

THE HAMILTON TIMES

FRIDAY, DEC. 17, 1909.

SCARIFYING WHITNEY.

The Divisional Court has dismissed the London and Toronto cases brought to test the validity of Whitney's Hydro-Electric Act which closes the courts to all actions involving the Hydro-Electric Commission or the scheme which it is designed to promote. At the trial action it will be remembered Mr. Justice Riddell refused to dismiss, but held that under the act which has brought Whitney so much odium, plaintiff's petition for justice in the case could not be further heard, such actions being specifically, by the words of the Power Act "forever stayed." At the time, the court very strongly expressed its view of legislation of such a character, but found that, although it was a violation of the ten commandments which declared: "Thou shalt not steal," the Whitney Government was not bound by such injunction. In dismissing the appeal against this judgment yesterday, the Divisional Court pertinently remarked:

Approach to the judgment seat being barred it is of slight importance whether the outer-door of the courts is open or closed. Respecting the section of the statute which stays the action, pending it is plainly enough expressed to that effect and the only comment that the court can make is to quote the words from Lord Watson's judgment in *Young vs. Adams*, 1898, A.C. 457, 476. "A retrospective operation ought not to be given to the statute unless the intention of the Legislature that it should be so construed is expressed in plain and unambiguous language, because it manifestly shocks one's sense of justice that an act legal at the time of doing it should be made unlawful by some new enactment." The ratio is equally apparent when a new enactment is said to convert an act wrongfully done at the time into a legal act and to deprive the person injured of the remedy which the law then gave him.

These are scathing words to be used in connection with legislation fathered by a provincial government. They declare, in effect, that a most heinous wrong has been committed under forms of law, and that the courts of justice have been precluded from seeing right prevail. When, however, the stream of justice is polluted at its fountain head, and the men who have sworn to see Right prevail, not only enslave Wrong, but lock the courts against the citizens whom they have betrayed, then such condemnation as the judges in this case visit upon the evildoers, is fully warranted.

The finding of the court, in short, is that the legislation in question, vicious and unjust as it is, and in violation of the moral sense of the community, is still within the competence of the Legislature. But the court shows its detestation of its character that it declines to make any order further than such a declaration, and it refuses to allow costs. As Professor Dicey has ably pointed out, the only constitutional protection against such legislative outrage is the power of disallowance.

AIDING (?) TEMPERANCE.

It requires no elaborate argument to convince reasonable people that the state of affairs disclosed by the liquor case tried at yesterday's police court must be very unsatisfactory to all the temperance people, all lovers of order, and all who, while tolerant of a well-regulated licensed traffic, seek to minimize the evils resulting from drink.

The drinking habits of part of the foreign element furnish a very difficult problem for the authorities who are called upon to deal with them. On several occasions wild Sunday revels have resulted in violence, and the peace officers' duty has been made much more onerous thereby. They are rightly held to respect the privacy of the home; at the same time, when the homes are made the theatre of drunken rows and violence—of actual violation of the license laws—the officers cannot stand idly by. Raids made by them have discovered at times considerable stores of liquor, and gave strength to the suspicion that something like a Sunday illicit business was carried on. Even the plea that the stocks on hand were "owned by boarders has not saved from conviction."

Now it turns out that the local hotel and saloon-keepers have been unfairly blamed in the matter. Not all of these stores of liquor come from their cellars. It has been discovered that the Whitney Government (direct, not through the local License Commission) has issued a warehouse license which proves a great convenience to those resorts which wish to lay in a supply. In yesterday's case a considerable part of the big stock found, claimed to be owned by "boarders" came from this source.

A disquieting incident of the case is the fact that when it came on Wednesday, Mr. W. L. Ross, lawyer for the License Inspector, sought to have the prosecution dropped. Fortunately this proposal was not accepted, and yesterday the case was tried and a conviction was recorded. There is much comment upon this case. The issuing of this warehouse license, and its effect on the particular evil of the traffic which has caused the authorities so much trouble, has led to many reflections on the Whitney Government's manner of helping the cause of temperance. The proposal to drop this prosecution, coming from Mr. W. L. Ross, long the secretary and nerves of the local Tory machine, takes on in the minds of many special significance. It can hardly be wondered at that in the circumstances the good faith of the Whitney administration of the

Liquor License Act should be regarded with suspicion. Was that warehouse license necessary? Had Hamilton not enough liquor supply stores and bars without the Ontario Government pushing another upon us?

A SPLENDID REPORT.

The Bank of Hamilton report for the year, which ended with last month, will prove very gratifying to the shareholders. The net profits amount to \$382,332, which, with the balance, and premium received on new stock, leaves, after the payment of dividends at 10 per cent. and providing for all other charges and allowances, \$463,665 to be carried forward to profit. The total assets of the Bank are now close upon \$40,000,000, and the deposits exceed \$30,000,000. It is very evident that the institution shares to the full in Canada's prosperity.

THE WORLD'S ARMAMENTS.

Dealing with the nine great military powers of the world and their expenditures upon armies and navies Mr. W. R. Lawson writing in the London Financial News points out that these powers spent for war purposes in the year 1906, the latest year for which complete returns are available, no less a sum than \$306,567,000. The figures for each individual nation are as follows:

	Army.	Navy.
Great Britain	\$229,425,000	\$13,963,000
Germany	105,150,000	13,333,000
France	28,745,000	12,000,000
Russia	41,225,000	11,450,000
Austria	12,000,000	1,631,000
Hungary	7,365,000	821,000
Australia	11,280,000	2,650,000
United States	25,280,000	32,345,000
Japan	5,475,000	4,150,000

Total \$290,180,000 \$106,787,000
The total revenue produced by taxes in these nine countries was in round numbers \$792,000,000, so that we find their armaments required an expenditure of about 40 per cent. of their entire revenue. In the case of Great Britain and Germany, armaments required nearly 50 per cent.; in France about 33-1-3, and in Italy about 20 per cent. Great Britain's revenue per head is about 66 shillings, 30s. of which goes to army and navy. The amount of the revenue in each country and the proportion per head devoted to armaments are given in the following table:

	Per Head.	Army and Navy.
Great Britain	\$157,750,000	25s.
Germany	105,150,000	24s. 6d.
France	124,000,000	62s.
Russia	137,500,000	21s. 9d.
Austria	31,250,000	2s.
Hungary	27,750,000	2s. 5d.
Australia	31,250,000	2s.
United States	18,350,000	20s.
Japan	35,000,000	15s.

Total \$792,000,000
The drain on industry illustrated by the figures here given, is an enormous one. Sooner or later, it must be stopped, or the consequences will be ruinous. Will an era of common sense not soon dawn?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The country is safe! The Toronto Board of Education has declared for flying flags on every day of the year, Sunday included.

The "opposition to Mayor McLaren" is just seething—in that upstairs room of the Herald office Does it hope for "an extra thousand dollars" this time?

Now that it has failed to induce Bailey to be its catpaw, the Herald recasts its slate for controllers, leaving him out in the cold and putting forward Cooper, Wright, Quinn and Miller. Is it as sore as that?

The New York Sun marvels at the lack of appetite of the Montreal municipal grafters, when their opportunities are taken into account. Perhaps they did not wish to work a good thing to death.

Manitoba's Minister of Education has announced at the Provincial Grain Growers' Convention that the Government will establish a line of internal grain elevators. This determination is one which may have far reaching consequences.

The Herald daily quotes Doc Hopkins as being eager to induce opposition to Mayor McLaren. Will the man of pills be willing to loosen up a bit "for the boys," or does he expect the loosening to be done by the man to be "induced"? The Doc is pretty smooth.

The Toronto World editorially comments upon the dismissal of the power suits; but, significantly enough, it inserts asterisks and omits entirely the scathing comments of the courts upon the villainous character of the Whitney legislation which denies the courts power to try the cases!

Spain is making a great agricultural and industrial progress. Four years ago she had to import \$70,000,000 of foodstuffs. Now she is practically independent of foreign supply. Her exports in 1908 were slightly greater than her imports, which totalled \$161,330,462.

It is only a few years since Cecil Rhodes was laughed at for predicting a Cape-to-Cairo Railway. Already 2,147 miles of the road is open, from Cairo to the Congo frontier, and the Congo link of 160 miles is under construction. Rhodes' "dream" will soon be a reality.

The Ontario Government has announced a reduction in the royalties on Cobalt silver mines which will probably have a very important effect in reducing the revenue of the Province therefrom. The royalty has been 25 per cent. of the output; under the new regulations, it will be only 25 per cent. of the net profits. Strange to say, this reduction will not

apply to all the mines, but only to those which had combined to apply for it. The invidious character of the regulation will doubtless attract much attention.

The Herald still clings to Hope. After many failures it asserts: "There is no lack of men who are willing to undertake the task" of opposing Mayor McLaren. Why has it not had one out in the field long ago? Was it because the "willing" had not the "heart" to be tapped? What a thirst it must have!

Now that King Leopold of Belgium is dead it is not improbable that some people who have long damned him will, metaphorically, dance upon his grave. It may be conceded that his character, as it has been painted to us, was not an attractive one. Perhaps, however, the picture has not been faithful in all respects. In any event, we can safely leave the judgment to a Higher Power.

The little gang of Hydro-Electric agents and the hungry grafters who gather around them are very eager for "pickings," and are sparing no effort or trickery to induce some one to run against Mayor McLaren. Now that Stewart and Bailey have both said no, whom will they seek next? Alas, there is to be no corn for them in this year's municipal Egypt!

A contemporary very properly remarks in condemnatory terms upon the ghastly ghoul which some newspapers exhibit in contemplating the probable fatal outcome of King Leopold's illness. The stories of awful crime told of him are hardly evidence upon which to judge him. But if they were, surely the spirit exhibited in certain quarters is far from Christian, from civilized.

That Hydro-headed monster seems to be just itching to get busy and do things—Hamilton Herald, Hydro organ. Yes, long kneeling in that upstairs room in the Herald office and feeding scantly on fresh blood and offal make him exceedingly savage. But his courage goes only to inciting others; he finks at the notion of running as Hydro figure-head himself! He prefers to follow the fray and fatten on the remains.

Some of our United States exchanges remarking on the beneficent effect of the Lemoine Act in averting railway and other strikes, which seriously discommodate the public, urge that it be adopted in the United States. It is worthy trying. A great people should not be left entirely to the mercy of selfish capitalists or arbitrary labor bosses, but should aim to see justice established.

We observe that a contemporary makes the statement that "every titled landowner voted against the budget." That is too sweeping a statement. For instance, the Marquis of Breadalbane, probably the third largest landowner in the United Kingdom, voted with the Liberals for the budget; and there were several others. Breadalbane's holdings total 438,358 acres. He is willing to pay his fair share of the national bill.

Mr. W. P. Champ, President of the Board of Trade, writes to the Globe in reference to the Board's resolution respecting changes in the act to suppress combines. He takes the ground that great injury has resulted by the creation of unjust prejudice against capital and manufacturers by unwarranted comments upon trade combinations, and that the Board's plan of investigation by commission would result in an improved condition of affairs.

Hamilton people will sympathize with Lord and Lady Aberdeen in the affliction which has fallen upon them by the death of their son, Archibald Ian, as the result of his recent automobile accident. The Aberdeens always felt a kindly interest in this city, and their sentiment of goodwill was heartily reciprocated. The young man's engagement to Miss Asquith, the lady so foully attacked by Poet Watson, was to have been formally announced in a few days.

The same tendency to reckless piling up of huge municipal debts that has wrought so much evil in Canada is apparent in the United States, too, where every political crook and grafter is found advocating municipal ownership and debt expansion. Municipal borrowing has increased 145 per cent. since 1900, being in the last eleven months \$201,732,715. No wonder municipal thieves and grafters diligently preach socialist municipal ownership and operation!

A local Tory contemporary talks about a Liberal paper "defending the do-nothing policy of the Dominion Government in the matter of technical education." That's rich! What has the Ontario Government, which is empowered to deal with the question, on which the duty rests, and which has been furnished with the money required to discharge it, done in the way of technical education? Why should it and its organs cry for its duty to be done by the federal Government, while they prance about with a chip on their shoulders seeking for an excuse to accuse it of "invading provincial rights"? Let Whitney first try to do his duty in the matter before lying down and playing the shirk.

SELF-POSSESSION.

(Chicago Tribune)
Mr. Kajones, who had happened to step into the parlor while looking for a book, was just in time to see somebody slipping off somebody else's knee. "Ah, Bessie," he observed, pleasantly, "this is a merger, is it? Or is it a limited partnership?" "Neither, papa," said Bessie, recovering herself instantly. "George is my holding company—that's all."

Our Exchanges

SETTLED.
(Puck.)
Hewitt—Is he a good writer?
Jewett—Certainly not; he won \$10,000 the other day in a prize-story contest.

VERY LORDLY.
(Montreal Herald.)
Ald. Duquette says that the question whether or not he will apply for reelections is none of our business. He really ought to be in the House of Lords.

ACCOMMODATING.
(Boston Herald.)
Janitor—Who was dat whistlin down de tube?
Helper—Woman on de third floor wants more steam.
Janitor—Hit de third pipe a couple o' times wit de hammer.

A YOUTHFUL PESSIMIST.
"Why, little boy, what are you crying about?"
"I don't get no Christmas vacation!"
"That's unjust. Why don't you?"
"Cause I ain't old enough to go to school yet."

AN INTERESTING DEGREE.
(Washington Star.)
"What degree did that explorer mention as the place where he made his most interesting observations?" said one geographer.
"I don't recall," answered the other.
"But my impression is that it was something like the third degree." — Washington Star.

FRIENDLY ADVICE.
(Chicago Record-Herald.)
"Author! Author!" yelled the people. "Listen," said the young playwright. "Raise the curtain. I'll go out and make a speech."
"Don't do it," replied the stage hand who had a kind face. "The fellows that are yellin' 'Author' are settin' in the front row and have heavy canes."

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES.
(Toronto Star.)
Where are the big athletes of yesterday? Those who have played within their powers have something of their strength left to show for their exploits, but physicians testify that few professional do play within their powers. The salaries are aluring, even though some of them are double in print what they are in cold cash, but the men with the ruined college careers, the weakened constitutions, and the habits of irregular employment are a poor contrast to the men who have played the game for fun, who have declined to over-strain themselves, and who have benefited from the habits of self-control which are inculcated by amateur sport. There is no occasion to envy the professional his big salary. It is generally for value in full.

SAM SMALL.

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting at Gospel Tabernacle.

Under the auspices of the Citizens' Campaign Committee Dr. Sam Small, the noted Georgian temperance orator, gave another lecture in Gospel Tabernacle last night before an audience that filled the hall. He had documentary substantiation of his statements made the previous night against the drink traffic in England, to which an Englishman loudly objected. He also read the resolution passed by the American Brewers' Association, which called for no liquor to be served to a drunken man, and no lounges in bar rooms, etc. Dr. Small referred to the consummate hypocrisy of the resolution. He also had something to say about the problems of national and civil life and urged that all that is right and noble be propagated. The lack of hotel accommodation in Hamilton was commented on. The lecturer dealt with the letter under the headline "License Reduction" which appeared in a local paper last night. The discourse was punctuated by the usual amount of philosophical humor which mark Dr. Small's oratory. Judging by the enthusiasm exhibited at the meeting it was the most successful held during the campaign.

Rev. S. B. Russell, of Erskine Presbyterian Church, was chairman, owing to the absence of Rev. Mr. Philpott, who was in Toronto.

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Our advice, be early. Quantities in some lines are limited. Fancy Baskets to trim with a touch of ribbon or silk in Tidy Baskets, Candy Boxes, Tidy Baskets, G. and H. Baskets of many kinds. Formerly 35c, 40c, 50c. Rush sale 8.30 a. m. to 1.30 p. m. At 50c, were \$1.25, Fancy Paper Baskets, and Tidy Baskets at \$1.39, were \$2.00 and \$2.50, Fancy Paper Baskets and Tidy Baskets.

Another Gross Holly Box Frilling 25c
A fresh, new lot of Gift Frillings, in pretty holly boxes, with 5 and 6 fancy and cord frills in a box. A splendid gift; easily worth 50c box, on sale Saturday 25c

\$3 and \$3.50 Xmas Scarfs Now \$1.79
Beautiful French Silk Crepe de Chine Scarfs, in rich Dresden patterns, in plain black and colors; 1/2 yard long; a very pretty gift; formerly \$3 and \$3.50, Xmas sale \$1.79

50c Women's Knitted Mufflers 35c

Women's Christmas Knitted Mufflers, dome fastener, in white, grey, blue, brown or black, the kind that hugs the neck, 50c, Christmas sale 35c

4c Ribbons, 4 Yards 10c

Another lot of Silk Taffeta Ribbons, in all colors, quarter and half inch widths, for Christmas fancy work, etc., 4c yard, Saturday 4-yard bunches 10c

8c to 15c Val. Laces at 5c Yard

Final preparations for Christmas gives rise to many uses for Laces. Pretty English and German Val. Laces and Insertions to match, all widths, 5, 10, 15c formerly, Christmas sale

ON SALE 8.30 A. M. SHARP

75c and \$1 Men's Mufflers 25c
About 3 dozen only Men's Cashmere Mufflers, in cream and spotted effects, 40-inch squares, formerly 75c and \$1.00, rush sale season 25c

75c and \$1 Paperettes at 49c

A limited quantity of Christmas Paperette Cabinets in fancy boxes, containing 2 and 3 dozen in a box, formerly 75c and \$1.00, rush sale 8.30 a. m. to 1.30 p. m. 49c

\$1.25 Gift Umbrellas at 98c

5 dozen Women's Gift Umbrellas, in pretty handles, best coverings, strong steel frames, regular \$1.25, on sale 8.30 a. m. to 1.30 p. m. 98c

Your Greatest Xmas Gift to Us—Shop Early

FINCH BROS.

A Great Rush Sale of Handkfs. at 8.30 a.m.

AT QUEEN'S.

The Annual Faculty Dinners Before Holidays.

The University Hockey Team—The New Buildings.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Kingston, Dec. 16.—The past week at Queen's has brought the autumn term to a close. The shades of term examinations hang thick over the campus, but a few hours have been snatched for the annual faculty dinners. The Aesculapian Society, the organization of the medical students, held their dinner on Tuesday night. It was attended by over three hundred undergraduates and outside guests. The toast list included Principal Gordon and Dean Connell, Dr. McMurrich of Toronto University, Dean Bidwell, who has recently succeeded Bishop Farthing, D. M. McIntyre, K. C., and Dr. Ryan. Dr. Ryan took occasion to speak strongly in favor of the abolition of provincial boundaries in medical education, and the substitution of a common Dominion registration, and expressed his hope that the Council examination would soon be a thing of the past. Dr. McMurrich gave an interesting comparison of the movements in Canada and in the United States, looking toward the improvement of medical training. While in Canada the movement has taken the form of lengthening the course, in the United States the tendency has been rather to increase the entrance requirements, some of the most important medical colleges now requiring an arts degree as entrance qualification. He declared that Canada would have to look to her laurels in face of this radical progressiveness.

On Wednesday night the engineering society, composed of the undergraduates in practical science, held their dinner, the thirteenth since the establishment of the School of Mining, but for all that the most successful of the series. By an amicable arrangement, first employed last year, the problem of service for the hundreds of guests is solved for the various faculties by the exchange of student waiters, the senior science students waiting on the tables at the medical dinner, and the senior medicals reciprocating on the following evening. The speedy service thus provided made it possible to work in over three hours of speech and song, and yet adjourn before midnight. Among the speakers were Principal Gordon, Dr. Charles MacDonald, of Gananoque, and New York, the famous bridge-builder, Mr. Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways, Professor Arnold Haultain, of Toronto, Mr. Pook, of the Canadian Westinghouse Company, Hamilton, Mr. Seeley, of the Lake Superior Corporation, and several members of the staff. The keynote of most of the speeches of the evening was the desirability of the engineer taking a more prominent part in the public affairs of the country, which owes to his efforts so much of its present material prosperity. Professor Gill declared it was remarkable that the Dominion House did not contain a single engineer to balance the scores of doctors and lawyers, and that when the engineer brought to the Councils of the nation the straightforward directness, the businesslike brevity, the accuracy and the close knowledge of actual conditions which his experience gave him, the country would be the gainer. Mr. R. W. Brock, director of the Geological Survey, emphasized the need of the engineer's paying more attention to the study of English, not only as a means of improving the clearness and force of his reports, but as a hobby to offset the narrowing effect of specializing, and a solace for solitary hours. Mr. Pook described interestingly the system of apprenticeship instruction established in the Westinghouse shops, and direct and helpful advice to the undergraduates present on the way to make the transition from theory to practice.

The University hockey team, which

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holds the Montague Allan Cup, representing the amateur championship of Canada, is hoping to be able to retain the honor the coming season. They are crippled by the loss of Daniels, their goal keeper, who is in New Ontario for the year, and of Hugh Macdonnell, the stalwart cover-point, who has gone to Oxford for post graduate work, but are relying on some promising new material. A trip to New York will be made during the Christmas week, games being scheduled with several of the city clubs, and with an All-New York star combination.

The unusually mild weather has enabled the contractors to carry on work with little interruption on the three fine new buildings which are being erected at Queen's. These buildings, which are a necessity of the recent expansion of the university, comprise an observatory, a chemistry building and a metallurgy and mining building. The observatory is now nearing completion. Like the other two buildings, it is built of Kingston limestone. It contains clock, equatorial and transit rooms, and is equipped with a revolving steel papier mache covered dome.

The new three-story chemistry building, which is to cost \$100,000, is built after the Norman style of architecture, and is 160 feet long by 70 feet in width. It contains eleven large students' laboratories for general use, and is also equipped with special quantitative, qualitative, organic, electrolytic and water and food analysis laboratories. In addition to lecture theatres, library and museum, it is worthy of note that each professor has a special laboratory of his own. All laboratories are fully equipped with draft cupboards for carrying off chemical gases and odors.

The \$40,000 necessary to build the new Nicol mining and metallurgy building was donated by Professor William Nicol, head of the department of mineralogy in the school of mines. It is also of three stories, and is 75 feet by 88 feet. It contains chemical, electrolytic, electro-metallurgical fire assaying, metallurgical and special research laboratories. The top floor is devoted to drafting. The very latest equipment is being installed in all departments and nothing is being neglected to make it possible for Queen's to hold her present position as the best school of mining on the continent.

The elections for the Alma Mater Society were held on Saturday after a strenuous week's campaigning, and resulted in the return of the arts candidate, Mr. M. R. Bow, B. A., Regina, Sask., for president, by a majority of 58 over Mr. Dennis Jordan, of Kingston.

Christmas Bargain Day at McKay's.

This bright store has made splendid preparations to handle the immense crowds to-morrow and every woman who wants to save should read their splendid advertisement on Page 2 of this issue. Every department throughout the big store is offering some truly remarkable savings in gift articles of the right sort, backed up by the McKay standard of quality, and to every man and woman the tip for to-morrow is shoperly.

God Reigns.

God reigns and all is well!
No sparrow falls, no flower loses its day
Without His loving care that guards us always,
Who shall his wonders tell?

God reigns and all is well!
The stream of living water ever flows,
The wilderness shall blossom as the rose,
Love conquers death and hell.

God reigns and all is well!
His love accepts His children's sacrifice,
To blend with angel-tones our praises rise,
Our song of triumph swell.

God reigns and all is well!
None ask in vain for help to bear the cross,
The poverty of life the pain and loss,
The solemn passing-bell.

The gift of \$100,000 by Victor P. Lawson, publisher of the Chicago Daily News to the \$1,000,000 anniversary fund of the Y. M. C. A., of Chicago, is service to the undergraduates present on the way to make the transition from theory to practice.

DUNDAS.

Town Ladies Will Look After Hospital Furnishings.

Dundas, Dec. 17.—Among recent visitors in town were Leighton Steele, from Point aux Baril; Miss Effie Keagay, from Edmonton; John McKay, Gowan-dale; Mrs. (Dr.) Jonathan Wilkinson, Richmond Hill; Miss Madge Wood, London.

Amor's visitors out of town are Miss Theresa Wente, in Clinton; Miss Muriel Riddell and Miss Marion Allan, in Galt; Miss McNally, in Rochester.

W. A. Davidson, of Grafton & Co., is suffering from a serious attack of nervous neuritis.

A ladies' auxiliary has been organized in connection with the new isolation hospital. Its object is the looking after furnishings and supplies for the new building.

At the meeting of the Pierian Club on Tuesday evening, held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Draeske, an interesting part of the programme was the presentation of a fine leather-bound volume of Moore's poems to the President, Mr. W. R. Saunders, B. A., and a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Saunders.

L. O. L. 1348 has elected officers for the year 1910 as follows:

Oswald Twiss, W. M.
C. Millward, D. M.
B. Kay, Chaplain.
Ed. Boyd, Recording Secretary.
F. Ford, Financial Secretary.
J. Blakeman, Treasurer.
N. Lee, Lecturer.
J. Henderson, D. of C.
J. A. Dickson, First Com.
D. Locke, Second Com.
R. Manning, Third Com.
E. Colehouse, Fourth Com.
W. Duxbury, Fifth Com.
W. McNeilly, Inside Tyler.
G. Bideford, Outside Tyler.
Court City of the Valley, No. 132, I. O. F., has elected the following officers:

John Hood, C. R.
A. Ward, J. E. C. R.
Milton Cherry, V. G. R.
J. R. Murray, F. S.
J. Readman, R. S.
W. Graham, Treasurer.
J. W. Smith, M. D., Physician.
W. J. Simpson, S. W.
Willie Bates, J. W.
W. Lemarsh, S. B.
W. D. Nelson, J. B.

At the close of the business meeting an enjoyable game of carpet ball was played between the C. O. O. F. and I. O. F., when the latter won with a score of 21-6.

The Temperance Executive will hold four public meetings in the local option campaign, and have secured the following speakers: Rev. Sam Small, Rev. Dr. Chown, W. J. Conron, former town clerk of Toronto Junction, and H. E. Irwin, K. C., of Toronto.

Wm. Fleming, who has been in the western Provinces for the past few months in the cattle buying business, has returned home for the Christmas holidays. He has become thoroughly imbued with the western fever and intends returning in a short time.

George Hoslop, of the Governor's road, has returned from a three-weeks' visit to relatives in Saginaw, Mich., and vicinity.

W. G. Mallett and Fred Nethercote are in the field for next year's Council, the former for Deputy Reeve.

One patient was taken in at the isolation hospital yesterday and two will take their departure to-morrow. So far there has been no death from the prevailing epidemic, scarlet fever.