## **THE HAMILTON TIMES**

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### WHY THE HOUSE LAUGHED.

A good deal has been heard from the Opposition press and speakers about the subjects of treaty consideration between the United States and Great Britain as they affect Canada, and there have been not a few of the organs, notably the Toronto Telegram, that have assumed that the Canadian Parliament was being kept in the dark to enable the Government to sacrifice Canadian interests. been represented that the United States people and Congress were kept fully in-formed of every stage of the negotiations, while the Canadians were denied information as to what was being done In the matter of the Fisheries Treaty especially it was represented that the United States had got so much the bet-ber of Canada in the deal that the Yankee fishermen would be allowed to fish in St. John River, and also on the Canadian shores and streams along the

Yesterday, in the House, the matter was brought up, and an attack along this line was made on the Government by the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Foster, in seeking to score against the Govern-ment, complained bitterly about the sec-recy maintained. "I think it is about e," he said, "that we on this side of the House had some of the information ment," and he demanded that "the treaty be laid on the table." Hon. Mr. Brodeur, amid the laughter of the House, arose and replied to the de facto Tory leader: "Why, the treaty was laid on the table last session!"

This answer was sufficient. It brought out in startling vividness the incompetence, inconsistency, carelessness or worse, of the Opposition. It is almost incom ceivable that a matter of such great importance could have been overlooked that they were so lost to the business of e country in their campaign of mud throwing last session that they were blivious to this important treaty, and that their speakers and organs have omplaining about lack of information on the subject when the official documents had been brought to their attention nearly a year ago? Is there not need for more intelligence and business acumen upon the part of the Opposition if it is to do its duty to the per

# THE OPTION EXISTS.

The Herald now concedes that ther is a clause in the Cataract power contract (clause 19) that gives the city the option of installing a meter and taking power by measurement, paying for what it uses at half cent per horse-power hour, guaranteeing that the minimum payment will equal 75 cents per month the capacity of the transformers installed for its use. That is satisfactory; form of the words in which the option was finally crystallized in the official contract, which form, let us say, was not exactly that which we quoted from the Herald. The fact remains that this option does belong to the city, and may two years prefers either of the other contract option—the \$16 rate, or the 90 per cent, of the Hydro rate at Toronto or western points, cost of transmission considered, it can change to that basis of payment. And any one of the options is far preferable to the best Hydro rate, even supposing the estimates are realized. Incidentally, we have to thank the Herald for acquitting us of misrepresenting the matter. The meter option with a minimum of \$9 per horse-power a year is likely to prove in practice far cheaper than any of the estimates yet given by the Hydro Com-

# BOSTON GAS EXPERIENCE

Notwithstanding the great advances to hold its own in Boston. There is tric light investments aggregate \$38,-898,000, and yield to the stockholders 42-3 per cent. The city of Boston under the co-operative agreement obtains its gas for 69 cents; the general consumer pays 85 cents. These are the lowest prices in the State. Gas stoves are exceedingly popular in Boston, a recent return showing that 49,470 are in use. very much higher than those to which The rate per lamp for current is 18 cents er cent, on bills between \$150 and \$550 per month; beyond \$550 per month the renewed gratis. For power current, the charge is 13 cents per kilowatt hour with discounts which rise to 40 per cent. as a maximum. The increased sumption of gas for purposes of heating then compensated for the competition of electricity. The agreement between the city and the Consolidated Gas Companies has proved to be in the interest of economy and good service, and has resulted in mutual benefit to companies and consumers. It provides for maximum rates, secures the investor against unhealthy competition, allows him a certain minimum dividend, and accordingly ers, he is allowed to increase his dividend. In this way wasteful competiinvestment of capital is avoided and the desire of the investors to obpose of cheapening gas to the consum-It is one more illustration of the benefits to be obtained by a system of just public control.

#### CHAMBERLAINISM.

The influence of Chamberlainism ha een vastly for evil in Great Britain. It has tended to awaken feelings of envy, nostility and distrust, arousing in a large body of the ignorant unwarranted enmity toward other nations. This is especially true of Germany, which has been represented to be merely awaiting its opportunity to make actual war on Great Britain. King Edward's visit to the Kaiser and Sir Edward Grey's speech have done much to allay apprehand to produce a better feeling. As Sir Edward pointed out, "the press of various countries is much more fertile in inventing motives and intentions for their governments than the foreign ministers of those countries are themselves." There is an old warning," said he, "that

you should not spend too much time in ooking at the dark cupboard for the black cat which is not there, and I think f sometimes we were a little less suspiious of deep design or motive that the affairs of the world would progress their beneficiaries and advocates are probably 'the greatest influences existing for the creation of international enmity

#### LIBELLING DARWIN.

Much injustice was done during his ifetime to that noble scientist and benefactor of his race, Charles Darwin, the entenary of whose birth was celebrated on Friday, by men who, while meaning well, were quite incapable of compre hending the man or the work in which he was engaged, but who had ignorantly conceived the notion that he was undermining the foundations of the Christian religion," and that it was their duty to warn an imperilled against his sophistries. The devoted and patient investigator pursued his search for Truth, giving few indications that he felt the injustice of the furious attacks made upon him in quarters from which he should have received the most omfort and encouragement. But per haps his calm, clear, logical mind atributed these onslaughts to their p per causes, ignorance and over-zeal, and ortified him with the spirit of patience. Time has justified him in the eyes of an ntelligent world, and from being a name to evoke orthodox horror, reprobation, Charles Darwin, like so many names misunderstood, misjudged and wronged in

dows, and prejudice is slowly dispelled, occasionally meets with a man win as some sort of a monster who throw the Christian religion. The other supposedly educated Christian preachers ing centenary of his birth, and the charus with 'the trustworthiness of their information or the generosity, or e the Times cares nothing for the exact fairness, of their treatment of the great estimate of the man and his work tine many of the statements made of his us it appeared 'that the critics' bitter doxy, and that their notion of it, and were the result of their boasted refusal stead, acquiring a knowledge (?) of him

> One of the statements to which we the influence of the moral faculties, and plant." Of course the critic who wrote that did not know his "Descent of Man." A perusal of the chapter in that work "Moral Faculties" would have cor-

rected any such false notion. Read this: rected any such false notion. Read this:
In the first place, as the reasoning
powers and foresight of the members became improved, each man would soon
learn that, if he aided his fellow-men,
he would commonly receive aid in return. From this low motive he might
acquire the habit of aiding his fellows;
and the habit of performing benevolent
actions certainly strengthens the feeling to hold its own in Boston. There is \$55,270,806 invested in gas there, and it actions certainly strengthens the feeling yields the investors 5½ per cent. Elecof sympathy which gives the first immulse to benevolent actions. Ilabits, moreover, followed during many genera-tions, probably tend to be inherited.

meval man, at a very remote period, was influenced by the praise and blame of his foundation-stone of morality

count is 50 per cent. All lamps are for the persistence of one tribe while and which will bring untold millions to others disappeared. Another libel on Darwin's memory

was contained in the statement that "he teaches the cruel doctrine that the law of natural selection is that the weaker The story goes that D. J. McDougall, shall perish, and that therefore we M. P. P.-elect for Ottawa, took his place should not help the weak and suffering, in the Legislature yesterday and actubut leave the 'unfit' to perish." This is ally had something to say in the discusparticularly artocious, aimed at the sion without having first taken the gentle, kindly, generous Darwin. Let us oath of office. A contemporary said quote him again:

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With savages, the weak in mind or body are soon eliminated; and those that survive commonly exhibit a vigorous state of health. We civilized men, on the other hand, do our utmost to check the progress of elimination; we build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed and the sick; we institute poor laws; and our medical men exert their utmost skill to save the life of every till the last moment. \* \* The which we feel impelled to give to Nor could we check our sympathy, even at the urging of hard reason, without deterioration in the noblest part of our

he knows that he is acting for the good of his patient; but if he were intentionally to neglect the weak and helpless, it could only be for a contingent benefit, with an overwhelming present evil. We must therefore bear the undobutedly bad effects of the weak surviving and propagating their kind; but there appears to be at least one check in steady action, namely, that the weaker and inferior members of society do not marry as freely as the sound; and this check might be infinitely increased by the weak in body or mind retraining from marriage, though this is more to be hoped than expected.

The man who wrote that held no such unworthy ideas as those attributed to

unworthy ideas as those attributed to He dealt with the great facts of nature; he did not make the laws to which we as products of the natural world must conform. He did not as me to apply the foot-rule of material science to the Infinite. He did not form ulate a theory of the origin of Spirit. He did not even dogmatize on the oriessence or end of matter. He merely dealt humbly, honestly, reverently with some of its mutations and manifestations. And for what he did, and the spirit in which he did it he earned the thanks of mankind.

# EDITORIAL NOTES.

Secret meetings of the aldermen yet! What is there to hide from the people!

The School Board takes \$219.850 this year; the Board of Works hopes to get

Those British suffragettes seem to eny unpleasant notoriety. Cheap martyrdom is to their taste

There appears to be nearly as much politics" about the election of a bishop as there is about the election of a premier-not, of course, politics in the ordin ary sense of the word, but something akin to its tactics.

Attorney-General Foy has introduced a bill permitting appeals from arbitra-tion to the Divisional Court. Then he promises that his law reform bill will tion to the Divisional Court. Hon. Mr. Foy would seem to need some help in the

No electrical concern that has tried winding motors for very high voltage direct use cares to continue the system after it has paid the price of its first experience. Mr. Sothman's advice, or suggestion, that the motors could be ound so as to avoid stepping down is one that should not be followed.

The report of the Royal Commission The report of the Royal Commission which has been studying the poor of the English cities, speaks discourgaingly of the effects of city life on the submerged largest the first of the effects of city life on the submerged largest the community of the effects of city life on the submerged largest the community of the effects of city life on the submerged largest the community of the effects of city life on the submerged largest the community of the effects of city life on the submerged largest the community of the effects of city life of the effects of city What would be of more importance would be some practical advice as to relieving the situation.

The California State Board of Health | gregation contemplates sending out a car for travelling lecturers to instruct the people of the State in hygiene and the prevention disease. Dr. Rucker's idea is to install an exhibit showing how fevers, tuberculosis and other diseases -- may be prevented. Already several of the railways have agreed to transport the car free over their lines and give every facility for forwarding the work.

There is a very great difference beween the people owning and operating this, that and the other utility and the people controlling and regulating in the interest of justice all monopolistic or public services. The former gives no assurance of efficiency or eco poses the community to many dangers and abuses; the latter gives the people the best that is to be obtained, guards excludes a great corrupting element places no obstacle in the path of pro gress, and confines government to its proper functions.

The Tory organs are straining themlves to make it appear that Canada i in a bad fix because there has been a considerable falling off in revenue in a year when we are investing a large in the Transcontinental Railway and other great public works, and is probable. But that alarms nobodynot even the alarmists. The United influenced by the praise influenced by the pra general good, and would reprobate twished appeared evil. To do good others—"to do unto others as ye over \$100,000,000 by the end of the ild they should do unto you"-is the fiscal year. Last year the deficit was \$58,000,000, and the year before the Darwin argues with great force that surplus was \$84,000,000. Canadians are this moral influence was doubtless a not worrying; the money has not been powerful one in the success of the tribes | wasted; they have a great and valuable developing it, and may perhaps account railway property in which it is invested, them in actual eanings and in national

From Toronto comes shocking news that "no expression of opinion is yet forthcoming, though the various statutes are being carefully examined," and we are informed that if it be found special act" it will probably be passed clear that the seat is vacated." Terri skill to save the life of every the last moment. \* \* \* The his seat before taking the oath of office ble, isn't it? Now, if Mr. McDougall took it is clear only that he was a trespasser helpless is mainly an incidental re-of the instinct of sympathy. • • • in the Legislature, and that he having now taken the oath he is no longer trespasser. Anything he may have said nature. The surgeon may harden him-self whilst performing an operation, for any been said. That's all!

# **OUR EXCHANGES**

Because He Earned It.

Why is McAvity allowed to keep the

(Toronto Star.) Man, aged 104, was arrested in Hamilton, charged with having no friends. Well, if he fived all that time in Hamilton, what could he expect? Hamilton Included

(Kingston Whig.) Toronto is the only city in Ontario where school trustees, school teachers and civic officials dabble in politics, and as an inalienable right.

Snow Shovelling.

(Montreal Herald.) Without being disloyal to the climate, householders have a right to complain who, after twice shovelling out drifts made by the east wind, have to come back at drifts made by the west wind.

What of the L'ominion House? (Brantford Courier.)

There are so many Conservatives in the Ontario House that many of them have to sit on the Opposition side. Isn't that enough to jolt some of the old-time Crite's

Mustn't Cork Up Allan.

Mathematical experts working on an arrangement for the debate on the address in the Legislature have suggested that one Liberal succeed each four Conservatives, and that Mr. Studholme make a speech after each rotation.

#### Price of Newspapers.

The newspapers published at Newark, . J., have raised their price from one N. J., have raised their price from one cent to two cents a copy. Paper, wages, and the cost of collecting news have all been going up and cutting down the profits, and in some cases cutting down the number of newspapers. When publishers undertake to get more for what costs them more they have commercial justification.

#### Encore Fiend.

(Guelph Mercury There are many recognized species of ublic nuisances, who make their presnee felt at plays and concerts. There is the talker, who conveys explanations an anadible whisper; there is the explanations are supported by the second control of the contr therant enthusiast, who poisons the more quiet enjoyment of all in his vi-cinity; there is the fussy person and the unforgivable nuisance, who has seen is before. But all these hardened, stereo typed varieties have to take a back seat o the encore fiend

# The Policeman's Chance.

(Toronto Telegram.) element. It is said that there will be forty volumes of the evidence taken. What would be of more importance would be some practical advice as to relieving the situation.

The California State Board of Health gregation.

#### The Hydro Monopoly (Kingston Whig.)

The people are to have another char tract which

After Other Treatment Failed Eczema in Raw Spot on Baby Boy's Face Lasted for Months-Cried with Pain when Washed.

## **ECZEMA WAS CURED AND** HAS NEVER REAPPEARED

"Our baby boy broke out with eczema on his face when one mouth old. One place on the side of his bace the size of a nickel was raw like bee' steak for three months, and he would cry out when I bathed the parts that were sore and broken out. I gave him three months' treatment from a good doctor, but at the end of that time the child was no better. Then my doctor recommended Cuticura. After using a cake of Cuticura Soap, a third of a box of Cuticura Soap, a third of a box of Cuticura Gonthemet, and half a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent he was well and his face was as smooth as any baby's. He is now two years and a half old and no eczema has reappeared. I am still using the Cuticura Soap; I think it is the finest toilet soap I ever used. I keep my little girls hair and face cleansed with it too. I am so thankful for what Cuticura has done for us. Mrs. M. L. Harris, R. F. D. 1, Alton, Kan., May 14 and June 12, '07.'

# **SANATIVE**

Antiseptic Cleansing Is Best Accomplished by Cuticura.



SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 1909

# SHEA'S

Skirts Made to Measure of Sale \$1.25

# Sensational Sale

# Mantles, Skirts, Suits, Furs, Underwear, Blouses,

# Blankets, Table Linens, Shirting, Dress Goods, Etc.

SENSATIONAL SALE of wanted and seasonable goods at Slaughter Prices. These goods are the best values that money and experience can offer you at regular prices. At these sweeping cut prices the savings you make are easily figured.

Women's Coats, worth \$4 to \$1.95	Women's Suits, worth \$17.50,\$8,95	Women's Skirts, good \$4 \$2.00 value, on sale for
Women's Coats, worth \$5 to \$2.95	Women's Suits, worth \$20. \$10	Women's Skirts, good \$5.00 \$2.50 value, on sale for
Women's Coats worth \$10 to \$6.95	Misses' and Children's Coats to be slaughtered at less than \$3.95 half price, \$1.50 to	Women's Skirts, good \$7.50 \$3.95 value, on sale for
Women's Coats worth \$17.50 to \$25, for \$10	Children's Dresses, 6 to 12 years size, worth \$1.25, on sale 69c	Children's Skirts, at half \$2.95
Women's Coats worth \$8 to \$4.95	Children's Dresses, 2 to 5 years,	A quantity of Misses' and Children's Samples on sale at less than HALF PRICE.
54-inch Cloth, for women's suitings, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, on sale, per yard 69c	worth 75c and \$1.00, on sale 39c  Women's Blouses and cotton goods worth \$1 and \$1.25	Women's Underwear, Vests and Drawers, worth 25c, on sale 19c
Mantle Cloths, black, navy, green and fawn, worth \$2 to \$3, on 990	goods, worth \$1 and \$1.25, 49c  Women's Waists, made of poplins and fancy wool goods, \$2.00	Women's Vests and Drawers, part wool, 50 and 60c, on sale 35c
Mi-wool Taffeta Cloth, French wove, 75c, for 50c	and fancy wool goods, \$2 95c	Women's Vests and Drawers, elastic knit, 40e, for
Panama Cloth, 54-inch, black and colors, 75c, for 50c	Women's Net Waists, silk \$1.95 slip, \$4, on sale for each \$1.95 Women's Underskirts, black and color-	Women's Vests and Drawers, Turnbull's flat knit. \$1.00 79c
Plaid Dress Goods, all woot, black and white, 50c, for 25c	ed sateen and moreen, \$1.50 <b>98c</b> to \$1.75, for	Women's Knit Wool Vests and 50c
Silk and Wool Opera Cloaking, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, on sale for, per yard	Women's Underskirts of embroidered Taffetine, \$3.00 to \$3.50, \$1.95 on sale for	Women's Golf Waists, samples, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, 1 10
Women's Umbrellas, gilt or gun metal mounts, worth 83.00 and \$1.98	Silk Underskirts, black and colored, worth \$5.00 to \$6.00, for \$2.95	N 1 XI 20 1 20 1
Fur Stoles, marmot, black and grey hare, worth \$4.50, on sale \$1.50	Women's Gift Umbrellas, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, on sale \$3.75	38 size only, worth \$5.00, \$1.95 on sale for
Marmot and Astrakhan Stoles, worth	Cream Table Linens, - good weight, worth 40c, for 25c	size, worth \$4.00, for \$2.50
\$5.00 to \$6.00, on sale \$2.75 for ,each	Cream Table Linen, 72 inches wide, worth 59c, on sale for 371c	Pure Wool White Blankets, worth \$4.50, for \$2.95
\$10.00, on sale for, each \$6.50	Bleached Table Damask, worth 350c, on sale for	Bed Comforters, worth \$7.95, size 60x72, for 99c
Mink Muffs, made in newest styles, \$30.00, for \$15	Bleached Damask, splendid patterns, 69c, on sale for 450	White Quilts, double bed size, worth \$1.25, on sale for
Natural Sable Ruffs, \$18.00 to \$20.00, on sale for \$10	Fine Bleached Damask, pure flax, patterns, worth \$1.45, for \$1.10 per yard,	Floor Oileloth, 1-yard, 1½-yard and 2-yard, worth 20c, per 22½c
Women's Plain Black Cashmere Hose, 8½ to 10 size, worth 29c, on sale for	High class Damask, pure flax. worth \$1.75, on sale \$1.39	White Lace Curtains— 75c, for 50c \$1.00, for 75c
Children's Black and Colored Cashmere Hose, worth 25c, on sale for	Towelling, Roller and Tea, pure linen, worth 11c to 12½c, on 71/20 sale for	White Lace Curtains— \$1.50, for\$1.00 \$1.75, for\$1.25
Women's Dressing Sacques, plain and fancy, \$1.00 and \$1.25, for 79c	Bleached Sheeting, 72 inches, worth 35c, to clear at per yard	Women's Waists, new styles in net, new sleeves \$3.49
500 boxes Chiffon or Tourist Frilling, worth 50c, for 25c	Kimona Cloth, worth 40c, to clear at per yard 29c	Women's Net Waists, ecru and white, newest sleeves

# THE INTERCOLONIAL

Report That It Will be Put in Control of Comm ission.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

s in a position to state positively that he Government has decided to place the ntercolonial Railway under the control f a commission. The commission will onsist of three members to be appoint-

ed by the Governor-in-Council.

The preliminary resolution has reeeived the assent of the Governor-General, and will be introduced by Mr. Graeral, and will be introduced by Mr. Gra-ham, probably next week. It will not be resisted by the Opposition, except to the extent of their insisting upon an amendment making the members of the commission irremovable, except upon an address from both Houses of Parlia-ment.

It Insults Canadians. (Toronto Saturday Night.)

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Some of the statements being made in
the English press were enough to make
any Canadian hot. One would suppose
that we were a lot of Hindus being kept
within the Empire by the patient humoring of a few official and other persons,
but that ordinary expedients had almost
entirely worn out, and the splendid efforts of those who had kept us in line
until now would be wasted unless the until now, would be wasted, unless the United Kingdom forthwith adopted tar iff reform, and granted our products a preference. While most Canadians may favor tariff reform, I venture to say

moted in England by means of arg ments so disparaging to us as a peop

The Ontario Government Educatio Department must surely have wheels in its head. Their rural school policy address from both Houses of Parliament.

Mr. D. Pottinger, who is at present general manager of the Intercolonial, will be one of the commissioners. The other two commissioners reside in Montreal.

To head off any political pressure, the appointments have been decided upon in advance. The list was submitted to and approved by the three trunk lines.

allowed margin enough to pay for boxing and freight, to say nothing about a fair profit, and they are not likely to be stocked by the retail trade.

# NEW WITTICISMS.

From the February "Smart Set.") Experience is the only school that has

Fools rush in where angels fear to Morality" is your way of living my

it is impossible to tell where an order-y woman will put things.

The man behind the gun is the man tho win's life's battles.

A mint julep isn't really so cool, but t looks shady.

single bound, but by a moving stair-ise. The other place by chute.

Given the duke, any girl will furnish the kind of heart that is more than cor Don't do it to-day. It may be the

rong thing to do at any time.
All the old cats were kittens once.

Doctors wouldn't make so much noney if mothers didn't get scared