

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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HOSTILE TO HAMILTON.

The deputation of aldermen which yesterday made a pilgrimage to Toronto with the object of inducing the Hydro-Electric Commission to deal fairly with the city in the matter of the Hydro-Electric power contract returned without having succeeded in its endeavors. Perhaps we should say that it returned with a very definite impression that the commission, for some reason or other, is unwilling to deal fairly with Hamilton by making allowance for her exceptional position and circumstances.

Such an impression is, at least, amply warranted by the attitude and utterances of the commission at the interview yesterday, and by Mr. Beck's letter to the Mayor, printed in another column. Mr. Beck resorts to the use of many words to conceal the brutal fact that he refuses the just claims of this city. Hamilton must submit to place her neck under the heel of the Hydro-electric monopoly for 30 years, or in the contract for 1,000 h.p. she is to be denied the advantages which are hers by right of her part ownership of the transmission line, and by right of her more favored situation. Even the concession which would leave us free to test the scheme before giving the city over in entirety to the mercies of this monopoly, is not to extend beyond December 31st of next year!

Mark the effect of this. At that date the Commission will not have been furnishing power for a year and will not be in a position to know what the power costs. Do you see the point? The object of limiting us to Dec. 31, 1910, is of a piece with the entire policy of the Commission. Its object is to force us into that 30-year monopoly. It fears that if Hamilton had a year or two of experience with the scheme, it would be utterly impossible to get any Council to ratify it, and that the ratepayers would be a unit in refusing to have anything to do with it.

It is true that Mr. Beck, in his letter yesterday, after refusing to extend the time in the agreement, says: "If the length of time under this paragraph is found to be insufficient it will be competent for the commission, upon an application, to extend it."

Observe carefully the wording. He says it will be competent for the Commission to extend the time. How tricky and lawyer-like! It sounds as if it might have been written by that good friend (S) of the city, Lawyer Lobb.

But if it would be "competent" for the Commission to extend the time after Dec. 31, 1910, upon application by the Council, why should the Commission refuse to fix the time at a reasonable period when application is made for it now, and before it has the city bound hand and foot? Why do you suppose the Commission should so deal with the city if its purpose be to treat us justly, fairly, candidly?

It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that in this scheme the city of Hamilton is being "used" for a purpose, and that the good of her people is not being served. The duty of those to whom the city's interests are entrusted is clear. They should unhesitatingly refuse to enter into any such contract as that endeavored to be forced upon them by the Commission. Nobody believes that it would ever have made such an attempt had it not been egged on by the influences which hope to profit at this city's expense. Is it to be justified in its low estimate of Hamilton aldermen's fealty to the city? Or will the Council show its loyalty to Hamilton by repudiating the entire scheme, or placing it in concrete form so that it can be fully understood and asking the men whose property will be mortgaged by it to pronounce upon it at the municipal elections?

CANADA'S FLEET UNIT.

The plans of the Admiralty and War Office, as submitted at the Defence Conference, and which provide for Canada's co-operation with the Imperial forces in defence of the Empire, were laid on the table of the House yesterday afternoon.

The statement of the views of the Admiralty shows that it was felt that if nothing but the problem of naval strategy was to be considered, the maintenance of a single navy would be found to be best. But the Admiralty felt, as had long been recognized, that other considerations than those of strategy must be taken into account. The conditions were not the same in all the dominions. The best form of assistance for one might be to contribute money or material; for another to lay the foundations of a future navy of its own. The Admiralty advised that in creating such a navy the formation of a distinct fleet unit should be aimed at, and it set forth, in detail, its ideas as to what should constitute such a unit.

One of the plans suggested by the Admiralty to the Canadian Government has been adopted. It involves the construction of three cruisers of the Bristol class and four destroyers. These cruisers will cost \$1,900,000 each and the destroyers \$400,000 each. The total cost of this naval force, including dock yards at Halifax and Esquimaux, capable of handling the largest ships of the British navy, is estimated at \$2,000,000 a year.

Of cruisers such as it is proposed Canada shall build, Great Britain has now twenty-one and Germany eight. These vessels are of the scout type of 4,800 tons displacement, with engines of 22,000 h.p. capable of developing a speed of 25 knots an hour, and are armed with two six-inch and ten four-inch rapid-fire

guns, besides smaller weapons. The destroyers are small, but very speedy craft of the standard type of the British navy. The scheme is one that will bear careful study and discussion. The papers brought down make it clear that the proposals made have the entire approval of the British Admiralty, which feels that the possession of such a fleet unit by Canada would contribute to the naval strength of the Empire. Australia has in view the maintenance of a fleet unit, she being temporarily assisted from the imperial funds. New Zealand will, for the present, content herself with the contribution of a battleship.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Of course, if the Lords fire the heathens, they must not whine at the consequences.

Canada's trade for October increased over \$5,000,000 as compared with October last year. Our seven months' increase of trade this year amounts to \$48,400,497.

How eagerly the junior local Tory organ rushes in to extol and defend John Milne, the Tory boss! John knows where your true-blue machine defenders are to be found.

But supposing a man sets a trap for a mink and a muskrat gets into it, what then? Such a thing is far from impossible. Must the man be fined? Should the pelt be allowed to go to waste?

"Are the House of Lords to dictate to us, the people of England? That club of Tory landlords!" That question was not asked by Winston Churchill. Oh, no! It is in the words of Joseph Chamberlain at Hanley a few years ago.

Ottawa can see the comet. There isn't any other place in Canada that can. Therefore, Ottawa leads, as always.—Ottawa Journal.

The only wonder is that while Parliament is in session the average Ottawa man does not see two Halley's comets. Ottawa must be improving.

The A. F. of L. has passed a defiant resolution to continue the boycott, regardless of how the law may regard such a course. Is that wise? Supposing everybody to resort to similar methods, what would become of freedom and good citizenship?

At a meeting in Revelstoke, B. C., Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper attacked the McBride C. N. R. argument as "a wild and unconsidered bargain," and presented seven reasons for that view. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's plain statement of the case is not likely to help the McBride candidates' cause.

Sir Richard Cartwright says the best United States authorities are of the opinion that the Franco-Canadian treaty does not involve discrimination against the United States. In any event, however, that is a matter for the United States authorities; and Canada's policy should be to act entirely in its own interests.

It is said that the Beach Commission will itself establish that park which the Parks Board talked about making at the Beach. That is the proper move. It is in line with the policy advocated by the Times. And the park will be as useful for city visitors as if we had spent \$75,000 or \$100,000 of the ratepayers' money to provide it.

Now prepare to hear through political-owned and controlled papers and news agencies stories the most doleful about the "misery in England." And the pity of it is that those who feel the pinch the worst—the "dukes" and big landlords—will squeal never a squeal, but go on whining about the condition of the men upon whom they live like parasites!

Buffaloniens have been wrestling with the problem of the skinfint who gave a hard-luck applicant a month's work on condition that he would be satisfied with a cent for the first day, to be doubled every day of the month. It figured out that on the 31st day under this contract the worker would earn \$10,532,608.24, and that for the month he would be entitled to \$20,995,308.47.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture announces that his Government is spending about \$18,000,000 a year on experimental work in agriculture. Some critics say that half of that money is wasted as party plunder. Suppose so. There remains \$9,000,000, about the cost of one modern warship, that is put to useful purposes. Surely the benefit of such expenditure must be great.

Mr. Monk moved in the Commons yesterday a resolution dealing with proportional representation, which he thought would give the Tories a larger representation from Quebec. Sir Wilfrid pointed out that it would also give the Liberals a larger representation from Ontario. He specially referred to the case of Toronto, in which the Liberals were entirely disfranchised. "Toronto," he said, "is a very fine city, but in political matters, it is apparently hopelessly blind."

Hamilton and the Grand River, and some people think he is very far astray. According to the figures given in the Government meteorological returns Hamilton is 303 feet above sea level; Brantford, 750 feet; Paris, 840 feet. Perhaps Mr. Patterson is not so far astray as some people think. But the question is one well worth looking carefully into.

The Herald affects to be indignant at the suggestion that "hidden influence" was exercised on the Hydro-Electric Commission to induce it to try to squeeze Hamilton into the Hydro monopoly to the city's great loss and injury. But while the influence was "hidden" (or attempted to be hidden) from the city against which it was used, perhaps our contemporary wishes it to be understood that it was not "hidden" from the Commission!

On Nov. 5 the British House of Commons, by a vote of 215 to 54, refused to agree to the changes made in the Irish Land Bill by the House of Lords. Yesterday the Lords to some extent modified the changes made, and passed the bill a second time. Whether the modifications will be satisfactory to the Commons is not yet known, but it is not improbable that the Lords hope to dispose of the measure in a way to satisfy the Irish party before going into a conflict with the Commons.

The report on Controller Hocken's visionary tube railway scheme for Toronto was presented yesterday. The estimate given for building an underground railway of 3.4 miles, with 18 miles of surface road, is placed at \$1,835,000. Manager Fleming of the Toronto Railway Company, says Hocken might as well expect to build a railway to the moon with that amount of money; and those who are acquainted with such construction in New York and Philadelphia are inclined to agree with him.

The expert accountant employed by the Detroit Civic Committee to enquire into the 3-cent street car fare question in Detroit finds that it costs 3.79 cents to carry each passenger, and that even without interest on debt, depreciation charges and replacement and repair fund the cost is 2.62 cents a passenger. Obviously a 3-cent fare would be impossible in such circumstances. The cost of the car service must be paid; why not make those who use the cars pay it by charging a reasonable rate of fare?

Our Exchanges

A MERRY ONE NOW. (Buffalo Express.) Mme. Steinhil celebrated her acquittal by giving a "champagne dinner." The Red Widow has become the Merry Widow.

WHAT SHE MUST DO. (Toronto News.) The mere fact that a woman has power enough to attack a Cabinet Minister with a dog whip is no proof that she is qualified to vote. She must learn to loaf around saloons and beat her husband with a poker.

USING WHAT SHE LEARNED. (Boston Transcript.) Little Mabel had spent the afternoon at her father's business office, where the telephones were kept pretty busy. That night as she went to bed she surprised her mother by closing her prayers with: "Amen. Good-bye. Ring off!"

SUNDAY AUTOING. (Grimly Independent.) There is no greater cause of the desecration of the Sabbath Day than that caused by the automobilists, in this country and the United States, but the Lord's Day Alliance won't move a finger against these gentry—it wouldn't be "good form, don't you know."

APOLOGIZES TO TELEGRAM. (Toronto Star.) This apology if offered, however, not so much for anything we have said about our contemporary, as for something we have thought about it. What we thought about it was that by the grumpiest journal published anywhere; that it was the most spiteful, opinionated, unjust, and unbecomingly invidious among living journals. We thought it was, but we find that it isn't and so we frankly apologize.

ODDS FAVOR LAURIER. (Toronto Telegram, Tor.) Blundering tactics by the Borden Opposition have staged a victory for Laurier. Laurier's position is now a better one than he could have stage-managed that situation for himself. Assuming that the advantages to be distributed by the naval issue were 100 points, the score at present stands:

Table with 2 columns: Candidate and Points. Sir Wilfrid Laurier ... 100, Borden Opposition ... 0, Great Britain ... 0, Canada ... 0.

GEORGE ROSS. (Toronto Globe.) The felicitousness of the establishment of the Imperial Service Order was manifested yesterday when a Companionship of the Order was conferred at Government House on Mr. George Ross, Chief Superintendent of Post Offices for the Dominion. Lieut.-Governor Gibson acted for His Majesty. It was the culmination of thirty-five years of public service of the most earnest and most unselfish nature. The land has all been graded and seeded, and a double row of trees planted along a portion of the driveway, and another row along the Concession roadway. With the completion of this work it is thought the mountain boulevard is in fairly good condition, and by the summer time the committee feel confident that the citizens will have as beautiful a park as could be desired.

In connection with the renting of the Holland A. White house, it was necessary to do some grading before the tenant would accept the terms. The house is rented for \$25 per month, and the grading, together with some other repairs found necessary, will cost about \$250.

The report was adopted after the repairs that were done were explained. Accounts amounting to \$1,322.97 for the past month were passed. Permission to take the seats at present in Victoria Park to the Strathcona

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BEACH PARK IN PROSPECT.

Government at Last Taking Hand In Matter.

New Scheme For Beautification of Gore Park.

Irrigated Cement Curb With Flowers and Shrubs.

At a meeting of the Parks Board last night Mr. A. A. Lees announced that he had had a conversation with Hon. J. S. Hendrie in connection with the Beach park. What Mr. Hendrie said was a positive assurance that it would be done and there were just a few minor details to arrange before the whole thing was definitely settled.

The Government will pay \$20,000 for the twenty-four acres that will form the park, and the city will not be asked to contribute one cent. As soon as the purchase, etc., are complete the park will be handed over to the Beach Commissioners and will be kept by them for the benefit of the public.

It will have a frontage of 1,400 feet on the bay and will be ready for use next spring.

There is a probability that that old bone of contention, namely, the Gore Park fence, will soon be removed, and superseded by an ornamental curbing, in which will be planted shrubs and flowers, and at regular distances along the curbing ornamental posts with big vases of ornamental design, from which flowers will bloom and creepers hang.

Mr. A. A. Lees told the Parks Board that he had been approached by a citizen, Geo. S. Burkholder, who had suggested the idea of the ornamental curbing, and Burkholder had offered to do the job for \$1 a foot, ornamental posts included.

Mr. Lees outlined the proposition, as explained to him, and it was that a hollow curb be placed all around the park about eight inches wide and about fifteen inches deep. It would be irrigated, thus saving the trouble of watering the flowers in the summer.

Mr. Burkholder called on the assistant City Engineer for the purpose of fully explaining his idea, so that the Engineer can draw a plan of the proposition for the education of the Board in the matter.

The Works Committee reported on the mountain boulevard as follows: The work on this property during the past few months has been given precedence over all other work, with the idea of having the driveway completed from end to end before the frost set in. This has been accomplished, together with the overhauling of the large park and bank adjoining. The land has all been graded and seeded, and a double row of trees planted along a portion of the driveway, and another row along the Concession roadway. With the completion of this work it is thought the mountain boulevard is in fairly good condition, and by the summer time the committee feel confident that the citizens will have as beautiful a park as could be desired.

HARD FIGHT IN PROSPECT

Liquor Interests Strongly Oppose Local Option In Dundas.

Personal and General News of the Valley Town.

Citizens Anxious to Know Cost of High School.

Dundas, Nov. 18.—The opponents of local option opened their committee rooms over Cowper's offices last evening. If local option is not defeated in Dundas next January it will not be owing to lethargy on the part of the people engaged in the traffic.

Among recent visitors in town were: Rev. James Goodwin, Grimby; Mrs. Alfred Greenwood, Grimby; Arthur Clark, London; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cameron, Brantford; Mrs. Will. Moore, Vancouver, B. C.; Chas. Kemp and son Gordon, of Manitoulin Island.

Among Dundas people visiting elsewhere were: Mrs. A. Crooks, in York; R. T. Wilson in Fergus; Mrs. T. K. Anderson in Toronto.

Rich, Conway is able to be out again after his recent severe illness.

Stuart Hyde leaves on Saturday for a visit with relatives in Paisley and Bruce.

Harry Wilson is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, where he underwent a slight operation. He hopes to be out in a few days.

Dr. Raspberry, veterinary surgeon, has opened an office in Burton's livery.

Special meetings will be held by Rev. Mc. Grant, pastor in the Baptist Church every evening of next week.

The Venerable Archdeacon Clark will officiate in St. James' Church at the dedication of a new Latin desk given in memory of the late Clara Matilda Morris, on Sunday morning, the 21st inst.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tolman and two children, of Atlanta, Georgia, are at her parents', Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Woodhouse, on a visit.

A fine photo of the late Dr. McMahon, who was for twenty years member of the Legislature for North West, and a former Mayor of Dundas, has been hung up in the town clerk's office.

The residence on Victoria street at present occupied by F. C. G. Minty, has been purchased by Robert T. McNichol from Mrs. Arland, of Hamilton, for \$3,300.

Thomas Allison, who was recently in charge of the Hydro-Electric construction in this locality, is dangerously ill at his home, 23 Withrow avenue, Toronto.

Miss Ethel Porter, who left on Saturday for Alma College, St. Thomas, was presented with an initialed club bag from the firm of Grafton & Co., and a fine leather hand bag from the young ladies of the head office of the company, where she has been a valued assistant during the past couple of years.

GOOD SITE

Secured by J. J. Scott, of This City, In Toronto.

A Toronto despatch says: The leasehold interest of the northeast corner of Bay and Richmond streets have, it is understood, been secured by Mr. J. J. Scott, K. C., of Hamilton, for about \$25,000, but whether the property is for a client or an investment could not be learned, as Mr. Scott is at present in New York. The lot has a frontage of 104 feet on Bay street by 63 feet on Richmond street, and is at present occupied by various tenants. The ground landlords are the trustees of Knox Church, and the purchaser secures the buildings, which are mostly old, and the leases, which are renewable every 21 years. The site is one of the best on Bay street.

HAD SMOKER.

Highlander Officers Saw Pictures of the Tercentenary.

The officers of the 91st had one of the best smokers last night at the armories that they have ever had. A large number were present and the good programme which had been prepared was greatly enjoyed.

A lecture, "Quebec During the Tercentenary," illustrated, was given by A. M. Cunningham. The lecturer had a plentiful supply of slides showing the officers in full dress and otherwise, views of different parts of Quebec and the numerous other attractive features of the great gathering. As the views were thrown on the screen Mr. Cunningham explained each one.

Messrs. Orth and Fern, who are appearing at Bennett's Theatre this week, saw a few selections which were greatly enjoyed.

After the programme had been completed various games were played and the refreshments passed around.

New Publications. "Afterward" is the title of Mrs. Edith Wharton's new story, which is to be published in an early issue of The Century. It is the story of an American couple's finding of an English country home, and their joy therein, reminding the reader, perhaps, of Kipling's "An Habitation Enforced." But, it is said, there is a strange and uneasy development of the theme, marking the story with grim tragedy, which is all Mrs. Wharton's own and altogether different from anything she has done hitherto.

CHURCH WORK. (London Advertiser.) A number of church and other organizations show a tendency to interest themselves in the municipal elections. It is a good sign. Civic affairs have suffered from too little, not too much, public interest.

When a man wants the earth it is usually only with the idea of giving it to some woman.

SALE CLOSED.

St. Thomas Ladies Make a Great Success of It.

The annual sale of work by the ladies of the Church of St. Thomas closed last evening at 10 o'clock, after two days, which, although perhaps not as good as last year's, were successful from a financial standpoint. The condition of the weather kept some from attending the sale, but it did not deter the many enthusiastic members of the church. In all other respects the affair was a splendid success, and numbers are not always the best test of success in a church sale. Although the exact results will not be known until next week, the committee in charge expect to do as well, if not better, than last year, when \$510 was raised to add to the rectory fund.

The officers wish to thank all who helped in various ways to make the sale a success, and hope that next year the sale will have more favorable weather.

RATTENBURY-CONWAY.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place in St. Lawrence's Church at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, it being the marriage of Miss Margaret Irene Conway, daughter of Mrs. J. Conway, 484 Mary street, and Mr. R. J. Rattenbury, who was a player on the junior Tiger team two seasons ago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. M. Brady, and was witnessed by a large number of friends and guests of the bride and groom. The bride looked handsome in a tailor-made suit of navy blue cheviot and wore a black hat with white plumes. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley, and was attended by her sister, Miss Kate Conway, who wore a becoming costume of violet broderie with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The groom was supported by his brother, Charles Rattenbury.

After the ceremony the guests sat down to a daintily-served wedding breakfast at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Rattenbury left on the 10.55 a. m. C. P. R. train for Buffalo, Rochester and other American points. The bride's going away hat was of black fur. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous costly presents, which showed the esteem in which these two popular young people are held. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful topaz pin, to the bridesmaid a pearl ring and to the best man gold cuff links. On their return the newly married couple will reside at 492 Catharine street north.

"I am in the hands of my friends," remarked the amateur politician. "And the hands of your friends, I suppose, are in your pockets," added the professional.