

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, DEC. 16, 1907.

MR. FOSTER.

Hon. George E. Foster has seen many ups and downs since he first appeared in Hamilton some twenty-five years ago. His mission here then was to speak in favor of the Scott Act, which he did, we are told, at the rate of \$10 per speech. He spent about a month in the city at that time, speaking in opposition to E. King Dods, who opposed the Act. Mr. Foster then attended as a Reformer. After the defeat of the Act, Mr. Foster left the city, and a few months later Mr. Chisholm disappeared. As far as the public ever knew he dropped as completely out of sight as if the earth had opened up and swallowed him. This was all the more strange, because he was at that time perhaps the most prominent and best known man in the city, being several times a Mayor and having represented the city in Parliament. Further, no reason was ever advanced as a cause for his disappearance, but there were many suppositions. Mr. Foster next appeared as an independent temperance candidate for Parliament down in New Brunswick. Elected on that platform, he voted in Parliament in favor of prohibition. Sir John Macdonald, who was Premier then, saw that he was a man he could make use of, and took him into his Cabinet. As a Cabinet Minister Mr. Foster abjured his independence and his prohibition principles, became an out-and-out Tory, and declared in the House that he had voted for prohibition in a "moment of weakness." Sir John had made no mistake in his estimate of the man. When Sir John Macdonald left this earthly sphere, and Mackenzie Bowell was enthroned in his place as Premier, Mr. Foster was one of his lieutenants. Mackenzie Bowell was credited with being one of the dearest of the Tories by his opponents. Perhaps that fact may have influenced some members of his Cabinet against him. Be that as it may, there was a revolt. The "nest of traitors," now become historic, was led by Mr. Foster, and after a sharp fight the pirate band compelled Bowell to walk the plank. Since that evil day Mr. Foster has been fighting for his own hand, with more or less success, generally less. His latest troubles have been in connection with the insurance report in regard to some dealings of his in Northwest land matters. It was in this connection that Mr. Fowler, who was also an interested party, threatened to make exposures about several of the Cabinet Ministers if his land deals in the Northwest were ventilated in the House. What was he afraid of?

The above is a brief sketch of the man the Hamilton Tories took such pains to honor on Saturday night and who attacked about honor and honesty, and charged the Liberal party with all sorts of wrong-doing.

SOMETHING PERMANENT.

The devastation which the great storm of Saturday wrought at the Beach piers emphasizes the necessity of work of a more substantial and lasting sort than has ever been done there. It will be necessary to rebuild the lake end of the south pier and erect another lighthouse at as early a date as possible. The storm of Saturday was of an exceptional nature, every billow that rolled in from the lake carrying with it the weight of hundreds of tons of snow to be dashed against the structure. It will be the duty of the Government to provide against that sort of storm in the future, and doubtless the engineers will suggest something that will resist the anger of the elements. The reversion wall work looks like the right sort. How would a quarter of a mile of it do for that south-east pier, which always gets the full sweep of the bad storms?

A TYPICAL DEAL.

The Winnipeg Free Press is doing a good work for honesty in exposing some of the very questionable land deals of the Manitoba Government. It seems that "the boys" who surround Hon. Mr. Roblin know how to utilize their opportunities, and the story of one of these deals that has leaked out shows that the Government is taking care of its friends. In the legislative session of 1896 a return was asked for showing the sales of provincial lands in excess of a thousand acres, with the names of the original purchasers, the record of transfers, and names of agents and owners. It was evidently the purpose of those seeking the return to precipitate disclosures, and the Manitoba Government did not intend that they should succeed. The return was denied, or rather it was made in such a way as to defeat the object by refusing the information sought. But something was gained. The return showed, says the Free Press, "that the Government had sold 17,000 acres at \$4 an acre to George Bowles; in this, as now stands proved and as Mr. Ferguson had to confess publicly last March when confronted with the proof, the official record lied. The original purchaser was W. Ferguson, M. P. P., and an ardent supporter of the land policy of the Government. Whether he was acting for himself or was in with a syndicate of other 'insiders' who were out for some easy money, does not, of course, affect the merits of the case. The important point is that the official records were falsified to hide the fact that a member of the Legislature had been trafficking in provincial lands. The record declares that the province sold 17,000 acres to W. Ferguson, M. P. P., at \$4 an acre, and 17,000 acres sold at once to George Bowles at \$4.50 an acre, pocketing over \$8,000, which by every consideration of equity belonged to the people of Manitoba. The Government entered up the transaction as a direct sale from the crown to Mr. Bowles at \$4 an acre. Honest Bill, of Hamilton, and his friends thus got away with over \$8,000—a 'clean getaway,' as they thought, without leaving a trace behind."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some one should have told Hon. Geo. E. Foster that there are no hard times in Hamilton.

St. Catharines is to have an old home week next year. They seem to make such things pay down there.

The one real good thing which Hon. Geo. E. Foster said in his Saturday night speech was: "You'll see it in the Times."

Mr. Foster, if you are so clever at borrowing money and floating loans to advantage, why don't you give Whitney a pointer?

In behalf of the store clerks, the Times asks the people to lose no time in doing their Christmas shopping. Do it in the morning.

The Herald says the City Hall clerks are laughing at the Times' figures. Of course the Herald is speaking figuratively.

Toronto will wind up the year with a civic overdraft of about \$70,000. The controllers don't seem to control the expenditure.

Miss Jeanette Lewis deserves the hearty support of all the citizens in her laudable effort to provide a hospital for sick children.

Now, President Milne, tell us where the "stuff" comes from that keeps the Conservative "lute warm" hearts down in their pockets.

Very honest of you, Mr. Milne, to volunteer the information that the Tory workers are drooping except when their hands are greased.

The Peterboro Ministerial Association is again in revolt against Sunday funerals. Why not hire a supernumerary or unattached cleric to do the honors?

The Montreal Witness says Mr. Kemp, M. P. for East Toronto, has been barking like a terrier dog at Mr. Pugsley. But that is not to say that Mr. Kemp is a puppy.

"The White Lyre" is a new Toronto funny publication, intended to add to the gaiety of nations. There are two ways of spelling the hind end of its name.

The Kingston News protests against the primitive way in force regarding the removal of snow from the sidewalks. The snow shovel it looks upon as a relic of barbarism. Up here it's bend your back or go to jail.

Dear Mr. Foster! Do tell us, did any of that \$700,000 which you say you know went to eight papers last year find its way to the luke warm Conservatives in Hamilton who President Milne said "won't do anything without"?

Of course it jars the Tories to think the Liberal Government collected \$800,000,000 or any other sum. Somehow Mr. Foster and his crowd think they should have the handling of all the country's money.

Now that the Grand Jury has called attention to the presence in the jail of a number of old men who should be in a home rather than there, it is to be hoped no time will be lost by the authorities in having proper provision made for them.

Speaking of the unemployed, the Montreal Gazette says that "the dark side of the picture naturally receives most attention. It should be remembered that it is neither as dark as it might be or as it has been in the past." Toronto seems to be making all the fuss. As usual, it wants the Government to provide the work which it should provide itself.

The Radial Company will spend a lot of money next summer if it receives its Dominion charter from Parliament. Now its hands are tied. This city will make a big mistake if it lifts a finger to keep that charter from it. Perhaps the highest private legal authority in Canada, off the bench, has given a written opinion that it is to all intents and purposes a road for the general advantage of Canada.

There is a slight difference between Whitney making the municipalities responsible for the mistakes of his own electrical experts and Mr. Ross loaning \$2,000,000 to the Soo company. The latter was an emergency case, and the loan was not unprotected. In the other case people who can gain no benefit, but who suffer loss by the scheme, would be held

responsible for the mistakes of Whitney, which may be as numerous and as serious as were the alleged mistakes of Mosca.

The Ottawa Journal passed its 25th birthday on the 10th inst. While the Journal has grown and prospered, it gives figures to show that the capital has not been standing still all these years. On December 10, 1885, Ottawa contained about thirty thousand people, and its taxable assessment was under twelve million dollars. To-day the population is close to 70,000, the taxable assessment over \$45,000,000.

The ratepayers are to be asked to vote \$35,000 for distribution plant for Niagara power, and to delegate their privileges to the council to make a contract for an unknown quantity of power at an unknown price, all for the benefit of the manufacturers! And the funny thing about the scheme is that there is not a single manufacturer in the city who has asked for the power or will sign a contract for it—Stratford Beacon.

The same funny thing is noticeable in Hamilton. The manufacturers appear to be taking little interest in the Hydro power agitation.

Worrying About It.

(Toronto Star.)

Now watch the poor fellow begin to worry about his crop.

Mr. Fowler's Stand.

(Toronto Globe.)

Mr. Fowler's was no high moral stand. He plainly told Parliament, not that he would defend his character if it was attacked, but that he would retaliate on someone else. The Mail boasts of Mr. Fowler's spying on the private life of Mr. Emmerson. It is to be hoped when Mr. Fowler's own life is dissected that he will come off no worse.

Financial Notes.

(Yesterday's N. Y. Herald.)

American Sugar Refining shares pay a dividend of 7 per cent. At the latest price, 94 1/8, this means a return of 7.33 per cent to the investor.

The depression of the price of American Sugar Refining stock from last year's high figures has converted a 4 per cent. income producer into one paying 7.33 per cent, again emphasizing the fact that this is the time to buy.

New York Central stock closed yesterday at 93 1/4. The bargain hunters should note that its 6 per cent. dividend yields 6.44 per cent. in income at that price.

New York Central stock was sold at 156 1/4 last year, at which price it netted but 3.84 per cent., but investors bought it eagerly on that basis.

American Locomotive preferred was in demand by investors a year ago at 165, when it returned 6.5 per cent. on the purchase price.

American railways cannot survive without equipment to care for their tremendous volume of traffic. Investors realize this. American Locomotive preferred, a 7 per cent. stock, at 87 returns 8.04 per cent. on the investment.

BARGAINS THAT ARE NOT

What Joseph McClung Says About the So-Called Bargains.

All over the country the ready-made clothing is making his last stand against the progress of the Semi-ready tailoring system. The custom tailor was the first to suffer from Semi-ready competition. The ready-made clothing now feels the competition. The knife-cutting, price-slashing, bargain-cutting, and the ready-made suits, which are offered at prices as low as \$10 or \$11.99.

This is the sort of false merchandising which the one-price garment is doing. Semi-ready tailoring is sold at the same close price all the year round. A gentleman knows what he is getting, and he knows that he is getting the best possible value at the least possible price for cash. In Hamilton to-day there is no clothing being sold at a less percentage of profit than Semi-ready tailoring, even when measured up with the so-called bargains.

NORMAN CAMP HERE

Spoke at Both Meetings in the Y. M. C. A.

The lecture room at the Y. M. C. A. was crowded to its utmost capacity yesterday afternoon with men only, to hear Norman H. Camp, Bible reader, of Chicago. Mr. Camp took his text from Romans vi. 13, emphasizing particularly the necessity of resisting sin, and yielding to God all the members of the body. The address was most impressive and helpful. Mr. Camp also spoke at the song service in Association Hall at 8.30 on "What then will ye do with Jesus, which is called Christ?" The meeting was evangelistic, and a number of unconverted were dealt with by the personal workers. A band of 25 boys from the Junior Department sat on the platform, and gave some bright testimonies as to recent blessings received. Meetings will be held every evening this week in the lecture room between 9 and 10 o'clock.

TEDDY BEAR NIGHT.

The Britannia Roller Rink is giving a special night to-morrow, in the shape of the evening session being called Teddy Bear night. Each lady entering the rink carrying a teddy bear will be admitted free, also free use of skates. The entries for the two-mile city championship race for the gold and silver medals on Friday evening close on Wednesday evening.

Grocers.

Attention is called to the advertisement in this issue of Messrs. James Osborne & Son, 12 and 14 James street south. This firm has been in business for over half a century in the same block on James street. They import nearly all their goods direct, and probably have a larger assortment of fancy groceries than any house in the city. Their motto is "Good goods at moderate prices." Their stock of groceries, wines and liquors is large and well assorted for the holiday trade.

Typewriting, Stenography Duplication.

The copying department of the United Typewriter Co., 23-32 Main street east, is always at your command. If not convenient to call, telephone 1356.

CAMPBELL TO FACE CHARGE

Of Stealing a Watch, at Court To-morrow.

Stabbing Affair in Chinese Store on John Street.

Non Support Case Allowed to Stand Until To-morrow.

At the police court this morning, Frid Yung, a Chinese laundryman, was charged by Chin Sam, a boss laundryman, with cutting and wounding him last night at 35 John street north. At the request of Chief Smith the case was adjourned till to-morrow. The row was over an alleged insult that Frid said Chin flung at him. Frid worked for Chin a year or so ago, but did not make a success. It was stated, of the work, and was discharged, but he got the best of Chin in the matter of wages. Last night Chin is alleged to have remarked on Frid's laziness, with the result that a knife was drawn and Chin was cut, but the police were not able to get any more information about the case nor could they find anyone who saw the stabbing.

Charles Campbell, the Scotchman who robbed St. Philip's Church last week, was up this morning and further remanded till to-morrow as the police have not been able to get some evidence they need to charge him with the theft of a watch. Chief Smith said that he knew where the watch was now and to-morrow he would have it and Campbell would be charged with the theft.

Charles Graham was charged by his wife with non-support, but the case was let stand as neither party appeared when their names were called.

Mary Higginson, charged by Eliza Mount with assault, was allowed to go as the complainant wished to make a settlement with her.

Lorne Schwartz, 135 Cathcart street, was charged with being drunk, but it was announced that it was expected that his brother would charge him with threatening to kill. As the brother would not appear, the Magistrate allowed him to go.

Pat Savage, Brantford, John Morrison, Grimsby, Lawrence Watson, Earl street; Frank Lawrence, Caroline street north; were each fined \$2 for being drunk. Lawrence was the nearest to a Sunday drunk as he was picked up an hour after Saturday midnight. He was let off with the \$2, however. R. Roy, Main street east, was allowed to go at sunrise.

"THE CREATION."

Splendid Production Looked for on Thursday Night.

Haydn's "Creation," on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, at the Drill Hall, promises to be one of the musical events of the season. Under the leadership of Geo. R. Robinson, the veteran bandmaster, the chorus of about 300, and orchestra of 35, and the city's leading soloists, this magnificent work will certainly receive a fine rendition. Although it is a number of years since the "Creation" was given in its entirety, much of the work is well known to the public. Such solos as "Rolling Thunder," "With a Vengeance," "On Mighty Wings," "The March of the Harp," and choruses like "Awake the Harp," and "The Heavens Are Telling," and the numerous duets and trios, are also familiar to music lovers. As the piece is in aid of the Mountain Sanatorium, a large attendance is looked for. The officers of the Hamilton Health Association are pushing the sale of tickets, as are also the members of the chorus. Tickets may also be procured at the music stores.

REVIVAL IN EAST.

Closing Service of Mr. Turk's Series Held Yesterday.

The closing meeting of the Evangelistic services in East Hamilton was held yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of men, and Evangelist Turk gave an address on the "Value of a Man" that will not soon be forgotten by those who were present, bringing out very clearly that man was given his right value by the Anglo-Saxon people of this country, and that the man was ever before God's value of a man was frequently different to that of society. Man of all ages, classes, colors and business pursuits could enjoy the blessing of salvation, and win a place on the honor roll of the kingdom of God. The meeting was closed with a prayer service on behalf of the service in Bennett's Theatre at night.

Fair Wind Raises no Storm.

The breeze made by the roller skaters at the Alexandra on Saturday was not nearly as bad as that which howled outside. All was fair and warm within. The large crowds which attended the three sessions laughed at weather and enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The genial warmth of the whole atmosphere about the rink lent a charm to the skating that assisted greatly in forgetting the stormy weather that was had in getting there. The fine condition of the floor and skates was remarked on by many. Those who contemplate an enjoyable Christmas feast and who wish to keep in good health for all the festivities of the season should take some pleasurable exercise and nothing could be better than roller skating at the Alexandra with its perfect ventilation and all other appointments.

Robbie Spoke.

Robbie was in the habit of running errands for an old gentleman next door who never paid him except in effusive thanks. He had just returned from the third errand one morning, and the old gentleman, patting him on the head, said "Robbie, I am very much obliged to you. You're a fine little fellow. Thank you, my boy, thank you." Robbie looked up to his face smilingly, and apologetically replied "Mr. Jones, you don't know how I wish I could thank you for something."

CHRISTMAS business must be greater than ever.
Not only have we marked our Christmas gifts at a lower rate of profit, but we will put on our counters odd lines and lines of which we have too large a stock at half and less than half price from now on. You should come to this store daily. Many lines will be sold at very low prices, which will not appear in advertising columns.

25c Books for 10c

200 only Cloth Covered Novels, nicely bound, stories by the best known authors, extra value 25c, between 9 and 10 o'clock Tuesday morning price 10c. Only 2 books to a customer.

Christmas Cards 3 for 5c

An excellent assortment of the very latest styles of Christmas Cards, value 5c, Tuesday between 9 and 10 the price 3 for 5c.

25c Calendars 12 1/2c

50 only handsome Calendars, the upright kind, that will stand on table or mantel, regular 25c, Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 the price 12 1/2c. Only one to a customer.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Cushions 79c

75 in all handsome Hand-Painted Satin Cushions, frill on edge, finished complete, regular selling price \$1.25 and \$1.50, between 9 and 10 the price 79c.

25c to 50c Handkerchiefs 15c

100 dozen handsomely Embroidered Lawn Handkerchiefs, slightly damaged, regular price 25 and 30c. Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 we sell this lot for 15c.

50c Evening Fans for 15c

3 dozen Light Gauze Fancy Evening Fans, regular for 50c, Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 the price 15c.

75c and \$1 Evening Fans for 29c

6 dozen Gauze Fans, in white or black, sparkles and hand painted effects. These Fans would ordinarily retail for 75c and \$1.00, Tuesday morning price 29c.

25c Doylies 10c

12-inch Battensburg Doylies, with plain centre, excellent value for 25c, Tuesday morning, between 9 and 10, the price 10c.

Brainerd & Armstrong Embroidery Silk 2 1/2c

Brainerd & Armstrong's Embroidery Silk. This Silk is considered the best in the trade. Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock, instead of charging 5c per skein we sell at 2 1/2c.

25c Papeteries 13c

100 only Papeteries, containing 24 envelopes and 24 sheets of Linen Paper, box decorated with holly, a very suitable gift, value 25c, Tuesday morning price 13c.

Special Sale of Furs at Half Price

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

THE BIGNESS OF NEW YORK.

Story Revealed by an Invitation to a Wedding.

A number of stories have been printed showing how the bigness of New York works in bringing about singular situations. Here is another. "Ten years ago," said the man who told it, "I was present at a wedding in this city. Within a year those people and I were as far apart as I and had never met."

"A few weeks ago I read a wedding notice in a New England newspaper. The names of the contracting parties were familiar. The bride was a woman whose wedding I attended ten years ago. The name of the bridegroom was familiar, but I failed to recall when or where I had met him."

"A few days later I received my invitation to the wedding. I had changed my address several times, but this invitation, thanks to the persistence of our post-office system, found me."

"Then my curiosity went on the rail. The result will interest you."

"The first marriage ended unhappily in a foreign land. The wife was deserted and found her way back to this city. There was no ground for divorce, and the deserted wife lived

quietly for several years in a New England town.

"A year ago evidence of the death of her husband was received. He had committed suicide on the Continent. The widow returned to New York and by reason of her talent in music became a teacher in a private family. Later the family moved to New England and the young widow went with them. Her second husband is a kinsman of the people with whom she made her home."

"Here comes in the vastness of the city. All the time the young woman of this story was teaching here she lived in the same block where I have lived for the last three years. And we never met."

"Her second husband is a man who eighteen months ago came to me with a letter of introduction. He unfolded a scheme which resulted in his receiving from me a letter to a promoter with whom he was soon afterward successful."

"There was no reason, as we live now, why there should have been any acquaintance between us afterward. This is a commercial age. He probably knows now that the woman he married is my kinswoman, but what of that?"

"There is just one other incident

which put me in a train of thought.

"If you may not interest you to the second wedding of my kinswoman I had a call from the mother of her first husband. She lives in the middle West."

"She was on her way to Europe to find the burial place of her son and to bring his remains back to his old home. She knew nothing of the wedding of her former daughter-in-law, and I did not think it would enlighten her burden to know it."

New York Sun.

Have a Good Beginning.

The late "Jan MacLaren" was talking to a group of literary beginners. "Begin your stories well," he said, emphatically. "There's nothing like a good beginning. Indeed, it's half the battle." Then with a smile this excellent beginner of stories added: "Always bear in mind the case of the young man who, desiring to marry, secured a favorable hearing from his sweetheart's irascible father by opening the interview with the words: 'I know a way, sir, whereby you can save money.'"

Viscount Wolseley, who has resigned the colonelcy of the Royal Horse Guards at the age of 74, has seen active service in all quarters of the globe.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17th, 1907

SHEA'S

Starting on Wednesday Evening this Store will keep open till 10 p. m. until Xmas Eve.

A Rousing Sale of Ladies' Mantles

A big purchase of nearly 200 Ladies' Coats in the very latest New York styles, the clearing up of a large manufacturer's before stock-taking. The whole lot arrived to-day and will be on sale to-morrow at most extraordinary bargains—in fact, the prices do not represent the value of the cloth used in their make-up.

Women's Coats, worth \$10.00 for \$5.00

Made of splendid tweeds and black cloths, good length; some of them lined; good, warm, useful garments in perfect style and worth every cent of \$10.00, Christmas gift price each \$5.00.

Women's Coats, worth \$12.50 for \$7.50

Hundreds of splendid garments, made of tweeds and splendid plain kerseys and beavers, braid and velvet trimmed, warmly lined, worth not a cent less than \$12.50, Christmas gift price each \$7.50.

Women's \$20.00 Coats for \$12.50

Made of splendid kerseys, broadcloths, and handsome tweeds, lined throughout, extra lengths, all the newest styles, touches of braid and velvet trimming, all full \$20.00 value, Christmas gift price each \$12.50.

Ladies' Leather Belts

A big assortment of Ladies' Leather Belts, in a vast array of widths and styles, all on sale at about half price, 10, 25, 35, 50 and 75c.

Ladies' Side and Back Combs

A splendid lot of Gift Combs at most reasonable prices, some half regular prices, per set of 3 each 25, 35c, to \$1.00.

Handkerchiefs on Sale

Slightly Imperfect Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 35 to 50c, for each 15c. Regular 25 and 35c, for 12 1/2c.

Women's Gloves for Gifts

Ringwood Gloves, pure wool and fine knit and excellent quality, at 15c, 25, 35 and 50c.

Cashmere Gloves, in all qualities and colors, at 25, 35, 50 and 75c.

Kid Gloves, the best that come into Canada, each pair put up in neat gift box and can be exchanged for proper sizes after Christmas, per pair \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Silk Waist Lengths, in gift boxes, at very special prices, per yard 75c.

Furs For Gifts

White Fur Stoles for girls, broad collar, long front, special each \$2.95.

Mink Marmot Stoles and Throws, fur or satin lined, splendidly marked and trimmed with tails, special value for each \$5.95.

Underskirts at \$2.95

Black and Colored Silk Moirette Underskirts, very full make, with frilled flounces, the best value in Canada, for each \$2.95.