

THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1909.

THE LEADERS SPEAK.

At a great meeting in Albert Hall, London, last night, Mr. Asquith opened the campaign for the Liberals with a declaration that if the Government were returned to power it would demand that the right of the Commons to the control of finance should be freely acknowledged. He also declared that the policy of the Liberal party would be to secure local self-government for Ireland in all matters of purely Irish concern, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme authority of the Imperial Parliament.

The Prime Minister's declarations were made with great vigor and explicitness, and with the full authority of his colleagues. Local self-government for Ireland will now have a prominent place in the programme upon which the people of the United Kingdom will pass. Mr. Balfour has issued an election manifesto in which tariff reform, which, being interpreted, means protection, is presented as the only salvation of the Empire. This red-herring drawn across the trail of the Lords is intended as a diversion, and an appeal to those interests which seek to transfer the taxes from themselves to the masses of the people. According to Mr. Balfour's manifesto the adoption of this so-called tariff reform is the only means by which the United Kingdom can retain the colonial preference. This statement, as Canadians know, is an egregious falsehood, in which Mr. Balfour himself cannot, and does not, believe.

DAMAGING OUR CREDIT.

At a Tory club meeting in Toronto recently, Mr. E. R. Osler undertook to apologize for Whitney's Hydro-Electric legislation, and attempted to excuse it by referring to the high credit of the Province of Ontario at the present time. Mr. Osler is a partisan of the partisans, and even he did not risk his reputation by attempting to show on the basis of actual transactions that Ontario's credit had not suffered by the confiscatory legislation chargeable to Sir James Whitney. The failure of the \$3,500,000 4 per cent. Hydro-Electric loan is a matter of history. On coming back from London the Provincial Treasurer fight-heartedly put that upon the Canadian market at 102. Had that been an ordinary loan at such a price with the special advantages offered to purchasers, profit should have been taken up in a week or ten days. This one was not in such demand. After much advertising and drumming one-half of it was taken up in four months. As a contemporary points out, the power taint, "the harrowing of a confiscatory policy, and a predatory deprivation of private property and lawful right, prevented any finance house standing sponsor for a power loan in London at any price which would save the face of Ontario's credit."

ing frequently visible in daylight. She is but slightly smaller than the earth, her diameter being 7,510 miles, while that of the earth is 7,925. Venus' year is 224.70 days long, and we have been taught to believe that her axial revolution was completed in 23 hrs. 21 min. 23 sec. If Prof. Lowell has not mistaken the import of careful investigations extending over twenty years we shall have to abandon this notion of Venus' day. Soniaporelli by careful scanning of the markings on the planet came to the conclusion that her day was an immensely long one. In 1896 the study of the subject was taken up at the Flagstaff Observatory, and well defined markings were found not to change their position, although watched carefully, first through hours, and then for days and weeks. They always bore the same relation to the illuminated part of the disc. Moreover, not only did the planet always present the same face to the sun, but the poles were perpendicular to its orbital plane, her equatorial longitude being always directly under the sun! Elaborate photographic and spectroscopic tests, too technical for our present purposes, but of the utmost scientific value, confirmed long series of observations.

The consequence of accepting this conclusion is that we must think of Venus as having a day identical in length with her year! She makes but one revolution on her axis while she travels her orbit around the sun. Her polar perpendicularity to the plane of her orbit leaves her with one hemisphere ever in the blazing heat of the solar rays and the other in eternal darkness and cold. It is a world of extremes in which life as we know it is probably impossible. Having an atmosphere, such extremes of heat and cold would probably cause great storms; and this would fit in with some astronomical theories long held. Prof. Lowell does not think Venus' day was always year-long. His theory is that her "spin" has been during long ages "braked" by tidal friction. Did she rotate on her axis, as has been supposed, in a little more than 23 hours, she would be "squeezed" or flattened at the poles. She is perfectly round. That in itself supports Lowell's theory. This tidal friction has gradually slowed up Venus' "spin" upon axial rotation synchronizes with orbital revolution. All seasons are alike to Venus. One half blisters in everlasting sunlight; the other freezes in eternal night. Will the forces which operated to produce these effects on our sister orb ultimately similarly affect the earth?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Are you still putting off your Christmas buying till a more convenient season?

Now that Laurier sports a gumball, surely Foster can hardly do less than claim a soar throat.

Does ex-Ald. Bailey hunger for a repetition of last January's performance? Will the conspirators be able to boast that they "played him for a sucker"?

Cobalt produced in 1908 19,437,873 ounces of silver, more than 94 per cent. increase on the yield of 1907. Of the silver output of the world in 1908, Ontario furnished 11 per cent.

Who called the Hydro conspiracy "meeting"? None of those approached are willing to own up to anything more than yielding to persuasion to attend it. Whose money is behind the plot?

That story of an earthquake at Ottawa should be received with reservations till it be ascertained whether the member for West Hamilton was not practising some ponderous eloquence at that hour to be fired at Mr. Speaker.

The effect of Whitney's gerrymander of the Province is seen in a representation of 18 Liberals, whereas if they were represented according to the numbers of Liberal voters casting ballots there would be 40.

The "pay-as-you-enter" street cars are said to be well regarded by the Detroit company and by most of the public. They are found to contribute to the safety of passengers and to prevent overcrowding. It will take a little, however, for the ladies to get used to them.

The labor situation in Germany is showing slight improvement, but the number of idle workmen is still very great. Official returns for October show that the number of applicants for each one hundred vacant positions was 43, as compared with 106 in October a year ago.

According to Chinese law a foreigner cannot become a citizen of that country unless he has resided ten years in the empire and can give proof that he is of good moral character. A Chinese is not allowed to abandon his nationality if he holds an official position, or if he has not paid his taxes.

Toronto now receives over \$1,400 a day in percentage of earnings from her street railway. Toronto has an excellent street railway contract, and but for the determination of some members of its Council to prevent it, it would be serving the city to the satisfaction of all who use the cars.

Not even the eloquence of J. P. Downey, M. P., can obscure the fact that under the indeterminate sentence system the limit of a prisoner's sentence would be fixed by prison officials, and not by the judges in open court; and it would be quite possible for gross favoritism and injustice thus to thrive in

silence and secrecy. Moreover, when we have the parole system, which has worked well, there remains nothing to excuse the advocacy of substituting the jails and turnkeys for the judges of the land.

Bishop Spalding, of Utah, declares that "the women are more anxious for polygamy than the men are," and as long as woman suffrage prevails there it will be impossible to establish laws that will result in the abolition of polygamy. Carry the news to Mrs. Fankhurst and her fellow-suffragettes.

Did you notice that although it made a great spurge about the hole-and-corner meeting of Hydro conspirators to try to induce opposition to Mayor McLaren, the Herald carefully omitted to mention the name of one of those present? Is it not said in the Good Book that wicked men fear the light because their deeds are evil?

The poet Watson is fortunate in being a native of Scotland and a resident of England, both lands which adhere to the tradition of respect for literary genius, more or less pronounced.—Toronto Telegram.

That is not according to the records, which show that Watson was born in Yorkshire, England, and is of Yorkshire ancestry. But Watson's conduct should not be regarded as reflecting discredit upon his birthplace or parentage.

In the year ending March 31, 1909, the British postoffice handled the following business: Letters carried 2,907,400,000; post cards, 860,000,000; half-penny packets, 933,200,000; newspapers, 202,300,000; parcels, including parcels sent abroad, 113,020,000; total, 5,035,920,000. This gives the number of packages per capita transmitted: Letters, 65.1; post cards, 19.3; half-penny packets, 21.5; newspapers, 4.5; parcels, 2.3; total, 112.7.

The Toronto News remarks that "should the Payne tariff precipitate a fiscal war on this continent, it will not be because Canada has not dealt reasonably by the United States, or on account of any provocation from this country." That is strictly true. And still there have been some politicians in Canada who have shown a disposition to cringe under the United States threat and refrain from ratifying the French treaty. It is not to be doubted that such a course tends to lower Canadians in the eyes of their neighbors.

The Bavarian brewers have been complaining about a great depression in their business in 1908, but in spite of this, the beer production of Bavaria was 488,261,369 gallons, or only 4,179,903 gallons less than in 1907. Only 73,289,502 gallons, or 15 per cent, were exported, and as an offset to this export there were imported 2,241,455 gallons of foreign beer. The home consumption was therefore 248 quarts of beer for every man, woman and child in the kingdom. Only 12,154,356 gallons of the exports went to foreign countries, the balance being consumed by the various other German States. The Bavarian brewers paid a malt tax of \$9,503,784, which was \$346,968 less than in 1907. Beer occupies a very important place in Bavarian life and industry.

Prof. Johnson, a personal admirer of Tom L. Haworth, of Cleveland, discusses at some length his character and public life in an article in the Outlook, and comes to the conclusion that Johnson was demoralized by success and sought to turn it to personal good rather than to the good of the people. He sums up the street railway struggle by declaring that the failure of the holding company plan does not in any way prove the hopelessness of low-fare movements in the regulation of our city street railroads. But it does go a long way, he says, to establish the validity of the argument that municipal ownership would give rise to evils equaling, if not surpassing, those of private ownership. And that is the opinion of thoughtful, disinterested men everywhere.

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the bar-room. Are the members of the Moral and Social Reform League prepared to dig down into their pockets or raise the funds otherwise, to provide these quarters?

AN ASS-ERTION. (Toronto Telegram.) Owing to a collapse in the supply of electric power, nothing is moving in Hamilton to-day except the long ears of the Spectator and Times respectively.

NO MONOPOLY. (Christmas Puck.) "I want a license to marry the best girl in the world," said the young man. "Sure," commented the clerk, "that makes thirteen hundred licenses for that girl this season."

BUT HE DOESN'T. (Dunville Gazette.) If Sir Wilfrid Laurier is as honest as his friends say he is, how is it that he permits and encourages the "blockers" to prevent any effective inquiry into the public accounts?

THE FRENCH GRIN. (Buffalo Express.) "What is meant by 'French grin'?" "Didn't you ever see the passengers on the platform of a car that didn't stop at a corner where someone was waiting to get on?"

CHURCHES TO-MORROW. Special Services and Special Music.

In Central Church Rev. W. H. Sedgewick will preach at both services. Miss Sutton, soprano soloist, will sing in St. Peter's Church Sunday evening.

The subject of discourse by the minister of Unity Church to-morrow evening will be "Atmospheres." In Knox Mission Mr. T. C. Mustard, of Knox College, will preach at both services to-morrow.

Rev. T. L. Turnbull will occupy the pulpit in the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prof. F. H. Jacobs, of New York, for fifteen years solo singer with D. L. Moody, will assist Pastor Pilpitt in the Gospel Tabernacle both morning and evening.

Rev. John Young will discuss temperance from the Bible standpoint in St. John Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. All interested will be made welcome.

The pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. MacLachlan, will be in his pulpit at both services. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed in the evening. Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd, vice-provost of Trinity College, Toronto, will preach at the morning service in Christ's Church Cathedral, and Canon Abbott, M. A., in the evening.

In Knox Church the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed both morning and evening. Morning subject, "Blessings in Unexpected Ways." In the evening the subject will be, "The Speechless Guest."

In Ryerson Church the pastor, Rev. C. S. Applegate, will preach at both services. The evening subject will be "The Unwise Man and the Star," or "Worrying About Christmas."

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will hold special services commemorative of the fifth anniversary of Rev. J. A. Wilson's induction. Rev. D. C. Hossack, M. A., of Toronto, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Special collection for interest.

Emerald Street Methodist Church will have for its preacher at both services to-morrow Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, the popular pastor of Wesley Church, Toronto. Organ recital at 7.45 p. m. Excellent music.

At Simcoe Street Methodist Church the Rev. G. S. Cassmore, of Victoria University, will preach at both services. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Smith, B. A., will preach at both services at Charlton Avenue Methodist Church to-morrow.

At the First Congregational Church the pastor will preach in the morning a sermon to boys and girls, entitled "Peter's Shadow," and in the evening on the topic, "Martin Luther, the Monk That Shook the World."

The pastor, Rev. J. R. Paulin, B. A., will preach at both services in St. Giles' Church. In the morning Miss Edith Taylor will sing "The Lord Is My Shepherd," and at the evening service Mrs. J. M. Eastwood will sing "Hold Thou My Hand." Orchestra at all services.

In First Congregational Church, corner Cannon and Hughson, the P. S. A. Brotherhood will meet. Prof. Jacobs, of New York, the noted singing evangelist, will address the brotherhood at 8 o'clock, and sing some of his favorite sacred songs. Bright, brief, brotherly. Every man welcome.

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Phibbs Merrifield, soprano, of Cincinnati. Rev. H. Edgar Allen will preach in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday morning on "The Holy Name." This will be the fifth of the series of sermons the pastor is now preaching on Sunday mornings on "The Lord's Prayer." As it is education day in the Baptist churches, Prof. McCrimmon, LL.D., of McMaster University, will occupy the pulpit in the evening.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. The feature of to-morrow's programme will be the men's meeting at the Crystal Palace Theatre, addressed by Rev. Dr. Hooper, acting pastor of James Street Baptist Church. A male quartette from Central Methodist Church will sing. All men cordially invited.

Gymnasium men's Bible class at 10 a. m., led by D. M. Barton. Bible Study Club at 3 p. m., led by Paul H. Wilkes.

Religious work committee meeting to-night at 8.30. Cabinet meeting Monday evening at 8.30. Singing class Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Chees and checker players will rally on Wednesday evening to make final arrangements for a trip to Brantford on Thursday.

London and Hamilton senior basketball teams will play here Christmas night. The Boys' 4.15 meeting Sunday will be an open one in the boys' rooms, led by Frank Melroy. A good attendance is hoped for.

The Boys' Cabinet will meet Monday night at 7.30, when every member is expected to be present. The work of the committees will be gone over.

The training class of the Boys' Club Union will be held at 8.30 sharp, Monday night, and all should plan to remain.

Rev. E. Sheppard will be the speaker at 4.15 Sunday afternoon long service, special music, everybody cordially invited.

Committee of management will meet Tuesday, 14th, at 7.45 p. m. sharp. Every member is urged to be present.

Harry Lauder to Appear at Massey's Hall, Toronto. It has been arranged for Harry Lauder, with supporting company, to appear at Massey Hall, Toronto, Dec. 21 to 25, inclusive, and the fact that fare and a third arrangement will apply over these dates will be taken advantage of by many of our citizens to see the world's foremost singing comedian, and incidentally visit Toronto during the Christmas season. Tickets will be on sale at Canadian Pacific City and Station Ticket Offices.

WHAT IS DEATH? Is there any, or is what seems to be merely transition? Mr. James Laird, of Inverkip, a thorough Bible student, will deliver a lecture to-morrow evening, Sunday, Dec. 12, in the C. O. E. Hall, 67 James street north, opposite Rebecca street, at 7 p. m., upon the subject of "Death." Those who have heard Mr. Laird upon former occasions will be glad of the opportunity of hearing him again. This will be the first of a series of lectures which will be given consecutively. The subjects will be duly announced.

That's Different. "May I offer you this little gift, Fraulein Kate?" "Excuse me—I never take presents from men."

"But it is only a copy of my book of poems."

"In that case I will accept, I thought it was something valuable."—Flegende Blatter.

WAS DELICIOUS WITH ECZEMA. On Chest, Back, and Head—Pain, Heat, and Tingling Were Excruciating—Nerves in Exhausted Condition—Sleep Badly Broken.

CURE BY CUTICURA SEEMED LIKE MAGIC. "Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for what Cuticura Remedies have done for me. I suffered from my daughter, Adelaide. She is fifteen years of age, and had never before had anything the matter with her skin until four months ago, when an eruption broke out on her chest. The first symptom was a redness, and then followed thickening and blisters, which would break and run matter. I took her to a doctor, and he pronounced it to be eczema of a very bad form. He treated her, but instead of being checked, the disease spread. It showed itself on her back, and then quickly spread upwards until the whole of her head was affected, and all her hair had to be cut off. The pain she suffered was excruciating, and what with that and the heat and tingling her life was almost unendurable. She became run down in health, and at times was very feverish, languid, and drowsy, and occasionally she was delirious. Her nerves were in such a low state that she could not bear to be left alone. In spite of the best and best medicine she would insist on having her bedroom window open, and would lean out on the windowsill, and sleep like mad. Her hair is coming on nicely, and I still apply the Cuticura Ointment as I find it increases the growth wonderfully. Mrs. T. W. Hyde, 1. Ongar Place, Brentwood, Essex, England, Mar. 8, 1907.

Cuticura Soap to Cleanse the Skin. Cuticura Ointment to Heal the Sores, and Cuticura Remedies to Keep the System Pure and Free from the Cause of the Disease. Put on a Bandage to Keep the Ointment in Place. Cuticura Remedies to Cleanse the Skin, and Cuticura Ointment to Heal the Sores, and Cuticura Remedies to Keep the System Pure and Free from the Cause of the Disease. Put on a Bandage to Keep the Ointment in Place.

DR. SAM SMALL. The Citizens' Campaign Committee has been fortunate in securing Dr. Sam Small, the famous Southern temperance orator and scholar, for a week's campaign, commencing Monday, Dec. 13th.

Dr. Small is a captivating orator. Many who heard him in the Central Methodist Church last Friday evening declared it the finest temperance address they had ever listened to. His audience was held spellbound by his powers of logic, wit and earnest eloquence. His address was a powerful appeal to patriotism and a graceful example of rare and refined oratory.

The general public will be glad of this opportunity to attend and listen to these popular addresses. For particulars consult advertisement in this issue.

GOLD LEAF. Cast in Ingots and Flattened, Annealed, Cut in Pieces and Beaten. Gold leaf, of which such large quantities are used by picture frame makers, as well as by other trades, is made as follows, says the Canadian Painter and Decorator:

An alloy of the desired color having been formed, the gold is melted in a crucible at a temperature well above the fusion point. It is then cast into an ingot and flattened, by rolling between a pair of powerful steel rollers, into a ribbon one and a half inches wide and ten feet in length to the ounce.

After being flattened it is annealed and cut into pieces of about six and a half grains each, and placed between the leaves of a "cutch," which is about half an inch thick and three and a half inches square, containing about 180 leaves of tough paper, manufactured for the purpose. This is beaten on for about 20 minutes with a seventeen-pound mallet, by which the gold is spread to the size of the "cutch." Each leaf is then taken out and cut in four pieces.

These are put between the leaves of a "shoder," four and a half inches square and three-quarters of an inch thick, containing about 720 skins which have been worn out in the "mold" or finishing process described later.

The shoder requires about two hours' beating with a nine-pound hammer. Each leaf is again cut in four pieces and placed between the leaves of a "mold," composed of about 950 of the finest gold-beaters' skins, five inches square and three-quarters of an inch thick, the contents of one shoder filling three molds.

The material has now reached the last and most difficult stage of the process. During the first hour the hammer is allowed to fall principally on the centers of the mold. This causes gaping cracks upon the edges of the leaves, the sides of which rapidly anneal without leaving any trace of the union after being beaten upon. At the second hour, when the gold is about the 150,000th part of an inch in thickness, it is for the first time permitted the transmission of light. If the gold is pure, or but slightly alloyed, green rays pass through; when highly alloyed with silver violet rays appear.

As a rule about four hours' beating with a seven-pound hammer is required. A single ounce of the hammer is equivalent to about 1,200 leaves three and a quarter inches square. The finished leaves are taken out of the mold and the rough edges trimmed off by slips of rattan fixed in parallel grooves of an instrument called a wagon, the leaf being laid upon a leather cushion for that purpose. The leaves are placed in "books" capable of holding twenty-five leaves each, which have been rubbed over with red ochre to prevent the gold from clinging to the paper. The fine goldbeaters' skin is the outer coat of the casing of blind gut of the ox, specially prepared.

MONDAY SHEA'S CORSET SALE December 13, 1909. All For 49c

Rousing Sale of Girl's Coats At Half Price

Nearly 300 Girls' Winter Coats bought this week at sweeping reductions from the best manufacturers in Canada and passed on to you in the same open-handed way. All made of splendid warm cloths, light and dark colors, in the very best styles to fit girls 3 to 15 years. The regular values are from \$3 to \$10; they go on sale in 4 lots, as follows:

Half Price Sale of Women's Suits Still On. You get new better made or better cut garments; Italian lined, silk lined and satin lined; all the new style touches, the best makers' clearings lots; everyone perfect. All on sale at actual 1/2 price figures:

Splendid Values in Handkerchiefs. Women's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3/4 inch hems, very fine weave, worth \$2, on sale for, each 12 1/2¢; per dozen \$1.50.

Gift Umbrellas--Reasonably Priced. Men's Umbrellas with natural wood, ivory and horn handles, gold and silver mounted, splendid quality of covers, special at \$1.50.

Blankets for Practical Gifts--Reasonable Prices. Beautiful English Blankets, pure wool, the best value ever offered by the Shea Store, splendid, lofty, finish "whipped" at both ends, all sizes up to 2 1/2 yards wide, per pair \$5.50, \$6.95, \$8.50, \$9.75 and \$11.00.

Women's Golf Coats--A Necessity. The best values in Canada in all kinds of Knit Jackets, Pony Coats, Norfolk Coats, Jersey Vests, with and without sleeves 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, up to \$4.00.

Little Wonder Darner--See it Demonstrated. Works on any make of Sewing Machine, will do more darning, and do it better in 5 minutes, than you could do in an hour by hand, so simple a child can use it, and only costs 25c.

A GOOD WORK. Fish, Game and Forest Preservation is Important.

Mr. William Hendrie, secretary of the local branch of the Association for the Preservation of Fish, Forest and Game, has issued a letter to all interested in the movement, in which he says:

Another year will shortly pass, during which we have had the report for the year from Superintendent Mr. E. Tinsley, of the Fish and Game Department of the Ontario Government at Toronto.

The total receipts from fish and game licenses in this Province totalled over \$100,000, a goodly increase over that of previous years, showing conclusively that this source of revenue is now, and can further be made, a most valuable asset to the people of this Province.

That the fish and game laws are being better understood and observed by our people, as well as aliens, and where not so observed are much more strictly enforced by the game wardens and overseers, has been made evident during the past year with unmistakable signs of benefit to all concerned.

The appointment of Mr. Kelly Evans to make a report upon the fish and game of the great lakes, which should enter far more than it does into the diet of the people of Ontario, is a sign that those at the seat of Government are beginning to realize the importance of what remains to Ontario in her fish, forest and game even after many years of ruinous and extravagant extermination.

Much yet can be done by saving what is left, and it remains for the different branches of Ontario Fish, Forest and Game Protective Associations throughout the Province to work in harmony and push along this good work.

The annual meeting of the members of the association will be held on Monday evening at the Hotel Royal at 8.15 o'clock.

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