

THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 1908.

ENTOMBED MINERS.

On Dec. 4 three miners were entombed at Ely, Nev., in a shaft 1,085 feet below the surface of the earth. Fortunately, 24 hours after the cave-in which entombed them, it was found possible to furnish them regularly with food and drink through a six-inch pipe, and even a portable telephone was lowered through it, enabling conversation to be carried on. Grave fears were felt that the settling of the earth might break the pipe and thus prevent the success of the work of the rescuers. This, however, did not take place, and seven weeks after they were entombed they were restored in safety to their friends.

This was a long entombment, but it lacked some of the hardships of many such recorded disasters. Perhaps one of the most remarkable stories of endurance in such circumstances is related by the well-known geologist, Archibald Geikie, in his "The Colliers of Carrick." It is the story of the strange and wonderful experience of John Brown, a Carrick collier, whose graveestone in the Daily church-yard bears this inscription:

In memory of John Brown, Collier, who was entombed in a shaft 1,085 feet below the surface of the earth, having fallen in, Oct. 8th, 1835, and was taken out alive and in full possession of his mental faculties, but in a very exhausted state, Oct. 21st, having been twenty-three days in utter seclusion from the world, and without a particle of food. He lived for three days after, having quickly expired on the evening of Nov. 3rd, aged 66 years.

This is the cold narrative of the facts, and it speaks of marvellous endurance in a man of 66 years. Brown was working apart from his fellows in a lower level when an empty wagon rumbled by, narrowly missing crushing him. He went up the gallery to see who could have been guilty of this carelessness, but the mine was deserted. Some weakened pillars had given way, precipitating the crash, and even the ground on the surface had sunk with a noise heard for miles down the quiet vale of the Giron, to the great alarm of the populace. Brown was sealed up within the mine. The task of penetrating into the workings was a difficult and dangerous one. Brown was believed to be dead, and the work was undertaken less in the hope of rescuing him than of digging coal. But these Scotch miners had a horror of leaving in such a tomb the body of a comrade, and a party of volunteers doggedly tunneled on in the hope of recovering it. On the morning of the 23rd day they entered the open workings and were repulsed by a rush of foul air. To the surprise of one of the rescuers he heard a faint groan, and soon Brown was found in a shocking plight. His first words when he was able to whisper were, "Give me a drink," and soon afterwards, "Eh, boys, ye've been lang o' coming!" Brown's condition was pitiful. The fungus which grows so rapidly in coal mines had spread over his body as over a rotten log, and had quite taken possession of his hair and beard, and when an effort was made to remove it Brown protested, "Na, noo, wae ye kittle me!" His face was like that of a mummy, and his flesh seemed almost entirely gone, while his eyes had an unnatural lustre. Dr. Sloan, of Ayr, said that in placing the hand over the pit of the stomach he could distinctly feel the inner surface of the backbone. He rallied sufficiently to tell something of his experiences till the time when he fell where found, beside the little rill of water, which he could hear but which he was too weak to reach. He had never doubted that he would be rescued and had heard them working toward him. Shortly before he breathed his last he said to the watchers, "Ah, boys, when I win through this, I've a queer story to tell ye." But the story was never to be told. So great a sensation was caused by Brown's experience that superstitious peasants came to Dr. Sloan to enquire, "Doctor, did ye fin' his feet?" so convinced were they that Brown must have had something more than human about him, and they wished to be assured that the doctor had taken care to ascertain whether he had a "split hoof" or not! And long after poor Brown's death his ghost was said to play pranks in Carrick.

Beside this experience that of the Nevada miners, although longer, was mild indeed. It is somewhat notable that one of the three men rescued at Ely is named Brown.

DOCTORS' FEES.

"Stung" wants us to explain by what rule city doctors grade their sliding scale of prices, and also complains of the exorbitant cost entailed nowadays in connection with medical attendance. The Times is not conversant enough with doctors and their fees to say how they are governed in their sliding scale of charges, but imagine that charges are made in accordance with the ability of patients to pay. It depends on one's position in society, to some extent, and the length of his or her purse. Those less able to pay are charged less, and, in some cases, we understand, those who cannot pay anything, are not asked to—getting free treatment. Of course, a scale of charges based upon such a principle would not do in any other business. A grocer, for instance, could not charge one man a dollar for a pound of sugar and another ten cents for the same. He would soon be out of business. As to the alleged exorbitant charges, it looks as if the increased cost of living

has also brought increased cost of dying. Possibly the heavy fees may impel some people to patronize patent medicines and the druggists more liberally than formerly, and cause them to be less ready to call in the doctor. People who find they cannot afford the luxury of a doctor, have the satisfaction of knowing that they can at least die a natural death.

CHEAP FUNERALS.

There is a cut rate war on among the undertakers and embalmers of Baltimore, Md., and all sorts of inducements are being held out to the citizens for their patronage. Funerals never were cheaper in that city than they are at present, and the time is considered most opportune for those who want bargain day funerals. The funeral directors there believe in the efficacy of advertising and are using the columns of the daily press without stint to keep the public posted as to the advantages of dying while the reduced rates are in force. A first class funeral with a solid mahogany oak, or walnut casket, lined with broadcloth, can be had for \$100, and the undertaker throws in a brick or stone grave. But the competition is greatest in the cheaper lines. These firms are offering larges in funerals at \$75. No such cut rates were ever known before in Baltimore. For this price, so low that really there is no use living any longer, one can have a funeral which will be a credit to the deceased and to the neighborhood. These funerals, "as advertised," include:

Five rubber tired carriages (the best). Massive black hearse. Massive grey hearse. (Choice.) Beautiful black broadcloth casket. Beautiful grey plush ditto. Beautiful white plush ditto. Massive highly polished oak ditto. Ditto ditto mahogany ditto. (Choice.) But this is not all. There is in addition:

One fine burial suit, dress or slumber blanket. Embalming by experts. One shave (for males.) Six pairs white gloves (for pall-bearers.) Advertisement of the funeral. Door crape, any shade.

Those Baltimore undertakers have not yet reached the limit, and some over-cautious people may postpone their final exit until they agree to throw in the six pall-bearers for the same price, as well as guarantee the presence of an officiating clergyman. Nothing is said about Sunday funerals. But no doubt those who want the extras attached to a Sunday funeral will have to pay the extra price.

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now famous \$1,500 "blind" mare. Professor Reid explained that the animal was not really blind, but had lost the sight of only one eye. Had both eyes been sightless, would the Minister have paid \$2,500 for her?

Mayor Stewart's uncompromising attitude towards the proposals of the Street Railway Company may be taken for granted that he is not anxious for a settlement of this vexed question. There may be reasons for this. But we can see no harm in an honest effort to come to some terms that would suit both city and company. Neither the Railway Board nor any one else can force the company to give us the much needed extensions.

The Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park have frequently drawn attention to the great possibilities for power development on the Canadian side of the Niagara River, below the Falls, both above and below the Whirlpool. They have pointed out that power could be developed there at very low cost, and without, in any way, imperilling the beauty of the Falls. Somebody ought to send Hon. Mr. Beck a sheaf of their reports.

Mayor Stewart is reported to view the arrangement proposed by the Street Railway Company to the council as "a gamble of the city's finances." The characterization is not a happy one. It is very far from being a gamble. Without expressing any opinion as to whether the proposals meet the requirements of the case, or not, it must be said that their tendency is to remove all elements of chance from the situation. It guarantees so much in so long a time. Whether the terms are such as the city may accept, or not, they are definite.

Speaking of the reduction of the postage on drop letters to one cent, our contemporary, the Spectator, chirps up: "As it happens in the case of drop letter postage, the one cent move is nothing more than a return to conditions as they existed under Conservative rule. It is in such moves all along the line that the present administration gives most marked evidences of progressive policy." The cleverness of this is less apparent, when it is recalled to mind that it was in the Conservative regime that the increase to two cents was made. Try again, Specky.

Mayor Stewart would very soon settle the street railway difficulty, if he had his way. The Spectator reports him as saying: "If we have a good case and the Board refused to issue the orders we wanted, I would favor going to the Government, and asking that the board be dismissed from office." The Mayor has the true plaintiff idea. "If the judge doesn't disregard the other fellow's story and interests entirely, and give me just what I want, I'll have him kicked out of office." The obstacle to the success of this policy is that the Railway Board is sworn to regard contracts and the principles of equity, in dealing with these cases.

It is probably correct to assume that the British Columbia Legislature cannot get behind the treaty now in full force between Canada and Japan, as modified by the later arrangement, but the right of the Legislature to impose an educational test on Asiatics other than Japanese and on Japanese not coming directly from Japan, apparently remains unimpaired. Toronto World.

British Columbia was fully advised that her Natal Act was rendered ultra vires by including in it the people of Japan, they having treaty rights with Great Britain and with Canada. The McBride government deliberately exceeded its powers, in the desire to have a ruction. Its squealing now will deceive nobody.

Referring to the failure of the Mayor of Halifax to collect by suit a bill of \$400 for his trip to attend the Union of Canadian Municipalities, the Spectator says: "A general application of this supreme court ruling and there would be a speedy decline of the aldermanic junketing habit." That is very true, and the lesson should be learned by aldermen and officers, who have elected themselves to these "Tooley Street" municipal associations, and who take, illegally, sums out of the people's taxes to pay for their junketing. And we could find some such pupils, who need educating, very near home. This filching of the people's funds, and butting in, by men who have no right to represent anybody, should be put a stop to.

The city of Winnipeg, at January 31, had a debenture debt of \$12,893,237. To meet this, it has provided a sinking fund amounting to \$1,492,557. According to the statement issued by the City Comptrollers, however, this sinking fund is largely a matter of figures. Quoting from it, the Winnipeg Free Press says: "There is no cash on hand to represent them except an item of less than \$20,000, so that the citizens will have to furnish the cash to meet this debenture indebtedness as it becomes due." That is not a very healthy state of municipal finance, and goes far to explain why the banks are loath to advance millions for current expenses and plunging into new socialist municipal ventures. Recently the Winnipeg Comptrollers computed the per capita debt of the city at \$113. In 1904 the per capita debt of all cities in the United States with populations varying from 100,000 to 300,000 averaged \$47.11.

The Baby and the Curtain. (From Studholme's Speech.)

"Inside this gay chamber," he said, "were women clothed in silks and satins and jewels and robes, and men in swallow-tail coats. I am not jealous because they were dressed better than me, but I was thinking of the bleak storm outside and of the poor homes that were being read about in your papers, and

the little babies that are coming into the world, and only an old window curtain to cover their little bodies. "Can any man call himself a Christian and see these things go on?" appealed Mr. Studholme.

Regrettable. (Toronto News.)

It seems a pity that a day is not thirty hours long so that Mr. Studholme could have a chance.

A Prolonged Prescription. (Canadian Courier.)

Dr. William Osler, a Canadian famous for science and speeches, told the following amusing story, says M. A. P., to illustrate the importance of medical men being very precise in their directions to patients. A young foreigner consulted a doctor about his health one day and was advised by the medico to "drink hot water an hour before breakfast every morning." The patient took his leave and the doctor thought no more about it. A week afterwards, however, the young man came back again, and complained of feeling much worse.

"That's curious," said the doctor. "Did you follow my advice and drink hot water an hour before breakfast every morning?"

"I did my best, sir," was the reply. "but I couldn't keep it up for more than ten minutes at a time."

His Advice. (Canadian Courier.)

Rev. Dr. Griffin, in charge of the Superannuation Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada, is one of the most humorous men in a body which contains many Irishmen. Some years ago, Dr. Griffin was to deliver an address in a Toronto church, and the entertainment resembling the old-fashioned tea meeting. The youthful pastor of the church spent much eloquence on the subject of woman's "advancement," showing how many avenues of employment are open to the modern woman, and expatiating on the glories unto which the daughters of Eve may attain. Then he sat down and wiped his beaded forehead while his wife smiled approval from the parsonage pew.

Dr. Griffin arose and with the drollery peculiar to him related: "Not long ago, I was invited to take tea with some dear young friends recently married. The silver was bright, the dishes were new—but we had baker's buns, baker's cake—canned salmon and tinned peaches. Girls," continued the reverend speaker in a tone of tragedy, "whatever you do, learn to cook. There's nothing that shows a poor housekeeper more than canned salmon." For more than a year following that address, no woman in the congregation dared to set before her husband a dish of canned salmon, however disguised and "escaloped," unless she wished to be reminded of the clerical warning.

OLD COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS AND CANADA.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's hospitality to journalists from the old country last summer must have brought the Dominion some hundreds of columns of space to British news columns; some of which were pretty well used. Their portions again, perhaps, might better have been left blank. There has been ample evidence, however, that the tour through the Dominion was not wasted in the case of A. J. Dawson, of the London Standard. This gentleman won golden opinions both with his own kind and the general public. He so ably represents, while he was among us here in Canada, on his return to the old country he published no fewer than sixteen long descriptive articles in the Standard and Evening Standard, and a leading article on the last of his series. And these articles were of the real right sort; well calculated to modify old country ignorance of the Dominion and its resources, and to stimulate interest in the minds of British investors and others regarding the opportunities offering in this country. A. J. Dawson departed from the beaten track of the old country journalists in rising to Canada's dignity as a great young nation. The word "colony" never appeared under his name in connection with the Dominion; and, although the general policy of the Standard has always been distinctly favorable to the overseas lands of the empire, it has been easy to see that A. J. Dawson's trip last year has strengthened and accentuated that policy where Canada is concerned; for, ever since his trip here, Canada has been writ large and frequent in the Standard's pages. But apparently this is not to be the end of the results of this particular newspaper man's visit to us. We hear that A. J. Dawson, of the Standard, is expected in Canada again early in March, when he will make a second tour through from Atlantic to Pacific, but without much time to spare. He hopes to make a more extended trip on this side either during the summer or next year. But in the meantime, he will visit the main centres and renew last year's acquaintances, during March and early April, and we hear that he will have some interesting announcements to make regarding the practical results of his Canadian experiences, as affecting the Standard and its readers, and, through them, the interests of the Dominion. A. J. Dawson stated more than once while in Canada last year that he would not rest until he had set some scheme afoot towards helping the mother country to "play up" to the young nation of the empire more than she has done in the past. It will be interesting to learn how he has succeeded in his intentions, and how all right, no doubt, but man is up against something when he sets out to make a move in Fleet street. It may be taken as certain that A. J. Dawson has the foundation of some kind of a new departure for the Standard in his pocket, or he would not be coming out again so soon to tell us about it, and secure Canadian co-operation; which we hope he will get. He deserves it, if only for the way in which he rose to the national spirit of the Dominion. Canada has always a glad heart for the man who can get a move on him and bring things off. And that man, unless we are much mistaken, is A. J. Dawson, of the London Standard.

WINTER. "Christmas Hymn." Yes, Christmas is the children's day. Though all the world was in distress, 'Twas little children Jesus took to Him in His arms. Chorus: Oh, Christmas Day, Oh, Christmas day, O, precious, precious story, For them we sing the Savior's praise, Till we shall sing in heaven. He loves the little children best, To them His care is given, He blesses some of us on earth, And some in His sweet heaven. Selected.

SPIRITUALISM EXPOSED.

The subject of "Spiritualism Exposed," from a psychological standpoint, will no doubt draw a crowd to the A. O. U. W. Hall, on MacNab street, on Sunday evening to hear Prof. Seymour. See ad. in amusement column.

RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED

DURING 1907 BY

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company

Insurance in Force—\$50,000,000 of insurance in force was reached in August last, exactly twenty years from the date of commencing business. This constitutes a record unequalled by any other Canadian life insurance company.

Applications Received.—The applications for insurance received during the year amounted to \$10,004,507.00, an increase over the best previous year of \$371,186.00.

Premium Income.—The net premium income exceeded \$2,000,000.00 for the first time in the history of the Company. It is just five years since the annual premium income reached \$1,000,000.00.

Interest.—The income from interest and rents amounted to \$420,982.81 showing an increase over 1906 of \$95,351.85. The mean ledger assets of the company during 1907 earned an average of 5.31 per cent., an increase of .23 per cent. over 1906.

Total Income.—The total income amounted to \$2,433,114.15—an increase over the previous year of \$239,594.96.

Death Claims and Payments to Policyholders.—The payments to policyholders amounted to \$721,227.83—an increase of \$265,470.11. Whilst the death losses were again well within the expectation, the number of endowment and tontine policies to mature showed a very large increase.

Assets, Valuation and Surplus.—The assets amounted to \$9,459,230.69—an increase of \$986,859.17. All listed securities embraced in the assets of the company were valued on the unprecedentedly low market quotations of December 31st. Nevertheless, the surplus on policyholders' account amounted to over \$1,000,000.

Expenses.—In 1906, the expense rate, as compared with premium income, showed a very satisfactory decrease; in 1907 a still further decrease of .63 per cent. was made, in spite of the large volume of new insurance secured.

Increase.—The following comparison shows a record of remarkable and steady progress.

	1901.	1904.	1907.
Insurance in force, Dec. 31	\$27,138,931.00	\$37,668,468.00	\$51,237,157.00
New Insurance Issued	5,023,401.00	7,116,136.00	8,739,057.00
Income	1,103,640.58	1,639,107.70	2,433,114.15
Surplus	504,011.50	771,869.12	1,004,495.32
Assets	3,772,477.25	6,112,344.57	9,459,230.69

The Directors for 1908 are as follows:—Hon. G. W. Ross, President; Lloyd Harris and M. R. Gooderham, Vice-Presidents; S. G. Beatty, C. C. Dalton, D. B. Hanna, Lt.-Col. James Mason, R. L. Patterson, Dr. J. F. W. Ross, G. P. Schofield, W. B. Strachan, Montreal, and A. J. Wilkes, K. C., Brantford.

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CENTRAL Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning gymnasium men's class will be held in the parlour. Any young man wishing to improve himself in Bible study will be welcomed.

The men's meeting will join forces with the mixed gathering of men and women in Association Hall to-morrow afternoon when Rev. Mr. Stacy will speak on Church Union. A boy singing of Toronto will sing. Silver collection will be taken at the door. A large gathering is anticipated.

The Temperance Executive holds its last meeting of the season in Association Hall at 8.30. The Ladies' Auxiliary has arranged for a ladies' party at the home of Mrs. W. A. Robinson, Charlton avenue, on Wednesday next, at 3 p. m. An interesting programme has been prepared, and those who attend are expected to bring one cent for every year of their age in an envelope also a quotation or an original saying of a comic nature referring to birth-

days. All interested are cordially invited. Good night evangelistic services will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, from 9 to 10 o'clock. All men invited.

The Religious Work committee will meet on Wednesday evening next at 9 o'clock.

Junior Y. M. C. A. Notes. Bible class, 10 a. m., Sunday. All boys are cordially invited to attend. The first and second basketball teams of the boys' department go to Toronto West End to-day to play for the Canadian championship.

East Hamilton Notes. The men's meeting at 4.15 will be addressed by Rev. C. J. Triggerson, of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, his subject will be "Naaman, the Leper." Mr. J. W. McLean will sing. This meeting is open to all men, whether members of the association or not. The membership committee has held several meetings recently and is pushing energetically for new members. It is hoped that the young men of East

Hamilton will show their appreciation of the Y. M. C. A. branch by connecting themselves with it at once.

THE STRONG MAN.

Owing to the present popular fad of muscle accumulation and strength development, this film of moving pictures shown in Association Hall to-night should be an exceedingly popular one, as it contains many helpful suggestions to ambitious aspirants, as well as many ridiculously fully features that will keep the general audience in roars of laughter, as the hero finds advantages as well as disadvantages in possessing great strength. Many awkward and intensely funny episodes are related in picture story. This is one of the latest vitagraph novelties, and when added to fifty others representing the sensational, pathetic and comic, should make one of the best programmes ever seen here. See display.

The pugilist may believe in the Divine Right, but he doesn't allow his left to remain idle.

Monday, Feb. 24
1908

SHEA'S

Bargain Day

The Biggest Bargain Day Of The Year

AFTER our great clearing sale, which will end to-day, it will take a big Bargain Day to clean up the few small lots left in the different departments, so come out early (8.30 will not be a minute too soon) and get your share.

Early Sale of Dress Goods 75c to \$1.25 Values for 25c

A quantity of dress goods in every conceivable weave and coloring, Panamas, tweeds, lustres, cashmeres, armures, satin cloths, voiles, etc., etc.—all new and fashionable goods in useful ends for skirts and waists, also some full pieces. Just a final clean-up after our great sale. Sharp at 8.30 they go on 25c sale for per yard

Silks at 25c worth 60c

Plain and fancy Silks in black and colors, good 50 to 75c values, bargain day for per pair

75c Black Dress Goods for 39c

Black Canvas Cloth, full 44 inches wide in beautiful fine wool, nice weave, and texture, good 75c value, to clear at per yard

Women's Skirts at \$1.50

About 100 of them made of plain cloths, and pretty tweeds, well made, strapped and button trimmed, good \$3 value, bargain day for each \$1.50

Women's Skirts at \$2.50