (including safes, etc.) 1,896,003.82

\$27,092,654.43

\$33,719,640.15

STUART STRATHY, General Manager.

Toronto, 31st December, 1907.

ANNIVERSARY SALE OF EMBROIDERIES

This great January sale of White Embroideries affords ample opportunity for you to secure the latest approved spring and summer styles at great savings.

Blouse Frontings

Handsome Fancy Eyelet and Shadow Embroidery Frontings, in a fine Swiss Muslin, with spaces for working, wide width, 27 inches, also plain Swiss Muslin to match fronting, large variety for choice at these prices:

50c, real value \$1.25.

\$1.19, real value \$1.35.

\$1.39, real value \$1.65.

\$1.59, real value \$2.25.

Allover Embroideries

Approved styles for spring in Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Allover Embroideries, in eyelet and shadow effects, good wide widths, for blouses, yokes and dresses, all greatly underpriced for January sales.

55c, regular value \$1.15.

\$1.19, regular value \$1.35.

\$1.69, regular value \$1.85.

Others reduced to \$1.59 and \$2.39.

Embroideries, Laces and Insertions

Eyelet, Shadow and Solid Embroideries for trimming underwear, children's dresses, etc., in all widths and patterns in cambric, nainsook and muslin; special prices at 5, 7, 10, 12½ to 50c yard.

Insertions, same as those above, at similar prices.

Ribbon Binding at 8, 10, 12½ to 35c.

Finishing Braid and French Seam in muslin and cambric, at 2, 3, 5 to 12c.

Valencienne Laces and Edging to match, in all widths and in the latest patterns, some in the round and square filet effects, at 4, 5, 6 to 25c.

EXTRA SPECIAL—Allover Embroideries and Laces in eyelet and blind patterns, suitable for fancy blouses, 18 inches wide, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Anniversary Sale price 49c the yard.

FINCH BROS.

29 and 31 King Street West

Bungle's Bad Break.

Mr. Bungle always takes a deep and sympathetic interest in the welfare of his fellow-men. While out for a stroll one day, he met a friend who seemed in a great hurry.

"Hold on, Jones," said Bungle, grabbing his friend's arm, "why this rush?"

"Bungle," said Jones, removing his hat and wiping his brow, "I'm hot-footing it to a specialist; I believe my brain is affected."

Mr. Bungle, to allay the fears of a friend and show the customary commiseration, said jovially:

"Pshaw, Jones, you shouldn't worry about such a little thing as that."

"What?"

"I mean you shouldn't let such a little thing as your brain—that is, Mr. Jones, you shouldn't get so excited over nothing—of course—ah, good day, Mr. Jones!" From the January Bohemian.

An ounce of prevention is also worth a pound of remorse.

Exceptional Values

According to promise we offer you this week values which are more than exceptionally good. They are absolutely the best and cannot be matched elsewhere, in fact there are many of them that we cannot ourselves repeat, simply because we cannot buy more of the goods at the prices we are selling for. You cannot do better. Buy early, buy big.

Tapioca and Rice Special

1,000 lbs. finest pearl Tapioca, nothing better to be had anywhere, regular 8c lb., going 7c; 4 lbs. 25c; which is less than most grocers pay for it. Rangoon Rice, best regular 5c lb., going 7c lb., for 25c. Best Japanese Rice, 4 lbs. 25c; Puffed Rice, 3 pks. 25c.

Can Goods Special

30 cases of Old Church French Peas, the very finest peas we have, and worth 12½c per tin, going at 9c, 3 for 25c; Farmers' Brand, Sugar Peas, and they are all right, cost 92½c dozen, going 7c tin, 3 for 20c; Farmers' Brand Corn, cost 97½c dozen, going 8c tin, 2 tins 15c; Farmers' Brand Tomatoes 10c per tin, Quaker Refugee Beans, 3 tins 25c; Pumpkin, 3 tins 25c; Eagle Brand Blueberries, per tin, 10c; the Pineapple, 2 tins 25c; Lombard Plums, 3 tins 25c; Dried Peas, 2 tins 25c; Peaches, Raspberries, Strawberries or Cherries, per tin 20c.

Eggs, Butter and Lard Special

1,500 dozen Fresh Eggs. Same stock as we had, only they are not coming quite so large as they were, going this week per dozen 25c. Butter, choicest creamery, per lb. 32c. Good creamery, per lb. 30c; and expect to have a lot of Dairy Butter to sell at 26c lb. Best Pure Lard, 14c lb, 3 lbs. 40c.

Sugar Special

Prior advanced 10c, and they do say it will go another 10c. Still we sell 22 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar for \$1.00, 11 lbs. for 50c, 5½ lbs. 25c. 23 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar, \$1.00, 11½ lbs. for 50c, 5½ lbs. for 25c. Dark Brown Sugar, 7 lbs. 25c. Best White Iceing Sugar, 4 lbs. 25c; 100 lb. bags Best Granulated, \$4.50.

Flour Special

Prices are looking up, rather than down. Still we sell Friday, Saturday and Monday only Gold Medal, Gold Seal, Cook's Pride or Lily White, per bag \$2.50, per ½ bag \$1.25, ¼ bag 63c. Royal Household or Five Roses, per ½ bag 80c, bag \$1.15.

Canned Fish Special

Morton's Fresh Herring, shipment just in, costing to-day 12c tin, going Friday, Saturday and Monday 10c tin. Mackerel, 10c tin. Clams, 10c tin. Ice Castle Finnan Haddie, per tin 9c, 3 tins 25c. Lobsters, per tin 20c. King Oscar Sardines, 2 tins 25c. La Sentinelle Sardines, 2 tins 25c.

Macaroni's Marmalade, value 17c, going 13c, 2 for 25c.