

THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, NOV. 21, 1907.

BECK RETRACTS.

The Hydro organs have been crowing a good deal over a statement made by Hon. Adam Beck at Brantford to the effect that the Government would guarantee its power estimates, and in event of them being exceeded would bear the loss, thus protecting the municipalities. They have professed to regard Adam's word as final, and brushed aside the terms of the statute as overridden. Mr. A. G. MacKay's objection to Mr. Beck's announcement was treated as childish, and the Government was regarded as insuring the power-plunging municipalities.

A WASTE OF MONEY.

"To Shelve the Good Roads By-law—Present Not an Opportune Time to Ask Taxpayers to Vote Money—Aldermen Have Enough Important Schemes to Submit for Approval." That is the way the Hamilton Herald intimates that the city cannot afford to put its streets in good repair, and the reason therefor—"aldermen have enough important schemes to submit for approval," it says; and it goes on to add: "An objection to asking the people to vote \$200,000 or \$300,000 for good roads is that they will have to vote at least \$225,000 for a civic street lighting plant, and \$50,000 for new waterworks pumps. If the ratepayers are asked to add another \$200,000 or \$300,000 for good roads, it is feared that they will think the aldermen have gone mad, and will shut down all the money by-laws. Another objection is the state of the money market. Bonds cannot be sold to advantage now.

In other words, the city is so poor and financial conditions are so bad that it should not borrow money for the legitimate needs of street paving, but that no matter how much the taxpayers' burden, and no matter what loss may be incurred in realizing on debentures the people ought to be taxed "at least \$225,000" for a light distribution system that the city needs no more than a cart needs a third wheel; which may prove a cause of constant loss to the city, and every possible benefit of which we can enjoy without taxing the people a single dollar, and without opening the way to the would-be grafters and jobbers to fatten at their expense.

Here is one of the Herald's appeals made in the effort to bunco the taxpayers into spending a quarter of a million or so in this utterly unnecessary and probably permanently wasteful scheme, while they are told that they cannot afford to keep up the streets of the city.

As a rule there are two sides to every question. It is the Herald's opinion that the other side of this question—so far as the city's welfare is concerned—is a blank. If any intelligent, substantial argument could be advanced against the proposition it would have been advanced before now. But we have seen or heard no objection that deserves a minute's consideration by any intelligent and public-spirited citizen.

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Half Price Sale of This Season's Dress Goods

This great sale of seasonable Dress Goods will only last two days more, Friday and Saturday. The reason for the throwing away of profit is the fact that we have too large a stock and must realize. \$5,000 Worth of Dress Goods at Half Price. \$1.00 Tweeds, Cheviots and Panama Cloths . . . 50c. \$1.25 Cheviots and Venetian Cloths . . . 62 1/2c. 85c Lustras, Tweeds and Serges . . . 42 1/2c. 75c Panamas, Broadcloths and Tweeds . . . 37 1/2c. 65c Lustras, Tweeds and Fancy Goods . . . 32 1/2c.

This Season's Furs at Half Price

We bought a manufacturer's stock of \$10,000 worth of Furs, composed of Jackets, Stoles, Ruffs, Throws, etc. in Mink, Marmot, Astrachan, Opossum, Squirrel. We bought them at such a reduction that we are able to retail them to you at exactly half price. \$4.50 Bear Coats \$2.99. 25 only Children's Bear Coats in white, black, cardinal and brown, regular \$4.50 value, Saturday's sale price . . . \$2.99.

50c and 65c Ladies' Underwear 29c

50 dozen Ladies' Union Underwear, in Vests and Drawers, natural colors and white, regular selling value 50 and 60c, Friday's special price . . . 29c.

\$15.00 Ladies' Coats \$10.00

Ladies' Plain Cloth Coats, tailor made, trimmed with strappings, loose back, colors brown, green, navy and black, this season's very latest styles, regular \$15.00 value, for . . . \$10.00.

\$6.00 Children's Ulsters \$3.49

Children's Tweed Ulsters, this season's \$6.00 values for . . . \$3.49.

\$4.00 Silk Waists \$1.49

Ladies' Handsomely Trimmed Silk Waists, in sizes 34 and 36 only, value \$4.00, for . . . \$1.49.

\$1.50 Ladies' Shoes 89c

Ladies' Dongola Kid Lace Shoes, extension soles, McKay sewn, ordinary \$1.50 value, for . . . 89c.

12 1/2c and 15c Prints for 7c

Remnants of English Prints, which would sell in the ordinary way for 12 1/2 and 15c, you can have your choice for . . . 7c.

10 to 20c White Lawn 7c

Manufacturers' remnants of White Lawn that would sell regularly at 10 to 20c, Friday's special price . . . 7c.

75c and \$1.00 Underwear 49c

Men's Fleece-lined and Elastic Tubed Underwear, full range of sizes, in Shirts and Drawers, regularly 75c and \$1.00 value, Friday's special price 49c.

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

SUDDEN DEATH OF P. KITCHEN.

Expired while at work in Dundas yesterday afternoon. Death of Miss Turnbull—Mr. John Maw Back From Old Country—Councillor Lunn Off for Rest.

THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Great Right House Sales Are Attracting Attention. To-morrow is special value day again at The Right House and their advertisement in to-night's papers tell of great special bargain offerings that will set the whole town astir.

Germany's population is increasing more rapidly than that of Great Britain or France. Blobs—Wigwag is very fond of cabbage. Blobs—How do you know? Blobs—I have smoked of his cigars.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22nd, 1907

May Manton Patterns 10c. THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE. New Premiums on View. Men's Umbrellas, covered with fast colored Austria cloth, both self opening and ordinary frame, splendid natural crooked and horn Umbrellas, each \$1.00. A Splendid Showing of Ribbons. Every yard imported direct on contracts made months ago and marked to sell at prices that cannot be repeated after present stocks are finished.

Umbrellas A Goodly Showing

Whether you want one for everyday use or one to make a gift of, the stock is now very complete. Every price for men or women, from 50c to \$7.50, is here represented, and creditably represented, too. Newest ideas in handles and coverings and all priced at the most reasonable figures. Women's Umbrellas, splendid quality of coverings, fast colored, with good, serviceable handles, special value at . . . \$1.00. Women's Gloria Covered Umbrellas, paragon frame, steel rod and fancy oxidized and gilt mountings, very reasonable, at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Women's Very Stylish and High Grade Umbrellas, bought specially for the Christmas trade, pearl, silver, burnt ivory, rolled plate and fancy wood handles, silk coverings and best frames, at . . . \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5 to \$7.50.

Men's Umbrellas for Gifts

Best of coverings and a great range of handles in every wanted design, special values at \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 up to . . . \$6.50. Rich Kimona Cloths. A splendid showing of newest designs in heavy German and French Kimona Cloths, most beautiful finish and quality, at per yard . . . 25, 30 and 35c. Good Kimona Cloths, English and domestic, most beautiful designs and colorings, at per yard 15, 18 and 20c. Wrappettes in splendid qualities and patterns, very best colorings, both dark and light, good width, for per yard . . . 10, 12 1/2 and 15c.

Homefurnishings Department

\$1.25 Lace Curtains 99c. 20 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, made from extra strong thread, 3 1/2 yards long, 60 inches wide, worth in the regular way \$1.25, Friday . . . 99c. \$1.75 Lace Curtains \$1.49. Very handsome designs and superior quality of Nottingham Lace Net, 3 1/2 yards long, 54 inches wide, regular \$1.75, Friday . . . \$1.49. \$2.50 Lace Curtains \$1.99. Very fine Nottingham Lace, plain centre with heavy border, overlook edge, regular \$2.50 value, 3 1/2 yards long, 52 inches wide, Friday's price . . . \$1.99. \$3.50 Chenille Portiers \$2.99. Green or crimson heavy Chenille Portiers, effective design, heavy wool fringe, 3 yards long, regular \$3.50, Friday . . . \$2.99. \$4.50 Chenille Portiers \$3.99. Lovely quality of Chenille Portiers, massive borders, rich dark colors, heavy knotted wool fringe, red or green, 3 yards long, 36 inches wide, regular value \$4.50, Friday . . . \$3.99. \$4.75 Tapestry Curtains \$3.99. Rich and effective colorings in heavy quality of Tapestry Curtains, green and crimson shades, 3 yards long, 32 inches wide, regular value \$4.75, Friday . . . \$3.99. 30c Madras Muslin 25c. Colored Madras Muslin, new effective designs, 36 inches wide, regular 30c, Friday . . . 25c yard. 40c Madras Muslin 35c. Cream or white, full yard wide, best English Madras, regular 40c, Friday . . . 35c. 25c Ruffled Sash Net 15c. A special purchase of 40 boxes of Ruffled Sash Net, lace and insertion edge, made to sell at 25c, Friday's special price . . . 15c. 12 1/2c Cretonnes 10c. New effective designs in a large range of colorings, value 12 1/2c, Friday . . . 10c. 25c Art Sateens 19c. Best English Printed Art Sateens, light and dark grounds, newest colorings, floral or conventional, regular 25c, for . . . 19c. eggs are cooked to a turn. The process is an idea originated by Professor Radtke, of the Armour Institute.

PLEASING NUMBERS

Rendered at Unity Church's Young People's Entertainment.

Despite the inclement weather last evening, a large and expectant audience met in the social room of Unity Church to enjoy an hour or two with the members of the Young People's Religious Union. No one was disappointed, for a fine programme of readings by Miss Magley, and piano solos by Miss Maguire, both of Cincinnati, O., was given to the delight of all. One notable feature of the work of Miss Maguire was the playing of an entire selection with the left hand only. Miss Magley has the happy faculty of being natural—that is, not affected—in her character interpretations. Her dramatic ability was especially shown in a reading which she gave for the first time in Canada. This selection, "Bergliot," given with piano accompaniment by Grieg, and which was admirably rendered by Miss Maguire, was an interpretation of tragedy far superior to what one usually hears from a reader. Its setting with the music was unique. The Union was certainly fortunate in getting these ladies to assist them in the entertainment.

Hamilton's Headquarters.

For shaving supplies is Gerrie's Drug Store, 32 James street north. Most complete stock, including Gillette razors \$5. Gem safety \$2.50. Witch safety \$1.50. Ever-ready safety \$1. King Shaver and carb-magnetic (best sold) \$2. King Cutter \$1.25, and many other kinds; also razor hones, clippers, Adonis Hed-Rub, June clover, and an immense stock of high-grade razor strops.

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