

THE HAMILTON TIMES

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1908.

TO-NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.

The proceedings of to-night's Council meeting should be of more or less interest and importance to the ratepayers. The contract which the Hydro-Electric Commission would like the Council to sign, binding it to take power from the Commission, excluding all competition for 30 years, and to pay for the same at a price at present unknown, but which is to include all costs incurred in a scheme of purchase and transmission in which the city has no share of management or control, will be laid before the aldermen. It is hardly likely, however, that it will be finally dealt with at this meeting. The proposition growing out of the conference between the aldermen and the Cataract Power Company will also probably be discussed. The company has offered to supply electric power to the city at a price 10 per cent. below that of the Hydro-Electric Commission; even intimating its willingness to leave the fixing of the price to the Commission itself. Mayor Stewart is reported to have said that he would not accept power from the local company, even if it furnished it for nothing, and he thinks that 10 or 11 aldermen share his views. It is charitable to think that the Mayor has been misreported, and that his personal hostility would not lead him to make such a foolish declaration, or to advocate a course so detrimental to the city's interests. The aldermen, generally, we think, may be expected to approach the question from a sane business point of view.

Another important matter upon which some definite action may be taken to-night is the proposition made by the Street Railway Company, and received with considerable favor by the aldermen, for a settlement by which an extended and improved street railway service will be provided. The outline of the scheme is already familiar to the 'Times' readers; the details are yet to be worked out, but if the general character of the proposition meets the approval of the aldermen, and they so indicate by their action to-night, it is highly improbable that anything will occur to prevent agreement. The fact that city and company have pretty well considered the situation makes it likely that if the Council once approves of the plan in gross, the agencies at work and making such desperate efforts to prevent a settlement will find their power for evil destroyed, and will be incapable of keeping the breach open.

VILLAINOUS WORK.

The Ottawa Citizen, in the course of a lengthy editorial dealing with the faked statements of the Toronto World to the effect that "the best financial firms regard the project with distrust" and that Hon. Mr. Fielding and other Ministers had been called to New York in connection with the floating of loans for the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, very properly says: "The financial credit of a country, no less than that of an individual or corporation, is bound to suffer under such allegations unless they can be promptly and triumphantly disproven, and the unfortunate impression created by them dispelled." Hon. Mr. Fielding has taken the first opportunity afforded of giving the Toronto World's false and unpatriotic attempt to damage Canadian credit an emphatic denial. There has been no distrust among the financiers and the Ministers have not been called to New York in connection with this matter. Like the Toronto World's other fake respecting a change of route of the Transcontinental, the despatch was without a scintilla of truth. Why any Canadian newspaper should seek, by giving publicity to such falsehood, to disturb and damage Canadian credit, is hard to understand. Many criminals are now immersed in our prisons whose crimes did not take on such large proportions.

COBALT LAKE OUTRAGE.

The course adopted by the Whitney Government in suppressing investigation into the Cobalt Lake matter will not tend to win the Premier the respect of honest men. Some very strange features of the Government's dealing in this case have been disclosed. Did the Ministers feel that their position was such as to bear the criticism of the people, it is far from likely that they would have exhibited such eager haste to head off inquiry. Chairman Carnegie, of the Public Accounts Committee, during the session had learned his lines well, and promptly took his cue from the Provincial Secretary, choking off discussion and ruling questions out of order, on the plea that a lawsuit regarding the property was pending. His course in this matter was in direct contradiction to that of the Government itself which last year, in the face of a pending litigation, stepped in and passed an act valuing the sale of this same property! Mr. Hanna blustered a good deal, Mr. McDougall to make the floor of the House

that Mr. Smith was debarred from getting evidence, Mr. McDougall accepted his challenge, and promised to make the statement on the floor of the House, or anywhere else; and Mr. Deany made the further statement that he had been for two years trying to bring the Whitney Government into court in this matter so as to obtain justice, but as it was necessary to obtain a fiat to sue the Government, he had been refused the protection of the law!

This Cobalt Lake matter has had an ugly look from the beginning. That Whitney should have stepped in while the case was before the courts, and passed an act literally depriving one party to it of its legal rights in the premises, is an outrage on Canadian justice, and when the Provincial Government is ready to prostitute itself in such a manner it is not likely to feel any qualms about utilizing the plea that a lawsuit is now in progress, to prevent legislators who wish to bring out the facts, from exposing it to the condemnation of the fair-minded electors. When law is corrupted at its fount, how shall the people expect to obtain justice? When a premier boasts as the excuse for such an outrage on justice, that he has obtained revenue by it, what shall be said for those who uphold his course?

CHURCHILL'S ELECTION.

The phenomenal run made by the Right Hon. Winston Churchill in Dundee, Scotland, on Saturday last, when he was returned for that constituency by a large majority over the heads of three opponents, surprised even his friends. Local circumstances seemed to conspire against his success. Trade is dull in Dundee, a section of the Labor element is out on strike, and the Government was blamed for this state of affairs; the temperance people had a candidate of their own, and the suffragettes pitted all their strength against him, just because they were against the Government. The Unionist tariff reformers, heartened by Churchill's previous defeat, made herculean efforts to elect their candidate, but in spite of all Dundee stood true to its Liberal principles, and the President of the Board of Trade is now the sitting member for that city, and a safe seat it is. Being a by-election, the vote polled was much less than at the last general election, and that accounts for the fact that Churchill did not poll as large a vote as did the Liberal candidate at the last election. The result of the fight must be gratifying to Premier Asquith, and it will not fail to put courage into the hearts of his followers.

TWO GOOD NEW MEN.

The West Kent Provincial Liberals have an excellent candidate in Mr. Fred Stone, of Chatham. He comes of excellent Liberal stock, and he knows the people of Kent probably as well as any man in the county, and none stand higher in their estimation. A business and social career in which success has been won by the practice of those virtues and high principles which appeal to the confidence of all honest men, will stand him in good stead in asking for electoral support. In East Kent Mr. Gosnell is also well known and highly respected, and his recognized ability and irreproachable character make him a strong and popular candidate. The Liberals ought to carry both Kents by large majorities if they but buckle down to the work methodically and keep at it. Their men will do credit to them in the Legislature. The Province needs such.

THE SCHOOL BOOK TRICK.

We do not hear so much from the Whitney organs now about the great cheapening of school books to be brought about by his heaven-born statesmanship. Mr. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Courier, was one of the School Book Commissioners. Mr. Cooper is a Conservative. He understands all the circumstances and knows perfectly well that these new readers cannot and will not be published at the bargain counter prices now being paid for the old readers. After arguing the matter out at some length, he says:

"This temporary reduction in price lasts only for one and a half years. What will happen then is a matter of conjecture. The probability is that if a new set of readers is prepared and the paper and binding brought up to date the price will be back to the old figure, if not higher."

That is the prospect facing Whitney after all his boastfulness. The "end of the stock" is being slaughtered at figures which would not cover the cost of production; a mere trick to fool the people. Whitney wants to get, by the aid of the gerrymander and machine methods, a new lease of power before the people arrive, by actual demonstration, at realization of his deceit. Then he can laugh at them, while he plunders the Province for four years more. There are immense possibilities "for the boy" in four years more of an expenditure swollen by about \$2,500,000 a year!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

That was a nasty slap Mr. Fowler dealt J. J. Scott on Saturday night.

Dr. Roche does not like the Dominion elections bill. The trouble is that it does not allow the Manitoba Tory Government to prepare the Dominion election lists.

By a vote of 201 to 7 the British Commons passed the second reading of the bill to repeal the Irish Coercion Act of 1887. With its repeal, one blot will be removed from the imperial statute books.

Mr. Fowler refused to say anything about Mr. Emmerson at the Tory meeting on Saturday night. He also kept silent on the serious charge made against

him in the columns of Free Speech, a paper published in his own constituency. Why the silence?

The Ottawa Journal (Tory) remarks that one peculiarity of Whitney is that "when he says a thing, he means it." Perhaps he does. The difficulty is encountered when you come to anchor Whitney to his meaning for two days in succession.

Because some Georgia pine is brought into Canada, that insatiable tariff organ, the Toronto World, cries out for a duty of \$2 a thousand to keep the pauper stuff at home. And, at the same time, the organs bemoan the fact that our timber supply is decreasing.

The British old-age pension scheme is objectionable for more reasons than its socialistic tendency. Another and worse feature is its inevitable pauperizing effect, its encouragement to unthriftness. The \$30,000,000 a year, which it is estimated to cost to begin with, will, it is to be feared, prove to be a national bonus to idleness and prodigality.

Oh, yes! Whitney will let the settler have the timber and minerals on his lands now. But he will take good care that the settler shall be compelled to walk a crack by a homestead inspector, with whom he must settle. And the Toronto News intimates that "settlers will be kept out of districts chiefly adapted to timber growing, and rocky country will be set apart in the form of mining divisions for the advantage of the prospector."

Mr. Lake, M. P., takes it very much to heart that the Dominion Elections Bill should not accept for federal purposes the voters' lists prepared by the Provincial Government's political agents in Manitoba, and he professes to fear that in consequence there will be "trouble and bloodshed." What a sweet-scented loyal citizen your genuine machine Tory is when his political plots are foiled!

The London Free Press declares of Whitney as he appeared at Hamilton: "Responsibility has developed him, made him great." By which the Chatham News is reminded of the Toronto Telegram's allegation, when, in a candid mood, it said: "That one could go through any Ontario village, throw a brick through any lawyer's office there, and hit a man with as large possibilities, and as much real greatness in his makeup, as the then leader of the Conservative Opposition."

Perhaps no better reason could be asked why the Dominion Government should not accept the Manitoba Provincial lists for use in federal elections than the fact that the *Robin Government* not only does not leave the making of the lists to the municipal officials, but it changed the old law, under which they were in the control of the judges, so as to put them entirely in the hands of political agents appointed by the Provincial Ministers. Mr. Robin himself could hardly defend such an arrangement.

"It's a lie!" says the Hamilton Herald in reply to the statement that the Cataract Company has offered to supply electricity at prices 10 per cent. below those of the Hydro-Electric Commission. By way of testing the Herald's veracity, contrast with the above statement this one taken verbatim from its editorial on the subject on Friday last:

What does the latest power offer of the Cataract Company mean? The company offers to supply the city with power for civic purposes at a price 10 per cent. lower than the price which would be charged by the Hydro-Electric power commission.

Already the senior Tory organ is spreading a mattress to break Whitney's fall in the school book matter. Commissioner Cooper's statement that the new books, if equal to the standard of the old ones in quality, are likely to be as dear, if not dearer, than they were under the Ross regime, is not disputed; but the organ says that if they are "will it not be because of the increase in the cost of materials?" Ingenious apologist! But why should the materials be dearer for them than for the "cheapened" readers about which Whitney is now so much puffed up?

What is the matter with the Toronto World? It is now wholesomely apologizing for every political action of Whitney. He is simply an angel, sans wings, and perhaps the Maclean may, still discover these rudimentary organs beginning to sprout with this improving weather. What magis has affected the change since the World, in condemning the infamous La Rose deal, declared: "The payment of \$130,000 to the La Rose Mining Co. is regarded in many quarters as too bad to explain to the country and sufficient to sully the virtue of the most upright politician even had it not been left till the eleventh hour."

On Thursday our neighbor the Times figured out the cost of Hydro-Electric power to Hamilton at several hundred dollars per horse-power. Yesterday it dropped its estimate to twenty odd dollars. Its estimates, like its statements of facts, depend largely upon the state of its imagination.—Hamilton Herald.

As a matter of fact, the "estimate" was not the Times'; it was neither more nor less than an examination of the very figures which the Herald presented in its estimate. But, in spite of the Herald's effort to divert attention from its blunders by a cackle about a couple of very obvious typographical errors, which in no way obscured the point made, the power monopoly organ takes very good care not to give its readers the Times' presentation of the case, perhaps because it would show that taking only a part of the figures constituting

the cost of power at the Herald's figures the city would be stuck, under the Hydro scheme, for a good many dollars per h.p. more than it needs to pay now without incurring any huge capital liability, or being tied up to any monopoly.

OUR EXCHANGES

Not Even Mentioned.

Mr. Beck has been the Whitney Government's greatest asset, but the Premier took good care not even to mention his name in his Hamilton speech.

Government Sustained.

Looked at squarely, therefore, it must be admitted that the Government, in the person of the President of the Board of Trade, has been sustained by what is relatively and very closely the normal Liberal majority given by the Dundee electorates.

Up to Hendrie.

It is up to the Hon. Colonel John Hendrie, one of the Power Commissioners, to see that the public power scheme is not frustrated in its own city. What is to be done, and why is he trying to carry one of the Hamilton seats for Mr. Scott, who was an avowed opponent of the public power proposition when defeated by Allan Studholme in the by-election of two years ago?

If Col. Hendrie does not make good in his own town, he will be doing less than Foy and Fyne in Toronto.

Whitney Over Again.

Premier Hazen, of New Brunswick, is losing no time in putting into practical application the Tory doctrine of spoils. The Fredericton Herald reports that he is endeavoring to wield the axe on Liberal officials and to fill their places with Tories. The latest batch of dismissals includes nearly a dozen officials in the Counties of Queens, Kent and Restigouche, to make room for Mr. Hazen's hungry followers. Up to date the dismissal which promised that they would know no party in the administration of affairs has displaced upwards of 500 Liberal officials and replaced them with partisan Tories, some of them, the Herald says, absolutely without the ability to fill the positions assigned to them.

Hamilton's Answer.

The Premier of Ontario plaintively appealed to the people of Hamilton to give him "a square deal." It is his manner of expressing the hope that in the impending election there will be an exemplification of the contract system, while Mr. Whitney went to the Ambitious City with some misgivings. One of its constituencies had repudiated his parliament and its candidate in a by-election. The people had some reason to show their displeasure. They had been treated badly, and calm reflection deepened rather than removed the grievance.

First, the voters generally resented the slight of the Government in removing the Normal College in the interest of which they had made a large investment. The labor element rebelled against the system of contract system, which had not been abolished according to promise, but was continuing in a more offensive form. The fact that the Government promised, not directly, but through its touters, a technical college, replacing the Normal College, did not satisfy the people. It did not improve the situation that the representative of the cause was not a popular man. He was rich—this was his main, and distinguishing characteristic. Defeat followed. It was overwhelming, depressing, crushing. The memory of it still lingers. The ghost of it walks with Mr. Whitney and his satellites undertook to mesmerize the people in his first campaign.

The echoes of the party caucus had hardly died away when Mr. Whitney began his pleading. He was in a very tender mood. He was so anxious for it did not impair the situation that the representative of the cause was not a popular man. He was rich—this was his main, and distinguishing characteristic. Defeat followed. It was overwhelming, depressing, crushing. The memory of it still lingers. The ghost of it walks with Mr. Whitney and his satellites undertook to mesmerize the people in his first campaign.

PLAIN POINTS WELL PUT.

Mr. H. P. Dwight, President of the Great North Western Telegraph Company, occasionally writes to the Toronto papers over the nom de plume of "D. W." He is a man with a very large grasp of public matters, and his letters always bear the imprint of ability. In the News of a day or two ago was one bearing on the light and power question, which will be read with interest, as it has a bearing on the situation here:

Is it not about time to ring down the curtain on this hybrid Hydro-Electric Commission farce? It is nearly three years ago since the Hon. Adam Beck started out on his crusade to show the people of Ontario how they could, under a paternal Government, be provided with electric power "as free as air." The immediate effect of this was to frighten both Canadian and English investors, who had invested their money in different enterprises of the kind, and who would before now, if left undisturbed, have been competing for the delivery of the electric power to the principal cities and towns throughout the Province of Ontario.

British Government's Method. That the Ontario Government and the city of Toronto should jointly or severally go into a project involving the expenditure of ten or twelve million dollars, with an absolute certainty that double that amount would be needed in the near future, is simply incredible from any sane or honest business point of view. Such a project is all the more incredible from the fact that the Electrical Development Company, with transmission lines already built, and the Toronto Electric Light Company have both made distinct propositions for the disposal of their properties to the Government and the city on a fair basis of values from a business standpoint.

The English Government, when they undertook the telegraph business in England, bought out the telegraph companies then in the field, at a valuation based on their earning power, a fair and satisfactory arrangement for all concerned. They did not commence negotiations for the purchase of the companies by abusing them and belittling the value of their properties, and threatening to force them out of business. The

whole transaction was fair and above board and vested rights were jealously guarded and duly respected. It was the proverbial English fair play, and there were no advocates of confiscation of the property of the companies.

Should Purchase on Fair Terms. If the Ontario Government, or the municipality of Toronto are to go into this business of providing electric power let them buy out the companies now engaged in the business on the fair and business-like terms which have been offered by the companies. Neither the Ontario Government nor the city of Toronto Corporation can afford to treat their own citizens unfairly or ungenerously in any matter of business.

The fact is that, had it not been for private enterprise, Toronto and other municipalities throughout the country would have had no electric power for their use, and the Hon. Adam Beck, "Power Minister," as he is called, would never have been heard of in any such connection. He has simply been riding into notoriety on the back of private enterprise, commissioned evidently to pull Premier Whitney's chestnuts out of the fire, while it is strongly suspected that not only is the Premier side of the whole business, but that the Ministers are at loggerheads among themselves, and would be glad of any decent excuse for dropping the matter altogether.

Mr. Coady, the City Treasurer, in his recent report, calls attention to the fact that there are in the Province of Ontario many localities where abundant water power is available for the development of electric energy to an almost unlimited extent. I venture to say that, had it not been for the paralysis of private enterprise consequent on this hybrid Hydro-Electric Commission scheme, private enterprise would have been actively at work developing these water powers for the production of electric energy, and competing for its sale throughout the country on a purely business basis.

Not as Anxious Now.

It is beginning to be understood, however, that the great hurry to go into the power business by the Government and the city of Toronto authorities is not quite as urgent as it was a few weeks ago, although the pretense is still kept up, and they are marking time by employing "experts" to travel in distant countries to get further information as to "high tension currents." It would be interesting to know whether the city of Toronto and the Ontario Government have already spent in these "expert" reports and valuations, and something as to the variety of information and estimates they have secured. It is well known that estimates for the proposed city plant have varied to the extent of two or three million dollars.

D. W.

BANISH THE MOSQUITO.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—Will you help the citizens to banish this pest as far as can be done, by the Board of Works and the Board of Health? It seems to be a good time now to agitate the subject, after the letter of Mr. Galbreath, which appeared in your columns last week, and which was a trifling of facts which cannot be disputed.

We who live in the southeast portion of the city can bear witness to the great relief experienced since the chain of lakes, which used to stretch for half a mile along the south side of the T. H. & B. Railway track, were drained into the Sanford avenue sewer.

These "blood suckers" cannot multiply without stagnant water. All the changes which the insect undergoes, from the egg state to that of the perfect winged mosquito, takes place in water, and without it they cannot multiply or exist. Where the breeding pond can neither be drained nor filled up, crude petroleum should be floated on the surface, which effectually prevents the propagation of the genus "Culex."

The adult female insect loses no time in at once forming small rafts on which she lays and guards her eggs, along the edge of it, to the number of about a hundred. These require only three or four days to hatch, when the young brood plunge head first into the water and join the shoals of well known "wigglers" already there in various stages of development.

After moulting two or three times the "wiggler" goes into the chrysalis state for a few days, and eventually rises to the surface of the water, when the full-fledged winged "blood sucker" emerges using her late coffin as a boat until her wings get dry, when she is ready to do as her mother did.

It might be observed that the lady mosquito is the only one to suck blood and deposit the poison which irritates our skin—the gentleman mosquito has no lance, no poison bag, and, being a vegetarian, has none of the bloodthirsty instincts of his female.

Those having soft water cisterns can help to abate the nuisance by having them protected by mosquito netting.

I trust something will be done to lessen that which detracts so much from the pleasure of our summer citizens. Yours, A. Southeast-End.

HIS VIEW OF IT.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir,—I quite agree with Mayor Stewart's remarks that such an offer made by the Cataract Power Company, viz.: 10 per cent. less than whatever the other company's offer may be, was undignified and dishonorable for any company to offer and equally so for anybody of men to entertain it.

I understand the proposition is this: The Cataract Co. offer power for 24 hours at \$16 per horse power for pumping and sewage disposal. This work is completed in the day time. Then they propose a five years' contract for lighting at \$60 per lamp, or a ten years' contract at \$55 per lamp, thus charging us twice for the power each day, making a double profit as they are not pumping during the night, and are using the power paid for during the day for lighting. The Hydro-Electric Commission is a Government concern and will give power at cost which might be \$12, not exceeding \$14 per horse power. I am credibly informed that the Government's offer will make a difference of some magnitude to the citizens of Hamilton. Now, about the end of the term, where will the city be then, comparing ourselves with other municipalities who adopt the Hydro-Electric Power when they have the power line paid for and are having power at \$9 cost price, against ours at \$16 per horse power? There is no reason for the aldermen getting a spirit of gush in offering a vote of thanks to the Cataract Co. for their liberality, for there is no bargain in it at all. The citizens should hold a meeting and discuss this matter, and the aldermen should go slow. There should be no temptation to the aldermen in this matter beyond doing what is right, and I hope there is none. If people were to go to one store to purchase a coat and then to another store, and the first store said, I will



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W. S. Lumgair.

GOOD OF THE MANY.

At the recent election of Captain Murray, Liberal, for the County of Kinross-shire, Scotland, that gentleman said in returning thanks:

"To-day you sent a warm message of welcome to the Prime Minister. Now, I have stood here during this contest for the freeing of the land for the many from the monopolistic thralldom of the few, and for the free and unlimited supply of untaxed food for the masses against the swollen profits of commercially interested traffickers. Your vote, moreover, in this election is a menacing warning to the alien peers of England to keep their hands off Scottish land legislation (applause). And, gentlemen, you have given a lead to Montrose, to Dundee, and to Strirling (applause)—to call upon Scotland to show her unity and her determination to insist upon legislation which, in her opinion, she considers to be vital for the good of her people (applause). Nor have you been led away by the false issues which have vitiated the judgment of certain electorates in England (applause). You have stood firm by those principles, which, as the Prime Minister expressed in a letter he recently addressed to this constituency, through me—by the principles which are wrapped up in the general good of the community, rather than in the particular interests of a privileged few (applause)."

CENTRAL Y. M. C. A.

There was a good attendance at the gymnasium men's Bible class yesterday morning, led by D. M. Barron.

The regular Bible class at 3 p. m. decided to go in a body to the Gospel Tabernacle, where they greatly enjoyed the Bible readings of Dr. Gabelstein and Dr. A. T. Pierson.

Mr. W. J. Robinson and the junior evangelistic band conducted the men's meeting at the East End Branch.

Mr. J. A. Knapp spent the Sunday with friends at Copetown.

The model garden idea is being brought into effect by the junior department in the vacant lot to the east of the building.

The outdoor gymnasium is now in fine form for all kinds of athletics.

Every active member should attend the annual meeting on Thursday night of this week.

J. W. Hopkins, Provincial Secretary, is in the city to-day and is on the still hunt for good men for association work.

Four days and the association year closes. The interest will be exceedingly grateful if subscribers and members would assist by sending in their subscriptions or fees before Thursday noon of this week.

The visitors who attended the boys' banquet on Friday night haven't stopped talking about it yet.

The Holiday Cottage at the Beach and the Maple Leaf cruise are topics of interest these warm days.

CENTENARY CHURCH.

The fine weather of yesterday morning brought out large congregations, and no doubt Centenary got her share. The morning anthem, "Unto Thee Have I Cried," by Elvey, was given with much tenderness and expression. Miss Chapman sang a solo, "The Ninety and Nine," so distinct in expression and sweet naturalness that all were delighted. The pastor, Rev. R. Whiting, took for his text "Bought With a Price."

EAST HAMILTON Y. M. C. A.

Members of the Central Y. M. C. A. boys' evangelistic band, under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Robinson, boys' secretary, conducted the afternoon service at the East Hamilton branch. Mr. Munson spoke on the intimate relation of Christians to the Saviour, as in the vine and branches. Mr. Pearson pictured the man Christ Jesus, whom Pilate condemned to death, as the only Saviour, and urged all unsaved present to accept this blessed Saviour and friend. Mr. Wilson urged the necessity of sincerity in service of the Master and better acquaintance of God's word. Mr. Robinson closed the meeting with a strong appeal for aggressive work in the interest of boys in East Hamilton, many of whom were not being reached for God.

At the members' reception to-morrow, Tuesday, evening, the following programme will be given: vocal solos, Miss Herries and Mr. A. Devine; recitations, Mrs. G. H. Faulconer; piano solos, Miss K. Burkholder; grammophone selections, Mr. Geo. Will; crayon sketches, etc., Mr. E. S. VanSickle.

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An Interesting Minor Feature in the Hall of the Tail Building.

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It is lofty building soaring toward the sky and with many tenants, and the mail chutes run from top to bottom with an open end on every floor through which letters are dropped. All day long letters are sliding down that chute.

Standing at any time of the day in this busy hall you may see through its glass front letters flitting silently past, one or two at a time, and then, when in many offices the day's letters are gathered up and mailed, that they come thick and fastest.

Maybe you stand looking at the tube and see it silent and vacant, and then, a single letter flits from top to bottom with an open end on every floor through which letters are dropped. All day long letters are sliding down that chute.

Then more showers and shoals and blocks of letters, and then, a single letter flits from top to bottom with an open end on every floor through which letters are dropped. All day long letters are sliding down that chute.

But it was only for a brief interval that this lighter, easier moving letter had the tube alone, for now they are coming again, shooting straight down—letters in droves and flocks and flurries, and singly and in twos and threes and heavy letters that go by like lightning, and then more dozens and scores and streams of letters—letters dropping endlessly.

Railway Bridge Damaged by Fire.

Winnipeg, May 10.—The Great Northern Railway bridge, crossing the Elk River a few miles west of Mabel, was fire in the neighborhood was responsible for the blaze.

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