

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 1909.

TWO GOOD POINTS.

Two points in Mayor McLaren's inaugural address dealing with items of municipal policy in 1909 deserve to be pressed upon public attention.

The industrial campaign recommended will require some expenditure of money, but it will not necessarily be a large sum.

Would it not be a wise thing if a board, composed of men of the same judicial training as the judges, were named, whose duty it would be to supervise all sentences?

On the matter of overdrafts, the Mayor's advice is good. There are probably occasions when an overdraft is excusable, even justifiable, although always technically illegal.

augural; has it pasted in the hats of all his chairmen of committees, and monthly, or oftener, has them together to compare notes on expenditure, he may be able to succeed in carrying out a much-needed reform.

THE ORGANIZED COUNCIL.

Although the municipal committee, as organized at last night's meeting, did not meet with the unanimous approval of the aldermen, and while it might have been not impossible to make some changes which we should have regarded as an improvement, it is pleasing to remark the transaction of this important business without the intermeddling of the detestable machine which has in recent years mismanaged the affairs of the city.

The Citizens' Campaign Committee petitioned for a by-law to limit the number of liquor licenses to be issued in Hamilton to 50, pointing out that at present Hamilton has one bar to 985 inhabitants, while Toronto has one to 1905, and London one to every 1,923.

FOR LIFE.

The above is a plea for the infliction of indeterminate sentences. The Times does not object to prisoners being reprieved or paroled, where evidence is given that they have reformed.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The ancient Dutch windmills will have to go. Gas motors are rapidly supplanting them for purposes of pumping water out of the fields and ditches and for milling.

Victoria, B. C., has been shaken by an earthquake, but no damage was done. That man McBride should have been restrained before he reached that condition.

The Railway Commission has restored the old express tariff of rates. The companies contend that the new tariff gave many concessions, and notice of appeal has been given.

They say that nothing in ex-Mayor Stewart's municipal career so well fitted him as his act of Monday in giving up the keys of office. Johnny Milne did not punctuate the air with applause.

pliment to Mr. Mareil and a certificate of his eminent fitness for election to the Speakership of the Commons.

That guillotine display in France yesterday was very shocking, no doubt, and of course messieurs the murderers were most severely shocked. But the effect on the murderous element will probably be good.

The Mayor's advice to push the bay front improvement is good. He would have it made "a place of beauty and usefulness." The Government has been good enough to aid us generously. Now we should do something for ourselves.

With 50 liquor licenses Hamilton could furnish about 1,400 of an average population from which each would draw custom. The average family being five, each would have to support it 280 adult males resident in the city and the transients which it might attract.

The international agreement to limit the amount of water to be diverted above the Falls of Niagara restricts Canada to 425,000 h.p., and the United States to 226,000 h.p., the total being 66 cubic feet per second. To be effective, Parliament and Congress must give their approval.

Fifty Toronto barbers want the Legislature to prevent any person "practising the profession"—that is, cutting hair and whiskers—unless he shall previously have obtained permission to do so from a barbers' combine duly recognized by the Legislature. By and by this will be a free country indeed!

According to United States Consul Rider, of Rimouski, the Canadian European steamship trade of 1907 was not very satisfactory. There was a decrease of 899,475 in the west-bound traffic. There was an increase in the east-bound traffic of 220,264, so that the net falling-off in the passenger traffic was 679,111.

That is a strange story which Carmichael, the Michigan murderer, left to explain his terrible crime. There appears to be little doubt that it is a production of insanity. How long had the delusion of being under a hypnotic spell possessed the clergyman's mind. The last act in the drama at least relieves the public mind of suspicions which might do injustice to others.

A deal is now said to be on for the sale of the Winnipeg Tribune to C. P. R. interests, and the retirement of Mr. Richardson from the editorial management. If railway and other "interests" continue to buy up newspapers, how long will it be before we have an agitation for a municipally, or, at least, a publicly owned, press?

Eight applications for divorces are to come before the Senate at the forthcoming session of Parliament. This is to be regretted, as well because of the number, as because of the method of dealing with them. There are few Canadians who would desire to make divorce easier, but many feel that the question of the right or wrong of a divorce case is not one for political wire-pulling, but for solemn judicial disposition. There is room for reform here.

It is boasted that the Australian Government railways show a 3 per cent. profit, while the Intercolonial does well when it avoids a deficit. But one part of the statement necessary to the perfect understanding of the situation is suppressed. The Australian railways exact freight rates three times as large as those charged by the Intercolonial. They are enabled to do so by the fact that they are a government monopoly. In Canada the Intercolonial is obliged to compete for business with privately owned railways which have out freight rates to a point which no publicly owned railway monopoly would tolerate. Public ownership of railways can be made to pay—under monopoly.

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What is "freedom of speech" coming to in Great Britain? By the closure parliamentary business is prevented from effectually obstructing public business, and the bill introduced by Lord Robert Cecil, and which has since become law, provides that "any person disturbing or inciting any other person to disturb, at a public meeting for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the meeting was called together, should be liable to be prosecuted before a court of summary jurisdiction, and if found guilty of an offence to be fined £5 and costs, and if the offence was committed at a political meeting held in connection with a parliamentary election, the offender should be deemed guilty of an 'illegal practice,' and the penalties for such an illegal practice would follow." The British idea of freedom of speech is not that the Dominion Opposition—it is not that "freedom" means license to prevent Parliamentary business being transacted and to disturb public meetings.

OUR EXCHANGES

(Toronto Star.) About this letter "u," how does this strike you as a compromise? Leave it out of I O U, and thus render our debts indefinite and uncollectable.

The Same Class. (Toronto Telegram.) Resolved, that the boy who skates on thin ice is in the same class with the fool who rocks the boat.

The Superfluous "U." (Brantford Courier.) Those people who are so fond of clinging to the retention of the "u" should spell it buyoort, fourbiddin and sou oin.

Rapid and Steady. (Brantford Expositor.) The complete returns of the local option vote last week show that the movement for the abolition of the bar is not only rapid but steady, and that as yet there are no signs of reaction.

Any Work? (Toronto Globe.) Are there any odd jobs around your house that might as well be done now as when spring opens? The casual labor bureau at the City Hall can provide hundreds of men and women who need work very badly.

Whitney's Way. (Stratford Beacon.) Mr. W. K. Snyder, organizer for the Conservative party in Ontario, has been appointed inspector of hotels for the Province at a handsome salary, he at the same time retaining his position as party organizer. That is the way the Whitney Government takes the license question out of politics.

Naturally Nervous. (London Free Press.) The Elora young man who claims he was nervous when he proposed to a West Toronto maiden is probably telling the truth. A precedent establishing nervousness at such a time as good cause for breaking a marriage engagement would make the way easy for swains who engage in a hurry and repent with more time on their hands.

Compensation. (London Advertiser.) Some method of compensating hotel-keepers who have been deprived of their licenses would meet with the approval of people who have no friendship for the bar, but who see an element of injustice in suddenly and indiscriminately wiping out hotel values. Licenses are increasingly profitable franchises, and they should be taxed to provide a fund to indemnify hotel-keepers who are "put out of business." If the Government will not voluntarily adopt a plan of mutual insurance, they should be compelled to submit to such a system.

Prayer Meeting Night. (Rochester Times.) The appeal of the Ministerial Association to the Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce, the Maennerchor and other societies to keep Wednesday evening, "prayer meeting night," an open date in the booking of secular entertainments will on account of its eminent source be entirely successful. If the Board of Censorship in a sense is it not a confession of weakness by the church? If the church retained upon public reverence the right to which it is entitled, would it have to petition against competition? Would it not easily command the situation?

"Ownership" Financial Juggling. (Winnipeg Free Press.) If, as Mr. Rogers is proclaiming in Virden, there is a surplus of \$200,000 for the first year of Government ownership and operation of telephones in Manitoba, surely the Roblin Government ought to be able to pay the \$10,000 of annual taxes which the Bell Telephone Company paid into the city treasury of Winnipeg, but which the city has been deprived of by the Government. Now content with this, the Government charges the city \$3,206.50 for 46 telephones, though the Bell Company, which paid the city \$10,000 a year in taxes, only charged the city \$2,610.25 for 44 telephones.

N. Y. Municipal Street Railway. (Journal of Commerce.) The whole scheme has the aspect of a "delusion and a snare" of gigantic proportions, which would involve the city in far greater difficulties than now confront it. Conditions such as would give it any assurance of success would also be inviting to perjury in this city. Siani said to-day a lot he spent some time at a monastery in Sicily and upon his arrival at Newark he presented himself as having been ordained a priest, and was installed as curate.

Cat vs. Rope. (Montreal Star.) Leniency in the treatment of certain classes of criminals is a capital mistake. Criminals who employ violence should be made to feel it in return. It is very likely to be the only effect of leniency, and the criminal with a record should be locked up indefinitely.

Tonic Sol-Fa in Stratford. Mr. J. Neilson writes to the Windsor Record as follows: As the board of education is considering the question of introducing the Tonic Sol-Fa system of music into our schools, a few facts regarding the practical operation of this system in another city may be of interest to your readers.

The writer was a student in the city of Stratford at the time when Mr. W. J. Freeland was instructor in music in the public schools. Mr. Freeland commenced his duties about the year 1887, and continued until his death in 1898. A year or more afterwards the citizens of Stratford erected by public subscription, on the public square of their city, a handsome fountain, called the Freeland Memorial Fountain—the only instance I am aware of in Canada where any kind of monument was ever erected by public subscription to the memory of a teacher.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1909 SHEA'S Dress Skirts Made to Measure of Sale Goods \$1.25 Winter Clearing Sale Opened this morning with a rush that even a snow storm couldn't stop. Hundreds of satisfied shoppers can testify to the wonderful money-saving bargains they have secured. If you were not here to-day come to-morrow and every day you can while the sale is in progress, for fresh bargains will replace those that are sold out. DON'T OVERLOOK THE BLANKET AND COMFORTER SALE DON'T MISS THE CUT-PRICE CHANCES IN MANTLES

speaks for itself as to the success of Tonic Sol-fa in Stratford. After a fair trial the wisdom of its adoption was, to my recollection, never questioned, but the people seemed unanimous in their praise of Mr. Freeland and his work.

Tonic Sol-fa is generally admitted to be the only system that can be taught successfully to little children, for the principles of music and their application are so simplified as to be within the grasp of immature minds.

I have no doubt that under a capable instructor, this system could be successfully introduced into the schools of Windsor.

The fame of the movement in and about Stratford spread in the Province and penetrated even the walls of the Loretto Academy at Toronto, with the result that the head of the order in Ontario not only sent a delegation to Stratford to look into the merits of the system, but requested the houses at Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Guelph to do likewise.

Some dozen ladies, including the Mother Superior at Guelph, all of them accomplished musicians, went into retreat at the Stratford convent and before returning took a series of lessons, with certificates, the purpose being to impart a knowledge to the novitiate sisters in the several houses.

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POSED AS PRIEST.

Abductor of Newark Girl Admits His Deception in Court. New York, Jan. 11.—When arraigned in court to-day on the charge of abducting Juliette Testa, a Newark N. J. girl of 16 years, Nicholas Siani declared in court that he was not ordained by the Roman Catholic church as a priest, although he had passed for three years as such.

Siani was curate of the Church of St. Rocco in Newark. With the girl he disappeared about two weeks ago and was found with her at an hotel in this city. Siani said to-day a lot he spent some time at a monastery in Sicily and upon his arrival at Newark he presented himself as having been ordained a priest, and was installed as curate.

Siani was discharged by the court, and he and Miss Testa were sent to the city hall in the custody of a detective to secure a marriage license. Afterwards Miss Testa and Siani were married by Alderman Smith in the presence of the girl's father and mother.

THE NEW IDEA.

Find Joy in Living as Jesus Would.

Cleveland People Will Try to Extend Movement.

Cleveland, Jan. 11.—In scores of meetings this evening young people were trying to live for two weeks as Jesus would related their experiences of the past week.

While many admitted that it had been difficult to follow exactly in the path they believe Jesus would follow, there was not one who wished to give up the trial.

"A real estate man told me the other day that he did not believe a man in his business could live as Jesus would and succeed," said Catharine Marsh, a young business woman, at an Epworth League meeting. "I told him that I had been working in a downtown office for years, doing work just as difficult as selling lots or renting houses, and that I had found it possible during the last week to impart a knowledge to the novitiate sisters in the several houses."

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Plans for the national movement, to be handled by the central committee, will be elaborated this week. Already a mass of correspondence from ministers and others interested has collected. One of the first towns to follow the example of Cleveland will be Warren, Ohio. Members of the committee stated tonight that an attempt would be made to interest other cities throughout the United States after the Ohio towns had followed the example of Cleveland. The committee will try to make the trial an annual affair for a period of at least two weeks.

The marriage of Lady Violet Elliott, daughter of the Viceroy of India, to Lord Charles FitzMaurice, took place yesterday at the Cathedral, Calcutta, with great ceremony. The diamonds from the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne, and the bridegroom, and other jewels from her friends and relatives, are magnificent gifts.

Many a man would rather attend a mass meeting of the unemployed than look for a job.

SOUL KISS.

Husband Saw It From the Stairs and Got Divorce.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 11.—Constructor Holden A. Evans, of the navy, made speedier time in securing a divorce to-day than he did recently in completing the big collier Prometheus at the Mare Island navy yard.

It was just sixteen minutes after the proceedings were begun at Solano when a divorce and the custody of his three young girls was granted to Evans. It is only five days since the first public intimation was given of a rouble in the Evans family, due to Lieutenant Osborne's kiss to Mrs. Evans on Christmas day. Assistant Naval Constructor Sidney M. Henry was the witness, and his testimony dealt entirely with the soul kiss, which he witnessed with the husband, from the head of the stairs in the Evans house.

Evans is in the hospital at Mare Island, suffering from an affection of the hand for which an operation will be necessary.

POPULAR C. R.

Two Presentations at Court Oronhyatekha Meeting.

The regular meeting of Court Oronhyatekha, Independent Order of Foresters, was well attended last night. Three applications for membership were received. The officers for 1909, elected in December, were installed. Bro. R. H. Foster, High Chief Ranger of Western full gold-headed silk umbrella on behalf Bro. H. T. Drope as Sub-Marshal.

A pleasing feature of the business of the evening took place when Bro. Foster called Bro. R. H. Rousseaux to the platform and presented him with a valuable gold ring on behalf of the organizing department of the order. Bro. Rousseaux is the retiring Chief Ranger of the Court and also captain of the degree staff, and a very popular officer. After receiving the ring Mr. Rousseaux was about to express his pleasure when he was again confronted by Bro. Horace F. Elmer and presented with a beautiful gold-headed silk umbrella on behalf of his associates of the degree staff.

In the presentation addresses, Bro. Foster and Elmer referred particularly to the activity and earnestness always shown by Bro. Rousseaux in the work of the court, and, although one of its youngest officials, his untiring zeal has been excellent by but few of his predecessors. In receiving the gifts Mr. Rousseaux modestly returned his thanks and intimated that it would always be a pleasure for him to work in the interests of Court Oronhyatekha and the good of its members.

The New Version.

"She rambles in her talk." "Quite so. Now why can't she say what she has to say without going all around Robin Hood's garage?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"It wouldn't do for old Miserly to have a billion dollars."

"No?" "He'd spend the rest of his life trying to count it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Just you try it puts go into folks Not just "good enough" malt (as with other ale-brewers), but malt that must pass three inspections. Not just "good" hops, but hops that must test fully twice as good as most brewers care to pay for. And you can see it for yourself, when you pour out a glassful of this ale. Notice the small, even-sized gas-bubbles that cling to the edges of the glass. Notice the cream-like, delicious-looking foam. Notice the clarity, the brilliancy, of the beautiful pale-gold color. These are the certain signs of a better ale than you have been used to—and we brew for people who want that kind of ale. Grant's Spring Brewery Co., Ltd., Hamilton