THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16, 1907.

LIGHTING PLANT ESTIMATES.

Last night Mr. Sothman, one of Hydro-Electric Commission's gineers, gave the Board of Works oviding an electric light distribusystem for the city. The figures are printed elsewhere in this issue, and while they are not accompanied with the details of cost of each part of the work, they will still prove interesting

the commission's engineers placed cost of such a system at about \$120,000, a figure which we regarded as too low by at least half. Mr. Sothman has raised the estimate to \$175,580, and his conduit system figures closely approximate \$200,000. That is probably a good deal nearer the probable cost than the first estimate, which was so confidently put forward as ample; but it is still open to doubt if it would cover the actual cost by many thousands. If, for instance, it is hoped to keep the cost of erected poles with the necessary iron work for placing the lamps with in \$40, the estimate may have to be increased. And in these matters it is well to know what is before us.

Mr. Sothman put the cost of opera tron of this 500 arc lamp system at

Fixed	charge	8	 \$	18,247
Power			 	3,470
Renew				
Wages				
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A good many people will be inclined to see in the allowance of \$1,800 for wages an evidence of the insufficiency of the estimate. It would hardly pay the salary of a capable electrical engineer for the system, to say nothing of the management and wages which must be paid for its operation. The power cost estimate seems to be inadequate also, representing a transformed and distributed current of only 231 horse-power at \$15; or, about 290 horse-power at \$12. The fixed charges on capital, assuming his estimate to be near the mark are low, but might be realized, could the securities be sold to advantage Renewals are merely guessed at, and the chances are that the progress of the science and the accidents of operation would largely increase them To some of Mr. Sothman's items fro 25 to 50 per cent. may be safely added, without unduly loading the esti-Wages may be trebled or Nothing is allowed for management. No provision is made for damages. The entire actions

"The Board of Works will hold a meeting at an early date to consider the figures. Meanwhile it might be well to go into the work in detail and ascertain whether the various portions of the contract are likely to be undertaken as contracts by practical contractors without largely ceeding the estimates; and whether proper operating cost allowances have been provided for. As it stands at present it will bear a great deal of elucidation. It is not as if it were an undertaking by a responsible contractor to do a given work for a given price.

looks like a promoter's proposition,

the promoter having no risks to run.

LICENSE LAW ABUSES.

The Ottawa Free Press says: "We her in Ottawa have been convinced from the elopments of the past few days that claim of the Whitneyites that the lise law is being administered without fear or political favor is pure moone." It cites the case of Mr. Vincent ent as a direction to the administration city. No more neglect, please. essrs. Flavelle, Davidson and Murray learned in Toronto, namely, that the com-nissioner who endeavors to administe the law without regard for the politica ssioner who endeavors to administer law without regard for the political equences has to be disciplined, or, if mwilling to be placed under the ban of party contumely, must in self-respect rehis position." In Hamilton nobody is deluded by the

Premier's cheap talk, People have taken his size. Mr. Henry New's experience as a license commissioner was enlightening Mr. New got the idea that the Premier wanted a square deal, and, relying upon He was not long on the commiss vever, till his position was made very omfortable, and not proving amende enough to the influences which the Government intended the Commissioners be subservent to he was cast into outdarkness and another was put in his

At Hensall the other day, Mr. M. Y. McLean illustrated by specific instances how the license law was enforced in tration was promised by Mr. Harry Eilber, M. P. P., and other Conservative akers. The commission thought that need of a hotel and therefore it decided to cut the license off. Mr. Barney Cunningham went to see Harry Eilber, said, reveal a startling state of affairs the member, and after an interview that in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, New is said to have been somewhat sulphurous Orleans and other cities. This sort of the license commission saw new light on slavery, it has been asserted, also exists the matter, and as a result, the license was in Canada: Is that at all probable?

hotel, owned by a Liberal, of course a staunch Conservative and then immediately the commission saw a new light. It was suddenly found that the population had increased greatly, and there was sufhad increased greatly, and there was sufficient to support the extra hotel.

That sort of thing is going on all over

the Province. A hint of the rascality that Commissioner Starr's report in which the deals in \$1,000 cheques and notes were condemned. If an inspector or con missioner resists the evil influence which are brought to bear on him, and tries to do his duty, he is made to walk the plank. Rottenness rules. Never in the history of the Province has the licence system been so partisanly or so corruptly administered. And those responsible for that state of things are the men who pledged themselves to secure honesty, efficiency and purity in the ad-ministration of the license act; yet they were hardly well seated in office before they were making personal appeals in the interest of notorious violators of the

EDITORIAL NOTES.

don, and in the face of a water shortage.

Dr. Amyot, of the Provincial Health Department, still tells Toronto people to boil the water.

Londoners have chosen Major Beattle as their candidate for the by-election, thus turning down Wm. Gray hard.

Hanna is, it is rumored, on the trail of the big moose. At least, he is carefully keeping out of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's reach.

Those Vancouverites who call themelves the Asiatic Exclusion League probably have their headquarters in Tooley Street tailor shop.

Somebody who said the Street Railway Company had not moved to obey the Board's order to repair its cars and tracks must have been fibbing recklessly.

Hon. Dr. Pyne has been tickling the Sault Ste. Marie people with the technical school feather. What is he going to do for Hamilton? Does Hon. Mr. Hendrie know?

"Goggin?" who is Goggin? We are told that he is an "educationist of note" and that he is to prepare new school readers. Do you know Goggin? Ever hear of Goggin?

Nova Scotia is true to Fielding. The reception they gave him last night was a hearty one, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Sir Frederick Borden were warmly greeted.

The first Philippine Assembly is meeting this week, and the caucus has de cided that it shall not be opened with prayer. The vote is regarded as a sort of test of church and state power, and was carried by a majority of one.

Dr. Sheard, Toronto's Medical Health Officer, wants the Legislature to do away with the bread label and make it compulsory to have a standard weight for bread. He must be sighing for the days of the four pound loaf.

Now Germany will seek to get the Canadian surtax removed, and is willing to treat Canada as an equal commercially. That is better. Canada wants to be neighborly, but she will take no kicks

We hope now that there is an armed truce in the aldermanic "wah" with the street railway, and the Parks Board is once more complete and ready for business, that there will be a conference on Mr. W. D. Flatt's generous offer to the as significant of what happens to a city, and that it will be thankfully nissioner who is unsophisticated accepted. That acquisition would fit in enough to accept Whitney's platform well with the scheme to buy the face sises of honest license law enforce- of the mountain and preserve it for the The time for action has arrived.

Rev. Mr. Farmer, of Brantford, in his sermon on Sunday last, said that city was the most drunken he ever found in any of his travels. Some years ago Hamilton clergyman said Hamilton held a similar unenviable position. At the time we objected to the statement, believing it not to be true. Bad as Brantford may be, we hope the language of the reverend gentleman was exaggerated, to say the least. We have our own bottle

The other day before he went moose hunting Hon. Mr. Hanna fired his parting shot at Dr. Beattie Neshitt handful of rich men want to secure the whole organization (electric power) and then make it a political game. They have evidently secured Dr. Beattie Nesbitt as a sort of advance agent, and his first notice was the speech at Gravenhurst. Will Doc Nesbitt allow "Rockefeller's boy" to tread on the tail of his coat with impunity?

The United States Government has engaged a Greek with the celestial-sounding name of Alcibiades Seraphie, to help to break up the padrone system in the

its, and now the discovery has been made public that the cigarette habit is growing popularity among them. This is said be vouched for by tobacco dealers, beauty doctors, hair dressers and certain physicians. The doctors say that they know their lady patients smoke by the condition of their hearts when the come seeking advice. The Anti-cigarette Ladies' Leagues have spent most of their time up to now chasing after boy victims. But if this story from Chicago is

Prince Albert City has rejected Hon. E. Turgeon, Attorney-General of the askatchewan, by a majority on the face

for the reformation of their own sex.

Saskatchewan, by a majority on the face of the returns.

A judicial decision may deprive Hon. F. W. G. Haultain of the full political effect of the Prince Albert victory in the lifetime of the present Legislature. But the vote in Prince Albert proves that the cause of Provincial rights still lives.—Toronto Telegram.

Perhaps the Telegram might be pre-called on to wait till it knows what is the result of the vote before proceeding with its cant. About 300 votes were challenged, many more by the Tories than by the Grits. Until these votes are disposed of and those eligible are taken into the count it will not be known who has a majority. The Telegram is suspiciously precipitate.

Speaking of the difficulty with the C. P. R. Telegraph Co. as to press service the Winnipeg Free Press says: "The incident is closed. But closed incident though it is, it stands as a convincing proof of the necessity of a tribunal charged by the people of Caanda with the duty of adjudicating upon such matters. With the Railway Commission vested with the function, the recent trouble between the newspapers and the corporation in question, which is chartered as a common carrier, could have been adjusted speedily and without friction or With the principle of public regulation in operation, the matter would have been set to rights equitably, the balance being held justly between the newspapers and the public service cor-poration in question." And that is coming soon. The regulatory powers of the Government must be extended to all those franchise-holding companies that serve the public. And nobody needs fear being wronged by such a move

HERE AND THERE.

Toronto Star: The crack in the found-ation of the City Hall tower will bear watching, but the general opinion is that the split in the Whitney Cabinet will-get there sooner.

Winnipeg Tribune: The man who de-plores the tendency to reduce house rent in Winnipeg is wasting his sym-pathy on a city that should be congrat-ulated on its ability to point to such a

Toronto Telegram: Toronto should either go in thoroughly for the medical examination of school children or contime the present policy of neglect.

Ottawa Free Press: No indications of shrinkage in the Conservative Asso.

Erantford Expositor: Dr. Beattie Nesbitt practically defies the Whitney Government to "discipline" him, and if it be not done folks will be asking themselves

Denver News: "The next time anyone tells you that 'the tariff must be revised by its friends,' ask him if he doesn't think it would be a good scheme to have the tariff revised by the friends of the neonle."

Ottawa Journal: These days are big with trouble for the corporation which deliberately sets out to irritate the peo-ple and the means of redress in the hards of the people are growing every

Brantford Courier: The question now arises as to whether Nesbitt off too much

While Beattle Nesbitt can't recall While Beattle Nesbitt can't recan That's he's said aught unlawful; le's waiting for the axe to fall, And the suspense is awful.

New York Herald: "It is the duffer' at the game that is always talking golf," says the Chicago Record-Herald. Why confine it to golf?

Kingston Whig: The Provincial Secretary says Dr. Beattie Nesbitt has "gone over to the Opposition." He has not yet, however, reported to Mr. Mac-Kay.

Toronto News: The leaders of the Canadian banking world take a high view of their responsibilities, and assume obligations to the general community, as well as to their individual customers. It is owing greatly to the conservative policy of Canadian bankers that financial conditions in Canada selden become acute that the canadian dom become acute, that the area of dis-turbance is always restricted, and public opinion steadies in times of emergency,

Our Exchanges

Good Grit Times. Peterboro's population has increased by over a thousand in a year. This is the growing time.

Wants It Repeated (Toronto Star.) A British fleet, twice as big as any two European nations can get together, is assembled for manoeuvred in the North Sea. Say that over again, slowly, please, so Germany can catch it.

Patronage in Toronto. (Toronto News.) The Whitney Government has reaped the full consequences of its surrender to the patronage element in the adminis-tration of the license system in Toronto.

Is It a Gold Brick? (Toronto Globe.)

the matter, and as a result, the license was not cut off. There is no danger that the license will be cut off. Mr. Cunningham is an active Conservative worker, In Exeter, Whitney's commission decided that there was not enough popular the pulpit for their alleged drinking hab.

n, does not mines words in discussing e matter. He says the purchase of wer at a flat rate per year for the rt of business done by his company, d that must be done by a civic plant, buld be an absurdity and an unpardon-le extravagance. The company buys spower from the Electrical Development Co. on a unter basis, paying \$35 or horsepower per year on the maximum hourly flow of current. The actual wer curves of the company work out per horsepower per year on the maximum hourly flow of current. The actual power curves of the company work out at a flat rate of \$8.75, he says, as compared with a flat rate of \$17.75, the the Commission's figures. Mr. Wright adds that 'the average payment received by the Toronto Electric Light Company from their customers for power is \$16 per horsepower per year. How, then, can the municipality pay the Hydro-Electric Commission \$17.75, and add to that the losses in transmission and operation?' He states that it can easily be demonstrated to a commission of experts that a civic plant taking power at the Commission's price starts with a handicap of \$9 per horsepower yearly. That is a very grave statement and one that Mr. Whitney cannot afford to ignore. It is equivalent to saying that the Commission's offer is a gold brick not meant to be taken seriously, and that if taken seriously would greatly handicap the municipality in a competitive fight.

ABOUT INSURANCE

Commission Broke the Ontario Insurance Law.

Teronto, Oct. 16 .- It is claimed by Toronto insurance men that the Ontario Government has violated its own laws by placing \$2,000,000 of insurance with American and English companies. The arrount in question covers the property of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, and the rate obtained is about 45 cents on the dollar. Lloyds, of England, get about 40 per cent. of the total. The remainder goes to American companies, and Ontario agents are wrathy agoinst what they claim is a policy of Ontario for the Americans.

The firm currently mentioned as a second control of the Americans.

The firm currently mentioned as get-ting the American end of the business is Johnston & Higgins, of New York. It is admitted that the rate is a cheap on, but it is asserted that at least a portion of the insurance could have been placed as cheaply with Ontario company. portion of the insurance could have been placed as cheaply with Ontario compan-ies which have to keep a deposit with the Ontario Government, but which ap-parently do not get that Government's business.

DETROIT UNITED.

Passing of Dividend Causes Slump in Montreal Market.

Montreal, Oct. 15.—The passing he Detroit United dividend arouse tern of indignation to day and was the Detroit United dividend aroused a storn of indignation to-day and was responsible for a heavy slump on the Stock Market. It was regarded, as the worst blow to Canadian security holders that this market has perhaps ever experienced since the inauguration of the Stock Exchange.

To-day excitement was intense on the local Stock Market. It seemed that everybody was selling Detroit United, and the tape showed that the downward course did not stop until 28½ had been bid. To say that the latest policy of the directors was a surprise is to put it

course did not stop until 2312 had been bid. To say that the latest policy of the directors was a surprise is to put it very mildly indeed, as the last statement of the current year's earnings showed nearly a quarter of a million dollars in excess of the 5 per cent, dividend obligation, and this was for the period ending August 31, there still being another four months before the fiscal year is completed.

It is pointed out that since yesterday the 'paper' loss of Detroit United has an cunted to \$3,700,000, yesterday's capital having a market value of \$7,500,000, this compared with a par value of \$12,500,000.

500,000. •
Detroit United stock was listed in 1901. It sold as high as 82 in that year and 97 in 1902. In 1903 it sold down as lov as 55.

Maurice Loewy, director of the Paris Observatory and the doyen of astrono-mers, died suddenly on Tuesday, while conferring with the Minister of Public Instruction. He was 94 years old.

ECZEMA COVERED

Cracked and Bleeding in Many Places—Became so Bad that Nai Came Off Finger-Tried Many Remedies and Consulted Three Doctors, but Got No Relief-Now Cured and Is Very

PROUD OF HAVING TRIED CUTICURA REMEDIES

"I had eczema on my hands for about eleven years. The hands cracked open in many places and bled. One of my fingers was so bad that the nail came off. I had often heard of cures by the Cuticura Remedies, but had no confidence in them as I had tried so many remedies, and they all had failed to cure me. I had seen three doctors, but got no relief. Finally my husband said that we would try the Cuticura Remedies, so we got a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment, and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent Pills. Of course I keep Cuticura Soap all the time for my hands, but the one cake of Soap and half a box of Cuticura Ointment cured them. It is surely a blessing for me to have my hands well, and I am very proud of having tried Cuticura Remedies, and recommend them to all suffering with eczema. Mrs. Eliza A. Wiley, R. F. P. 2, Liscomb, Iowa, Oct. 18, 1906."

ITCHING PIMPLES Resulted from Poisoning. Cured by Two Sets of Cuticura

"My husband got a blood disease from wearing woolen underwear. He was all full of pimples, and be had an aviluithing. He took a good many so-called blood remedies, and nothing did him good. Then we saw in a newspaper about Cuticura Remedies. and they cured him after using in all two sets of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Oinment, and Cuticura Resolvent, and now I wouldn't do without Cuticura Soap. Mrs. Harner, 1050 Benners St., Reading, Pa., Jan. 25, 1906."

We Close Our Store at 5.30. Buy Early

Home Furnishing Dept.

Curtain Ends

White Lace Curtains

Ruffled Sash Net

Flannelette Blankets

Comforters Wool Blankets

Silkoline

Curtain Poles

Lace Bedspreads

Wool Carriage Wraps

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long, 60 inches wide, Thursday's price \$1.00

White or Grey Flannelette Blankets, big size, \$1.25, for \$1.00 Good strong Chintz Covering, pretty esign, regular \$2.00, for \$1.50

Large double bed Blankets, thorough scoured wool, \$4.00, for \$3.39

Good range of colors, latest Amerian designs, regular 20c, for 15c

Complete with fittings, regular price 35c, Thursday's price 25c

Grand useful sizes, regular \$1.75, Thursday \$1.25

Great Values in Ladies' and Children's Jackets

150 in all Ladies' and Children's Jackets, will go on sale Thursday at just

\$15.00 Ladies' Jackets \$7.50

Ladies' Three-quarter and seven eight length Coats in plain colors and tweeds, also black, semi-fitting and box back trimmed with straps and buttons, worth up to \$15, Thursday \$7.50.

\$10.00 Ladies' Coats \$5.00

Great Value in Children's Jackets, Worth up to \$7.50, Thursday \$3.49

The Greatest Underwear Selling This House Has Known

We have sold many big lines of ladies' underwear, but never have we had the big selling as during this sale. The public appreciate the very low prices are offering in face of all the big advances in price. 35 to 50c Children's Vests and Drawers, Thursday 25c 25 to 40c Ladies' Vests and Drawers, Thursday 19c

Men's Heavy Top Shirts, Men's Heavy Undershirts, Men's Dress Shirts, samples of the John Knox Co., and value for 75c; Thursday's price 49c.

Silk and Velvet Department

One case of Corduroy Velvets put in stock to-day, nice, soft fabric, suit

Corduroy Velvet 50c

Fine cord, in brown, navy, green, lack, etc., special price Thursday 50c

Chiffon Taffeta \$1.75 Black Chiffon Taffeta (Noblesse), every yard sold under stamped guar-antee, width 40 inches, price Thursday

Black Peau de Soie 53c 100 yards in all Black Peau de Soie have quality, suitable for underskirts and coat linings, will not cut, price

Corduroy Velvet 59c

Chiffon Taffeta \$1.50

Black Chiffon Taffeta, 40 inche wide, extra good quality, only piece; while it lasts, Thursday,

\$1.25 Fancy Silks 49c

Fine range of Fancy Silks, in all lengths, from 1 to 18 yards, regular value \$1.25, sale price, to clear 49e

Special Sale Thursday of Black and **Colored Dress Goods**

42-inch Shepherd Checks, in black and white, regularly 45c, for ... 33c 44-inch All-wool French Panama, in piain and issue 59e
prs, special Thursday 59e
52-inch Military Serge, in navy only, heavy weight, special Thursday 51.25

52-inch Venetian Cloth, in shadow stripe, in green and black only, Thurs-44-inch Clan Plaids, dark and light colors, special 29 and

44-inch Panama, in navy, brown, green, cream and black, Thursday 69e 56-inch Shepherd's Check, in black and white, regular \$1.00, Thursday cial

Four Special Lines From the Shoe'Section

\$5 Men's Shoes \$2.98

Men's Heavy Tan Walking Shoes, in velour box calf, Goodyear welt soles, extra back strap, regular \$5.00, Thurs-day \$2.98

Women's Shoes \$2.75

\$2.50 Women's Shoes \$2

Women's Street Shoes, in dongola id, Blucher cut, patent tip, extension ole, regular \$2.50, Thursday \$2.00

Children's Bals. 99c

Children's Red Balmorals, with fancy top, button or laced, regular 4 to 7, specially priced for Thursday 99e

Infants' and Children's Dept.

\$2.25 Bonnets \$1.95

Children's Corded Silk Dutch Bonnets, with large rosette of satin ribbon and chiffon ruching, all silk lined, in brown, navy, sky and white, worth \$2.25, Thursday \$1.75

75c Boys' Hats 50c

Boys' Caps, made of bear cloth, with earlaps and trimmed with cord and brush, heavy lined, worth 75c, for

Children's Waists 25c

\$1 Pyjamas 69c Children's Heavy Flanneletté Pyja-mas, made with yoke and trimmed with lace, sizes 1 to 6 years, regular \$1, on sale Thursday 69c

Staple Dept.

35c Sheeting 25c

11c Flannelette 8½c

500 yards pretty Striped Flannelette, in nice pink and white and blue and white stripes and other colors, 34 inches wide, and a good quality, regular 11c value, Thursday Size 30c Linen Towels 181/2c

15c Flannelette 10c

500 yards White English Flannelette Domet finish, in a nice heavy quality, regular 15c, Thursday 10c 25c Pillow Cases 17c

5 dozen Pillow Cases, hemmed ready for use, size 42 x 44, in an extra fine quality, regular value 25c, for ... 17c Mill Ends Table Linen

500 yards Bleached and Unbleached Table Linen, manufacturers mill ends, lengths from 1 to 1½ yards. This let goes on sale Thursday at 1-3 off or-dinary prices.

17%c Shirting 13%c

300 yards of Cotton Shirtings, in

48 Dozen Pieces of Fine China at 25c Each

Graniteware Bargains

3-qt. Pudding Pans, 20c, for ... 3-qt. Milk Pans, each Granite Soap Dishes, 10c, for ... 60c Granite Coffee Pots ... 85c Granite Kneading Pans ... 59c Granite Water Pails ... Granite Bowls, each Granite Wash Basins, each 1/2-qt. Pudding Pans Cake

Coal Hods

 Galvanized Coal Hods
 .40 and 49c

 Japanned Hods
 .29, 35, 39c

 Ash Sifters, best, each
 15c

 Fire Shovels, each
 5c

 Stove Pipe Rings, each
 5c

 Asbestos Stove Mats, each
 5c

Sheet Iron Roast Pans

Thursday at the Grocery Department

7 lbs. Redpath's Best Granulated Sugar, 32c, or 12 lbs, for 52c, to those leaving an order for \$1.00 worth of other groceries. Gold Medal Flour, 16 sack ...

Gold Medal Flour, 14 sack
6 lbs. Sweet Potatoes
3 cans June Peas for
3 lbs. Green Dried Peas
Choice Lard, per lb.
Ceylon Black Tea, 40c, for
6 bars Surprise Soap.
Best Red Salmon, per can
Sardines at per tin
Large bottle Pickles
Canada Flakes, package
Orangemeat
10 and
Preserved Ginger, lb.
Special Coffee, per lb.
Jamaica Oranges, dozen

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