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March Challenge Sale

Collapsible Go-Carts



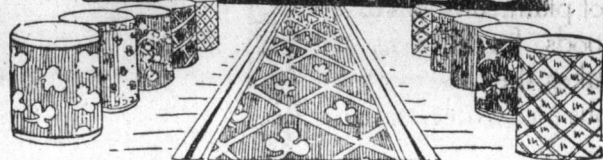
Saturday and
Monday only **\$6.45**

Dining Tables



3 only. Pedestal Set Tables, extend 8 feet, round or square, royal oak finish. Regular \$26.50. Saturday and Monday only **\$15.80**

CARPETS



Made and lined free for the remainder of the month

Ingrain Carpets

Ingrain Carpets, 36 inches wide, reversible floral design, worth 55c a yard, made and lined for **44c**.

Matting

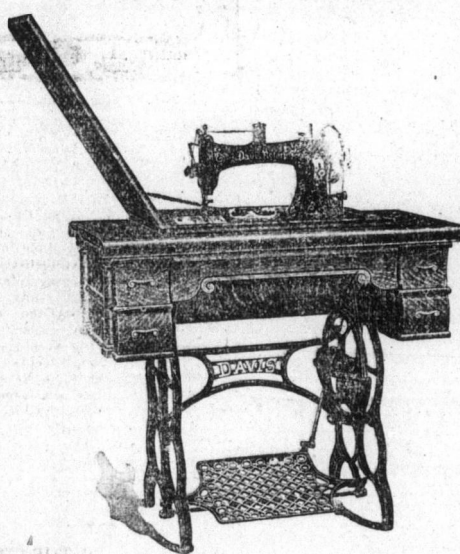
150 rolls Japanese Matting Cotton Warp, black and floral designs, worth 38c a yard. Sale price **28c**.

Tapestry Carpet

Tapestry Carpet, 27 inches wide, handsome pattern, rich colorings, worth 90c a yard, made and lined for **79c**.

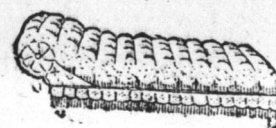
Best Ten-Wire Tapestry, with border to match, worth \$1.10 a yard, made and lined for **87c** a yard.

Walker's Sewing Machines



Samples and Demonstration
of Sewing Work Given
Free To-Day

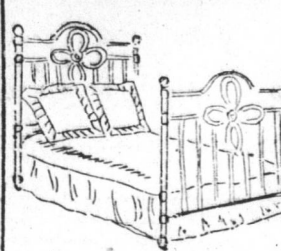
Gate Davenport



2 only Gate Davenports, can be opened automatically to full size bed, full spring seat and back, in green checked velours, frame oak finish. Regular \$30.75.

Saturday or **\$19.50**
Monday only

Iron Beds



72 Beautiful Iron Beds, in green or white. 4-6, 4-0 and 3-0 sizes. Saturday and Monday only **\$2.49**



FREE FREE

Pair Lace Curtains
With every art square sold this month.

German Brussels Squares
Best assortment, in sizes 3x3, 3x3½, 3x4, 3½x4, 4x4, 4x4½, ranging from \$7.85 up.

Sofa Tapestry Squares
60 only Sofa Squares, 4 ft. 6 inches by 7 feet; great values while they last, \$3.75.

Floor Mats
24 dozen beautiful Door and Hearth Mats, ranging in price from 90c up to \$8.50.

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THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1908.

INSULTING THE MAYOR.

Congratulations are due to Mayor Stewart, who for the past two or three years has with dogged determination insisted upon the justice of the city's claim for reduction and upon the reference of the dispute to an official arbitrator. In pursuing this policy he has had to face the bitter opposition (amounting at times to personal insult) of the Spectator and Times, which accused him of unjust hostility to the Cataract company and a desire to badger and "nag"—Hamilton Herald.

It required a good deal of assurance, not to say impudence, to pen the statement quoted above. It is so much at variance with the truth, as far as it affects the Times, that we can hardly help believing that the writer of it was aware that it was a deliberate falsehood while it was being penned. The readers of the Times, who followed the discussion, will bear us out when we say that, instead of putting difficulties in the way of the Mayor or Council in the effort to secure a reduction in the price of the electric light, it urged them both to take advantage of the clause in the by-law that gave them power to ask for a reduction, or to put the Comtee Act in motion. This was urged upon the Council again and again. But the "war" element in that body, backed by the Herald, would have none of it. They wanted fight. When the Times urged negotiation, the Herald clamored for blood. It was all one to it—whether street lighting, street railway or Cataract Power Company. Instead of insulting the Mayor for seeking a reduction in the price, the Times encouraged action in that direction. We won't be a bit surprised should it, a twelve months hence, claim that it was the means of bringing the street railway company and the Council together to negotiate a settlement, while the Times stood by and swore at the Mayor.

SO SOON FORGOTTEN.

Just how seriously Mr. Borden's leadership is taken by leading members of his own party was significantly illustrated during a discussion in the House a few days ago, when the question of public ownership cropped up, Hon. Mr.

Haggart taking occasion to vigorously repudiate the Conservative party's sympathy therewith. The situation was an unfortunate one for any Tory debater, Mr. Borden having stood on every side of the question. The temptation to rally Mr. Haggart upon arraying himself against his leader was too much for Mr. Logan, M. P., who, with a few witty remarks, declared that he would leave the former Tory Minister of Railways to reconcile his contemptuous expressions regarding public ownership with the views of his leader and W. F. Maclean, M. P. The report goes on to say: Mr. Haggart—The leader of the Opposition never said he was in favor of public ownership.

Mr. Logan recommended Mr. Haggart to read the Halifax programme. Mr. Haggart—I never heard of it before. Think of that! So stalwart a veteran member of Mr. Borden's immediate body guard as Hon. Mr. Haggart publicly declared that he never heard of this much-bruited plank of Mr. Borden's famous "Halifax platform"! And yet, at the time Mr. Borden held his public meeting at Halifax, before beginning his transatlantic political pilgrimage, and with much blare of party trumpets and beating of tom-toms, announced his great political confession of faith, the Tory organs, from Atlantic to Pacific, acclaimed that Mr. Borden should receive the homage of a people who had long waited in vain for such a deliverer. Even W. F. Maclean, M. P., on the strength of this public ownership plank, lent his strident voice to swell the chorus. And to think that, thus early, even the memory of the event has passed from the minds of Mr. Borden's trusted lieutenants! Alas, how fleeting is fame! But has Mr. Borden himself ever dared, since his Halifax meeting, to once refer to that particular plank?

BLOCKED THEIR GAME.

Objection was taken, the other day, by Mr. Smith (Sault Ste. Marie), and Mr. MacKay, to the many sums paid out by the Whitney Government to law firms for special services during the year. Premier Whitney became quite truculent, and demanded that specific charges should be made. Mr. MacKay and Mr. Smith pointed out that the Public Accounts had only been brought down a few days, and they objected to rushing the items through at express speed. Mr. Whitney insisted that Mr.

Smith make specific charges. Then followed this illuminating discussion:

Mr. MacKay—What my friend is asking for is that the matter should stand over until he had had an opportunity of inquiring into it.

Mr. Whitney said it might so happen that the expenditure would be necessarily quadrupled in some years. If the member for the Scot thought there was anything wrong let him say so.

Mr. C. N. Smith—I do.

Mr. Whitney—I certainly won't agree to an item standing until somebody goes before the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. MacKay—May I ask when the Public Accounts Committee will be organized?

The Provincial Treasurer—The practice has been for the Public Accounts Committee to be organized immediately after the budget speech.

Mr. MacKay—Well, if all the estimates are to be passed before the budget, and the committee does not meet until afterwards, there's the difficulty. The item was allowed to stand.

The reader will not find it much task upon his intelligence to discover the plan proposed to be followed by Mr. Whitney in this matter, and which the objections of the Liberals interfered with. The Public Accounts Committee is the body supposed to look into these matters above referred to; this committee has no existence till after the budget is delivered. By getting all these items railroaded through before the Public Accounts Committee was organized would avoid the criticism which they would otherwise receive there. It was a very neat little game, and it was neatly checkedmate by Mr. MacKay and Mr. Smith.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Now watch Whitney "hive the Grits!"

"Protection," Lord Rosebery declares, "is a great evil, a great tyranny and a great source of corruption." Carried unanimously!

A. W. Wright is to be an "independent" candidate in one of the Toronto ridings. A. W. is almost as independent as Sam Barker. What's his game?

Bolted half-doors have been discovered in Toronto schools also, and Dr. Hunter declares them to be death-traps. And they often to be found in Hamilton?

And the proposal to get an expensive man as city engineer, who is an expert

in electricity has been abandoned. Another excuse for knifing Barrow gone.

Slandermonger Ames is beginning to think that he has been hoaxed. Hunting for material for scandals in dealing with timber limits has turned out to be a profitless task, but much time of Parliament has been wasted thereby.

A medical examiner of immigrants, at Halifax, has been dismissed, consequent upon revelations of irregularities in passing new-comers. The watchman at purgates must be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion.

An examination of Judge Snider's award in the electric light matter shows that the principal point upon which the city depended to secure reduction did not figure in the result, the enclosed are lamp being held to have been in use before 1899.

Think of it! The School Board getting legal opinion as to whether it can force the city to pay it money monthly as it requires it! And, but a short time ago, it created a new official for the very purpose of having its appropriations handed over to it in bulk.

The big 700-foot ocean leviathans are to have their supremacy challenged. Preparations are being made at Belfast to build a vessel 1,000 feet long. One of these days pleasure-seekers may cross the ocean and enjoy trotting races on a half mile course en route.

The Toronto Electric Light Company seems in no hurry to fork over its valuables, even with Whitney's Hydro-Electric pistol at its head. It says it has a far better contract than Whitney has, pays for just what current it uses, and has no peak load joker in its arrangement. It does not even tremble at the thought of a competitive city plant.

Employees of the City Council are to be given a hint to attend strictly to the duties which they are engaged to perform. Good enough! And let us hope that the rule will apply equally to those who intermeddle to forward some aldermen's pet plans and to those who butt in with an opposite view. Moreover, the aldermen should make it thoroughly clear that no city employee, whether he work in the sewer, or sport a "hired shirt," and plug hat in the City Hall,

should so far forget himself as to attempt to direct or influence aldermen in matters of policy. Misconduct of this sort has been too common, and a few direct and emphatic snubbings may have a good effect.

The Spectator professes to be horrified at Hon. Mr. Brodeur "handing over to Americans" the work of reorganizing the system of bookkeeping in the Marine Department. Has it so soon forgotten that its model, Hon. Mr. Whitney, brought his bookkeeping experts from the United States? And that Minister Hanna had to go to Detroit for a confidential secretary?

The special committee seems to be of opinion that Mr. Barrow is too valuable a man to lose, but it still wants to put a high-priced man over him, and appoint heads for the departments. Now, if Mr. Barrow had worked under conditions so favorable, could he not have met every demand, saving to the city the price of that high-salaried engineer whom it proposed to engage? Does the committee think its raison d'être is to saddle a high-salaried man upon the city?

There were 48 convictions for infringements of the Fruit Marks Act for the twelve months ending with March 1. When the Act was before the House the Tories sought diligently to make political capital against the Government for promoting it. Now they are constrained to give it their approval. An Opposition which recognizes no duty but to oppose all legislation by the Government, no matter how good it may be, has to do some queer swallowing acts.

It is to be borne in mind, in studying the propositions for an extended and improved street railway, that, quite aside from any question of the growth of the city and of the gross receipts of the company in the future, some of the new lines would probably prove unprofitable for a considerable time. Besides that, some of the lines proposed, while being a great convenience to the people of their locality, would not very largely add to the list of new patrons of the system, but would leave them some blocks walking.

The Tory organs' solicitude for the poor settlers of the Northwest, who

needed help to get seed grain, appears to have waned since Government so promptly took action to meet every need. The Ottawa Citizen says that it is now reported that the Northwest has enough seed wheat. Doubtless it has in the aggregate, just as Ontario has enough money to provide for everybody in comfort. But in each case there are unfortunates, and the vote for seed grain is intended to give such temporary relief as the needy farmers may require.

OUR EXCHANGES

File Alarm Boxes.

(Toronto News.)

seems reasonable that public schools towns and cities should be equipped with fire alarm boxes.

Needs Work.

(Dunnville Gazette.)

The Old Boys' Reunion here next July will be a success just to the extent to which everybody works to make it so.

Opposes Public Ownership.

(London Advertiser.)

Mr. Whitney is opposed to Government ownership, but he does not frankly say so. He puts it by, and then seeks to throw the responsibility on the Ross administration.

A Protection Fallacy.

(N. Y. Journal of Commerce.)

We always have to remember that with your hide-bound protectionist foreign trade has only one profitable side and means selling all you can in other countries and buying as little as possible from them. This means in the final analysis giving as much as possible and getting as little as possible in return, for foreign trade is only an exchange of commodities.

Men, Not Nations, Trade.

(N. Y. Journal of Commerce.)

But the fact is that men and not nations buy and sell to each other as much in foreign as in domestic trade and with the same motive, that of getting gain. If the people of one country want the products of the people of another country there are men who will get them if there is money in it, and if they have products to sell to people of other countries there are men who will dispose of them there for profit. There are men who will make the bargains and do the dealing, and there are men who will provide the means of carrying commodities back and forth, all for individual gain.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mrs. Munro and Mr. Geo. Roberts.

Mrs. Helen Munro, the wife of John Munro, passed away last evening after a short illness. Deceased was 23 years of age, and was a daughter of Thomas Moran, Simcoe street west. The funeral will take place on Monday morning to St. Mary's Cathedral.

The death occurred last evening at the City Hospital of George J. Roberts, who for the past two and a half years had been the yardmaster of the G. T. R. at Hamilton. Deceased was 36 years of age, and was born in England. A widow and two sons survive. The funeral arrangements have not been completed. He was a member of the I. O. F. and the B. of R. T.

The funeral of Joseph Jocelyn took place yesterday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. J. Young conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were T. McPham, W. McInnis, J. Sutton, G. Alderson, H. Hawkes and B. Duckworth. The members of the Plasterers' International Association attended in a body. The floral tributes included the following: Pillows, sons and daughter; and Operative Plasterers' International Association; sheaf of wheat and roses, Mr. E. and Miss C. Dorman; wreaths, grandchildren, Creighton & Co., Sergeants' Mess 91st Highlanders; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mr. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. M. Skedden, Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. Fitchie, Mr. Munsever, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jocelyn, Mr. Vanever, Misses Cassidy and M. Kerron.

A CLEAN ELECTION.

Kingston Liberals Challenge Conservatives to Agree.

Kingston, March 13.—The Whig says: "The Conservatives in 1906, when they thought they had a sure thing, when everything favored them in the bye-election, approached the Liberals of Kingston with a proposal to hold a public election, 150 men on each side binding themselves to abstain from all corrupt acts. The Liberals said 'Yes,' and the bargain was faithfully carried out. The Tory game then was to win and blacken the Kingston Liberal party by declaring that Liberal elections were only won by money. They failed, for Liberalism against great odds triumphed. The Liberals now challenge the Conservatives to have another party election. If it was good in 1906 it will be good in 1908. What will be the answer?"