A PERILOUS SITUATION. Many times within the last two years been our duty to point out to the public of Hamilton the great danger o which the city was exposed by the deliberate refusal of the Council to prode the increased waterworks pumping apacity necessary to the efficient water vice and fire protection of the comnunity. It has been known to ever ber of the council, every public of ficial, and every citizen who took an interest in municipal affairs, that water season, had reached the danger limit; that the waterworks pumps were worked to their capacity, and that there was no margin of safety in event of as-

In the face of these well-known facts, with ample opportunity measures to ensure a plentiful supply water, a majority of the council has, from time to time, put off its manifest duty and left the city exposed at any time to overwhelming disaster.

Why this criminal negligence-worse, erate courting of disaster? The exlanation is simple. THE MAJORITY HAS BEEN WORKING FOR OTHER ENDS THAN THE BENEFIT OF THE

Elected and sworn to the interests of the city, a number of the aldermen have been mere tools in the hands of those who sought to subserve the interests of the people of Hamilton to those of the Hydro-Electric scheme. To that desire, and to that alone, is due the position of peril in which the city finds itself

For years the possibility of such a situation as now presents itself has been before the council. The aldermen have appreciated the necessity for prompt They obtained from the people the authority to spend the money necessary for an electrical pumping plant ey are on record as being impressed with the urgency of the situation. More than a year ago the council rejected a proposition by the local power company to put in an electrical pumping plant free of cost to the city and for the same amount of money as it costs us to pump our present supply, to increase the am ount by 50 per cent.; and at the end of b years present the plant free of charge to the corporation.

Such an arrangement would seem to be a most favorable one for the corporation. It was not made, however Why? The influences at work on behalf of the Hydro-Electric scheme prevented. The matter was delayed from time to time by the Hydro obstructionists in the council and their hired agents and organs without. Last year the council entered into a contract on practically its own terms with the Cataract Power Company for a supply of power for, among ther things, this very pumping service. The motors for the pumps, however, were not ordered; the Hydro ring/ eded in preventing that by its pol icy of obstruction. Useless to point out to it that the delay might be disastrous to the city. What did it care for the eity? It was earning its dole by serving the anti-Hamilton Hydro inter ests; it was after the ratepayers' money.
and the city might burn could it but get it. It set up a "stool pigeon" to attack the contract in the courts. That suit was dismissed with costs, but still the pumps were not ordered. At any time since July 18, 1908, power for the electric pumps at not over \$16 a horsepower has been ready; that the motors nd pumps have not been ready is due to the effort to commit Hamilton to the dearer power of the Hydro scheme.

Now, with a broken shaft at the pump ing house, which may take eks to repair, Hamilton finds itself in the period of great water consumpwith a pumping capacity, long on the danger limit, reduced by about or third, and compelled to appeal to her people for water-famine methods of economy! Let us hope that there will be sion to test the reduced capacity dro advocates it has been so shamefully ed to danger. Should calamity overtake us while thus criminally exposed to peril, what could the men who have caused the procastination say by ed the procastination say by way of excuse for their conduct?

### THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

been made, but it deals only with the courses of study of the first year, no programme for the second and third outside the city just now? subjects of the first year are: English, arithmetic, algebra, physics, drawing, oodworking, electricity, forging, machine shop practice. These studies regular students will be required to The teaching will naturally be ade of as practical a character as possible. It would have been desirable to have had a definite outline of the entire ould undoubtedly have attracted stuents, but the Board of Education could decide on such a programme un il the Provincial Education Department nas decided on a policy into which the ocal school would fit. The first year's ork appears to have been laid out with ect of making it as generally adaptable as possible to whatever cur m the department may decide up on for technical education. It is a cas g the lead, and the city, by its enter hands of the somewhat slow-moving

and undecided Education Department. Besides the regular course, provision meet the needs of apprentices, journey-men and others employed in the day-time. These will be taught on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. The subjects of study range from carpentry to plane trigonometry, printing, plumbing, dressmaking and millinery. The fees for the evening classes will be \$1

month for residents and \$5 a month or non-residents. The fees for the day classes in the regular course are \$1 a month for residents and \$3 a month for

### THE EMPIRE'S PERIL.

The Winnipeg Telegram is not satisfied with the defence policy which has been agreed to by the British Government and the representatives of Canada Australia and New Zealand at the Depolicy as one of "contemptible particuappropriate fruits in the disruption of the British Empire." The organ works itself up into such a state of fury that it describes Canada's part in the Conthat a bigger dog is protecting." Surely the situation must be serious; but there is hope as long as the Winnipeg Tory organ remains true blue. As the Winipeg Free Press puts it:

The British Empire is thus to be regarded as being in deadly peril of disruption on account of the dastardly conduct of a yellow dog named Canada and two other yellow dogs at the antipodes known as Australia and New Zealand, respectively, and as being held together precariously mainly by the together precariously mainly by the desperate work of the Winnipeg Conservative organ.

### WHERE BORDEN IS RIGHT.

In his Dominion Day speech in Londay, Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, speaking of the defence reso ution unanimously passed by the Dominion House, said:

The resolution in the form in which was passed, while its terms might not It was passed, while its terms might not upon their surface seem as significant at the moment as the offer of one or two Dreadnoughts would have been, laid down a permanent policy for the Dominion of Canada upon which both parties united and which would serve a more practical purpose than any such offer of Dreadnoughts.

Mr. Borden should have a care, or he will render himself subject to the misrepresentation and abuse which certain organs of his party are visiting on Sir Wilfrid for adopting just such a view. We have in Canada a few examples of small and insincere men who are always eager to appear "more loval than the King," and only the strongest party reasons can prevent them from charging Mr. Borden with being lacking in self-respect, and with a desire to sponge upon the Mother Country.

titude and utterances on the subject, which were exactly in harmony with the resolution of the Commons, do him Even if the super-loyal organs attack him on that ground, he has no reason for fear. The facts of the situation, time and the good sense of the British people throughout the world, all work for his vindication.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

York is \$7,250:500,559. Of this sum, \$6,807,179,704 represents real estate.

the county ordinance as to speeding will ment." bring them to grief. Remember the 15miles-an-hour limit.

It might interest some of our United States exchanges which announce pellagra as "a new disease" to grapple with, to know that it is fully dealt with in Wood's Practice of Medicine, printed in 1868, and is known to every student of medicine for thirty years. It is not a

There is a movement on foot in Tooronto to induce the Ontario government as a site for the Hydro-Electric transspared the disaster of a great fire at former station for that city. Is this a scheme to tax the people of the Prov

> But perhaps some of the transportarender attractive a park at Oaklands. for them. Just why the taxes of the while parks at home are needed, is not very clear. By the way, what interests

According to Col. Denison, the sale restaurateurs is perfectly legal. He yesterday dismissed a case of this kind, remarking that it was "a part of the man's business which is permitted by the law." According to his view, it fol lows that the business which the reg-ular cigar trade is prohibited on Sun ourse presented to the public, as such day becomes on that day a monopoly of the restaurateurs and hotelkeepers.

fect of impressing on the foreign ele-ment the wisdom of showing respect for that order which Canadian law requires of all the people. In this country there is no excuse for resort to violence; and no man should be allowed to take the law into his own hands.

To read the reports sent out by the Hydro touters to the Toronto press one might suppose that the negotiations of the council with the local power company led to the delay in getting in breased pumping capacity. That is, of course, a most preposterous suggestion. The Hydro power is not yet available, yet. For any danger which threatens the city, we may blame the Hydro ad-

Let no housewife be misled into put preserve it as fresh." All such chemi cals are deleterious. Pause and reflect Digestion is radically a process of fer-mentation. The object of the addition of these chemicals is to kill all germs which causes fermentation, and, natur ally, make the food product less digesti With well-cleaned fruit jars which chemicals are as unnecessary to the to those who eat it.

As was to be expected, Mr. R. S. Morris, plaintiff in the injunction case against the city, has not been drawn out by the city's request for "more particulars" of the charges made. But that hardly justifies a local contemporary in deciding, off-hand, that "the charges "nothing to back up accusation of crookedness in the power plebiscite." Indeed such a statement as to a case before the court, as yet untried, is extremely proper and renders the maker liable to be dealt with. And very properly so.

The United States bleached flour manufacturers are busily engaged in trying to excuse their work. They say it is not deception; but in the end their argument, if it proves anything, proves that their object is to make their flou look like the article that does not need to be bleached. They plead that bleached but the fact re mains that by the bleaching process a part of the wheat is worked off on th consumer which but for that process could not be sold as flour of the standard quality.

If the parents of the children who are training for penitentiary by raiding lot where there happens to be fruit trees or vines do not wish them to be cut off early in their careers, they should caution them against stealing and eating unripe fruit, which knock down and carry away. In some uptown instances girls accompany th boys, carrying baskets. Of course those whose gardens are pillaged and destroy ed can hardly be expected to hope the young thieves will not have the stomac

Warden Gage's awards in the case of the farmers whose cases have been given to the public, go to show that the Hydro Commission agents were treating them very hardly in the matter of remunera tion for privileges for transmission line through their properties. What the government ought in fairness to insist upo is that the farmers who were "scared" or 'induced' by the earlier methods adopted, to part with their rights for unfairly small price, be all dealt with fairly. They should not suffer be cause they were scared by high-handed canny" in Wentworth or disrespect of methods out of "fighting the govern

> What of the "American invasion" of the British shoe markets, of which we heard such dolorous wails a few years ago? A United States contemporary says many of the big United States con cerns which launched out to "smash the English shoe trade" have lost immens sums of money. The sales of American shoes this year in England prove to be most disappointing. In only two cities, London and Birmingham, are the Americans holding their trade. Not only have the British adopted shoe-making machines for the half sizes and odd widths, but they have greatly improved on the United States machinery. John Bull has not been hurt by the stirring up.

The raising by John A. Murray, of power of the Ontario government to deal with franchises affecting Niagara River, brings up a question which has been frequently referred to by the Times. The Niagara is an international stream and, as such, naturally comes under ties. The establishment of such a contention might or might not have important results on the contracts made under the Provincial laws, particularly upon the Hydro-Electric contract with the Ontario Power Company. A constitutional question of considerable importance remains to be decided, but whether this writ will lead to its solu tion is yet to be discovered.

### A LOT OF SCOUNDRELS.

' (N. Y. Sun.) One thing, however, has been clearly brought out in the inquiry, irrespective of the question of responsibility for Lieutenant Sutton's death. There was a state of society in the circle of officers september wheat prices in Chicago yesterday remained at 73%, 33% cents higher than on the same day last year. There was a fall of 1½ pence in Liverpool. There is nothing in the present situation of the market to lead to the expectation of any successful bull movement; but fair prices for the great crop seem to be assured.

Central Prison sentences of 7 to 9 months on four of the Fort William strike rioters will probably have the ef-

## Friday Brings Bargains from **Every Department**

\$2.50 Children's Gingham School Dresses \$1.19 Half price Friday for your daughter's School Dress, and just a few more lays before the re-opening, and they will surely need one. They are stripe singhams, in blue, grey, green and tan, sailor and Princess style, with pique trappings and belt; sizes 3 to 14 years; serviceable washing and wearing qualties; regularly \$2.50, Friday bargain ...\$1.19

great clearing of Women's White vn Blouses, in fine Swiss embroid-and lace yokes, long sleeves. Pret-new styles, that have been mussed

\$1.50 Dressing Sacques

Women's White Lawn and Colored Cay and lace yokes, long sleeves. Pretty new styles, that have been mussed or soiled, also regular stocks. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.75, Friday bargain . 79c

### \$4.00 and \$4.50 Silk Blouses Friday at \$1.39

## 35, 40e Short Sum- 21/20 25e Children's School 50 Hose, Friday 50

Women's Taffeta Lisle Gloves, in cream, white and navy, also pure silk, in black only, two dome and jersey wrist styles, 6 and 6½; to 40c, Friday hargain.

50, 65e Lisle Gloves 19o 

### Two Notion Bargains

## Children's Rock Ribb Cotton Scho

Hose, in tan, black or white, double knees and feet, plain and ribb makes; hardwearing desirable hose for school wear; regular 25c, Friday bargain 15c

### \$1.25 Foulard Silks 69c

Stylish Foulard Silks, in wistaria tan, navy, brown and blue; neat fancy exclusive patterns; 25 inch; satin fin ish; regular \$1.25, Friday bargain 69

## Goods, Friday at 69c

## Extra! \$1.50 Linen Table Cloths at 98c

### \$1.75 Damask Cloths \$1.19 | 18c Victoria Lawn 91/2c

Bleached Satin Damask Table Cloths in pretty floral designs, with border on four sides, full 2x2½ yards; about 12 only to clear; regular \$1.75, Friday....\$1.19

### 19 to 30c Wash Goods, Clearing Friday at 121/2c

An end of the season clearing that brings the greatest savings of the year. Description would be next to impossible with such a variety of Scotch Ginghams, Chambrays, Muslins, Zephyrs, American Crepes, Suitings, Batistee etc. All colors, patterns, etc. Best washing and wearing qualities for children's school dresses. Regular 19, 25 and 30c, Friday bargain 12½

# FINCH BROS., 29 and 31 King St. West

## Our Exchanges

JIM LIES AGAIN Not at all!-You rob the baby's bank all right, but you don't pay the chauf-

(London Free Press.) However, there are politicians in Can-ada who have gone higher into the air than any of the aviators at Rheims.

BY ONE OF THEM.

(Kingston Standard.) The Hamilton Times and the Hamilton Spectator have been called plain liars by the Grimsby Independent. Who threw that brick?

REALISTIC MUSIC.

(Fliegende Blaetter.) Critic (as the composer plays his last iece)—Very fine. But what is that pasage which makes the cold chills run own the back?"

Composer—That is where the wander er has the hotel bill brought to him.

BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

(Washington Star.) "Sometimes our disappointments come to be recognized as blessings," said the ready made philosopher.
"That's a fact," answered the flippant person. "It's always a sweet relief to me to discover in the morning that I forgot to wind the alarm clock."

THERE BEING A DISTINCTION.
(Chicago Tribune.)

"You're not as young as you used to be, Miss Wellup," urged the gray haired bachelor, wiping his perspiring brow. "Don't you think you'd better reconsid-er? I'm your last chance."
"Not at all, Mr. Faralong," said the mature but still comely maiden. "You are merely my latest chance."

NEARLY EVERY MINUTE. (Chicago Record-Herald.)

"Did you enjoy your trip to Califor-nia" asked Mrs. Oldeastle. "Oh, yes. lots," replied her hostess, as she flecked a bit of dust from a book she fleeked a bit of dust from a book that had cost \$30 and had never been opened, "both Josiah and me enjoyed nearly every minute, although I was a good deal affected by the pulchritude goin' over the mountains."

this minute."

"And does she know your answer?"

"She does. She is wishing I would hurry along that hundred she wrote for and she knows I'm worrying about where the cash is coming from."

Rockliffe, the proprietor has painted a sign: "Twenty years in business, and nobody can ever say I did a mean or anfriendly act."

The man who painted the sign believes it true. It is true, if he painted it in all sincerity. The fact that he painted it at all indicates that he values his record, even though it be self estimated. How many of us could paint a sign of like character with the same confidence and assurance as this 75c, to clear, per yard ..... 25c same confidence and assurance as this illiterate individual?

DON'T ARGUE WITH THE POLICE-MAN.

MAN.
(Toronto Star.)

The citizen is badly advised who gets into a dispute with a policeman. If he tells you to move on-move. If he tells you to shut up—shut. If he calls you hard names—listen. It is very seldom that a man who is minding his own business will, through some kind of error, attract the notice of a policeman, but should it happen, it were better to show open contempt for a judge of the Supreme Court with his wig on than resist even with the flutter of an eyelid a Toronto policeman in search of a cell-filler.

### THAT LOTTERY

(Montreal Witness.)

Sir Thomas did not question the good intentions of the Council, nor cast a doubt upon its method of disposing of the money obtained by lotteries. Nor does it matter whether it considers itself within the law. The point at issue is whether the raising of money by such means is morally right? Can the object of providing a benevolent fund make it right to promote the blight of gambling among the membership? Admitting that raffles and lotteries are schemes long sanctified by pharisic niety for the you. among the memorship? Admitting that raffles and lotteries are schemes long sanctified by pharisaic piety for the promotion of charitable and church objects, no one has ever ventured to defend them on moral grounds. Of late such games have fallen into disrepute and are not practised as much as they used to be. People are beginning to see that there is something the reverse of praiseworthy in being induced to give aid to charity on condition of receiving a chance of a prize. The act of giving loses all its merit when made the excuss for participating in a seductive vice though appeals made in that way to open reductant purses may be a conopen reductant purses may be a cession to a latent human instinct.

### OUR MARKETS. To the Editor of the Times:

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The resolution to continue the funeragood deal affected by the pulchritude goin' aver the mountains."

THE FLAC.

(Toronto Globe.)

It is safe now, and it would be highly beneficial, were the leading newspapers of the Union to teach with great plainness of speech the whole body of their people to play the part of a great nation, now that they have taken their place in the front rank. The use of the flag is a little thing, but it is enough to show the blood and the breeding.

PSYCHOLOGY.

(Washington Star.)

"So you believe in telepathy?"

"Yes." answered Mr. Meekton.

"Though Henrietta is miles away I can tell exactly what she is thinking about this minute."

"And does she know your answer?"

"And does

SHEA'S Bargain Day

# Our Summer Clearing Sale

The last Friday bargain day of August, it will be a hummer. The clerk of the weather says plenty of hot weather yet, might as well have new garments to enjoy it in when you get them at half price and less than half price—Save Your Premium Tickets.

## Our Mantle Department **Bargains**

Muslin Dresses and Summer Skirts \$1.49

A large table of Women's Muslin and Lawn and Chambray Wash Dresses, white and colored, worth \$5.00 to \$6.50, and Light Weight Wool Dress Skirts, plain and striped, worth \$3.00 to \$5.00, all go at \$1.49 one price Friday, Bargain Day, per suit or skirt, each . . . \$1.49

### Wash Suits, Fall Coats, Dress Skirts \$2.95

A large table of elegant Long Coat Wash Suits, white and colored, worth \$10.00 to \$12.00. A quantity of neat Fall Coats, \$5.00 to \$7.50. Some swell White Serge and Panama Skirts, \$5.00 to \$6.50. On Friday they all go at one price, suit, coat or skirt, ea

# 90-Minute Sale

10 O'CLOCK TO 11.30

Sharp at 10 o'clock Friday morning, for 90 minutes, we put on sale, with a few exceptions, our entire stock of Muslins and Wash Goods, Muslins, Organdies, Linens, Mulls, Ducks, etc., etc., 200 goods that sell regularly for 20 to 50c, from 10 o'clock to 11.30 you can get all you want of it for, per yard.

Corset Sale Will be in Full Swing Half Price and Less 39c 99c

## Staple Dept. **Bargains**

Mill ends of fine White Saxony Flannelette, worth 15c, for 91/20 Mill ends of Roller and Tea Towelling, 121/2c, for .... 7 1/2c

Factory Cotton, worth 71/2 and 8c to clear at .... . Mill ends of Table Linen, in 34 to 11/2 yard lengths; worth 50c and

Table Linen, pure flax, 72 inches wide; worth \$1, Bargain Day ... .... 721/20

Turkish Bath Towels, worth 18c, Bargain Day .... 111/2c

The resolution to continue the funeral benefits of \$50 to members paying sick and funeral benefits at seventy years of age, also to allow such members of age, also to allow such members are the seventy members.

**Muslins and Prints** 

at 7½C
A quantity of Muslins and Prints,
worth from 1234 to 18c, on sale to
clear Bargain Day per yard 736

## Women's Underskirts

59c

Black and Colored Moreen and Sateen Underskirts, good full makes and all sizes, worth 90c to \$1.00, on sale Bargain Day . . . 59c

White Lawn Dress Skirts 75c

Made of fine white Victoria lawn, plain gored and perfect fitting, worth \$1.50, Bargain Day .. 75c

## Lawn and Vesting

Waists 69c Made of splendid lawns, mulis and linens, a great variety of styles, some a little mussed, worth \$1.25 to \$2.00, all at one price Bargain

## the backbone of any city in more ways than one, it is well to encourage its welfare, as I'm sure under present conditions many are compelled to ship their products rather than risk taking it to NORTH SIDE.

Annual Picnic of the Beach Sunday School Yesterday. But perhaps someone better acquainted with the state of affairs may have some thing to say on the subject.—A Stranger The ninth annual picnic of the North Side Beach Sunday School was held at the tent between stations I. O F. 26 and 28 vesterday afternoon and a

Wm. McAndrew, High Treasurer, Defeated by London Man.

Chatham, Ont., Aug. 26.— The High Court of Ontario, I. O. F., concluded its session this afternoon with the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: High Chief Ranger, Dean Davis, London: Vice-High Chief Ranger, George W. Wands, Chatham; High Secretary, Dr. W. A. Henderson, Sarnia; High Treasurer, John H. Hambly, London; High Counsellor, John Porter, Simcoe; High Physician, Dr. P. M. Brown, Camlachie; High Auditors, John Laughton, Park.

Married women nail driving contest.

26 and 28 yesterday afternoon and a very enjoyable time was spent in racing and other games, the following being successful in securing prizes: Girls, 6 to 8—Anna Foster, E. L. Armstrong, Vera Dodson, Girls, 9 to 11, E. Vaughan, N. Duíf, M. Centz.

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Girls, 12 to 14—D. Phelp, M. Foster, D. McMullen.

Girls 'shoe race—Miss Smith, Miss Kingdom, Miss Kingdom, Miss Kingdom.

Girls' 15 and over—Miss Hardman, Miss Kingdom.

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Girls' hopping race—D. Then,
Fraser.

Married women naîl driving contest
—Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs.
Hopkins.
Girls' and boys' sewing race—Kate
Hedley and W. Wright, Myrtle Wright
and C. Wilcott.
Boys. 6 to 8—R. Muir, H. Wright,
P. O'Brien.

Chatham; High Secretary, Dr. W. A. Henderson, Sarnia: High Treasurer, John H. Hambly, London; High Counsellor, John Porter, Simcoe; High Physician, Dr. P. M. Brown, Camlachie; High Auditors, John Laughton, Parkhill, and E. O. Zimmerman, Hamilton. During the afternoon High Secretary Stockwell. of Michigan, delivered an address, while the High Courts of Central and Eeastern Ontario, now in session, sent fraternal greetings. Hamilton was fixed on as the place for the 1910 meeting.

The resolution to continue the fune-

Hedley and W. Wright, Myrtle Wright and C. Wilcott.

Boys, 6 to 8—R. Muir, H. Wright, P. O'Brien.

Boys, 9 to 11—J. Muir, R. Foster, L. Allen.

Boys, 12 to 14—B. Kennedy, H. Hill, A. Irwin.

Boys, 15 to 18, 100 yards—G. Matheson, E. Henderson, Ross McDonald Boys' 12 to 15, sack race—B. Kennedy, H. Dodson, A. Irwin.

Boys' shoe race—C. Thompson, H. McVain, John Ross.

Boys' 3-legged Face—G. Mathison and E. Henderson, H. Dobson and W. Wright.

Boys' burden race—Ross McDonald and Cliff Thomson, M. Hill and C. Wilcox:

Boys' climbing race—H. Hill, John

Wilcox:
Boys' climbing race—H. Hill, John
Muir, W. Wright.
Boys' 220 yards handicap for special prize donated by Gardner &
Thomson was won by Gordon Matheson and the married ladies won the
tug-of-war from the single ladies.

## BUTCHERS' PICNIC.

The wholesale butchers' picnic yes-terday afternoon at Maple Leaf Park attracted a large number of people. The feature of the day was the running race, which was won by Park Police-man Williams' mare. The distance was a half mile and the time 55 seconds. The winner had it all her own way. The time was not fast, for the track was in good condition.