

THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, DEC. 20, 1907.

A POLITICAL CITY COUNCIL.

The confession of the Spectator on Tuesday evening and its repetition last evening that one of the functions of the Tory party in Hamilton is to see that none but Conservatives are elected to the office of alderman, and that only those who are chosen by the Tory Executive are the pure quill and worthy of the support of the great Tory party, and that none but Tories shall be appointed to office in the gift of the city, have opened the eyes of the citizens to the impudence of the position assumed by the Tory Executive and the effrontery of the organ that made the confession. We asked why the Tory party should wish to gain control of the City Council, and we did not have to wait long for an answer. Here it is, as it appeared in last evening's Spec:

"The executive of the Conservative party has no excuse to offer for its open and above-board appearance in this campaign. There are issues at stake that warrant its action. Aside from the advantage that a municipal election success would give the party in the greater contests to come later, there is the much more important matter of the proper government of the city."

There you are. The object is to use the Council, its influence and patronage for the benefit of the Tories in the Provincial and Dominion elections. How do the citizens like it? We must elect a Tory Mayor because he would be useful around election times in whipping the city officials and city employees into line. We must have a Tory Council to dispense patronage where it will do the most good, and appoint none but Tories to act as deputy returning officers, and generally to bedevil civic affairs for the sake of the party. And who are the men who masquerade under the name of the Conservative Executive and said to plan to bring this city under ring rule? Here they are. At least, here, we believe, are the names of the most prominent members:

PRESIDENT JOHN MILNE.
VICE-PRES. WM. ARMSTRONG.
VICE-PRES. J. W. LAMOREAUX.
SECRETARY W. L. ROSS.

HON. PRESIDENT WILLIAM BELL.
Read the names over again. Is there anything about these men that would make the citizens desirous that they should control the civic affairs of this city? Take them collectively or individually, are they experts in any branch of civic government? No. Certainly not. They are, in our opinion, about as mediocre a lot of men one could choose to run the affairs of a city like Hamilton. They are politicians, every one of them, working principally for the good of their party—the good of the city seems to be a secondary consideration. Of course, they may have other motives of which we are ignorant. We have no reason to suppose, for instance, that Mr. John Milne is looking for another city grant or bonus to help defray the recent fire loss on his factory. But it is not easy to say what these men will do or not do. If, as their organ says, they will insist that none but Tories be appointed to civic office, it becomes a question whether or not by such action they bring themselves within the pale of the Criminal Code. Perhaps Mr. Bell will look the matter up. It would be unfortunate were they to run foul of the Act, for it might be a serious matter were they to insist in interfering with the duly elected representatives of the city in the discharge of their public duties.

This leads us to take a glance at the hydro-electric power scheme in view of this unwarranted stand taken by the Conservative party of Hamilton. If the Executive insists that none but Tories shall receive city appointments, and if the city should close with Mr. Beck's scheme, we should, under "Tory control," have the electrical department of the city manned by Tories—no Grits, Labor men or anybody else need apply. We can readily see how this hydro power business would become a powerful political engine in the hands of the Tory party, and how the city's affairs would be sacrificed in the interests of the Tories. Dost like the picture?

THE IMMIGRANTS.

The effort of Leader Borden and some of his friends in the House on Tuesday evening to make some political capital out of the immigration question was a dismal failure. An attempt was made to show that the Government was responsible for the bringing out to Canada of a lot of mechanics who were unable to obtain work. Mr. Oliver explained that no encouragement was given by the Government to immigrants other than agricultural laborers or farmers and domestic servants, that it gave no bonuses or assistance of any sort to any others, mechanics included. That in fact it discouraged all such immigration, and had already called to England instructions that all bonuses were to be suspended until spring, so that not even the farm laborer or domestic would be asked to come. It was shown, however, that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the members of which are composed of Mr. Borden's friends, had tried to get the Government to bring out mechanics. Letters had been received from it and others urging the Government to aid in the immigration of skilled mechanics. But they urged in vain. The Government refused their request. Mr. Oliver countered rather cleverly on Blue Ruin Cockshutt, of Brantford, who was furthering the resolution to cease assisting immigration, by reading a letter showing that that gentleman had been in favor of the "emptying of the tenements of England into the cities of Ontario," so as to crowd the labor market and depress the wages of the workmen. In other words, Cockshutt favored "pumping" the immigrants in

no matter what became of the Canadian workmen. The Government's immigration policy, however, had been a great success. The immigration returns for the past year showed the total for the period was 400,159, of these 217,150 came from across the ocean, 183,337 being from Great Britain, 85,813 from the continent and 55,859 from the United States. These were composed of farmers and domestic servants. The figures are a standing evidence of the untruthfulness of the charge that the Liberal Government is bringing to Canada the offscourings of the continent. The debate must have proved to the workmen of Canada that Sir Wilfrid's Government is not only not doing anything to glut the labor market, but is preventing the Tory manufacturers' union from doing it. By bringing on the discussion Mr. Borden conferred a distinct favor on the Government, as it gave it the opportunity to show the country just who it was that was glutting the labor market.

IT'S BAD BUSINESS.

And so it has come at last! Some one, described as a "Toronto expert," and acting on the authority of no one in particular, has reported "That the Hamilton Street Railway has not a decent car, and that all should be in the scrap heap." And this report will assuredly satisfy the people for whom it was made. Nothing short of this broad condemnation would do. The Toronto expert has evidently carried out instructions to the letter. And his report is to be used "when the city makes its next application for relief to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board about the first of the year."

Two competent and reliable officials of the city recently made an inspection. They reported that many changes and improvements had been made. They handed in their reports and some one who probably had not been posted gave out the information they contained. Because they did not condemn everything pertaining to the street railway they were promptly smothered. Indeed, it was estimated that the said officials would have to do better—get new instructions and report, not in accordance with what they found, but to suit the desire of the persons who wanted a report particularly unfavorable to the company.

And there you are! Two sets of reports, one from anonymous Toronto experts, the other from competent and trusted city officials. And when the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board meets the two sets of reports will be presented. Of course, the favorable reports will not be submitted by the people they did not suit; but they will be put in. Knowing how the reports were obtained the gentlemen of the Board will draw their own conclusions, and will probably send their own engineers over the system to make an independent report. But hold! Perhaps the Municipal Council of 1908 will have something to say in the matter. That's a contingency which does not appear to have occurred to those who had the latest "report" made to order.

By the way, who was responsible for the previous reports being pigeonholed? Engineer Barrow was instructed to have them prepared, and he detailed two men in whom he has explicit confidence to carry on the examination and prepare the reports. The reports were handed to him in due time. Why have they never been submitted to any committee? Why are they being held back to be called for by the company, if another application should be made to the Ontario Board? Mr. Barrow is not holding them back of his own accord, and whenever they are produced they will place the city in a nasty predicament. There has been bungling and interference throughout, and they will not do the city any good. The whole thing has a bad flavor.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In your giving remember the poor.

Vote for none but untaged municipal candidates.

Perhaps the Beck scheme may also be ultra vires.

Mr. Beck should have his piece almost off by heart by this time.

Send copies of the Times' great Christmas number to your friends out of the city.

The Herald did not attempt to crack a joke last night. It seems it lost the key.

Don't be odd. Hamilton is the only city of any consequence in Canada that votes by the at-large system.

Christmas

for Distant Friends

What is better than a beautifully colored picture of dear old HAMILTON? Size 11 inches by 20 inches; price 50c each. Tube for mailing 5c extra. Framed \$2 each.

A. C. Turnbull
Bookseller & Stationer
17 King Street East.

Walker's Golden Rule Policy

Walker's is a Credit Store that's different.
Where the people play fair with us we play generous with the people.

"Installment Credit" at this house has deeper significance than elsewhere in Hamilton—co-operation and a friendly desire on our part to make purchasing easy for you.

We are willing to wait for our money and we are not afraid to trust you for anything or any amount you want.

We are not cold-blooded.

Here's our Golden Rule policy—the policy that has made this a big business:

"IN CASE OF SICKNESS, OUT OF EMPLOYMENT OR ANY KIND OF TROUBLE YOUR REGULAR PAYMENTS TO US ARE OFF."

No one ever regrets trading here. There never has been any dissatisfaction, proving that our plan must be the right one.

Come here to-morrow, open a charge account. We'll do the rest and you'll like us for what we do.

The Frank E. Walker Co., Limited

Canada's Greatest Instalment

Furniture, Carpet and Stove Store,

King and Catharine Streets.

Terminal Station opposite.

Mr. John Milne insists that none but Tories get city jobs. Mr. Milne must imagine that he pays the salaries.

The hydro people select a poor time to hold a public meeting when everybody is busy chasing around after Santa Claus.

It turns out that the Tories have been encouraging the immigration of mechanics to Canada, and urging the Government to do the same. The Government very properly refused.

The London Advertiser gives a list of seven officials of the London Asylum who have been discharged without given cause since Whitney came into office. The Advertiser says: "The Government's course has been brutal and outrageous, and a flat repudiation of the Premier's pledge to dismiss no public servant unless charges were preferred against him and supported by evidence." But the "workers" must be rewarded, we suppose.

The Health Commissioner of Chicago has taken alarm at the rapid increase of pneumonia and consumption in that city, and has issued a bulletin in which it is stated that walking is "almost a specific against them." He advises every person living within two miles of his work to walk the distance twice daily instead of riding in the cars. If this advice was heeded in Hamilton the street cars would not be so crowded at the meal hours.

London wants a technical school from the Whitney Government. Hon. Dr. Pyne was interviewed the other day on the matter. He said the Dominion Government should give to the Province a large subsidy to help meet the expense of our school systems. We thought it would come to that. Sir Wilfrid may yet have to build our Technical College. Then we must be careful not to wound Sir Wilfrid's feelings, lest he should take umbrage at us, and we lose the college.

Mr. L. G. Read, Chief Engineer of the Colonial Engineering Company, of Montreal, has been talking producer gas to the members of the Brantford Board of Trade. After listening to his remarks, Mr. J. B. Detwiler said he did not think the Government power scheme adjoined so far was definite enough to be attractive to a manufacturer. He himself could not accept the Government proposition at present. Mayor Bowly and ex-Mayor Waterous said there would be no contract without further information. Ald. Wood admitted that the municipalities were sadly in need of more information. Mr. Beck seems to be keeping the people too much in the dark.

It doesn't pay to mortgage your opportunities.
A new broom sweeps clean, but field glasses are better for sweeping the horizon.

A Great Editor.

(Toronto Star.)

Not in Paris, not in all France, is there a writer for the press that could excel Joseph Israel Tarte in the use of nervous French. He is witty, sententious, epigrammatic. He was graphic, he was colloquial. He dignified simple words with deep thoughts. Like Swift, like Steele, like Voltaire, he made homely language shine. He was a master of short sentences.

The Radial.

(Toronto News.)

If the promoters of the Hamilton Radial Railway seek only an entrance to Toronto under a fair agreement it should be easy to effect the necessary arrangement. Toronto needs and invites the entrance of the radial roads. It is not its disposition nor is it to its interest to impose embarrassing regulations.

What Maclean Got.

(Kingston Whig.)

Mr. Maclean, M. P., got \$2,500 for his services in the common law year. And he once thought that anything over \$1,500 was simply robbery. How did he calm his conscience?

An Irish Scotchman.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Lord Kelvin, son of a teacher of mathematics in an English school, was a member of the United Kingdom and a member of the King's Privy Council. His career could hardly be duplicated outside of his own country.

The Power Situation.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Consequently, in order to avoid waste, a number of the candidates for the majority, controller-ships and seats in the council have pledged themselves that if elected, about the by-law authorizing the city to go into the power business be passed, they will not invest the city's money in the undertaking unless the civic authorities are unable to make a satisfactory arrangement with the existing company, either for the supply of power to the city and the citizens, or for the purchase of the company's business. The by-law will only be considered as a whip to the city, and if they can, whether or not, contribute its money towards making the cost of electric power cheaper in Toronto? This position is selfish, but it is at least sensible. With Toronto and Hamilton out, it will be a question whether or not the remaining municipalities can afford to finance it, and if they can, whether or not the cost will give Niagara power any advantage over power generated as at present, by local water powers, etc. The friends of the scheme see this, and are proclaiming that Toronto must accept it, and not enter into any arrangement with a company, or else accept responsibility for administering a snub to the Government.

DICKSON-WARD.

Happy Matrimonial Event at Mr. Alfred Ward's.

A very pretty wedding took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ward, when their second daughter, Evelyn Hannah, was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel Dickson, of Edmonton, Alberta, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickson, Seattle.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. J. Mansell, of Dundas, assisted by the Rev. Richard Whiting, of Centenary church. The bride was given away by her father. She wore ivory crepe de chene, elaborately trimmed with Swiss embroidery and lace. She was attended by her sister, Miss Alice M. Ward, as maid of honor, and Miss Rae Dickson, of Seattle, and Miss

Evelyn Armstrong, of Montreal, as bridesmaid.

They all wore dainty gowns of chiffon cloth, and carried large bouquets of pink Killarney roses.

The guests were supported by Mr. P. M. Yates, while Mr. E. H. Ward and Mr. George Ballard, acted as ushers. A dozen telegrams of congratulations were received by the happy couple.

After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Dickson will return to Hamilton before leaving for their home in Edmonton, Alberta.

ROLLER RACE.

Keen Contest at Britannia Rink This Evening.

The two-mile City Championship roller skating race for the gold and silver medals will take place at Britannia rink to-night. The rules of the contest are that the medals have to be won twice to be retained. Sandy McMaster, an east end lad, has one win to his credit, with the well-known skater, Elmer Hawkes, second. The second race went to young McMichael, a speedy west end skater, while Gordon Riggs, a well-known prize winner of last year had to be content with second. Besides these fast skaters, W. Daniels, an east-end, has suddenly sprung into prominence. McMaster, the old reliable bicycle rider, W. Smith, an ice skater from Burlington, Harvey Muir, Stone and others are entered. The spectators to-night who visit this popular rink will see a most exciting contest.

CONCORD LODGE, A. O. U. W.

At the regular meeting of Concord Lodge, A. O. U. W., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Past Master Workman, Jos. Pountney; M. W., F. Leighton; foreman, G. W. Smith; overseer, Jos. M. Ross; recorder, A. W. Charleworth; treasurer, Jos. Ross; financial, John G. Sherrington; guide, R. C. Leighton; inside watchman, Geo. Nash; pianist, F. J. Donville; representative to Grand Lodge, Jos. Pountney; P. M.; Alameda, David Fraser; physicians, Drs. Wallace, Emory, Hilder and Langs; trustees, W. C. Toye, F. Smith, F. L. Briggs.

District Deputy Wm. Galenby and A. W. Pitt, of Acadia Lodge, acted as scrutineers.

LAST OF THE YEAR.

The social season to-night at the Alexandra will be the last this year, as the management has several other ideas for the holiday season. Programmes will be furnished as usual, couple tickets have been selling fast for this entertainment, so a good big crowd may be looked for. The grand march will be one of the pleasing features and the special music for to-night is bright and catchy.

D. D. G. M. AT DUNDAS.

District Deputy Grand Master C. H. Mann, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, accompanied by P. G.'s Ald. Anderson, James Conner and G. O. Luke, made an official visit to Valley City Lodge, Dundas, last evening. They were heartily welcomed and found the lodge to be prosperous. Supper was served and toasts, speeches and songs made the evening pass pleasantly.

Kiev University, from which 250 students recently were expelled, was opened yesterday in the presence of two hundred scholars, several companies of infantry and hundreds of policemen, the latter as a precaution against demonstration.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1907

Saturday at 8.15 Sharp

THE TEST of this store's organization will be the business of the next three days—and while we guarantee a perfect service, no matter how big the rush, still we believe it will be greatly to your advantage to do your shopping during the forenoons.

To-morrow the store will open sharp at 8.15 (15 minutes earlier than usual) with a list of the most interesting bargains ever offered in Hamilton.

Remember the hour—8.15 sharp.

At 8.15 Sharp

You'll hardly believe these Coat Prices, but there's no mistake. We mean just what we print. It's our Christmas box to you—all we ask is for you to be here without fail at 8.15 sharp.

\$10.00 Coats for 98c

6 only Women's Winter Coats of dark brown check material, 7/8 length, loose fitting back, coat collar and fly front, full sleeves, all good sizes, and regular price of each coat \$10.00, at 8.15 sharp yours for 98c

\$12.00 Coats for \$1.98

6 more Women's Winter Coats in dark brown and green, check and stripe material, 7/8 length, easy fitting style with stylish sleeves and cuffs, some self strapped, all good sizes and first class, comfortable winter coats, each worth regularly \$12.00, at 8.15 sharp yours for \$1.98

\$15.00 Coats for \$4.98

And 25 Women's Stylish Winter Coats of the very choicest dark check and stripe material, 3/4 and 7/8 lengths, popular loose fitting style, splendidly made and finished, some with collar and fly front, others collarless, latest style sleeves; in fact, in every way thoroughly desirable coats that have been selling right along at \$12.00 and \$15.00 each, all one price at 8.15 sharp, your choice \$4.98

Flannelette 5 Yards for 23c

Another 50 pieces (5 yards in each) of Fancy Striped Flannelette, 33 inches wide, in neat pink, grey and blue stripes, regular price 8c yard, at 8.15 sharp 5 yards for 23c

Not more than 5 yards to a customer.

Cream Table Linen 2 Yards 64c

60-inch Cream Table Linen in handsome floral effects, good damask finish, regular 45c yard, at 8.15 sharp 2 yards for 64c

Table Napkins 95c Dozen

20 dozen 5/8 Table Napkins, hemmed ready for use, regular \$1.50 dozen, at 8.15 sharp 95c dozen

\$1.25 Fancy Eolienne for 59c Yard

150 yards of Fancy Silk and Wool Eolienne, 42 inches wide, suitable for evening dresses or separate waists (a very fine Christmas gift), choice of rose, grey, navy, pale blue, green and old rose, regular \$1.25 yard, at 8.15 sharp 59c yard

Figured Plaid Silks 39c Yard

Dainty Figured Plaid Silks white ground, with self figure, suitable for waists, full 25 inches wide, regular 50c yard, at 8.15 sharp 39c yard

29c Fancy Ribbons for 12 1/2c

Special lot (limited), of fancy Striped, Dresden and Polka Dot Ribbons, 4 inches wide, regularly 25c yard, at 8.15 sharp your choice 12 1/2c yard

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 25c

10 dozen only Dainty Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edges, regular price 15c each, at 8.15 sharp your choice, 3 for 25c

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c Box

100 boxes Plain White Linen Lawn Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, on sale at 8.15 sharp 12 1/2c box

Not more than one box to a customer.

Women's Heavy Vests 19c

6 dozen Women's Extra Heavy Union Undervests, long sleeves, shaped waist, buttoned front, unshrinkable quality, and a correct winter weight, regularly 25c each, at 8.15 sharp 19c

\$5.00 Wool Blankets for \$3.75 Pair

50 pairs of fine White Wool Blankets, extra large size, heavy twill weave, and lofty finish, regular price \$5.00 pair, one of the best Blanket bargains of the season, at 8.15 sharp \$3.75 pair

Flannelette Blankets 89c Pair

Also 25 pairs of best quality Flannelette Blankets, soft finish, white with colored border, at 8.15 sharp 89c pair

Others at 8.15 sharp \$1.19 and \$1.39 pair

Toys! Toys! Toys!

On Sale at 8.15 Sharp

15c Toy Tubs	8c	\$2.50 Kindergarten Sets	\$2.19
50c Toy Pianos	49c	50c Black Chairs	39c
35c White Enamelled Tables	19c	50c Dolls' Wicker Carriages	20c
35c Rocking Chairs	10c	35c Wooden Carts	20c
15c Wagon Bicycles	8c	25c China Dishes	12 1/2c
15c Patent Dolls	8c	25c Dressed Dolls	12 1/2c
15c Dolls' Chairs	7c	8c Rocking Horses	\$1.75
15c Soldier Caps	7c	8c Rocking Horses, Shooly	.99c
15c Tools on Cards	8c	25c Push Horses	12 1/2c
65c White Enamelled Cradles	49c	\$1.50 Gas Ranges and Utensils	\$1.25

Men's Umbrellas \$1

Men's Umbrellas, heavy quality twilled gloria covering, natural handle, with silver trimmings, suitable for initiating, a special purchase. Grand value, regularly at \$1.50, on sale at 8.15 sharp \$1 each

Men's Suspenders 38c Pair

Men's Suspenders, English web elastic, light neat patterns, kid ends, solid brass trimmings, worth regularly 50c pair, on sale at 8.15 sharp 38c

Women's \$1.00 Slippers for 65c

Women's Black Felt Romeo Slippers, wool lined, elastic sides, leather soles, sizes 3 to 8, worth regularly \$1 per pair, at 8.15 sharp 65c

Perfumes in Boxes 19c

Perfumes in fancy boxes, assorted, dainty odors, worth regularly 35c, at 8.15 sharp 19c

\$1.00 Butter Knives 49c

3 dozen Pearl Handled Butter Knives, plated blade, warranted sterling silver ferrules, regular \$1, at 8.15 sharp 49c

Cold Meat Forks 59c

1 dozen Cold Meat Forks, Wm. Rogers' A.A. quality, regular \$1.00, at 8.15 sharp 59c

Porridge Sets 2 for 25c

6 dozen 3-Piece Porridge Sets (Pitcher, Bowl and Plate), pink decorations, 2 sets for 25c

Spring Skates 35c Pair

20 pairs only of genuine Spring Skates, old reliable Acme pattern, made in Canada, specially tempered steel, sizes 9, 9 1/2, 10 and 10 1/2 inch, Saturday at 8.15 a. m. only 35c pair

Gas Mantles 5c Each

About 100 Upright Gas Mantles, the double wire pattern, on sale at 8.15 a. m. at 5c each

Silver Table Knives 65c

Dessert or table size, limited quantity, 1/2 dozen in each set, very special bargain price at 8.15 a. m., per set only 65c

Child's Knife and Fork

20 pairs on sale at 8.15, Children's Knives and Forks, best steel, well riveted handles, per pair only 8c

Groceries! Groceries!

100-lb. packages of English Walnuts, worth regularly 18c lb., at 8.15 sharp	14c	100 pounds of Freshly Roasted Peanuts, worth regularly 20c lb., at 8.15 sharp	14c
100 dozen Valencia Oranges, regular 12c dozen, at 8.15 sharp	5c	100 packages of Table Raisins, worth regularly 20c lb., at 8.15 sharp	10c
100 packages of Chocolate Creams, worth regularly 20c lb., at 8.15 sharp	10c	3 pounds Valencia Raisins	25c
2 1/2 pounds extra choice Cleaned Corn	25c	Malaga Grapes	20c pound
20 pounds of Redpath's No. 1 Granulated Sugar for \$1.00	\$1.00	Mixed Nuts	18c pound
22 pounds of Yellow Sugar for \$1.00	\$1.00	Mixed Candy	8c pound
4 pounds best King Sugar for .25c	.25c	Cream Candy	10c pound
3 1/2 pounds Paris Lump Sugar	.25c	Chocolates	15 to 40c pound
MacLaren's Java and Mocha Blend	.50c pound	Butter Scotch	10 and 20c pound
Coffee	40c pound	Maple Geniole Creams	20c pound