

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THE SESSION OPENS.

The Dominion Parliament assembles this afternoon, and Ottawa society will enjoy its annual opportunity to exhibit its new millinery. The session now begun will probably be an important one; it may be one of considerable length—how long depends largely on whether the Opposition will facilitate the despatch of business or will set itself about the work of obstruction.

There is a great deal of very important business to come before the House. A few of the outstanding items are: The question of naval defence; the progress of the National Transcontinental Railway; the insurance measure; the revision of the banking act; Intercolonial Railway policy; the French treaty; and the amendment of the criminal code so as to effectually deal with gambling and bookmaking.

One of the early questions to come before the House will be Canada's share in naval defence. The measure to be submitted to Parliament will, of course, be founded upon the policy approved by the Defence Conference, and passed upon by the British Admiralty. It will be for the Canadian Parliament, of course, to say whether that policy shall be adopted, or not. There have been divergent expressions of opinion from some of the Opposition leaders, but perhaps when the details of the policy are presented, with the reasons therefor, Parliament may be enabled to give it unanimous support, as was done with the defence resolution submitted to the House in March last. In any event, it is to be hoped that discussion on the matter will be conducted with an appreciation of the fact that the attitude of Parliament in the matter is hardly of secondary importance to the nature of the defence policy to be adopted.

THE LATEST CROAK.

The Herald now puts forward the plea that if the safeguarding clauses, exempting Hamilton from the monopoly provision of the Hydro contract, are put into the agreement with the city for 1909, horse-power, "the city would never, under the special contract, be able to obtain additional power, to be used for competitive purposes, at as low a rate as the co-operating municipalities will get their power, because this city will be cut off from the benefits derived from co-operation."

That is a very absurd contention. One of the clauses for which the aldermen are fighting is to secure to Hamilton the benefit of her greater proximity to the source of power supply.

The Commission admits that we should profit by our increased taking of power. Of course every other contracting municipality would profit by its increased takings. We should not profit by theirs, nor they by ours, in such an arrangement. There remains, then, nothing of the organ's co-operation plea.

Again, Hamilton has a contract with the Cataract Company guaranteeing us power 10 per cent. cheaper than the Hydro power, no matter how cheap that may be.

But the Hydromaniac organ wails that that power is to be for corporation uses only. Very well; what of that? Can we not use the Cataract power contracted for, for the corporation's uses? That would leave the power to be furnished by the Commission free for any other use. And if the ratepayers ever become so obsessed that they will want to pay away uselessly 10 per cent. more for power from the Hydro-Electric Commission than the home concern's price, we may be very sure that the Commission will not refuse to furnish it. This Commission's rule may not be "for ever."

The Herald's desperation makes it ridiculous.

A FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITY.

Will the universal public condemnation of the brutal tactics which were practised in last Saturday's football game at the cricket grounds open the eyes of athletic organizations and controlling associations, and of players as well, and bring about a much-needed reform in sport? While such scenes as were enacted in the Tiger-Ottawa game are allowed to go on it cannot be wondered at if fair-minded people, including those who love clean athletics draw the conclusion, and proclaim it to the world, that such exhibitions are brutalizing to those who take part in them and degrading to those who watch them. A fair-minded citizen of Hamilton, who, in his day was a participant in many an outdoor sport, made this remark, after the game in question:

"I studied the faces and watched the actions of the people in the grand stands and drew the conclusion that a very large proportion of them were so worked up over the foul tactics introduced that they were in a mood to exercise violence upon the most glaring offenders."

Surely this is not the spirit which sport should engender in spectators. Surely if such a spirit is engendered, there is something radically wrong with the sport itself, or with the way it is conducted. Far be it from us to say anything in condemnation of the fine old game of Rugby. At it many of Hamilton's best sons of past and present times have won honors for themselves and fame for their city. They have given Hamilton a reputation for clean sport and it is now in order for them to throw the weight of their influence in favor of the suppression of "dirty work" in the game. No time should be lost in showing the world that this

most popular game can and must be played free from such gross abuses as were seen last week.

Next Saturday, in Toronto, Hamilton Tigers and Toronto Argonauts will meet in the final game of the regular series. Both teams and the larger clubs which they represent are widely famed for clean sport. They have it in their power to set an example of which the makers and administrators of football laws will be bound to take notice. There is not a man on either team who does not know the game to perfection, and not one but can play it for all that is in him without transgressing the rules of decency and humanity. The opportunity is one of which every player, every club official, and every game official should take the fullest advantage, and thereby redeem the game and show the public where the blame belongs.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now is the time to plant Christmas ads, if you would reap a large crop of dollars.

After all, it is "almost human" for a cop to prefer walking with a good-looking girl to stepping it alone.

Major-General French tells the "folks at home" that only men willing to work are wanted in Canada. French is a trustworthy adviser.

The Steel Trust has just increased its employees' wages 10 per cent. The recording angel will probably make an entry on the credit side of its account.

That French murder trial is a genuine case of the "third degree," with the judge legally installed as inquisitor-general. And Mme. Steinhil seems to be a pretty tough subject.

The man or woman who can spare the money now will make a handsome profit and avoid much inconvenience later on by doing Christmas shopping before the December rush begins. Secure the pick of the stocks.

Owing to a hurricane on the Canadian coast, communication with Jamaica has been interrupted for about five days. It was known that the island was in the grasp of a storm, and it is feared that it may have suffered great damage.

But it is very much to be regretted that last year's Council loaded up that agreement with so many onerous conditions that the street railway people were not able to make arrangements to add to the mileage of their tracks.

A Michigan man has obtained a judgment for \$700 against a man who shot him in mistake for a deer. The wounded man does not appear to have thought that true sportsmanship required him to accept his injuries as a part of the game.

The North West Liberal heartily approve of the idea of a Provincial convention of the party, and propose to hold meetings throughout the riding to discuss platform issues. The plan is a good one. Liberalism stands to gain by it.

The lives of "tall, fine-looking policemen" can hardly be happy, if they are to be disciplined every time they are courteous to fascinating young women who ask for information. It's a sad world, my masters! No foaming ale! No pretty maid!

The Trade and Commerce reports show that from 1898 to 1908 Canada led the world, with the exception of Argentina, in comparative increase in trade. In the previous decade, Canada was third. This is a great country with a good trade policy.

The year 1908 would seem to have been an unusually healthy one. The total number of deaths registered in the United States for the year was 691,574, making the death rate 15.4 per thousand of the estimated population. This is a considerable decrease from former years.

Well, does anybody think Hon. John S. Hendrie is standing "with his back to the wall," fighting his fellow Ministers and commissioners in the interests of Hamilton? Do you see any indications of his success in such a fight in the dealings of the Power Commission with Hamilton?

Talk about the days of witchcraft being over! If that story of Mrs. Babcock about Mrs. Stetson trying to "mentally assassinate" her is not the product of a diseased mind, belief in witchcraft is due to have a revival. And this is the twentieth century, and the schoolmaster is abroad!

There are about 150 names on the Indian list in Toronto, and it appears to have been as much of a farce there as in Hamilton. Now the license commissioners are making up, and say that a real enforcement of the act will be attempted. Inspector Sturdy's attention is called to this matter; perhaps he may get some hints from Toronto.

The Tokio Keizai, in a lengthy article, presents an argument and voluminous statistical tables to prove that the large sums spent by Japan in the last ten years in subsidizing shipping have not resulted in the success of the industry. It even points out that the advantages of the subsidies go to foreigners as "the bulk of the cargo carried by these subsidized lines neither leaves nor enters Japan."

The Herald still protests against the aldermen insisting on having those

clauses inserted in the Hydro-Electric contract which are so necessary to protect the interests of the city. But it evidently fears that the Commission will insert them, for it says: "And has the Government Commission such reason to be grateful to Mayor McLaren that it should provide him with something soft to fall on?" Did anyone ever see such a discreditable exhibition of unfealty to one's own city?

Great Britain, France and the United States have arrived at an agreement upon a unit of candlepower of luminosity which will be recognized as the international standard. The French unit of 1-20th of the violet or mottled platinum standard has been adopted. This necessitates but slight change in the British standard, but the American standard will be reduced 1-6 per cent., a decrease in luminosity which will be noticeable to only trained observers with the most delicate of instruments.

According to the United States Army and Navy Journal the increased draught of the new battleships of the Dreadnought type will involve Uncle Sam in an enormous expense for improved naval bases and dry docks. It points out that with her full load displacement, the Utah draws 30 feet of water. In event of damage which would cause leakage, she might easily require 35 or 36 feet. Such a draught would shut her out of all the dry docks in the United States. This competition in battleship building furnishes many embarrassments.

Mr. Calvert's last majority in West Middlesex was 12. Yesterday Mr. Duncan C. Ross, son of Hon. Geo. W. Ross, was elected by 155 majority. A great effort was made by the Tories to win the constituency, the Opposition leader and a number of his lieutenants entering the fight on behalf of the Opposition candidates, and the organs and speakers attempting a diversion by raising the cry that the Liberals were opposing the entrance of a farmer into Parliament. The Mail and Empire even devoted editorials to arguing that Mr. Ross' candidature was in the nature of an "insult" to the farming community. West Middlesex farmers are not so simple as to be deceived by such guile. In the result of the West Middlesex election there is no evidence of the reaction against Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government, which Tory speakers and organs would have us believe is taking place in this country.

Our Exchanges

ALSO THE GLAD HAND.

(London Free Press.)

The glad smile and the handshake were powerful influences in Stratford yesterday. Here's a lesson for gloomy politicians.

OUR NAVAL POLICY.

(London Advertiser.)

There are two alternatives to a Canadian-built navy. We can pay tribute to the mother country, or rely upon the Monroe doctrine.

DISCRIMINATING BOSTON.

(Boston Herald.)

Boston's careful discrimination in literary matters is revealed by a sign displayed not more than half a mile from the public library: "Books and novels sold here."

ALSO THERE'S SOME BLUFFING.

(Boston Transcript.)

He—Love is like a game of poker. She—How so?

He—A man may want a hand he can't get.

GOT IT WRONG.

(Toronto Star.)

The young men who said "Hello, Kid" to some young ladies were rightfully punished, not only for impudence, but for inaccuracy. The proper form is "O You Kid!"

THE CHURCH'S WORK.

(Toronto News.)

Every church congregation in every community should shoulder its share of the burden of uplifting the poor and the vicious, and provide avenues for individual effort.

A PAPER WAR.

(Guelph Herald.)

President Gompers and Vice-President Mitchell may pay Hamilton a visit—an opportunity not to be missed to allow them to mediate in the newspaper war which is waging there.

WAS JIM EXAMINED?

(Grimby Independent.)

I think that there should be a commission to examine every man and every woman who applies for a marriage license and if they cannot come up to the standard the license should be refused.

NOT PARTICULAR.

(London Globe.)

An absent-minded gentleman, whose absent-mindedness was always present, put down a sovereign at the booking office at Charing Cross, and demanded a ticket.

MRS. PANKHURST.

(Toronto Telegram.)

After the Canadian Club has listened to Mrs. Pankhurst its members may understand the grievances that inspire the ferocity of the woman suffrage movement in England. A true Canadian club should study every movement and listen even to advocates of "forlorn hopes and lost causes."

AGAIN WALLOWING IN THE MIRE.

(Montreal Star.)

The white-robed spirit of Reform, in whose name the spectacular cleansing of San Francisco's truly Augean stables was undertaken some three years ago, has been very decisively relegated to the limbo of discarded ideas by the free and independent voters of that American metropolis whose preference for flesh-pots

FRIDAY SHEA'S BARGAIN DAY

Bargains That Mean Savings in Every-Day Needs

Coats, Suits, Skirts, Linens, Waists, Corsets, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Dress Goods, Cottons and Flannels all come under this bargain knife. Your share awaits you here to-morrow. Premium Tickets, too.

Women's Skirts \$1.39, Worth \$2.50

Made of good tweeds and plain cloths. Good \$2.50 value. Dark colors.

Women's Suits \$4.95, Worth \$10

Made of Venetian cloths. Worth \$10.00. Black and Navys only. Good range of sizes. Skirts alone worth more than the price of the whole suit.

Two Grand Coat Bargains

Women's Coats at \$2.95 Women's Coats at \$6
Made of good warm cloth; dark and light colors. Coats worth \$5 to \$7.50. Good sizes. Blacks and good colors. Good warm well wearing Tweeds, \$8 and \$10 values anywhere.

Children's Ulsters, Worth \$3.50, \$1.95

Made of splendid quality of warm well-wearing cloths. Good dark and light colors. Worth \$3.50. 2 to 5 year sizes.

Women's Silk and Net Waists, \$2.25, Worth \$4.00 to \$5.00

Traveller's samples, blacks, colors and cream Taffeta Silks and splendid laces and nets. \$4.00 to \$5.00 anywhere. All good condition.

Women's Waists at 50c, Worth \$1 and \$1.25

Made of good heavy cotton materials in winter weights, good dark colors, \$1 to \$1.25 values. All sizes.

White Lawn Waists \$1.29 Worth \$2.50

Beautiful Lawns, beautifully trimmed, full \$2 and \$2.50 value. Sizes 38, 40, 42 and 44 only.

Women's Underwear 50c, Worth 75c

Nearly all wool; good fine 75c quality; natural; an unusual bargain.

Women's Kid Gloves 50c, Blacks, Tans and Greys, Worth 75c

Children's Mitts 15c Cardinal, black and white, regular 25c value.

Bargain in Sash & Togue Sets

Mitts, Sash and Togue, cardinal and scarlet, \$1.50 sets for 75c; \$1.00 sets for 50c.

All Wool Sashes 15c and 19c

All wool Sashes, white, cardinal and navy, worth 25 to 35c, a limited quantity only.

Corset Sale A WONDER

We set out to sell 1000 pairs in seven days, and we're going to do it. Corsets worth \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50, white, grey and black, with and without hose supporters, a dozen different models, all go at one price, per pair

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