

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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MUST BE ANSWERED.

The Spectator is shocked and grieved at the "unfair demand" of the South Wentworth Temperance Voters' League that the Tory candidate should pledge himself to vote against the three-fifths clause in the Local Option Act. It accuses the gentlemen of the league, who think that one man should be as good as another before the law, of showing "a spirit of ingratitude." Just why this accusation is made is far from clear. What the league asks is that the law be so amended that instead of three "dry" votes being held to be equal to only two "wet" votes, its members be held by the law to be equal, man to man, with any other voters. But perhaps the Spectator's accusation of ingratitude is to be taken as an expression of its view that they should be thanked that Whitney did not legislate that the "wet" vote should be as good as the "dry" ones.

Not content with railing at the South Wentworth Temperance Voters' League for its natural protest against being legislated to an inferior status, the organ sneers at it for presenting the case to Mr. Regan, whose party friends voted, as Mr. Regan would do if elected, to create and continue this legal discrimination against it. The Spectator alleges that "there is a good deal of spider and fly argument" in the league's resolution; also mentioned. Why this insulting reference? The matter is a very simple one. Mr. Regan and his party have not been taken by surprise. The discriminatory legislation was properly protested against when it was first introduced, and its injustice was pointed out. Whitney, with the aid of Mr. Regan's party friends, forced the measure through. He has again and again been importuned to undo the wrong thus committed, but every attempt made by the Liberals in the Legislature has been repulsed, and the machine majority has again and again been used to prevent an equalization that should have been effected by common justice.

It will not do for the Spectator to plead that there are "more or less live issues" which should prevent this three-fifths vote matter from engaging the attention of the electors. A few days ago the Government was pleaded with to abolish the injustice. It refused to do so, and treated the appeal with ridicule and contempt. Now is the turn of the plain people, who, once in four years, have a right to demand an accounting from their servants. And they must answer.

AN UNPLEASANT PROSPECT.

The Farmer's Sun regards the financial outlook at the close of the session of the Ontario Legislature as far from pleasing. In the last three years the annual expenditure has been increased by Whitney \$1 per capita, as much as the total increase in thirty-three years of the preceding governments' regime. The expenditure for the year just closed was practically an even \$8,000,000, while the estimated expenditure for 1908 is \$8,000,000 more than that of 1903.

The debt situation presents no more pleasant an aspect. At the end of 1905, Whitney had a total debt against the Province of \$11,418,000. This has now grown to considerably over \$16,000,000. In addition, there are various other indirect liabilities amounting to several million dollars.

The increase in annual expenditure and its debt is out of all proportion to the development of the Province. It is not to be denied that there has been some development in Northern Ontario, particularly in the clay-belt, and the mining regions which remain as standing testimony to the wisdom of Ross' development and railway policy. So strongly antagonized by Whitney while in Opposition. That this development, however, has been greater of more general than that of the Dominion generally, only temporary is not prepared to admit; yet in the years 1905-07 the increase in Dominion expenditure was only about 12 per cent., while that of Ontario was 43 per cent. Whitney is running up a very rapid pace in spending taxes and accumulating debt. Fortuitous revenue-increased Dominion subsidy, succession duties, timber and mineral revenues, for none of which he has any right to claim credit—has enabled him to preserve a showing of surplus. How long this may continue, however, is not easily foretold. And it is necessary, because fortune for the moment favors revenue, that the Premier should engage in a carnival of prodigality, leaving the future to take care of itself?

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

Excellent progress is being made in the work of constructing the new Transcontinental Railway. All the sections of the road between Moncton, N. B., and Weymouth, Que., are under contract. This will bring the rails to a point 196 miles west of Quebec. This stretch of road now being built is 656 miles in length. From the westerly limit of these contracts to Winnipeg is 1,147 miles. Of that portion of the road 571 miles are also under contract, and in course of construction. The contracts now entered into represent \$44,389,293, and it is estimated that the cost of the 576 miles, contracts for which have not yet been let, will be about \$19,000,000. This will make the total cost of the Government part of the road \$63,404,466. The estimated cost of the prairie section of the G. T. P. R. is \$21,872,200. This will bring the cost of the road from Moncton to the Rocky Mountains to about \$85,271,666. Of the prairie section, 415 miles have been already completed. Great economy has been achieved by

the system of contracting adopted. The co-operation of the G. T. P. with the Commission secures a revisory oversight by the railway, which is to be the lessee of the road, which naturally desires to secure the best results at the most economical price as its annual payment becomes greater with the cost of construction. The G. T. P., therefore, exercises diligence in seeing that there is no waste or excesses in the building of the road. In a year from this time, the progress made will surprise many Canadians.

AN EXCELLENT WORK.

Not many people have any adequate conception of the great work being done by the Dominion Department of the Interior for forestry in the West. A broad policy has been marked out, and is being pursued with gratifying success. Public lands, unsuitable for grazing or agricultural purposes, are being turned into forests, the growing timber being protected, and additional areas being planted. Young trees are being supplied to owners of farms under conditions of planting and cultivation. In the period of 1901-06 over 7,000,000 trees were sent out in this way, and probably not 15 per cent. failed to grow. Already the good effects of this policy are to be seen, and if it be followed up, the next generation should be less subject to the evils which follow the denuding of the land of its forests.

WHY, THINK YOU?

Whitney declared that the Ross Government's proposal to grant aid to the Port Arthur branch of the G. T. P. R. was "a case of recklessness gone mad," and he declared to the Farmers' Association that under no circumstances would his Government grant aid to any private railway. What could have been the nature of the persuasion exerted which induced him, in the dying hours of the Legislature, to stultify himself, falsify his pledges, and grant \$75,000 acres of land to one railway, and guarantee the bonds of another to the extent of \$2,500,000? Perhaps some of Whitney's adulators may have an explanation which explains this action. Certainly one is very much needed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One new smallpox patient; just by way of keeping Dr. Roberts in practice.

The Antecase moral seems to be that criminals had better take their medicine as at first administered; they may go to another physician and get a more nauseous dose.

Mayor Stewart and Ald. Farrar have not yet thrown the Assessment Department into the street for contempt of their serene highnesses. Have they discovered that the work of assessing is governed by statute, and not by their whim?

So Col. Matheson presented Dr. Preston with 175 of his 891 majority in the gerrymander of Lanark. Seeing that Dr. Preston was such a prominent figure at the presentation of that \$1,000 worth of silverware to Whitney, this giving a little of his plenty on Col. Matheson's part resembles a recognition of the doctor's fealty to the party.

Signs of a coming election campaign for the Dominion multiply. The Spectator and others of the lesser Tory organs indulge in paragraphs intended to produce the impression that the Quebec Tercentenary is to be observed very much against the wishes of the people of that Province. These organs still seem to labor under the delusion that there is capital to be made out of misrepresenting and abusing the French-Canadians.

Sir Hibbert Tupper is wanted as candidate in Vancouver by a section of the Tory party. Sir Hibbert would like to accept, having a disinclination to encounter certain things in Pictou, N. S., where he also has an invitation. But McBride is to be reckoned with, besides which "the man with the knife" sends chills down Sir Hibbert's spine whenever he thinks of a contest into which Mr. R. E. Green is likely to have a chance to even up with him. How troublesome are those ghosts of slaughtered friends he-trayed!

Mayor Stewart could understand why the Hydro-Electric Commission should wish to tie the Hamilton up to a 30-year monopoly bargain, that being the time in which we must pay the \$300,000 or \$400,000 which will be our share of the cost of the transmission line; but he thinks that making the monopoly a 40-year one is rather rubbing it in. But why should Hamilton bargain away her chance for 30 years, or 20 years, or even 10? We have already found by experience that 10-year bargains, even without monopoly conditions, are an unwise discounting of the future.

The Toronto Mail and Empire is not willing to concede that the Laurier Government's policy has done anything toward bringing us immigrants to settle our great new territory. Perhaps they think that, like Topsy, they "just grew." Queer that even with a large expenditure, the number of settlers here extending in the Northwest became less and less from year to year, under the Tory rule, until they became almost a negligible quantity. But as soon as the Laurier immigration policy was adopted, settlers streamed in by thousands, and millions of acres were brought under the plow.

The Toronto World finds that Canadian Northern guarantee of two and a half millions a very bitter pill to swallow. In its rage it threatens Hon. Mr.



YOUR EASTER MILLINERY

Yes, there may be many who have delayed their choosing of the Easter Millinery until now, but you will find us ready with a continuous flow of Hats that will be shown for the first time on Saturday. Each hat bears the character of its model, exclusive in style and of a new fashion conception. We anticipate a busy Easter day, so we invite your choosing in the forenoon. Last, but not least, in interest to you are the prices, and for Saturday's selling we have trimmed two special lines.

"Merry Widow" Sailors \$5.00

New York's latest craze for a pretty Street Hat, nothing so stylish and so wearable. Shown in black and the new Tuscan shades and trimmed with wings, quills and ribbons. These will be put on sale Saturday at ... \$5.00

Exclusive Dress Hats \$8.00

A large and exclusive display of these hats will be shown Saturday in the new large dropping shapes, together with a few sailors, trimmed with flowers, ribbons and wings. A special display of these hats at \$8.00

\$1 and \$1.25 Untrimmed Straw Hats 59c

These comprise a large importation, almost too many, but they must be sold at once. Women's Untrimmed Straw Hats, large assortment of this season's stylish shapes and colors, all laid out for your quick choosing Saturday morning. Regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. One price Saturday at ... 59c each

Stylish Dress Goods at Easter Savings

You will find Saturday will be a good day to bring your Dress Goods need to a final decision with such savings as these.

Fine, all wool, French Melrose Cloths, in all the fashionable colors for your Spring suit choice. They have a rich beautiful permanent finish, 46 inches wide. Regular \$1.00 yard, Saturday at ... 85c
All wool and silk and wool fancy tweed costumes in 7 1/2 yard lengths. Regular \$16.50. Not a great many to leave at ... \$5.00
All wool English Amaranth and Belvedere Serge in an indigo navy, unshrinkable and unspotted finish; worth regular \$1.00 yard, Saturday sale at ... 75c
Navy all wool Panama cloth on a fine uncrushable chiffon finish and dust-proof; worth \$1.00. Saturday at ... 85c
All wool Cream Panama cloth, 42 inches wide, 56c at ... 29c
\$4.00 SKIRT ENDS AT \$1.99—15 only, all wool fancy striped Tweed and Worsteds Skirt length, 44 in. wide. 5 yard lengths worth \$4.00, clearing at 8.30 a. m., at \$1.98 each

8 Yards "Crum's" Prints \$1.00

On Sale 8.30 to 11 a. m. Only

A 2 1/2 hour sale that should mean brisk buying in the wash goods section. For this stated time you will have the complete choice of some 200 pieces of Prints in stock, including all superior makes, together with "Crum's" and "Hard to Beat," all regularly 14c yard, but many are asking 15c. An unlimited choice for 2 1/2 hours at 8 yards for ... \$1.00

35c White Vestings 19c

New White Mercerized and Open Weave Vestings, also pique and white duck, new patterns, in a fine, even cloth, best for shirt waist suits and blouses, regular values up to 35c, going Saturday ... 19c

40c Fancy Dress Muslins 29c

New and pretty designs in all the delicate shades of Dress Muslin, for street and evening wear, in the new satin stripe and floral designs, a splendid assortment of the latest imported novelties, regularly 35c and 40c, Saturday ... 29c

Inviting Values in the Staple Section

Imported Marseilles Counterpanes, in large, double bed size, and hemmed ready for use, soft, heavy make, and a need that is wanted in summer, regularly \$1.50, Saturday ... 98c
Fine English Bleached Cotton, full yard wide, soft, even weave, with linen finish, regularly 10c, for ... 7 1/2c
500 yards Pure Irish Linen, Red Check, Glass Towelling, 18 inches wide, and soft, absorbent make, worth 10c, going with a rush at 8.30 a. m. for ... 6c yard

Easter Sale of Pretty Lingerie Waists

You should welcome Easter morn with a pretty new waist. All the latest novelties are represented here in silk, net and lingerie, all sizes in every conception, at ... \$1.00 to \$15.00

White Victoria and Persian Lawn, also Colored Muslin and Cambric Blouses, colors are pleated, while others have lace yoke effect and fancy cuffs and collars, others, various styles. Regularly \$1.00 to \$1.50, on sale one price ... 79c

Only beating previous records justifies such a price reduction in White and Black Jap. Silk Blouses in all styles, plain and fancy, lace and all-over trimmed. Regularly \$3.50 and \$4.00. Not a great many. Going with a rush at 8.30 a. m. for ... \$1.49

Choose Your Easter Gloves Here

An Easter bargain of merit that should mean large selling in Kid Gloves. Perrin's guaranteed Gloves in black and colors, two dome, wrist length, French cut and silk stitched, all sizes, regular \$1.00, an Easter sale at ... 75c

Women's Elbow Kid Gloves, in Perrin's superior French make, two dome Mousquetaire style, in black, tan, white, brown, green, navy and red, regular \$2.75 pair, Saturday, in a fancy Easter box, at ... \$2.25

Women's Elbow Kid Gloves, in the fashionable two button Mousquetaire style, in black, white, tan and brown, also wrist length, regular 30c, Saturday at ... 39c

Great Buying Chances in Whitewear

Buy your summer Whitewear Saturday and save a third. Manufacturer's samples, comprising handsome Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers, Drawers, Chemise, Aprons, Dressing Sacques and Gowns, and children's wear of all kinds, selling at an Easter saving of one-third off their regular prices.

NOTE—Children's Wear and Dressing Sacques on second floor.

8c and 9c Valenciennes Laces 5c Yard

A Saturday rush sale of this season's new French and English Val. Laces and Insertions to match, also Cotton Torchons, round or square mesh, in all widths, regular 8c and 9c yard, Saturday 5c yard or 50c dozen yards.

Be Stylish and Choose Your Easter Garments Here

The modes we are now showing in Tailored Suits, Coats and Skirts have contributed more to the style prestige of this store than ever before. For Easter Saturday we quote below many savings for your choosing here. Come in the forenoon where possible.

\$7.00 Stripe Coverl Coats \$5.29

A very smart style for spring wear. You choose either the new stripe or figure coverl, made in the loose three-button, fly front, loose back and self collar. The scalloped Gibson shoulder adds to its appearance. This Coat is special at \$7, but Saturday you pay ... \$5.29

\$12 "Joney Jones" Coat \$9.85

When you see the style and quality of this Coat you will surely buy it. In the stripe or plain coverl coat and styles in this season, including the mannish "Joney Jones," "Merry Widow" and loose three-button box, patch pocket and button cuffs, positively a regular \$12 Coat, on sale at ... \$9.85

\$25 Women's Silk Coats \$18.50

You save here \$6.50. It's worth it. Silk Coats, in guaranteed boiled oil taffeta, in 3/4 length, with a full, loose ripple back, collarless, but trimmed around the neck with silk applique and velvet, lightly lined, a very serviceable coat for summer, regular \$25, on sale for Easter Saturday at ... \$18.50

\$4.50 Children's Coats \$3.49

Children's Spring Coats, in bright scarlet military cloth, in reffer double-breasted style, trimmed with piping of white cloth and brass buttons, emblem sleeve, sizes for 3 to 12 years, \$4.50 Coats going at ... \$3.49

SPECIAL—About six only Grey Tweed and Worsted Suits in checks and stripes. Regular \$10.00 and \$12.50. See these going with a rush at \$4.98.

\$25 "Prince Chap" Suits \$19.50

A swaggar Easter Suit at a big saving. Plain Panama, Venetian or Broadcloth, also Shepherd Check, plain colors in navy, black, green, brown and grey, coats in all the new styles, with plaited and gored skirts, with self circular folds, regular \$25, for ... \$19.50

\$18.50 Tailored Suits \$15.00

An exceedingly clever model in chiffon, Panama, in brown, tan, navy and black, coats are tight fitting and Prince Chap style, and pleated or 13 gored skirts, with rows of self circular folds, a very smart tailored suit, worth \$18.50, on sale Saturday at ... \$15

\$8 Panama Dress Skirts \$6.19

One of the smartest styles shown at an Easter saving. material in a crisp uncrushable chiffon. Panama, in black, brown, cream and navy, made in pleated and gored styles, and trimmed with bands of self and taffeta silk, a very handsome skirt for Easter, regular \$8, Saturday's sale price ... \$6.19

\$5 Stylish Dress Skirts \$3.89

An Easter Bargain snap in a Panama or Wool Taffeta Skirt in black, brown or navy, also fancy worsteds, styles are pleated and box, with self rows of circular folds. Regular \$5 Skirts, selling Saturday for ... \$3.89



A special Easter showing of Paris Sunshades and Umbrellas Saturday.

The House of Quality Established 1880

FINCH BROS.

29 and 31 King St. West

Visit the Staple Section. Many dollars saved in your cotton and linen needs.



Foy and Hon. Mr. Pyne with defeat in Toronto, unless they can "explain" their course so that it will appear to merit the approval of the "ownershipers." Foy and Pyne, however, will lose no sleep over this threat. They know that, no matter how loudly Mr. Maclean may snort or how recklessly he may heave clunks of language, all in good time, he will dolefully get into the shafts, lay back his ears and do his little to pull the Tory chariot along. They know him.

Maclean Disgusted.

(Ottawa Free Press.)
Even the Toronto World has to admit that the Legislature session of 1908 "has lowered the record" of the Conservative party.

More Mischief.

(Toronto Star.)
"The Legislature prorogued yesterday. This would be a great relief if we did not know that Satan finds some mischief still to be done by orders-in-Council."

Take Notice.

(Toronto Globe.)
If ten thousand men go into Alaska to break up a strike there will be "doings."

Blarney.

(Grimsby Independent.)
There's a letter carrier in Hamilton by the name of "Blarney."—Sure and many a swate wurrd he'll have for the ladies when he's delivering the mail.

A Religious Man.

(Grimsby Independent.)
A man said to me the other day, Capt. McEvoy is the only hotelkeeper in St.

Catharines that absolutely keeps the law. I don't doubt it! I replied, the cap, always was a religious kind of a man.

Where Did He Get It?

(Dundas Banner.)
Mr. Gernsey says Mr. Smith could not get credit for a postage stamp. That was his rating, too, when he first became notorious five years ago. Now in financial circles he is rated at \$100,000. Again we ask, where did the money come from?

Mr. Hanna's Mistake.

(Christian Guardian.)

Hon. J. W. Hanna, Provincial Secretary of Ontario, is, we believe, a Methodist. And being a Methodist, of course, he is what is commonly called a good Methodist. But like some other good Methodists, apparently he does not know as much about his church as he should, and is not as careful a reader of its discipline and rules as he might be. Last week, in the debate in the Legislature over the three-fifths clause of the liquor bill, he sought to justify that one-sided arrangement by a reference to the methods of certain church courts. The impression that Mr. Hanna evidently tried to give was that nearly every matter brought before a church court required either a three-fifths or a three-fourths vote to settle it. Even if a Methodist minister, he told the House, disgraced himself and his church, he could not be removed without a three-fourths vote. This will certainly be news to many. The fact of the matter is that a bare majority is effective in the Methodist Church in every question, save when it is sought to change or modify the constitution of the church. To make his illustration of any effect whatever Mr. Hanna would have to admit that the liquor traffic was a part of the constitution of the province,

that could not be touched save by a preponderating vote of the people. And, being a good Methodist, he would hardly admit that.

Glimpse of Chinese Life.

(Springfield, Mass., Union.)
Athol, Mass.—Tired of relating the story of his trip to China, G. W. Lee, a Christian Chinese, has had typewritten an account of his experience in the Orient, and has it on a table in his laundry for the use of his customers. It says in part:

"I left Athol eighteen months ago, and went from here to Montreal, from there I went to Vancouver, where I took the boat 'C. P. R.' bound for Hong Kong. I arrived there after a trip of eighteen days, and then I started for my home in Summing, about a day and one-half's distant. I telephoned to my mother, from Hong Kong, so that she met me. My mother owns an old-fashioned house of four rooms, and my brother lives with her. My brother makes a business of raising sheep. He has about 150.

"My father died about four years ago and left \$3,000 to me, which my mother had kept and gave me soon after I reached home. My father also left me a large farm and about 150 sheep. I took some of my money and built a house of ten rooms on this farm. The house is built of green brick with red roof. The floors are made of the same material the bricks are composed of.

"Ten days after my arrival home I was married to May See, a young woman of 23 years of age, that my mother had selected as bride for me. We moved into the new house and I hired a young girl to take care of my wife.

"The marriage was observed similarly to an American ceremony. It may be interesting to my friends to know that the usual amount of rice, eggs, Chinese fruits, and candies that accompany services of this kind in China followed my ceremony. We had two big dinners in

of the event, forty persons being present at one and eighty at the next. We took a short wedding trip and then commenced housekeeping. My wife was attended by ten girls, and ten boys looked after the house. My wife was beautifully dressed and I wore my best clothes.

"One night a heavy windstorm came and blew down a large number of trees and took the top of my new house off, which cost me \$200 to repair. While I was at home I spent much time in the mountains helping my brother care for his sheep. 'Now I am gone he will care for my sheep and look after things generally. I think China is advancing in many ways and will continue to do so. There is particularly friendly feeling with the United States, and while in former times great efforts were made to drive out the missionaries, we now want them to remain, and are willing to try and extend inducements to them to stay with us.

"I am much pleased to be back in Athol, where I have so many friends." The First Baptist Church here has voted to take two more Chinese into membership.

Making Sealskins.

How many of the fair wearers of sealskin know how this fur is prepared? In the skin of a dog or cat it will be found that at the roots of the longer, coarser hair there are fine, short hairs, called "under fur."

In most animals these hairs are so few that they are usually overlooked. Not so with sealskin. The skin after going through various processes to cleanse it of grease, etc., is stretched flat with the flesh side uppermost. A flat knife is then passed over it, thinning the skin considerably.

In doing this it loosens the roots of the longer hairs, which are more deeply embedded than those of the under fur. The rough hairs are thus got rid of

Danger to Fordwyck's Ducking Stool.

The pretty Kentish village of Fordwyck, near Canterbury, is in danger of losing its ducking stool, for which a large price has been offered by a transatlantic millionaire. This is one of the very few remaining examples left in England of the instrument formerly designed for the punishment of scolding or otherwise unsatisfactory wives. This distinction, of course, it shared with the now similarly rare scold's bridle. It is said, by the way, that the ducking stool at Fordwyck was even used in the punishment of so-called witches, after the barbarous fashion of those times. —The Westminster Gazette.

Grass to Save England's Coast.

Giving evidence before the Coast Erosion Commission yesterday, Mr. Otto Stapf described the Reclamation work performed by Spartina grasses, which, he said, spread by underground shoots and seed, which was dispersed by tides and currents, and presided by water birds. Certain forms established themselves easily, and the roots and bases of the dense clumps erected, filled the mud, and when they occurred in dense patches, they formed a protecting belt for the shore or bank behind the sea—London Graphic.

C. Cameron, R. A., who was elected to the vacant seat in the House of Commons, has been accepted.