

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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AN EARLY FROST.

The much-announced "rally" for the season's opening of the Young Men's Conservative Club took place last night, Hon. Messrs. Hanna, Cochrane and Hendrie, and Gordon C. Wilson being the attractions.

THE BROADER VIEW.

Perhaps lack of foresight is one of the greatest weaknesses of the average public man in Canada. The fault may be chargeable in some degree to our "newness"; but we fear that it must be admitted that lack of appreciation of our opportunities and lack of confidence in our future—in short, incapacity to the work in hand—is at the root of the evil.

class of Dreadnoughts now completing have about 25,000 i.h.p., while the Invincible class, which have reeled off 27 knots, have 45,000 i.h.p., and now comes a battleship cruiser, with 70,000. It means at least 30 knots at top power with the latest propellers, with which there is a minimum of "slip."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mark the aldermen who try to betray the city into this power monopoly contract. See that they never again get a chance to injure the city in any official capacity.

Mrs. Felker's suit against the Hydro contractors is to get into court. Probably many of the outraged farmers may now try to get justice. If so it will be interesting for the Hydro Commission.

Uncle Sam's new 12-inch guns will cost him \$72,820 each. Those costly weapons are rendered unsafe by firing a comparatively small number of charges. But what a great institution war is to "make work!"

The Department of Justice at Ottawa is being flooded with post cards and letters praying for clemency for Mrs. Robinson. The case will come before the Cabinet Council soon on the report of the Minister of Justice.

Have any of our readers heard of Hon. J. S. Hendrie holding up the Hydro Commission and demanding for Hamilton fair treatment in this power matter? Don't all speak at once. Surely he is not in the service of the conspirators!

France, too, is to enlarge her naval programme, building seven Dreadnoughts instead of four. The competition becomes keener. In France's case, however, the increased naval strength may be counted as a check on Germany's ambitions.

Astronomers are alarmed about Mars, some observers being apprehensive that a great cataclysm has changed the surface of the planet, probably destroying all life thereon. It is suspected that whatever was the cause of it may have had something to do with the magnetic storm which recently affected this planet.

All honor to McMaster! That excellent educational institution does not fear that truth can suffer by the most searching and critical examination. Our Baptist friends are to be congratulated on not lying awake at night in terror of that bogey, the higher criticism. It is pleasant to find "people who have faith in the religion which they profess."

An unruly elephant had to be killed by Ghent Zoological Garden authorities the other day. An enterprising German butcher bought the carcass and transformed it into 3,800 pounds of Frankfort sausages. The heart, which weighed 46 odd pounds, was sold in slices. The butcher is said to have made a tidy profit by his venture.

In answer to a query, we may say that the taxes announced in the Lloyd George budget have been levied from the day when the budget speech was made in the House of Commons, following the rule of Parliament. If the budget should be rejected and fail to become law, the refunding of collections made under it would become a live matter.

On Saturday the tariff agreement between France and the United States ends. We shall soon have an indication of the spirit in which the United States discriminatory tariff will be interpreted. The general opinion is that notwithstanding the bulldozing manner of the Yankee tariff tinkers, the Government will not attempt to enter upon a tariff war by challenging French retaliation.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's address to the Montreal women's Canadian Club, dealing with the contrast between the British and American constitutions, was a splendid effort; and his argument for the superiority of the British system over that of the United States left nothing to be desired. Monarchical in name, the Government of the United Kingdom is to-day more democratic than that of the adjoining Republic.

When the Hamilton Herald first saw the Hydro-Electric form of contract it was astounded, and emphatically declared that it would be unwise for the city to enter into a monopoly contract for thirty years. What, think you, is the nature of the "influence" that has been used in it to lead it to become so enthusiastic in forwarding the conspiracy to induce the council to unwisely enter into the contract now?

Adam Beck, who has as a Hydro-Electric Commissioner, receded from the concessions which were promised this city to induce it to contract for 1,000 horse-

power of electricity, now tries to excuse his course by saying that it is "absurd" to say the Commission was swayed by "outside influence." Perhaps he plays with words. Maybe he regards the anti-Hamilton wire-pullers as "on the inside."

Brother McKay, editor of the Canadian Baptist, appears to be quite able to take care of himself in such discussions as arose at the Brotherhood meeting yesterday; but he has not apparently yet reached that perfection that enables him to meet the views of all his readers on every subject at the same time. When we hear that he has succeeded in doing so, we shall want to go down, and examine the beautiful pair of wings which he will have sprouted.

The Hydro-Electric Commission has evidently been influenced by something hostile to this city in demurring to the council's demand for reasonable time to test the Hydro scheme before being compelled to submit to the monopoly clause. It looks as if the Commission feels that the scheme will not bear testing. The difference between one year and two years could cost at the most a few hours of an accountant's work to compute what the city should pay on entering at that time. The refusal does not tend to confidence in the scheme.

London's city auditor has prepared a report upon the L. & P. S. R., which will be considered by the City Council. The effect of the auditor's finding is that the London & Port Stanley Board is going behind every year. The city paid the sum of \$1,332,834 for the road. Since that it accumulated indebtedness of \$125,000 for bridges, terminals, etc. Out of this investment the city received something like \$15,000 a year. At 5 per cent, the interest would amount to \$66,642.70. Deducting the \$15,000 paid to the city, the corporation loses every year \$51,642.70. The total shortage since 1882 is said to have been \$802,532. This is a municipal ownership investment of the unprofitable sort.

The Hamilton Herald is very severe on the Cemetery Board, which it accuses of throwing away \$125 a year for 10 years on the sale of some debentures, in its effort to give the deal to a Hamilton company. Its righteous indignation would be taken more seriously were it not just now engaged in doing its worst to commit the city to a wasteful and injurious power contract that would tie us up for 30 years to an absolute monopoly that would cause the ratepayers certainly heavy loss, probably from \$200,000 to \$500,000 in the contract period. And it does this not to enable us to deal with a Hamilton company, but with the specific object of taking the city's patronage from a home company which has guaranteed much cheaper power! The Herald is a sweet-scented critic indeed!

Our Exchanges

NOT AFRAID. (London Advertiser.) Canada doesn't want a tariff war—and doesn't fear one.

A COLD TOUCH. (Guelph Mercury.) The first touch of winter—the man who borrows money from you to buy coal with.

THE OLD FLUB-DUB. (Grimsby Independent.) My strongest point, however, against the enfranchisement of woman, would be the fact that it would take her out of her natural and proper sphere—the home, and lead her into the mud and mire of the street.

MASONIC LODGE. (Toronto Star.) In troublous times, in countries suffering under oppression, it is true that Masonic lodge rooms have been the only retreats where men could talk freely and safely, and in consequence, came under the censure of the authorities.

BLYTHE TALKS. (Toronto Star.) "Well, a cold shiver seemed to play up and down my back. But as time went on it gradually became terrible. The banging was nothing, the waiting, the waiting, I wished as each day passed that that was to be the one on which they would kill me, for the delay was awful."

WARSHIPS TEND TO WAR. (Toronto Sun.) Take the case of the United States for purpose of illustration. From the close of the civil war to the early 'nineties that country was practically without army or navy. At no period in its history has the Republic been freer from wars' alarms than it is during those thirty years. Since the beginning of the present century the American navy has been classed from second to third in the world's sea armaments. At no time in the last fifty years, save while the civil war was actually in progress, has there been so much discussion about war on the platform and in the press of that country as during the last ten years.

BUSINESS BUILDING. The object of the Canadian Club in securing Arthur F. Sheldon, of Chicago, to speak at the next luncheon of the club is evidenced in the subject chosen, "The Science of Business Building." None of the many young business men of the city can afford to miss such an opportunity. The date is Thursday, Nov. 4th; the place, Hotel Royal; the time, 6 to 8 p. m. All who intend to go should telephone 333 and have their seats reserved.

AMBASSADOR BRUCE. Washington, Oct. 28.—Ambassador Jas. Bruce and Mrs. Bruce returned last night from their summer stay at North-east Harbor, Maine, and visits in and around New York. They have taken up their residence at the British embassy for the winter.

HUSBAND'S GHOSLY THIRD-DEGREE

Love Test Forces Wife to Tragic Act Against Affinity.



MRS. SCOTT SMITH, WHO MADE REMARKABLE CONFESSION.

St. Clairsville, O., Oct. 28.—As a climax to one of the strangest of love tragedies, Mrs. May Smith, a handsome, 23-year-old matron, is paroled on a seven-year-prison sentence, after confessing that she ambushed and shot her affiant. As Judge John J. Pollock gave her freedom she and her husband parted forever in the court room.

WEDDINGS OF OCTOBER DAY.

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laced, and carrying white roses and lilies of the valley, the bride looked very charming. She was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Olive Dorman, as maid of honor, who wore white silk and lace and carried pink chrysanthemums, and by Miss Edna Reid as bridesmaid, in pink, carrying pink roses. Mr. Robert Erickson was groomsmen.

Among the many presents which the bride received were a parlor clock and candleabra from the bridegroom's father, a chair from Creighton & Co.'s, emporium; a cabinet of silver from T. M. Binkley, and a cheque from her father.

The bride and groom were given a royal send-off. They were escorted to the G. T. R. Station by the Ramblers' Club, assisted by the Highland pipers and drummers, and a rare time was enjoyed at the station until the train pulled out.

DORE-GOWLAND. A very quiet wedding took place yesterday morning at the presbytery of St. Mary's Cathedral, when two popular young people, Mr. Edward M. Dore, traveller for the Fowler's Canadian Company, and Miss Lily M. Gowland, daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Gowland, of Vinemount, were married by Rev. Father Bonomi. The bride was attired in her travelling costume of grey with hat to match, and was attended by her niece, Miss Rymal, of Toronto, who wore a cream colored gown. Mr. Zurburst, of London, was groomsmen. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dore left for Buffalo and New York city. On their return they will reside at 107 George street.

INGLIS-McCOLLUM. An unusually pretty wedding took place last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva McCollum, 62 Catharine street south. The uniting parties were Miss Annie McCollum and Mr. Wm. Inglis, of the firm of Walter Woods & Co. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Livingston, of Barton Street Methodist

FRIDAY SHEA'S BARGAIN DAY

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A day of greater money savings than ever, (but remember these prices can only be had on Friday) in good dependable merchandise that are worth their full value anywhere any day. It will pay you to come on Fridays.

Women's \$5 Skirts at \$2.95

Women's \$18 Coats for \$10

Women's Coats Worth \$6 to \$8 for \$3.95

Children's and Misses' Coats at \$1.95 and \$2.95

Women's Suits \$5.95

Window Shades 25c

Best Comforters 95c, Worth \$1.75

White Fur Trimming 15c, Worth 25c and 35c

Hand Bags, Worth \$1, for 49c

Hat Pins, Worth 10c to 25c, for 5c

Women's Kid Gloves 50c

Women's and Children's Mitts 19c and 25c

Staple Bargains

- Mill ends of Factory Cotton, 8c per yard... 5c
Mill ends of Towelling, 10c per yard... 7 1/2c
Mill ends of Table Damask, 50c per yard... 23c
Wrappettes and Kimono Cloths, 20c per yard... 10c
Turkish Towelling, 20c, for 13 1/2c
Flannellette, 13 1/2c, for 11 1/2c
Mill ends White Saxony Flannellette, 13 1/2c, for 8 1/2c
Bleached and Cream Table Damask, 60 to 72 inches, 50 to 60c, Bargain Day... 37 1/2c
Golf Waists, worth \$1.50 and \$2.00, Bargain Day... \$1.19
Golf Waists, worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, to clear for... 69c

TO MAKE NEW ASSESSMENT

Of That Part of City on the Mountain.

The east end mountain residents, who came into the city under the last annexation, will not get off with a township assessment next year. Under the terms of annexation the mountain people were to have a township assessment and township rate until the water system was in operation and supplying the houses with water.

The water was turned on about two weeks ago, after the assessment department had finished its work. When the Court of Revision met yesterday it ordered a new assessment on the basis set forth in the annexation agreement. It adjourned the hearing of appeals in Ward 1 for twelve days.

The court yesterday struck off \$1,400, as compared with \$3,480 last year. The reductions included: Ellen Prenderville, 195 Ferguson avenue south, assessed \$500; \$100 off. Andrew Alexander, 183 Westwood street north, income, \$500; \$500 off. Hugh G. McMahon, Alanson street, assessed \$400; \$200 off. D. C. Emith, Concession street, income, \$500; \$500 off. Wm. Galloway, 238 Hunter street east, income, \$180; \$180 off. Wm. D. Smith, 103 Main street east, assessed \$2,100; \$400 off. R. W. Parke, Yonge street, Toronto, income \$180; \$180 off. Union Driven Steel Company, business assessment, \$6,800; \$600 off. John H. Sumner, 105 Grant avenue, income, \$700; \$700 off. Mabel J. F. Brennan, 304 Main street east, income, \$50; \$50 off. Stella Pilgrim, 25 Arthur avenue, assessed \$2,300; \$60 off. George Precious, 190 Victoria avenue south, assessed \$3,600; \$700 off. John S. Krivinsky, 223 Stinson street, income, \$80; \$80 off. T. W. Edwards, Toronto, income, \$600; \$600 off. Geo. Nunn, 96 Grant avenue, income, \$200; \$200 off. E. F. Clark, 83 Grant avenue, assessed \$3,400; \$300 off. Wm. H. Lyne, 81 Grant avenue, assessed \$3,400; \$300 off. F. J. Lavoy, 125 Fairleigh avenue, assessed \$2,100; \$100 off. Mercie Barber, 231 Main street east, assessed \$1,700; \$70 off. A. E. Richards, 88 Wentworth street south, income, \$230; \$230 off. J. L. Harper, Delaware avenue, assessed \$1,800; \$200 off.

WARD SYSTEM.

St. Catharines Petition to Have It Abolished.

(Special Wire to the Times.) St. Catharines, Oct. 28.—A petition is being circulated and largely signed asking the City Council to submit a by-law to the ratepayers at the next municipal elections to return to the general system of electing aldermen by abolishing the ward system to which the city reverted three years ago.