

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, DEC. 27, 1909.

McLAREN FOR 1910.

There will be no opposition to Mayor McLaren being Mayor of Hamilton for another term. In spite of all the blustering and threatening that have been done in the vain attempt to create the impression that the ratepayers of the city were dissatisfied with his course and were eager to express themselves— and notwithstanding the expenditure of much effort and some money to induce an opposition candidate to enter the field, he was this morning elected by acclamation.

HOPKINS FUNKS.

After all the boasting and threatening of the Hamilton Herald, which for weeks has been assuring its readers that Hamilton was seething with indignation against Mayor McLaren, the ratepayers being eager to withdraw their confidence from him in favor of a candidate to be presented by the little clique of faddists and grafters of which it is the mouth-piece, the courage of the much-heralded opposition has oozed out, and its heart has dissolved in dish-water. Great efforts were made to secure T. J. Stewart as the spite candidate, and boasts were made that there were any number of men ready, should he absolutely decline, Mr. Stewart studied the situation, sized up the gang which tempted him, and his reply was an emphatic: "Get thee behind me, Satan!" Failing to find a way to Mr. Stewart's savings, the gang set itself to work to find a substitute. It found one in Dr. Hopkins whose ambition and vanity were strongly appealed to by the invitation to be made a municipal chopping-block; and he was put before the electors with much rejoicing. Two days later, calm reflection led him to announce his retirement from the contest. Did the great grandson of the distinguished great-grandfather, whom the Herald introduced into the mayoral arena, develop a streak of "sol low"? That would not be a logical deduction from the facts. Dr. Hopkins was, we believe, quite certain that in a contest with Mayor McLaren he would be buried beneath an overwhelming adverse majority. We do not think that this certainty would have prevented him from allowing himself to be used as the instrument of spite of the Hydro Electric conspirators. But there were other considerations. Dr. Hopkins knew the gang and its "principles." He diagnosed the ailments from which it was suffering and he realized that it would look to him for nutriment. While not averse to a losing fight, it was hardly to be expected that Dr. Hopkins would view with satisfaction the prospect of squandering his substance to sate the appetites of the municipal rascals which the prospect of election plenty was gathering around him. Lighting cigars with \$10 bills may give an appearance of lordliness, but few people in their senses indulge in it, and this mayoralty fight could not but strike the Ward 6 alderman, which the gang was working upon, as an equally Quixotic exhibition. He slept over the proposition, and then, much against the grain as it was, he funk'd the job.

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But no rest will be given the defenders of the extraordinary privileges claimed by the House of Lords. The demand for reform of that chamber is loud and insistent. Government by the people is recognized to be the stake. The pretensions of the Lords have been brought before the country in a strong light by their rejection of the budget, and they will be made the centre of the popular attack. The situation is very clearly set forth in calm and well-considered words by Premier Asquith:

"In the first place, we have the claim of the Upper House, not as an archaic legal survival, but as a living and effective right, to control the levying of taxation. In the second place, we have the claim of the same House—a body which cannot itself be dissolved—to compel a dissolution of the popular Chamber. And lastly, as a consequence and corollary of the other two, we have an assertion of its power to make or to unmake the Executive Government of the Crown."

The contention of the Lords is a practical usurpation of the powers of the popular House and of the Crown. Nothing could be clearer. The power to dissolve Parliament rests with the Sovereign; but the Sovereign would not think of exercising that power against the House of Commons and without the advice of his responsible Ministers. The Sovereign respects too much the rights of the people; he grants dissolution only when their representatives ask it.

But mark the consequence of conceding the claim of the Lords to force an appeal to the country at any moment, or throw the affairs of Government into confusion. A powerful Commons may decide with practical unanimity upon a given course. It is not necessary for purposes of illustration that such course should affect taxation; it need only be supposed that the Lords set themselves against it. If the contention of the Upper House is correct, it may, if it chooses, demand that the question be sent to the electors, and insist upon a dissolution of Parliament. If the Commons be sustained, the Lords will pass the legislation when it is again sent up to them. But the Lords may hold up the very next measure presented in a similar manner and repeat the process in the hope that something may happen to bring about the defeat of the Commons in the country. Thus we have a House of Commons elected by the people to do their business, and always subject to their will and held to account at the ballot box. At the same time, this popular House is held in legislative slavery to another House composed of men not answerable to the people, not elected by the people, and who cannot be reached and punished by the people under existing conditions. It can obstruct the wishes of the people's representatives, thwart their policy, and then claim, by some sort of divine right, to be entitled to force a sort of referendum upon any question to which they take exception. Thus the Lords would lead the degenerate people, secure in their own hereditary seats. They would claim to be practical dictators of the legislation of the country.

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day the National Provident Union, a Brooklyn fraternal, was ordered to liquidate.

The Cataract press charges that a Hydro municipal ticket has been formed merely in order that active supporters of the Hydro policy may have money to spend.—Herald.

No, that is hardly accurate. The prevailing impression is that the fellows behind the scheme—who were so eager to work up opposition to Mayor McLaren—were after graft and election pickings. The heeblers were ravenously hungry.

The Supreme Court decision that the Government is merely the guarantor of the G. T. P. brings to the amount of what they bond in the market, and is not called upon to make good whatever loss may be realized is a vindication of the stand taken throughout the long discussion regarding them by the Government. The Opposition had hoped to make some party capital out of this matter and will be considerably disappointed.

The Herald seeks to be dictator of the Hydro crowd. Nobody must appeal to the supporters of the fad without its consent. But to refer to Jim Miller as "shortsighted and selfish," just because he didn't wish to submit to the snicker-seen when he thought he had a chance to be a real Hydro candidate, is a trifle rude. Maybe the Herald boss will undertake to make Jim take his medicine, if he has to hold his nose and tickle his Adam's apple to make him down it.

The Hydro Electric cheap power cause in this city has attracted to itself a number of self-seeking persons whose object is to use the cause to advance their own interests or further the ends they have in view.—Hamilton Herald.

Our contemporary has in a sentence explained the "raison d'être" of the manipulators of the scheme and the opposition to Mayor McLaren. And perhaps if the stern prophet Nathan of old were to search for the master-offender he would confront our contemporary, and pointing at him an accusing finger say: "Thou art the man!"

The Toronto Farmers' Sun estimates that the maintenance of the army of commercial travellers who drum up trade throughout Canada costs at least \$40,000,000 to the consuming public every year. It thinks that most of that expense is unnecessary, as "there is no reason why the trade should not be done by catalogue and sample." It is a lot of money, of course, but we fear that it is hardly practicable to abolish the commercial traveller in this age. He is the product of a keen competition, and not without his compensating benefit to the consumer.

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Dr. Herbert Jones, after spending two years in Germany specializing in diseases of children, arrived home on Friday night, after an unusually eventful journey. Sailing from Genoa two weeks before on the Princess Irene, they had one pleasant day on the Mediterranean and encountered foul weather almost all the rest of the journey. They made good time, however, averaging about 300 miles a day until Saturday, the 18th, when a fearful storm broke long before daybreak. They were then in mid-ocean. The waves broke broadside over the vessel, and a huge wave deluged the ship, resulting in the disabling of three seamen, one of whom had a leg broken, another an arm and the third several ribs. For almost twenty-four hours the storm raged, and almost all of that time the women on board and many of the men engaged in continuous prayer. Dr. Jones, being an extra good sailor, and one of three only who presented themselves for meals that day, and it was impossible to sit at table or to keep anything in place. After the storm had subsided the Princess Irene made only an average of 200 to 250 miles a day, and was three days late in arriving at New York. Even then Dr. Jones' troubles were not over. He got a train without delay, but it required twenty-two hours to make the journey to Hamilton, usually done in eleven or twelve. The reason was two weeks on the line ahead of them. Station platform after platform on the line was piled up with Christmas parcels, packages and mail matter, taken from the two weeks, and which all had to be resorted before it could be forwarded.

OUR EXCHANGES

RESOLVE EARLY. (Toronto Star.) Do your New Year's resolution early.

TIN POT. (London Advertiser.) The files at Canada's "tinpot" may prove nothing but the existence of "tinpot" Canadians.

A GOOD PIECE OF ROAD. (Grimby Independent.) If a man drives from the county of Wentworth to the village of Queenston over the Queenston and Grimby stone road, he will have to acknowledge that he has seen some pieces of the best gravel, best drained and best finished road that he ever drove over in his life.

GOOD TIMES. (Bantford Examiner.) Bantford merchants had another record day in business yesterday. Particular satisfaction was expressed at the volume of business done with out-of-town people, and the Christmas season this year doubtless eclipses any former Christmas trade, both in volume and variety, ever done in this city.

COMING OF OUR WAY. (Canadian Journal of Commerce.) Canadian statistics of immigration represent that for eight months ending with November, the number of immigrants entering the Dominion was 150,256, an increase of 29 per cent. over that for the corresponding period last year, and of that number 71,988, or not far from half, consisted of settlers from over the United States border.

TARIFF POSERS. (London Advertiser.) It is pretty hard for British tariff reformers to answer the following series of questions facing them on the billboards, in city, town and country:

IF THE FOREIGNER PAYS THE TAX. Why is the proposed corn tax only two shillings per quarter? Why is a rebate always allowed on goods re-exported? Why did Mr. Chamberlain promise to equalize matters by taking taxes off other articles? Why did Mr. Chamberlain exempt maize and bacon? Why do all tariff reformers propose to exempt raw material? Why does the foreigner pay the present tobacco duty? Why did Mr. Balfour say "the object and effect of tariff reform is to broaden the basis of taxation?"

THE ORGANS AND THE NAVY. (Halifax Chronicle.) One thing may be noted, however, that the few remain loyal to that policy which gives the blood and war service of our people to the imperial cause. Some of the "wild" organs, whose days and nights are given over to blood-curdling dreams of Armageddon, are frantically offering—in head-lines—every kind of assistance but the service of Canadian manhood to the cause of the empire. Fearful and wonderfully conceived pictures are daily portrayed of the mother country in extremis and the empire tottering to its ruin. Nothing is spared in depicting the horrors of a "German invasion," concerning which

they are ready to work themselves into a fine frenzy, at the merest suggestion of some nonentity hired to write for "yellow" journals, but when all is said, their "naval proposals" amount to little more than much noise and a confusion of words.

PRIVATE PRAYER. (Buffalo Express.) The late Bishop Hare of South Dakota often, in his sermons, brought out a point with an apt story.

"These religious and unscrupulous financiers," he said in a winter discourse in Deadwood, "remind me of a little Philadelphia girl I know. 'This little girl insisted, at bedtime, on saying her prayers by herself. She was allowed to do so. Later her mother asked her why she had demanded this right of private prayer. For a long time the little girl refused to answer, but, finally, after much coaxing, she said: 'I jes' wanted to give fanks for bein' 'lowed to steal some Christmas fruit cake.'"

CHRISTMAS A HOME DAY.

First Sleighing of the Season Made It Merry.

As predicted in the Times railroad traffic for Christmas broke the records. The Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and T. H. & B. roads handled an immense number of passengers to and from the city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and the return traffic was just as heavy last night and by all the trains today. In spite of the extra heavy traffic and the fact that Western Ontario has had a very heavy fall of snow within the past few days, the trains were generally on or close to their scheduled time. The great number travelling showed that, as a home gathering day Christmas is still dear to the hearts of all.

A very welcome fall of snow made the day merry in Hamilton, and, generally, and every sort of cutter and sleigh was pressed into service by the merry-makers both on Christmas day and Sunday. Christmas trees were never as numerous as this year, and never was there such a display of Christmas decorations, especially holly wreaths in house windows, as this year.

Store keepers report that the last day's business was very large. In spite of the fact that citizens generally have become educated up to the shop-early idea there was a great amount of it to be done Friday afternoon and night, and the delivery wagons were on the rush until long after midnight. The one thing that the store keepers regret is that the snow did not come a week earlier. That would have meant an immense influx of business from the surrounding country, and much more business.

ROUGH TRIP.

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ALL LIKE HIM.

Presentation at Burrow, Stewart & Milne's Foundry.

A very pleasant event took place in the machine department of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Co., when the employees gathered and Mr. S. T. Butler stepped forward and told Mr. Prendergast, their foreman, that they wished to say something to him. Mr. W. A. Wilson then read the following address: We, the employees of the machine department of the Burrow, Stewart & Milne Co., desire in a tangible way to show our appreciation of the manner in which you have acted towards us since you were placed in the position of foreman. While faithfully discharging your duties to the company, you have done it with that kindly consideration, firmness and ability that commands our respect. We therefore ask you to accept this Waltham watch as a token of our appreciation as above. We hope you will be long spared to wear it. Wishing you and Mrs. Prendergast and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Signed, on behalf of employees: W. A. Wilson, S. T. Butler, H. Smith, A. White, and N. McKay. Though taken by surprise, Mr. Prendergast thanked his fellow-workers for the kind spirit shown towards him, and he hoped each one would help along the same, and by helping others they would help themselves. Cheers and a tiger were given, which so ended a very pleasing event.

There is no perfect man. The nearest approach is the one who acknowledges his faults. A man may be excused for saying things behind his wife's back when he is looking up her dress.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28, 1909. SHEA'S May Manton Patterns all 10 Cents. Every department of the Shea store will have special bargains all this last week of the old year--Bargains that will be money-saving investments for those thrifty people who know. Bargains in Linens, Bargains in Staple Goods, Bargains in Dress Goods, Bargains in Blouses, Bargains in Underwear, Bargains in Underskirts, Bargains in Gloves, Bargains in Neckwear, Bargains in Belts. Our Cut Price Mantle Sale at its Best.

STORM RAGED IN THE STREETS

Five Persons Lost Their Lives at Philadelphia.

Seven Thousand Snow Shovellers at New York.

Pittsburg Cut Off From Outside Points For Hours.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Philadelphia is still in the grip of the blizzard which descended upon that section of the country on Christmas Day. General business is tied up worse than it has been in many years, and the prospects are that it will be several days before conditions become normal. Railroad traffic and street car service are still in bad shape.

With the exception of the Market street subway line, there was practically no street car service in the city this morning, and all the people got to work late. The Pennsylvania and the Reading announced that they have no trains actually stalled in the snow, but all through trains are many hours late.

Reports early to-day showed that five persons lost their lives during the storm, most of the deaths occurring during the height of the storm Christmas night and Sunday morning. In each case death was due to exhaustion.

SNOW SHOVELLERS. New York, Dec. 27.—Hard work all night by hundreds of men on the city's streets broke the tie-up caused by the greatest December storm in years in this vicinity. While delayed incoming trains were still reported on some of the railroads and surface car traffic was by no means normal, the acute phase of the congestion caused by the tempest that fell on the city of the past few days has passed. Several hundred men employed by Street Commissioner Edwards made the snow fly in the streets and avenues of New York during the night and additional forces were put at work to-day. While this afforded relief to the city it self, there was still much trouble in the outlying districts, where stalled cars were numerous. Several handcars were still snowed in and unheard of this morning.

To-day the Pennsylvania Railroad reported the resumption of full service on its blocked lines, while trains on the New York Central and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads were said by the officials to be moving with little delay.

CUT OFF FOR HOURS. Pittsburg, Dec. 26. After being without railroad communication with any point east of Harrisburg, Pa., and Cumberland, Md., for 14 hours yesterday, train conditions of this district are slowly readjusting themselves. From 7 o'clock yesterday forenoon until the arrival at 9:45 o'clock last night of a solid mail train, not a train reached here from the east. Following the mail train "make-up" trains pulled in here with passengers who were from nine to fifteen hours out of town.

All the trains reaching here this morning were these "made-up" trains, with passengers who experienced delay east of Harrisburg and Cumberland. Trains on the Pennsylvania Railway going west are from 20 to 40 minutes late. The local division of the Lake Erie is not affected by the storm.

BOSTON'S HEAVY LOSS. Boston, Dec. 27. Five million dollars loss is to-day's estimate of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard which yesterday swept New England and drove a record tide over the coast. No fatalities, however, have been reported except the four in Chelsea, where a tidal wave, bursting through the dyke along Island End River, flooded eighty acres of houses and forced 2,500 people to flee, scantily clad, into the raging storm. All over New England wire service companies are trying to restore communication. Thirty-two cities and towns, last night plunged into the darkness owing to the cutting off of electric light service, hope to have their lighting fairly restored by the night, but it is doubtful if this can be completed so early.

The storm was easily the greatest that New England has experienced in many years.

It is estimated that the damage in this immediate section will reach at least \$500,000.

The worst damage was in Chelsea and Everett, where, it is believed, it will be several weeks before the tidewater of the Island End River can be repaired and the flooded district reclaimed. This means that the many homeless people will lose the larger part of their household goods. Their plight is pitiable. Having escaped through the snow, many of them barefooted, they had to stand for hours in

the blizzard waiting for wagons to take them to shelter. Hundreds of the homeless were then taken care of in relief stations established in public schools and churches.

TWELVE MEN LOST. Boston, Dec. 27.—Masses of wreckage, apparently from the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer, of Boston, were found on the beach at Hull to-day, and it is believed the vessel struck on one of the outer ledges of the harbor during yesterday's storm and went to pieces, with the loss of all on board, a total of twelve men.

The Palmer was sighted off Cape Cod on Saturday, bound into Massachusetts Bay.

HIRAM NO. 2. Royal Arch Masons Held Annual on Christmas Eve.

Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 2, held its annual meeting and election of officers on Friday night, Dec. 24, 1909. After routine business the Ex. Z. requested R. E. Comp. A. W. Peene to conduct the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Ex. Comp. A. W. Palmer, Z.; Ex. Comp. Frank Hills, I. P. Z.; Ex. Comp. Thomas Towers, H.; Ex. Comp. A. O'Dell, J.; Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, Treasurer; A. E. Comp. G. H. Langan, Scribe; Comp. James Dixon, Scribe N.; Comp. Dr. J. A. Locheed, P. S.; Auditors, A. E. Comp. Fred Staunton and Thomas Smith. A request was received for the formation of a new chapter, to be known as Hamilton Chapter, which was granted. At the close of the meeting the usual banquet was held.

KILLED HIM.

Kick of Horse Resulted in Beamsville Man's Death.

Beamsville, Dec. 27. On Wednesday last William Claus, son of Mrs. Ira Claus, who owns a large farm about a mile east of here, was kicked in the stomach by a horse. The injury was at first thought not to be serious, but the man grew suddenly worse on Friday, and, despite the skill of three doctors, died on Sunday morning. He was unmarried, and 46 years old.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade has received a communication from an (trilla basket and package manufacturing company, wanting to locate in Beamsville. This is the second concern wanting to come here of the same nature. The ratepayers will vote on a by-law next Monday to provide concessions for the first applicant, Messrs. Reid and Platt.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS. On Wednesday evening last, at the Barton Street Methodist parsonage, the pastor, Mr. Livingston, performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Wm. R. Bridge of Kenton, Man., and Miss Luella Tweedie of Hamilton. The happy couple will reside in Manitoba.

On the evening of Christmas day a very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. T. Cline, Fairhill road. The contracting parties were Miss Ella Cline and Mr. James Milne, of Stony Creek. Only the immediate friends of the bride and groom were present. Mr. Livingston, of Barton Street Methodist Church, performed the ceremony.

The Route to Gowganda. Is via Grand Trunk to North Bay, T. & N. O. Railway, North Bay to Charlton, thence by stage route to Ek Lake and Gowganda. The service from Charlton is performed by covered sleighs, accommodating eight passengers each, containing foot-warmers, and modern in every respect, connecting with 10:20 p. m. train from Toronto. Arrangements have been made to issue through tickets, also to check baggage through. Full information and tickets from Chas. E. Morgan, city agent; W. G. Webster, depot agent.

A RECORD DAY. Christmas day was the busiest day Alexandra Park ever had in all its years. Crowds were present at every session, and the day was a record one. All had the fullest enjoyment. This popular rink will give three sessions daily all this week.

At the unanimous request of the Board of Management, the Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, M. P., has accepted the position of Vice-President of the London Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables.

A Useful Christmas Gift. The Automatic Eye-Glass Chain. We have an excellent assortment in Enamel, Gunmetal, Silver, Gold-filled. Prices 50c to \$2.50. All fully guaranteed. GLOBE OPTICAL CO. I. B. ROUSE, prop. 111 King East.

20 MEN KILLED.

Rock Island Shops Wrecked at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Shawnee, Oklahoma, Dec. 24.—While a number of men were eating their noon day lunch, seated about an engine in the local shops of the Rock Island Railroad Company to-day, the boiler exploded, wrecking the locomotive repair shops and killing a score of workmen and injuring a number. The bodies of two of the victims, Henry Johns and A. F. Kerr, have been recovered from the debris.

Workmen are working heroically to-night in an effort to extricate from the wreckage the bodies of 18 men more believed to be buried beneath the debris. Scores of injured men have been removed to the local hospitals, the overcrowded condition of which necessitated the removal of part of the injured men to the Rock Island Hospital, at McAlester, to-night.

One of the men blown to atoms in the explosion, Kerr, was seated upon the boiler of the locomotive, and, playfully remarked that within five minutes he hoped to present his sweetheart with a gold watch and chain as a Christmas present. The watch was afterwards found 500 feet from the scene of the explosion. When the right hand of Johns was found in the ruins of the shop, following the explosion, a tiny blue baby shoe was found clutched between the fingers of the hand. Ten minutes previous to the detonation, Johns exhibited the pair of shoes to his fellow workman, A. J. Carney, saying that it was his first Christmas present to his seven-month-old baby. His wife is distracted because of her husband's absence, not having been informed of her husband's death. J. E. Harritt, an employee of President Mudge, is in charge of the rescue work. He displayed unusual heroism this afternoon, when he dived into an engine pit filled with water and rescued seven-year-old James Walters, a son of one of the men believed to be in the debris.

SAL. GIRLS.

Hundred Domatics Coming to Canada in Spring.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—J. C. Howell, who is in charge of the immigration department of the Salvation Army, stated to-day that, as a result of the arrangements made with the Ontario Government, the Army had sent four ladies over to England to travel through the British Isles, interview girls, and select those best fitted for household work in the provinces. Three or four more ladies will leave in a month or two.

The Army expects to send out 100 domestic early in the spring. The former grant of \$10,000 for the year has been repaid by the Government, which will include the expense of bringing out fares, hands and well as servant girls.

2,000 DROWN.

Over 600 Corean Fishing Vessels Wrecked Off Southern Korea. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—The S. S. Empress of India brings information that upwards of 2,000 persons were drowned in storms off the coast of Japan and Corea. Six hundred and twenty Corean fishing vessels were wrecked off Gampo, south Hung-yang, while in Corea's waters. Corea, 3000 than half of the fleet of the fishing craft was lost. The Dutch cruiser Nord Brabant, which has arrived at Yokohama from San Fran, encountered a hurricane, and its mainmast was broken; its wireless apparatus was disabled in consequence, it was several days late in arriving.