THE HAMILTON TIMES

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TARDY, BUT SATISFACTORY.

Tardy as was the arbitration on the electric light question, the award has been very satisfactory to the city, and will result in a considerable saving in the lighting department. Speculation as to what might have been secured in the way of reduction had the proviso as to new discoveries and inventions not been in the contract are at this time idle. The proviso is there, and aside from irresponsible assertion, without a shadow of evidence in its support, nothing exists to cast suspicion on it as not being one of the conditions deliberately bargained for. At least the aldermen declined to attempt to show that it was improperly inserted in the instrument of agreement; not only that, but they interposed technical objections to the hearing of evidence to prove the contrary. As the agreement stands, Judge Snider finds that the city is entitled to a substantial reduction which he fixes at $15.50 a lamp.

The decision will give the council some fortuitous revenue, ammounting according to the Judge's award to $16,169.29. Even such a sum is well worth the effort made to save it, and the Times welcomes the result of the arbitration as an evidence of the wisdom of its course in urging upon the Council to make use of the means ready to its hand to try to obtain better terms, instead of contenting itself with a policy of grumbling and seeking to commit the city to costly and doubtful schemes to obtain relief. Had there been no contract, the city might at any time have compelled arbitration under the Conmee Act—absolutely free from proviso—and secured its light at a demonstrably reasonable price, a price doubtless much below that of Judge Snider's award. That course is open to it as soon as this contract expires, and there is no doubt that the admitted cheapness of current generation and transmission would, under arbitration, give us a source of lighting cheaper than any yet suggested. Years ago, however, the Council might have taken action under the Conmee Act to secure cheap lighting for the citizens. The Times urged that course, but the Council did not see fit to act in the interest of the private citizens, and the matter was allowed to drag. Recently, however, the company has recast its schedule of rates, and perhaps it might not be found easy to show that further reduction was reasonable. No credit for this new schedule can reasonably be claimed for the Council. It neglected the interests of the people, and declined to use the remedy provided by the Conmee Act; for any relief obtained, consumers must thank the company, not the Council. The award suggests the moral that aldermen should diligently avail themselves of the means at hand in the city's interests before launching out into costly and complicated speculative ventures which are pregnant with possibilities of disaster.

UNMASKING TIME.

"Coming events cast their shadows before" and those who are able to interpret the signs see many indications of preparation for the Ontario Provincial elections. None of these are more suggestive than the actions of some of the so-called independent newspapers—those which usually wear a no-party mask between campaigns blossoming out at those times as the most violent partisans. These organs are now diligently at work sounding the praises of Whitney. An excellent example of this class of organs is the "Independent" Ottawa Journal, whose editor, by the way, was, it will be remembered, an unsuccessful Tory candidate at the last elections. The Journal appears to have blacksliden (or has it unmasked?) from its brief period of political independence, and is now serving up glowing editorial panegyrics on Whitney and his Government whom it regards as political perfection. That the Journal is a kind critic of the Premier is readily gathered from its sweeping statement that all the Premier's promises have been kept, and that the party made no declarations to which they have not adhered in power! It also asks credit for Whitney because the revenue has increased, and because some profit has come to the Province from the great mineral discoveries consequent upon Ross' northern development whom it regards as political perfection antagonized. It also claims for Whitney the beginnings of the teaching of agriculture in the schools; audaciously seizes upon Mr. MacKay's law reform policy and credits it to Whitney, and claims great improvement in license enforcement! After that one almost looks to find the Journal asking the public to give Whitney thanks for the forestry policy bequeathed him by Ross, and to which the Tories were so much opposed when it was introduced that they divided the Legislature on even the small appropriation required to pay the salary of a Clerk of Forestry! Nay, we could almost imagine it, in its eager zeal for the Tory cause, calling upon the working men of the Province to rally around Whitney because he violated his pledges as to prison contract labor, and the labelling of the product and hired the convicts out to a party favorite at 3c an hour, buildings, power, machinery, etc., thrown in gratis. It finds that Whitney's adoption of the spoils system in violation of his solemn pledges is not a matter to be charged against him, and although the axe was kept busy, and hundreds of officials were decapitated to make room for friends, its judicial frame of mind leads it to remark that it does "not think any fair ground exists for such complaint." Whitney will not lack an apologist while this unbending "independent's" ink holds out. As a Tory organ the Citizen is obliged to play second fiddle at Ottawa. Liberals will do well to keep their eyes open and note how these professed independents hasten to unmask when an election campaign approaches.

AN ANNUITIES BILL.

The Annuities Bill, brought down on Tuesday by Mr. Fielding, is not exactly the same as was proposed by Sir Richard Cartwright last session, although it follows the same general lines. The measure must not be confounded with any scheme of old-age pensions in which the benefits are given without consideration, or at least partly as State gratuities. In Great Britain annuity companies do a large business in providing, by the investment of small sums annually, or large sums paid in bulk, for the future annuitants, and find the business, evidently, profitable. In Canada, however, there has been but little development along that line.

Mr. Fielding's measure limits the amount of the annuity to be paid to one person, or to husband and wife, to $600. The payments may be made as may suit the convenience of the intending annuitant. For instance, if a person begins paying in at the age of 20 years, 25 cents a week will entitle him at the age of 55 to an annuity for life of $87.25. If he elects to allow the money to remain (paying nothing after 55) his annuity would be at 60 years $126 a year, at 65 it would be $189.47, and at 70 it would be $301. Assuming that, instead of 25 cents a week, he had paid $1 a week, he would be entitled at 55 years to an annuity of $349; and at 60 years to $504. It is provided also that the intending annuitant may make his payments monthly or quarterly, if he so desires. Payments may be made of stipulated amounts, $100 paid at the age of 20 entitling to an annuity of $36.60 at the age of 55. A payment of $5 per month would secure an annuity of $403.67 at 55, or of $583.05 at 60.

The scheme is not an eleemosynary one, but one intended to encourage thrift and foresight. The part of the State in this work is its care and management of the fund, interest being allowed at 4 per cent. if the annuity matures. If the annuitant die before the annuity becomes payable, the money contributed will be repaid to his heirs at 3 per cent. compounded annually. The scheme provides great elasticity, and is capable of sufficient variety in the methods of payment to meet the requirements of all who may wish to participate. It offers to the provident a Government guaranteed 4 per cent. investment against the lean days of old age and incapacity.

WHAT'S THE GAME?

Whitney, a short time ago, announced, with the self-conscious air of the rigidly righteous, that the redistribution of Ontario was to be left to a committee of five Conservatives and three Liberals, and he was given some credit for an appearance of fairness in that arrangement. But those who counted on anything but the most partisan policy being carried out in this matter were too confiding. The other day Whitney announced that the redistribution was as good as made—that the schedule had already been prepared, and in their preparation his Government had succeeded in reducing the number of constituencies that would have to be changed. In other words, the redistribution to be made has already been decided upon in party caucus, and there is nothing left for the committee to do save to ratify it. As far as it is concerned, it is merely one more instance of Whitney seeking to shelter himself behind a commission or a committee, and while having his own designs accomplished unload the responsibility upon it. But the public will not be deceived. The committee device is too transparent. It will neither bring him credit for a fairness which he does not show, nor shield him from public censure for the wrongdoing which his duplicity in the matter was planned to conceal.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our sympathy goes out to the Conservative Club in it stroubles.

Whitney proposes to go to the country soon. Well, he won't have a walk over.

By gerrymandering the Wentworths, Whitney sees how he could at least kill one Grit vote.

For a Labor paper, that was a nasty slap the Herald gave R. L. Reeves, the street railway union man.

Now let us have this "secret trickery" clause run to earth. If a crime has been committed let the guilty be punished.

The fire and police departments could use up that street lighting award money to good advantage. Can they have it?

The Herald's lightning calculator was out a few dollars last night in figuring out the refund to the city by the street lighting award.

While the city is acquiring parks and slices of the mountain, it might also stretch out its hand for the west end marsh patent.

A strike of coal miners on April 1! The date is significant. Perhaps old Sol will have warmed up to his work by that time, and better counsels may prevail.

The sub-committee has decided that the city needs a new engineer, Mr. Barrow to be retained in the service of the city in some other capacity. That means another big salary to somebody.

Fifteen new K. C's. have been appointed in England. When we look at our army of silk gown-clad lawyers we feel like pitying Englishmen who have only about 250 King's Counsel, all told.

Messrs. Thompson and Reed, our county members, drew attention in the House last evening to the unbusiness-like way in which supplies are procured for the Hamilton Asylum. Too much pull.

The House of Lords has rejected the Government's Scottish Small Holdings Bill. They will probably be given opportunity to increase the balance against them in the accounts of the electors. The reckoning will surely come.

A Toronto man has been remanded for examination as to his sanity, he having been arrested for spitting in a man's face. Were he from any other place than Toronto, the act would go far toward qualifying him for an insane asylum.

Whitney will go on taxing incomes of even $300 from invested savings, having refused a bill to exempt such. When a Government begins to increase its takings from the people at the rate of $1,000,000 a year, its hunt for taxes becomes keen.

The Montreal Herald compares the prices of food in New York and its own city, and computes that it costs $2.27 to buy meats and dairy produce in Montreal which in New York could be bought for $1.75. Cost of living has become very much enhanced in recent years.

Isn't it noble of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth to legislate against the circulation of lies at election time?—Toronto Telegram.

Why this sarcasm? Our contemporary may feel annoyed at Aylesworth for his proposal, but why accept it as a personal grievance?

A Toronto woman was awarded $750 damages in a suit against the Toronto Street Railway Company for $3,000. Her satisfaction at winning the suit is somewhat marred by the fact that the company tried to settle the suit, before it went to trial, by offering her $2,000.

The Liberal Club has done well in inviting Mr. C. N. Smith, M. P. P., of Sault Ste. Marie, to deliver an address, under its auspices, on the evening of Thursday next. Mr. Smith is one of the strong men of the Ontario Opposition, a man of broad, statesmanlike views, and excellent reasoning capacity. Don't miss hearing him.

Mr. C. H. Bishop, Superintendent of Toronto Public Schools, has no confidence in fire escapes, but pins his faith to spacious stairways, hallways and exits. He finds that in winter outside fire escapes are likely to be slippery and dangerous for children who might try to descend them. The matter is worthy of consideration.

Mr. Harcourt's protest against the enormous increase of the expense of civil government in Ontario is very timely. It has cost for this item 45 per cent. more than four years ago, and the increase has been 36 per cent. in two years. And all the defence Whitney can make is to say he came into office! And he used to allege that Ross overfed them!

Mr. Bennett, M. P., has quite vindicated the Opposition at Ottawa from every charge made against it. This gentlemanly (?) member accomplished the feat by reading a report of a sermon preached by Rev. J. A. Macdonald, and declaring that he was a "pious, smug-faced hypocrite." After that, there's nothing to be said. It only remains to put halos on Foster, Fowler, Bennett, et al.

Whitney says that he has done his part in the Hydro-Electric matter, and it is now the municipalities' turn to move. Some of the municipalities had, rightly or wrongly, got the idea that they were to have a form of contract submitted to them before being required to commit themselves. They might have been farther ahead than this, had Whitney left them Ross' concession, and Ross' legislation.

Our neighbor, the Herald, becomes very wrathy because the Globe has represented Hon Adam Beck as fighting "with his back to the wall" for the Hydro-Electric scheme, and charges that this is "insincere, hypocritical claptrap." Our recollection is that the phrase was originally Adam's own, and that he received much praise from the Toronto World, and certain other organs, for thus stating his attitude, in opposition to the scoundrelly people described as friends of "scheming capitalists."

In spite of the denial issued by the Ross Rifle Company of the Montreal Star's stories to the effect that the Ross rifle was not manufactured in Canada, but that it was merely assembled in Quebec, the parts being made in the United States, that paper, the other day, printed an alleged interview with Mr. Frank Mossberg, of Attleboro', Mass., in support of its statements. Mr. Mossberg telegraphs that the interview published in the Star is utterly untrue, and that the Star has promised to correct it at an early date. Why this campaign mendacity?

Mr. Pringle, M. P., is seeking to make a reputation as a critic of the banks, which he appears to regard as oppressors of the country, and he has wasted much precious time of Parliament in discussing them. The other day he thought to floor Mr. Fielding by asking why the banks came to the Government to ask it to assist them in moving the crops. Mr. Fielding gently imparted the information that the banks did not come to the Government asking it to assist them in the movement of the crop, and the great critic's jaw fell. What a vast lot of nonsense about the banks and an enormous expense to the country we should be spared if some of the Parliamentary critics would study a primer on banking!

OUR EXCHANGES

Called Bill for Short.
(Toronto Star.)

Now Whitney sharpens up an axe
To knock the Grits quite silly.
Its name, if you would know the facts,
Redistribution Willie.

Sealey All Right.
(Dundas Banner.)

We are pleased to state that Mr. Sealey is in the best of health—no insomnia, no heart affection, no cold feet. He wears the smile that won't come off.

Are There Any?
(Toronto Star.)

Secretary Hanna is seeing what can be done to wipe out arrears for the keep of patients in public institutions. It is understood that bills against Grit lunatics will be vigorously pressed.

To Raise Them.
(Brantford Expositor.)

A fraternal organization announces that its rates are to be "levelled upward." That's a gentle way of breaking the news.

The Foulest-Tongued One.
(Toronto Globe.)

It is encouraging to note that Mr. W. H. Bennett reads a sermon once in a while. For while the lamp holds on to burn the vilest sinner may return.

The Gerrymander.
(Toronto Globe.)

It is proposed to link the eight constituencies of Toronto in four pairs, each pair to elect two members. It is just as easy to divide Toronto into eight single constituencies as into four double constituencies. The double system is a departure from that adopted in all other parts of the Province. The Government certainly should be above descending to so small and dishonest a party advantage.

After the Fakir's Performance.
(Toronto Globe.)

Original documents need very rarely be asked for, as a copy is in a thousand cases all that is needed. It may be repeated that the demand for the originals was all grand stand play. Now that they have got them and put them under the microscope, what about it? Will Mr. Ames tell us? It is rather disgusting to find a public man, making his pretensions, engaged in such blatant attempts to deceive the people.

Robins Killed for Food in the South.
(Leslie's Week.)

A million robins were killed in Louisiana during the winter of 1907-8, the offenders being men and boys who shot them for food. While they are protected as song-birds in northern States, it is a common southern practice to shoot them for the table, and in some States the hunters kill them in great numbers at their roosting places. A Government expert suggests that the eastward movement of the boll-weevil has been facilitated by the killing of the robins. If that is shown to be so, the cotton growers will not receive much sympathy from the members of the Audubon societies.

Anxious for Peace.

Casa Blanca, March 12.—General D'Amede, the commander of the French forces in Morocco, has received letters from Mubai Hafid, the so-called Sultan of the south, and the leaders of his army asking that hostilities be suspended pending arrangements for peace.

HEMORRHOIDS SORES AND ECZEMA

Accompanied by Terrible Itching—A Complicated and Most Distressing Case—Well-known Remedies Failed to Cure—Doctor Thought an Operation Necessary—Then

CUTICURA PROVED ITS WONDERFUL EFFICACY

"I am now eighty years old and one morning, three years ago, I was taken with a hard pain in my right side. In two days I had an attack of piles (hemorrhoids), bleeding and protruding. The doctor gave me some medicine and an ointment for them which helped me some but I had to keep using them all the time. Then I changed to the P—— remedy; but if I did not use it every day, I would get worse. The doctor said the only help for me was to go to a hospital and be operated on. At this time, about a year ago, I went to using the S—— remedies. I tried them for four or five months but did not get much help for my piles. During this time sores would come on a fleshy part of my body. They bothered me all the time. I would get one healed and another would come. These sores changed to eczema, accompanied by a terrible itching. It seemed as if I could not keep my hands from tearing my flesh. This and the pile trouble brought on an inflamed condition. Then I got the Cuticura Remedies. I washed the affected parts with Cuticura Soap and warm water in the morning, at noon, and at night, then used Cuticura Ointment on the irritated surfaces and injected a quantity of Cuticura Ointment with a Cuticura Suppository Syringe. I also took Cuticura Resolvent Pills three times a day. It took a month of this treatment to get me in a fairly healthy state and then I treated myself once a day for three months and, after that, once or twice a week. It is fortunate that I used Cuticura. The treatments I had tried took a lot of money that I would have saved by using Cuticura Remedies sooner, but I am wiser now, and I would not feel safe without them. J. H. Henderson, Hopkinton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., U. S. A., April 26, 1907."

Send to nearest depot for Cuticura Book on Treatment of Skin Diseases.

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Adults consists of Cuticura Soap to Cleanse the Skin, Cuticura Ointment to Heal the Skin, and Cuticura Resolvent, or in the form of Pills (Chocolate Coated) to Purify the Blood; also the Cuticura Suppository Syringe. Sold throughout the world. Depots: London, 27, Charterhouse Sq.; Paris, 5, Rue de la Paix; Australia, R. Towns & Co., Sydney. Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

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SHEA'S

MAY MANTON PATTERNS Are one of the few Patterns not in the trust, so they only cost **All 10c**

3rd Day of Our Spring Opening

Thousands of people have visited this busy store during the last two days. Many who never entered the doors before were here, everyone pleased with what they saw. Never has this store shown such elegant styles and such exceptional values. Now for a big day's selling to-morrow—to begin the day we give you five early morning sales—corsets, wrappers, night gowns, pillow cases and quilts.

Corsets Worth $1.00 for 29c 4 dozen pairs only Women's Corsets, made of fast black, sateen filled with best steels, a corset that has always sold heretofore for $1, but we have size 19, 20, and 21 only, so sharp at 8.30 o'clock, you get your choice for per pair **29c**

Women's Wrappers $1.25 for 69c Women's Wrappers, made of a splendid Wrapperette, lined waist, full skirts, with flounce. Garments we have sold up to now for $1 and $1.25, sharp at 8.30 until 10 o'clock we will sell all we can for each **69c**

Flanneletle Night Gowns 90c for 39c Women's white, pink and striped Flannelette Night Gowns, all sizes, made with yoke, trimmed with embroidery and lace, regular 75 and 95c values, 8.30 to 10 o'clock they go on sale for each **39c**

30c and 35c Pillow Slips for 17½c

Sharp at 8.30 we put on sale a quantity of Pillow Slips, size 42, 44 and 46 inch, made of splendid circular cloth, with wide hemstitched frill, sell regularly for 25c, 30 and 35c, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock they go for each **17½c**

$1.25 White Quilts for 75c

Sharp at 8.30 we put on sale a quantity of White Bed Quilts, full double bed size, good heavy weight, in Marseilles patterns, sell regularly for $1.25, 8.30 to 10 o'clock for each **75c**

Women's Skirts at $3.50

Never such Skirts at the price. Made of Panama and Broadcloths. Black, brown, navy and greens, also a splendid showing of rich Tweeds, all made in the new pleated and self-strapped styles. Not a Skirt in the lot worth less than $5.00. All go on sale at each **$3.50**

An Attractive Display of New Spring Suits For Women and Misses

The invitation to this early exhibition of Tailored Suits and Costumes suggests no obligation to buy, but many women are buying as well as looking. We give here some stunning examples of why they do so.

Misses' Suits at $8.95 Worth Up to $15.00

Made of Worsteds and Panamas in fine stripes, checks and plaids, both loose and semi-fitted coats, finished with self strappings and braids. Skirts pleated with broad folds that are so much sought after now: also some plain gored skirts. Suits that other stores would ask up to $15.00 for. On sale here for each **$8.95**
Same Suits in women's sizes marked only **$10.00**

Women's Suits $15.00

Made of fancy Panamas and striped and plain colored Venetians in navy, brown, tan, black, green, etc.; coats fitted, loose and semi-fitted styles, all handsomely braided. Skirts silk strapped and pleated in folds. This is a suit most stores would make "a flourish" of at $19.50. We ask only **$15.00**

Women's Skirts at $5.95

Made of Voiles, Worsteds, Broadcloths, Tweeds, etc., etc. Blacks and every wanted color. Broad folds pleated. Also the new plain gored skirt that is going to be correct. All sizes up to 33 band. The regular values are $7.50, on sale Saturday for each **$5.95**

Women's Spring Coats $3.95

Loose and fitted back, made of black, fawn and tan Venetian Cloths; Coats that are well and stylishly gotten up and would sell in any store for $5.00. Our price on Saturday for about 40 only each **$3.95**

Women's Coats at $5.50

Made of Tan and Fawn Covert Cloths and Black Broad Cloths, semi fitted and fitted, Gibson shoulders, lined and most perfectly made, a very special bit of value, at, each **$5.50**

Women's Coats at $7.50

Made of swell striped covert cloth, with inlaid velvet collar and cuffs, both loose and fitted, nicely finished with strappings, newest sleeves, a very stylish Coat: we have seen nothing as good, at each **$7.50**

White Lawn Waists at $1

Made of Lawn and Mull, lace and embroidered fronts, tucked backs, about 15 different styles, open back or front, very special value, each **$1**

Women's Waists at $1.95
A Bargain

Women's Blouses, Lawns, Vestings, Delaines, Cashmeres and fine Persian Lawns, tucked and embroidered, and lace trimmed some worth $3.00 and $3.50, all one price, each **$1.95**

Fine Linen Blouse Fronts on Sale

Blouse Fronts, made of the finest of pure linen, hand worked in eyelet and blind embroidery, a beautiful, fresh lot just in to-day, bought at a bargain, and sold at about half price.

$1.75 Values for $1.00
$2.25 Values for $1.25
$3.00 Values for $1.50

Allover Lace Waists at $3.75

Made of the most elegant designs, in allover lace, detached silk slips, richly trimmed with insertion, good $5 values, our price each **$3.75**

New Dress Goods

Just cleared the customs, a beautiful lot of wool fabrics in all the fashionable weaves and shadings.

54-inch Venetian Cloth, in all the new browns, blues, greens and rich black, special value **$1.25**

Ombre Striped Suiting, navy, green, brown, elegant rich finish, per yard **75c**

New Chiffon Panamas, in black, navy, brown and green, extra special value, per yard **95c**

54-inch Striped Suitings, in ombre shading, worth $1.25, on sale for per yard **75c**

Navy, green and natural Shantung Silks, absolutely the best values in Canada, at **75c**

New Goods in Staple Dept.

Oxford Shirtings, imported direct by ourselves, in checks and stripes, absolutely fast colors, both dark and light, all most reasonably priced at, per yard ..... **12½, 15, 18, 20 and 25c**

Unbleached Sheetings, full 2 yards wide, plain only, fine, clean weave and worth 25c, 10 pieces go on sale to-morrow for, per yard **19c**

New Table Linens, bleached and unbleached, both union and pure linen, all widths and grand values, at, per yard **29, 40, 50, 75, 89c, $1.00**

New and Dainty Wash Goods and Muslins

New English Prints, 32 inches wide, thoroughly fast colors, both dark and light patterns, special values at, per yard ..... **12½ and 15c**

New Muslins and Organdies, in the very latest shadings, and striped and floral designs, most of them our own direct importations, special values at ..... **½, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50c**

New Checked, Plaid and Plain Ginghams, Zephyrs and Chambrays, in black and colors, all our own direct importations, all special values, at, per yard ..... **12½, 15, 18 and 25c**

Some Early Millinery on Sale

Tailored Hats, made of mohair braid, trimmed with wings and fancy pins, special value at, each ..... **$3.50 and $5.95**

"Merry Widow" Sailors, in fashionable shades, trimmed with scarfs of Dresden silk and quills, at, each **$4.50**

Fancy Chip, Mohair, Panama and Rustic Sailors, in all wanted shades, special early selling prices ..... **95c to $2.50**

Notion Department Bargains

Silk Motor and Dust Veilings **45** and **60c**

Net Veilings at ..... **25 and 30c**

New Frillings, 3 and 5 collars in box, very special at per box **15 and 25c**

A splendid range of Frilling by the yard, all colors, at from .. **10 to 50c**

New Machine Silk on 50-yard spools, all colors, 2 spools for **5c**

BEAUTY OF MARS.

A Vision of Wonderful Color and Growing Grandeur.

Viewed under suitable conditions, few sights can compare for instant beauty and growing grandeur with Mars as presented by the telescope. Framed in the blue of space, there floats before the observer's gaze a seeming miniature of his own earth, yet changed by translation to the sky. Within its charmed circle of light he marks apparent continents and seas, now ramifying into one another, now stretching in unique expanse over wide tracts of disk, and capped at their poles by dazzling ovals of white. It recalls to him his first lessons in geography, where the earth was shown him set ethereally amid the stars, only with an added sense of reality in the apotheosis. It is the thing itself, stamped with that ill-pervading in which the cleverest reproduction somehow fails.

In color largely lies this awakening touch that imbues the picture with the sense of actuality. And very vivid are the tints, so salient and so unlike that their naming in words conveys scant idea of their concord to the eye. Rose ochre dominates the lighter regions, while a robin's-egg blue colors the darker; and both are set off and emphasized by the icy whiteness of the caps. Nor is either hue uniform; tone relieves tint to a further heightening of effect. In some parts of the light expanses the ocher prevails alone; in others the rose deepens to a brick red, suffusing the surface with the glow of a warm late afternoon. No less various is the blue, now sinking into deeps of shading, now lightening into faint washes that in places grade off insensibly into ocher itself, thus making regions of intermediate tint the precise borders of which are not decipherable by the eye.

Superimposed upon its general opaline complexion are now and then to be seen ephemeral effects. At certain times and in certain places warm chocolate brown has been known to supplant the blue. Often, too, cold white dots are scattered over the disk, dazzling diamond points that deck the planet's features to a richness beyond the power of pencil to portray. So minute are they that good seeing is needed to disclose them. It is at such moments that color best comes out. To those who know the sun only as golden and the moon as white, even in its color scheme Mars would stand forth in revelation.—From Percival Lowell's "The Sun Dominant" in the March Century.

Things don't go exactly like clockwork for those who live on tick.

DIED IN AN ASYLUM.

Death of Rev. A. G. Robertson—Victim of Overwork.

Brockville, March 12.—The death occurred at the Brockville Asylum during the night of Rev. A. G. Robertson, aged 55 years. Mr. Robertson was laboring on the Morewood Circuit when he became insane through a severe breakdown caused by overwork. This was one year ago and since then he has rapidly declined. He was a Methodist clergyman of brilliant attainment.

IN FAVOR OF SECESSION.

Decision by Grand Lodge of United Workmen at Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—The A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge to-day decided in favor of secession from the American Supreme Lodge, and the formation of a purely Canadian organization.

King's Holiday Curtailed.

Biarritz, March 12.—King Edward's projected cruise in the Mediterranean after his visit her has been abandoned. His Majesty, who arrived in Biarritz five days ago, will return to London the middle of April