

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, FEB. 8, 1909.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

The British Board of Trade returns recently issued go to show that the wave of depression which has been passing over Great Britain in common with all other countries, has about spent itself, and that conditions are improving.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Millions of £. Rows include 1890, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908.

It is shown by the analysis of these figures that the imports in 1908 were better than in any year save 1906 and 1907; that exports of British goods were better than in any year save 1907; and that the total trade was better than in any year save 1906 and 1907.

A LITTLE PLAIN TALK.

The more one considers the decision of the majority at that informal aldermanic meeting on Friday night, the less is one's respect for the business acumen and good faith displayed in dealing with this power matter.

That Mayor McLaren should have recommended precipitancy in such an unbusinesslike and ineffective course will be a disappointment to many who expected to find in him a dignified, unprejudiced, practical presiding officer who could be counted upon to subordinate his personal antipathies to the public good.

Let it be clearly understood that default on the part of the city cannot be remedied by the submission of another by-law, whether it be carried or defeated. The contract now in existence will lose nothing, gain nothing, in validity if the proposed by-law fails to carry.

A few days ago the Mayor advised that the Government be asked to place the Cataract Company within the regulation of the Dominion Railway Commission.

cern, he on Friday night advocated committing the taxpayers to the Hydro scheme gamble at great cost, a scheme which involves a 30-year liability, during which term the city would be prevented from buying a dollar's worth of power from the local company or from any source save the Hydro-Electric Commission—all this that "we would be always in a position to put a check on the Cataract."

Another matter which is not unlikely to lead people to think that the Mayor and some of the aldermen are willing not only to risk a foolish and costly lawsuit to serve an outside interest, but even to invite waterworks disaster and a general rise in insurance rates, is the manner of referring to the much-needed new pumps.

A good deal of very childish talk was indulged in as to the Cataract Company "not living up to its agreements." His Worship asked if there was "anything to show that they would not break their contract," and remarked that "they have done it before."

One thing the aldermen should not lose sight of, and that is that the submission of a by-law cannot nullify a contract. The step proposed will serve to waste some money, to cause delay, to involve the city in some loss, but it can settle nothing.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Toronto has about \$35,000,000 of tax exemptions. And the city is still holding out more such "inducements" to coax industries thither.

A Toronto barber has developed small-pox. He shaved a great many people on Saturday, and now the health authorities are wondering how many new cases will be traced to that barber shop.

A few more men of Ald. Peregrine's business grasp and outspoken honesty are to be desired in the City Council. He is there to do the best for the people, and he declines to play to the gallery or pander to un-Hamilton interests.

Mr. Hellmuth's opinion is diametrically opposed to that of the City Solicitor on the matter of the Council having the right to deal with a five-year power contract. But Mr. Justice Anglin and Mr. Rose take the City Solicitor's view.

Mr. Thomas Southworth, who has done such excellent work in connection with forestry in Ontario, has resigned, and will enter business life. He is the sort of man whose services should have been retained.

Sunday's bloody tragedy at Shelburne has the appearance of another case of the maniac at large. Will it ever be possible for society to protect itself against men of unbalanced mind by applying restraint before they develop murderous tendency?

Ald. Ellis admits that the street lighting contract price is low. Well, the power price is 10 per cent. lower than the Hydro's "cost price," and no risk to the ratepayers. Why would you try to break such an agreement? Not in the city's interest, evidently.

Talk about the Cataract Company "breaking its agreements," Mr. Mayor, who was it agreed to that fixed assessment on the Terminal Station, and then when the building was erected, tried to default, and was held down to the agreement by the county judge?

What private employer would keep five minutes in his service a manager who would exchange a most profitable contract for a less profitable one, with chances of an action for damages for default? It is only in the municipal service that people are so imposed upon.

Parole Officer W. P. Archibald, in an address at Toronto yesterday, pointed out that of 2,046 prisoners paroled in

nine years, only thirty-five had lapsed into crime, while 1,135 have already earned their full liberty. In view of these results, why should any Canadian seek to introduce the dangerous indeterminate sentence system in this country?

The average earnings of United States railways per capita of population along their lines, is said to be \$29; of Canadian railways, \$26. Taking the Intercolonial by itself, its earnings are \$9.36. That in itself indicates that the task of making the Intercolonial pay is likely to prove a heavy one.

Mayor McLaren questions whether it was fair on the city's part to take advantage of the Government's (Hydro) scheme to get "a good bargain" from the Cataract Agency. But surely solicitude for the Hydro scheme would not influence aldermen to try to lose the city this "good bargain"!

From Washington comes the news that as a result of French tariff discrimination against the United States, and the advantages which Canada gains under the new French treaty, many United States industries will be induced to build factories in Canada. We have plenty of room for them and they will be welcome.

An estate of \$50,000 has been wound up in Hamilton, and the law costs were \$40,000.—Toronto Globe.

Our contemporary refers to the Todd case, over which there was much litigation. But it has been misled by taking its information from an untrustworthy source. A solicitor connected with the case says that the costs may perhaps reach one-quarter of that amount.

Does Ald. Morris and Ellis really think that if their motion of Friday night should be acted upon and a by-law relating to the power contract be submitted to the people it would "settle the matter"? It would have no more practical utility than a declaration of a majority of the Council that the part is greater than the whole.

One of Toronto's schemes for advertising it as an industrial centre is the organization of a brass band which is to tour the continent under the direction of its commissioner of industries. Why not secure a few of the out-of-work attractions of the industrial fair to accompany it. A few of the cake-walkers and ballet dancers might prove quite an attraction.

The city of Toronto went to New York for its filtration plant engineer, and the other day when the plans were being brought across the line they were seized and held by the customs authorities for \$5,000 duty. It would be something like poetic justice if moss-backed protectionist Toronto should be required to pay the sum as a measure of protection to Canadian engineers and filtration experts.

Toronto seems to have a large number of professional "unemployed." The Associated Charities asked 1,126 unemployed registered there to report for work in the parks. Of these 342 failed to show up. Snow shovelling was provided for 1,320, and 513 shirked the job. Of 481 cases investigated 178 were ascertained to be frauds. These parasites on the public make it difficult for the honest men to secure proper consideration.

Mr. Justice Anglin evidently did not give any weight to the argument that the Council had no right to enter into the power contract for more than one year. He read section 566, sub-sec. 6, of the Consolidated Municipal Act, as giving it ample power to contract with an existing "gas or electric light company" for the supply by contract by such gas or electric company of gas or electric energy or light for street lighting and other public uses for a term of not less than five years and not more than ten years. No expert is needed to interpret the Judge's opinion in this part of the matter.

When the Hamilton Herald first got the text of the Hydro-Electric power contract which municipalities are compelled to sign, and which binds them to buy power from the commission, and from no other source, for thirty years, at an unknown price, it was staggered. In a "moment of weakness" it protested that the contract was "not what it ought to be," that the municipalities "ought not to be expected to bear the loss" in prices of power, which might eventually be greater than they had expected to be. It emphatically declared that it did not approve of such conditions. It felt itself constrained to warn the aldermen that it "did not think it would be prudent for this city voluntarily to cut it off from another source of supply" by signing a contract that bound it in such an ironclad monopoly. Yet this same contract is now urged upon the Council by the un-Hamilton organ! What removed its scruples? What induced its consent to the betrayal of the city, this consent—or should we say how much?

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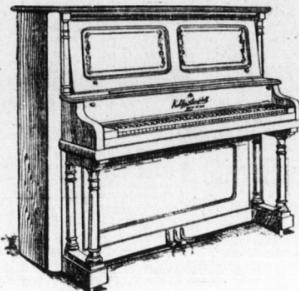
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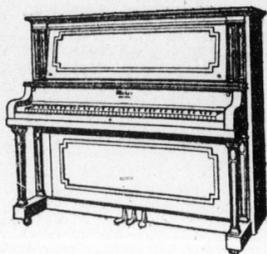
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SUCCESSOR DUTIES. To the Editor—Up to what amount is the estate of a dead man exempt from succession duty? Subscriber.

Geo. W. Carey Going Out of the Piano Business



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OUR EXCHANGES

The Backyard. (London Free Press.) But a few weeks hence and spring gardening will be in full fling.

Joe's African Prototype. (London Advertiser.) The Mad Mullah is on the rampage again. He seems to be the Joe Martin of African politics.

Finish It. (Ottawa Citizen.) The Government has spent \$795,000 in making beautiful the Capital. Here's where we all say: "Let Laurier finish his work."

An Evil. (Toronto Telegram.) And the Marathon craze has turned the ambitions of Canadian youth away alike from healthful sport and useful employment.

His Winning Way. (Brookville Times.) The Hon. G. P. Graham, by a fairly good imitation of the man who now claims to be the world's wrestler, has succeeded in insinuating himself more or less into the good graces of the House.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1909 SHEA'S

Skirts Made to Measure of Sale Goods \$1.25 for

Our Winter Clearing Sale

Don't miss this splendid sale for it will not last very much longer, but while it does last you will get such bargains as never were offered in Hamilton before. Everything of a winter nature must be cleared within the next two weeks.

DRESS GOODS AT 50c. \$1.00 VALUES—Hundreds of yards of elegant AL-wood Dress Goods, 44 to 50 inches wide, black, browns, navys, in taffetas, espingles, Panamas, and other weaves. Goods that have sold readily at 75c and \$1.00, on sale to-morrow for, per yard 50c

MAINTLE CLOTHS AND COSTUME CLOTHS 60c—50 to 56-inch Cloths in blacks, colors and plaids, heavy weight and medium weight, some costume cloths, goods worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, all one price, per yard. 69c

BLOUSES AT \$1.95, WORTH \$3.50 TO \$5.00—Silks, Nots and Laces, blacks, white and colors, embroidered and applique trimmed. Waists that sell regularly for \$3.50 to \$5.00, on sale to clear at, each 1.95

WOMEN'S \$1.25 VESTS AND DRAWERS FOR \$1.00—Turnbull's Fat Knit, the very best goods of the kind in Canada, natural wool and unshrinkable, full \$1.25 value, on sale to clear at, per garment 87 1/2c

CORSET SAMPLES LESS THAN WHOLESALE—A quantity of dark Corset Samples, in every style of this celebrated make, worth 50c to \$1.00, on sale to clear from 35c to 50c 82.75

UNDERSKIRTS AT \$1.95, WORTH \$3.50—Made of "Hyde Grade" Taffeta, made by the same mills that weave the "leatherblouse." These Skirts are very wide, with beautifully embroidered flounces; all black; have all the good qualities of silk and none of the bad; worth \$3.50, on sale Tuesday for 1.95

WOMEN'S COMBINATION SUITS, 98c—All wool and part wool, union or combination suits in several weights, natural and white; worth \$1.50 to \$2.25, on sale Tuesday for per suit 98c

WOMEN'S COATS ON SALE A VERITABLE SLAUGHTER

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BIG TIME.

Five Thousand Pairs of Shoes and Socks For the Footsore.

"Sullivan! Sullivan! A grand old Irish name! Sullivan! A name for the Hall of Fame."

New York, Feb. 8.—They're singing that on the Bowery to-day, and they mean it. For this is the date of "Big Tim" Sullivan's annual shoefest, on which occasion he will give away 5,000 pairs of shoes, with the hose to go with them, and thereby gladden as many poor chaps who have been hosing it through the snow and slush with bar-top wrappings and paper stuffed shoes.

Denman Thompson III. New York, Feb. 7.—News was received in theatrical circles in this city to-day that Denman Thompson, the veteran actor of "The Old Homestead," is dangerously ill of pneumonia at his home

"ORGIES OF OBSCENITY."

That is Archbishop Farley's Name for What Goes on in the Theatre.

New York, Feb. 7.—"The stage is worse today than it was in the days of paganism," said Archbishop Farley in his sermon in Saint Patrick's Cathedral to-day. He was preaching on the influence of bad example. The archbishop said:

"Where are we to find any who have lived in accordance with the precepts of God? All about us we have the men and women who are setting evil examples. Men hoary with age are often found inspiring with evil the minds of the young. They go to the public places and to the theatres in shamelessness and they bring with them youngsters who cannot escape corruption. We see to-day men and women—old men and old women—who ought to know better, bringing the young to these orgies of obscenity."

BARTON COUNCIL.

Barton Township Council was called to meet in the township Hall, on the mountain, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and, in expectation of a pretty lively meeting, a larger attendance than usual was there. Liquor licenses and the question of an amusement park on Barton street east are the subjects to be discussed.

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