THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, OCT. 7, 1907.

GOOD LIBERAL DOCTRINE.

The St. John Sun gives expression to some good healthy sentiments on the question of the right and duty of the Government to take effective action to control the great corporations which it creates, and to secure for all concerned the benefits of united capital without subjecting the public to extortion, or the weak to the rapacity of the strong. This is so clearly the duty of the Government, rather than to itself undertake the ownership and operation of all the various and complex business ventures, as is clamored for by the victims of municipalization crazes, that one wonders at the obsession that leads to the neglect of the immediate work while urging the undertaking of vastly greater and more dangerous responsibilities. The Sun is a strong advocate of making the corporations toe the mark, and properly thinks that the Government's position should be that of arbiter, and that it should be active in enforcing just dealing. It says:

Indeed a man cannot to-day be dubbed an extremist when he advocates some efficient Governmental control of the great corporations. To insist upon such control is not to carry the war into the enemy's country. It is rather to insist upon a defence of territory already acquired and rightly held.

Moreover, there is not in this same demand for Governmental control of trusts any essential enmity to this modern method of finance. It doubtless has yet to justify itself, but there is abundant reason for the belief that the corporation has come to stay and that because of the increased efficiency it affords. But the real test of that efficiency is not possible when there is not a rigid inspection of corporation methods and an impartial insistence upon fair and just dealing. The essential excellence of this modern method will be discovered when it is divested of all unfair advantage. To insist upon justice between rival corporations and between corporations and individuals is to insist upon an equal opportunity to all men to exercise their talents in the world's work. It is to reiterate the old dogma of democracy in terms suited to the times. It is the modern attempt to control the strong fist of the bully and to convert his energy into useful and social service. That there will ultimately be such control is an article in the creed of every sincere believer in Government for the people. That such control will not be obtained without struggle and failure is evident to every man who read aright the history of the past and the signs of the present.

That is the truly Liberal doctrine. The duty of Government is to govern—to enforce justice and to prevent wrong; to compel us to abide by the laws it makes in the equal interest of all, and to remain the great court of appeal of the people. And if Government is to do that duty, the less it projects itself into the business operations of the country and the more diligently it sets itself to work to execute justice the better. If it cannot control the corporations it creates, what hope is there of its giving us economical, efficient and honest service in attempting to own and operate many and vast industrial projects? True Liberalism does not blindly worship Government, and it is wisely jealous of too much Government meddling. Government will find its immediate duty of governing — regulating — employment enough, if the work be well done.

YORK COUNTY LOAN CO.

The rumor sent out from Toronto last week that shareholders of the defunct York County Loan Company were shortly to receive an interim dividend, had a semi-official air, and greatly cheered the 114,000 who are waiting with more or less patience to recover something from the wreck. Unfortunately the rumor was not correct, and speedily brought an official denial which dashed the hopes raised. Not only did it do so, but it put forward to a year hence any chance of the shareholders realizing, and then it was thought "a small dividend" might be paid. None but those who have had to do with the winding up of concerns involving investments by many thousands of people appreciate the task the York Loan liquidators have before them. And this case is a peculiarly difficult one, offering opportunity for endless litigation and appeals. There are many classes of shareholders, each seeking their own advantage; and many lawyers guard their interests. The latest difficulty is said to be the claim of the Nova Scotia shareholders, 4,000 or 5,000 of them, who hold half a million or so of the stock. They raise the contention that the company's action in selling such shares in that Province was illegal, hence they must rank as creditors, not shareholders, and be paid in full. Shareholders in other Provinces propose to make similar claims. Obviously if they succeed the Ontario shareholders' prospects will not be bright. At any rate the hearing of evidence and arguments, and perhaps appeals, will cost time and money. A good many of the Hamilton shareholders by this time are inclined to think that they were badly advised in joining to prevent the amalgamation and forcing winding up proceedings.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Assessment Department evidently believes that second thoughts are the best.

Canon Welch, of Toronto, evidently does not think temperance has gained since Whitney attained power, if his city is to be the criterion.

From Lyons, France, comes the news that a local inventor has discovered a method of transmitting electrical energy long distances by wireless telegraphy. Perhaps the Hydro-Electric Commission will send an engineer over to look into it before buying a few hundred thousand dollars' worth of wire. It would at least excuse delay.

Who is this George Johnson who is talking about "graft"? Is he the fellow who was employed by the Tories to mix and muddle figures to make glory for the N. P. idol?

Rev. Canon Welch, of Toronto, yesterday painted a very dark picture of Toronto society. He pointed out that arrests for drunkenness had more than doubled in six years, and he charged that there was much excessive drinking among women.

This aldermanic "ticket" business has had some fine illustrations this year. But there are men who would wear balls and chains on their legs if they could only be elected. The city needs more of the men who will not be merely the creatures of cliques or parties.

The precedent established by the rumored intention of the British Government to ransom Kaid M. MacLean by paying the rebel Raisuli $150,000 and guaranteeing him and his family protection will, it is to be feared, be one to encourage to kidnapping.

If it be true that the C. P. R. is refusing press messages in the west, the day of Governmental control of telegraphs is very near. It should not be delayed. No concern having a public franchise can hope to escape liability to the public.

There is no more reason for Canada's attempting to even up its purchases from and sales to the United States than there would be for a merchant's attempting to do the same thing with all the people with whom he dealt. But, bless you, The Spectator will never see this. It has the protectionist twist in its cranium and will never get over it.—Goderich Signal.

Make no mistake, the Spec. is playing a part, and it stands ready to change its role whenever the boss in the wings gives it the tip.

The Toronto Globe rejoices that Australia's old-age pension scheme has not justified the fears of those who thought it might have evil results. "The disappearance of thrift has not ensued," it says. But wouldn't it be well to let the system have a trial before pronouncing judgment? Sir Richard Cartwright's system of voluntary annuities is as much different from freak old-age pensions as industry is from idleness, or encouragement to thrift is from invitation to idleness and disregard for the future. Its tendency would undoubtedly be wholesome.

The Hague conference has by a vote of 36 to 6 approved of the principle of obligatory arbitration. That is very pretty, but will the delegates agree to apply the principle to their own countries. Or does each echo Hosea Biglow's sentiments:

"I'm willin 'a man should go tollably strong,
'Gainst wrong in the abstract, fer that kin' o' wrong
Is allers unpop'lar, an' never gets pitied,
Because its a wrong no one ever committed.
But he must'nt be hard on perticular sins,
'Cause then he'd be kickin' his people's own shins."

It remained for the London Free Press, in order to accuse Sir Wilfrid of wronging British diplomats, to allege that Canadian interests have never been sacrificed by them in negotiations with the United States. In the giving away of Maine, in the fisheries matter, in the Lake Huron islands case, in the boundary settlement—in everything—the Free Press alleges that Canada got all that was coming to her. It is specially angry that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be the first Canadian statesman to negotiate a commercial treaty independently of British diplomats. But if the Free Press thinks Canada has not in the past suffered by British diplomats being prone to yield her interests too freely, it is probably alone among Canadians in its notion. What is that saying about the "dirty bird"?

We may not have as high a tariff as has Germany, but the Canadian workingmen have not yet been reduced to eating dog and horse. According to the Southern Farm Magazine, there were slaughtered last year for food in the kingdom of Saxony 12,922 horses and 3,736 dogs. This was an increase of 224 horses and 133 dogs over the year 1905. In the whole empire in 1906 there were slaughtered for food 182,000 horses, and it is estimated that about 7,000 dogs go into food in the empire annually. It is not unusual to find advertisements of dog and horse meat, and it is said that a great many dogs are killed and eaten that do not give up their lives under official inspection. News items detailing the arrest, trial, conviction and punishment by fine or imprisonment of men charged with killing and eating dogs that belonged to others, sometimes valuable animals or cherished household pets, are not infrequent, says the United States Counsul. How do the Hamilton workingmen like the picture?

Ald. Fell, of Victoria, wants the management of the waterworks taken out of the aldermen's hands and given over to a commission to consist of three persons, one selected by the Provincial Government, another by the Chief Justice of the Province, and the other by the property owners of the city. The Victoria Times, commenting on the proposal, points out that the large element of the population who are not property owners, but who for the most part may be just as vitally interested in the welfare of the city and just as heavy contributors to the civic coffers as the property-owners, would have no say as to its management. Moreover, it argues, and with reason, that "if it would be well to have the waterworks managed by a commission, it would be equally well, in the light of experience, to have a commission appointed to take over the complete management of municipal matters." Indeed, it would seem to be a vote of want of confidence in municipal capacity and honesty at the time a section of the people seek to vastly enlarge the sphere and responsibilities of councils.

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¶ A feeling of dissatisfaction is a source of worry and lost energy.

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HERE AND THERE.

Toronto Star:—The family doctor is said to be disappearing in the United States. He probably went out the same time that families did.

Toronto Star:—The Rational Sunday League is so called because the main plank is that a man ought to be allowed to buy his rations on Sunday.

Vancouver Saturday Sunset:—Toronto's loyalty can be wound up and set going like a 48-day alarm clock and it will keep on making a noise like a Chinese New Year celebration.

Philadelphia Ledger:—You can always tell a bride and bridegroom. They always act as if they were not.

The country life would be, 'tis true,
the very life for me and you,
If it had bathrooms for our lavements,
And round about it asphalt pavements.

Boston Record:—A local tailor has made a hit with a large number of customers by inserting a secret pocket in the coats of married men who trade with him.

A cat my die, but its voice lives on,
You hear its howl of woe
Whenever a helpless fiddlestring
Is tortured by a bow.

Smart Set:—"You were married before the war, wern't you?"
"Well, yes, the fighting did start a few weeks after the ceremony."

Montreal Star:—Sir Thomas Lipton made a great mistake in not being born a tennis enthusiast. It would have been much cheaper.

Montreal Star:—Fashion dictates that there shall be no curves in a woman's form this year. The demand for square men will continue, however.

Toronto News:—Within a week after the opening of the University three students were hurt at football. The preeminence of our educational institutions is assured.

Toronto Star:—A great many strikes nowadays seem to end with the workmen going back to work. What the agitators go back to is another story.

Montreal Star:—With milk at ten cents we will have to train the family cat to drink champagne or some such less expensive beverage.

Toronto Telegram: If a man is to be trusted at all it is when he is sick in bed—so a woman says.

One Effective Weapon.

(New York Evening Post.)

The newspaper publishers, assembled in special meeting to-night, declared against the paper trust, and also against the tariff on paper. Thus, when the shoe pinches, are free-traders created. What neater object lesson of the relation of trusts to tariff and tariff to trusts could we have? And what could prove more clearly the existence of an unused weapon against the aggressions of trusts of all kinds? The publishers want to cut off the entire tariff, not to modify it.

Our Exchanges

The Farmer Vote.

(Toronto News.)

Chauffers should recollect that there are more farmers than automobile owners in the Legislature.

Charlie and Dugald.

(St. Thomas Journal.)

Dugald Ross didn't have the staying powers in staying out of sight that "Charley Ross" had.

Mental Arithmetic.

(Brantford Expositor.)

Problem in mental arithmetic: If a Conservative majority of 17 in November becomes a Reform majority of 152 in the following January, how long will it take the Conservative party to win South Brant for the Legislative Assembly?

Getting Ready.

(Toronto Star.)

Premier Whitney and his Cabinet are getting the marionettes into shape for next session. Gillies' Limit has been rigged up with new wires and Niagara Power with a bit of fresh paint on its face will look as pretty as ever.

A Convert's Sorrow.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

The Ottawa Journal, which has blossomed out as a thorough-going champion of the Opposition, laments the fact that in quarters where Mr. Borden might have reasonably expected the warmest support he has not received it. The Journal particularizes: "The Toronto Telegram and the Montreal Gazette, for instance, as representing two diverent habits of thought, may be cited. The Telegram openly sneers at Mr. Borden because he has not gone as far as it would have liked in declaration for public control of utilities and the Gazette sniffs at him because it thinks he has gone too far in that direction." And then there is the Toronto World, which knows quite well that Mr. Borden as a political leader will never do. There are others also.

Speaking of Large Families.

(Toronto Saturday Night.)

The French families are famous for their large families, and they like to tell about them, too.

At a banquet held in Berlin, Ont., recently, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster-General of Canada, and Mr. W. H. Moore, of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, sat side by side, and the conversation drifted around to the topic of large families. Mr. Moore remarked that his grandfather was the sixteenth child.

The Postmaster-General could go one better.

"The first premier of Quebec," he said, "was the twenty-fifth child." There was nothing to beat that.

What One Mean Man Did.

(Toronto Saturday Night.)

Everyone with a telephone in his house or office is familiar with the annoyance caused when someone gets his 'phone by mistake. When the familiar phrase "Ring off! wrong number," goes over the wire, there are usually hopping mad people at both ends of it. There is a prominent Toronto gentleman, however, who contrives to get some fun out of it, and he does it in the following manner:

The other morning his 'phone rang, and when he picked up the receiver a lady's voice said:

"Hello! Is that Eaton's?"

"Yes," he replied blandly, "what can we do for you?"

"This is Mrs. B. of A. avenue, speaking. I ordered five pounds of rolled oats yesterday and they have'nt come up yet. I want to know when you intend to send them."

"Oh! we're not going to send them at all?" he replied.

"Why not?" asked the angry lady. "I ordered and paid for them!"

"Because we're going to send you oatmeal instead!"

"But I ordered rolled oats, and I want rolled oats."

"Well, you cannot have rolled oats. You'll get cornmeal. Rolled oats are very bad for the constitution."

He was going to continue when the 'phone was shut off with a bang. And what action the irate lady took in the matter is still unknown to him.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Saturday---Nearly $1000 More Business Than We Ever Did in a Single Day

Saturday was a record day with us. We broke the best record day that has ever been in this house since 1875 by nearly $1,000. We were over $1,500 ahead of the same day last year. Now for a continuation of big business for the balance of this month.

Over 2,000 Dozen Ladies' Vests and Drawers Under Price

We bought a lot of over 2,000 dozen Ladies' Vests and Drawers from the largest maker of underwear in Canada. These goods are slightly imperfect, but not enough to in any way impair the wearing properties of the garments. Just a dropped stitch or a little soil. You could not find the imperfection unless we told you.

25c to 40c Underwear Selling for 19c

Ladies' Vests and Drawers, heavy fleeced, sold right along at 25 to 40c, all one price 19c

50c Heavy Fleeced Lined Underwear 35c

Very Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear, one of the warmest cotton garments manufactured, value for 50c, special sale price 35c

75c Part Wool Underwear 49c

Part Wool Underwear, guaranteed not to shrink, a nice soft warm garment, value for 75c, special sale price 49c

$1 and $1.25 Underwear for 69c

Part Wool and All Wool Underwear, the best grades manufactured in Canada; colors grey, white or scarlet, ordinary $1.00 and $1.25, for 69c

Special Values in This Season's Jackets

In purchasing our Jackets for this season we made up our mind to get the very best $10.00 in the market. The result is this: You will find this season's up-to-date Jackets, made of fine heavy Broadcloth, in black, fawn and other colors. These are full length garments, not skimped in any way, and some of them should be sold at $15.00.

Great Bargains in Honeycomb and Beaver Shawls

The John Knox Co. had a big assortment of Honeycomb and Beaver Shawls. We have not had time to get these on sale, so Tuesday we offer Honeycomb Shawls and Heavy Beaver Shawls, a big lot of them, at just exactly the John Knox Co. wholesale price.

Big Values in Men's 50c Underwear

We have two lines of Men's Underwear, which will go on sale Tuesday morning; one in a heavy wool fleece, the other a Scotch knit all wool. There is only a very limited quantity of these garments, and they cannot be repeated.

Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas 85c for 49c

We ordered 20 dozen Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas for our Odd Sale. Unfortunately between the manufacturer and transporter we were unable to get them here in time, so Tuesday we put this lot of excellent Umbrellas, regular 85c value, on sale for 49c

Every Dollar's Worth of the John Knox Co. Samples

Must be sold this week. Every day we will go over them and mark still lower any lines that have not sold. Still a good big showing of Men's Undershirts and Work Shirts in the better qualities.

Another Big Purchase of Ladies' Hats

Ladies' Felt Shapes and Ready-to-wear Hats, latest New York shapes, that have sold up to $4.00. These we mark at two prices Tuesday ..... 49 and 99c

Great Value in Plain Venetian Dress Goods 75c for 59c

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

TURNED BAGK AT BORDER.

OLD LADY VICTIM OF U. S. IMMIGRATION LAWS.

Mrs. King, of Toronto, Was on the Way to Her Daughter at Buffalo When Stopped by the Officials—Penniless and Almost Friendless at the Falls.

Niagara Falls, Oct. 6.—One of the saddest cases of hardship inflicted by the United States immigration laws on record occurred here yesterday. The victim was Mrs. King, an aged Scotch woman, whose home has been in Toronto. Mrs. King is 74 years of age, and a woman of evident refinement and education. Financial misfortune impelled her to leave Toronto to take up her home with a daughter who lives in Buffalo, her daughter having agreed to meet her. She had just enough money to pay her railway fare.

When she reached this city she took an International Railway car from the Bridge street station for Niagara Falls, N. Y., terminal, intending to change there to a car for Buffalo, her daughter having agreed to meet her at the station in that city. When the car crossed the upper arch bridge it was boarded by an inspector of the United States immigration service, who put some questions to the old lady in an offensive manner. He then required her to leave the car and go to the immigration detention room.

There she was further questioned, and the autocrat in buttons ordered her deportation. In vain she pleaded that her daughter in Buffalo would take care of her, and that she was in no danger of becoming a charge upon the public. No argument availed. When the car came on its return trip the tearful old woman was put aboard it and the railway company had to bring her back to Canada.

Grief-stricken, penniless, friendless without a place to take shelter or means to communicate with friends, her condition was truly pitiful, and the International railway trainmen and bridge officials were so touched that they made up a little collection for her.

At the Bridge street station she was turned over to the care of the police, who undertook that she would not suffer for shelter or food till someone else undertook the care of her.

Russia's Reign of Terror.

Baku, Oct. 5.—M. Packemdorff, one of the heads of the engineering department of the Nobel Oil Works, was murdered here to-day. A commissary of police was also assassinated, being shot down in the street by an unknown enemy.

Mr. Byron H. Stauffer preached his first sermon as pastor of Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, yesterday.

OTTO JAEGER'S SUICIDE.

Shot Himself in Boston—Had Postcard Marked Toronto.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 5.—A man thought from papers on his person to be Otto Jaeger, of Buffalo, committed suicide by shooting in a yard on the ferry slip at the south ferry late to-day. He entered the yard, and placing a revolver over his ear fired one shot, which killed him instantly. Insurance papers were found in his pockets which gave the name of Mrs. Otto Jaeger, Buffalo, N. Y., the insurance being made to Mrs. Emma C. Jaeger, his wife, of 964 West Ferry street, Buffalo. The papers described the insured as 39 years of age and as living at the West Ferry street address.

A postcard, also found on the man, was postmarked "Toronto," and was addressed to Miss Lillian Jaeger, at the same house.

A despatch from Buffalo states that Jaeger had been a foreman in a brewery there until recently. He was considered to be in ordinary circumstances and had a wife and two children.

St. Catharines is Growing.

St. Catharines, Oct. 6.—The city assessors have returned the roll for 1907, and the population is shown to be 12,922, an increase over last year of 547. The total assessment is $6,342,838, as against $6,117,958 last year. The increase in real property is $223,400, and on income $4,034, while there is a decrease in the business assessment of $2,583.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8TH, 1907

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Splendid Values in Dress Goods
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New Shadow Stripe Homespuns, full 56 inches, beautiful combination of grey and olive green tints; pure wool; will wear like iron; per costume end $7.50

Stylish Stripel Broadcloth in navy blue mixture, per yard $1.75

Elegant Chiffon Broadcloths, 50 and 54 inches wide, beautiful finish and grand quality, all direct imported; navy, brown, green, cardinal and black; the best value to be had anywhere; per yard.. $1.00, $1.35 and $1.50

Best value in Black Dress Goods in Hamilton, Poplins, Panamas, Ottoman, Espingle, Venetians, etc., at ..... 50, 59, 65, 75, 89c and $1.00

Ladies' Waists at $5

Black Taffeta Silk Blouses, made with wide pleats, either open back or front and long or ¾ sleeves, special good value $5.00

Ladies' Waists at $3.95

Made in either blouse or ivory silk front, trimmed with fine lace and silk insertion, lace collar and cuffs, very special value at $3.95

Silk Moirette Skirts $5

Made in the "Fluffy Ruffle" style, of beautifully fine silk moirette, very full and perfectly cut, thoroughly fast black, each $5.00

Ladies' Underwear

A splendid showing of Ladies' Autumn Underwear, in every reliable make, and marked at absolutely the lowest possible prices 25, 50, 65, 75c, $1.00 to $1.50

Mantles, Suits and Skirts

This busy department is never without a bargain for you, and a good one, too. More than that, our regularly priced garments are such good value that most stores would call them bargains.

Women's Coats at $7.50

We can give you garments beautifully made, warm, comfortable and perfect fitting, in a spendid range of colors, worth $10, for $7.50

Women's Coats at $10.00

Everybody knows everything has advanced in the most alarming manner, but it will surprise you how good a Coat we are giving you for $10.00. They come in both loose and fitted back, with newest sleeves, all good colors, most stores here sell them $12.50, our price $10.00

Ladies' Cashmere Gloves

All kinds of Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, in black and colors; better value cannot be had, at, per pair ..... 25, 35, 50 and 75c

A Rousing Sale of Cloths

We are closing out our entire stock of Mantle Cloths and Worsted and Tweed Suitings for men's wear. Everything of a heavy cloth nature is marked at less than wholesale prices, so bargains are here for you.

Mantle Cloths cut as follows: $2.50 for $1.75; $2.00 for $1.25; $1.50 for 95c

Men's Suitings and Trouserings cut from $2.00 to $1.50; $1.50 to $1.00; $1.25 to 75c