

THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1908.

ONE RESOURCE YET.

Now that it is understood that the aldermen have backed down in their offer of a concession of a part of the street railway percentage on gross earnings above the amount of last year, and that the company cannot see its way to give us the extensions and improvements desired in return for guarantee of bonds, would it not be wise to make one more effort—a real one—before resorting to war measures? Why not let both parties agree to call the Ontario Railway Board in to assist in bringing about an understanding? Unless agreement on terms is arrived at, it will be the tribunal before which the matter, as a dispute, will be tried. How much better and more reasonable, and how much greater our chance of real gain for the city, by seeking its aid to a friendly understanding? Let the Board be put in possession of all the facts, lay the situation frankly before it from both sides, and ask its advice. There will be no loss of dignity in resorting to such a course, and the party declining to be guided by its advice, without showing the best of reasons therefor, would be pleading lack of confidence in its own cause. Try the Board in a friendly way first.

IT IS ONTARIO'S BUSINESS.

The Dominion Government will not, for the present, at least, disallow a number of Whitney's vicious acts, evil as they are, and of somewhat doubtful validity. They essay to deal with property and civil rights, subjects within the jurisdiction of the Legislature, and, although they outrage every principle of right and justice, in the opinion of Hon. Mr. Aylesworth Government should not lightly intervene. Among the statutes referred to are the Cobalt Lake legislation, which involved the question of the taking of one man's property from him and giving it to another, refusing him access to the courts of justice, there to contend for his rights; the Hendrie railways and public utilities act, commonly known as the "Big Stick Bill," by which it is aimed to penalize by special taxes any concern which exercises its rights under the Canadian constitution against Whitney's desire; the Game and Fisheries Act of 1907, and the Ontario Government's Marriage Amendment Act.

Of the "Big Stick Bill" the Minister of Justice points out that it "seems to have no other object than to assert provincial legislative authority over a subject which, under the B. N. A. Act, is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada." * * * and assumes to confer upon the Government of that Province * * * the power to destroy any Ontario company with regard to which Parliament may see fit to make such declaration—that is, declare it to be under federal control. The Minister says "such attempts, if ever made, would be set at naught by the courts," and therefore he says "the legislation is so plainly ineffective and harmless" that, in his opinion, action by way of disallowance is not called for. That it should be disapproved of by every honest man, especially by every one aspiring to statesmanship, is evident.

The Game and Fisheries Act is held to be ultra vires in respect to some of its most important clauses, but the Minister of Justice thinks no harm will result from allowing it to stand pending the elimination of these clauses by the Legislature. Some parts of the Marriage Act are regarded as of doubtful validity, but, as the courts are competent to deal with the matter, disallowance is not recommended at present.

In advising against the disallowance of the Cobalt Lake property legislation, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth follows the precedent established by Hon. Mr. Mills, and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, strongly disapproving of the Legislature's act in taking away the property of a man to give it to another and depriving him of his right of appeal to the courts, but recognizing that the Legislature is authorized to deal with questions of property and civil rights, and that "the acts of the Legislature may be ultimately judged by the people." This, it will be noted, is in contradistinction to Sir John A. Macdonald's dictum in 1881, when he said: "I think the power of the Local Legislature to take away the rights of one man and vest them in another, as is done by this act, is exceedingly doubtful; but, assuming that such right does exist in strictness, I think it devolves upon this Government to see that such power is not exercised in flagrant violation of private rights and natural justice." It is the difference between the traditional Liberal view that upholds Provincial rights within their undoubted sphere, as against the Tory view of a general supervisory control of Provincial legislation by the Dominion Government. It is unfortunate that legislation as unjust and predatory as was ever bandied's incursion should be allowed to retain a place on the Ontario statute books; but it is perhaps better that one great wrong should be perpetrated by the Whitney Government in thus robbing a man of his property and civil rights than that a bad precedent for disallowance should be set by a Liberal Government. The people of Ontario have the power to deal with those who put this ugly blot upon her honor.

Mr. Bowyer, of East Kent, says he has the assurance of the Provincial Treasurer that he will tax the railways \$100 a mile next session. That will mean so much more taken out of those who pay freight rates.

PARENTAL DUTY.

In the course of the discussion in Parliament recently on the smoking of cigarettes by children there was manifested by a good many of the members a disposition to entirely ignore the responsibility of the parents and to seek to place on the representatives of the people in Parliament and Senate the duty of regulating the habits of the children. Sir Wilfrid Laurier related an anecdote by way of illustrating the frowardness of some of the young lads of the time, and in his remarks placed the responsibility of child training and supervision where it undoubtedly belongs—with the parents, and expressed his firm conviction that these duties would not be efficiently discharged till the fathers and mothers of the land had been brought to appreciate what momentous consequences flowed from neglect thereof.

Sir Wilfrid put his finger on one of the master faults of the age. Parental neglect of their duty toward their offspring is a sin against the children and a crime against the State. It leads to a lowered moral tone in society, and it leads multitudes towards lives of vice and crime, to the great discomfort and cost of society at large.

It is to be feared that well-meaning reformers in their efforts at improvement have done not a little to cultivate parental neglect and to contribute flabbiness of moral fibre in the young. There has been, it is to be feared, altogether too much effort made to get the State to do for the children what ought to be done by the parents. There are people who would seek to make men virtuous by excluding them from the opportunity to indulge in vice. Not that we think that the State does not do well in discouraging evil; but that we deplore the prevalence of the notion that when the State acts, all is done.

The wise parent studies his child. He does not proceed on the theory that the child is to be made strong and manly by hot-house culture—that he is to be pure only by being kept in ignorance that impurity exists. He knows too well that a character built on a foundation of ignorance and cunning is likely to go to pieces at the first contact with the rude blasts of the world. His child is treated as a reasonable being. He is informed of the dangers to which he will be exposed, and is taught how to guard against them. The parent does not set up government as a fetish: He does not assume that his duty is done when the child is clothed and fed, and that its mental, moral and physical well-being should be the care of the State. He feels a responsibility in parenthood. He recognizes and seeks to answer for it in building up a strong, manly character in his offspring. He owes that duty to the State. In this way he contributes to its stability, order and happiness.

Happy the country where parents feel such responsibility! It should be more generally felt. If we could get the parents educated to a proper sense of their duty we should have fewer appeals for the State to shoulder the burden that should be borne by them, and which no other can bear. We should have fewer criminals and the cost of the administration of justice would be less. The health, physically and morally, of the community would be better; the State would be stronger and purer, and the institution of the family would be placed in that proud, honorable position which it should occupy, but from which by neglect and the worship of State-made laws it is threatened with deposition.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The machine couldn't rid itself of Scott, eh?

Oh, yes! Whitney will find the Tory machine ready to whoop for him. It has a great scent for carrion.

A Chicago man is about to manufacture gold by some transmutation process. That's going Beck one better.

In spite of the three-fifths vote handicap, local option went into effect on May 1st in 31 new municipalities in Ontario.

According to the Hydro contract shown to Toronto the Commission will not begin supplying power until December 19th, 1908. How's that, Mayor Stewart? What about your promises?

In North Grey, Mr. A. G. MacKay's constituency, the Tories are by no means united. They wish to get rid of Boyd, who has been three times defeated, and substitute a Meaford man. The Liberals of North Grey do not care which of them they have to meet.

The threat that unless Temiscaming returned a Conservative, the riding would get nothing from the Whitney Government is not likely to do much for the Tory cause. The people of Northern Ontario marvel that a Minister should have sat by and heard this base threat without protest.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier corrected Mr. Borden the other day when he complained that Justice Cassels was given too limited scope. The Premier said Justice Cassels would continue the investigation left uncompleted by the commissioners. They had not put their finger on the guilty parties; the Government had authorized Judge Cassels to go on and do so.

Rumor has it that the Quebec Tories have secured La Patrie as an organ. Hon. Mr. Dandurand's resignation from the directorate some time ago, in consequence of La Patrie's bitter and unjust course toward Hon. Mr. Brodeur, lends color to the story. It is hinted that

BIG REMOVAL SALE

AT THE

ATELIER

In order to reduce our stock before moving into our new store 20-22 KING STREET WEST

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

We will offer the Best Bargains in High-Class Ladies' Suits, Coats and Skirts Ever Offered in Hamilton

25 PER CENT. and 30 PER CENT.

Off All Tailored Garments

E. A. BARTMANN
40 James Street North

Mr. Hugh Graham, of the Montreal Star, has a finger in the pie. Is the "Zandray" fund still in existence?

While the representatives of the City Council are at Ottawa presenting the city's case for the Government extension of the reversion wall, the senior Tory organ devotes much editorial space to the argument that the Government ought not to build it, but that the city ought to be made to bear the entire cost of the work. Another case of partisanship degenerating into local disloyalty. Anything to be "agin the Government."

The Tory leader in the House was the victim of his own precipitancy and lack of information on Thursday when, in seeking to find fault with the Government on the strength of the Civil Service Commissioners' report, he referred to a case where a Customs employee was reported to have received a larger salary than employees of longer service because of his political pull. To the great amusement of the House, and the confusion of Mr. Borden, Hon. Mr. Pater-son quietly asked if it was not the fact that this very case happened under the last Conservative Government. And when the laughter died away, Mr. Borden tried another tack.

It may be somewhat of a surprise to many of the thoughtful readers of the usually staid and sensible Globe to find it looking past the Cleveland St. street railway fare experiment toward the idea of free street car service. The worship of government seems to be a progressive disease, whether it is offered at the shrine of tariffs or municipal ownership. Having come to look upon government, not as the natural regulator and controller of all the people in their relations to one another, but as a semi-divine organization to which we must look to do our work for us, one easily comes to regard it as a kind of providence, and to expect everything of it. "Facilis est descensus avariis."

Speaking of Mr. Foster and his connection with that land deal in the Northwest, operated for private profit with the "trust funds of the widow and orphan," the Montreal Star (Tory) seems to regard it as fatal to the ex-Finance Minister's political future. It says:

A rifle may be loaded with the best bullet ever made; but if it is not a safe and trustworthy rifle it may fail to fire the bullet with precision or force, and so the effect of the bullet will be lost. Public men are in the same position. It matters quite as much who says a thing as what he says. He may level a deadly accusation; but it will not carry very far if his own reputation is unsavory.

So it remained for the pure and high-minded Foster to insinuate that the Government had bribed Justice Cassels to undertake the civil service inquiry. The man must have a soul of muck.

OUR EXCHANGES

The Long Green.
(Toronto Globe.)

What, then, impelled the Premier to go into partnership with William Macdonald when he knew that he would offend many of his best friends in the press and in the country by doing so? The electors may be left to give the right answer.

A Knocker.
(Guelph Mercury.)

The hard times hoodoo has been knocked on the head by the Merry Widow hat.

even more than Mr. Hossack expects or Mr. Whitney desires.

Prefer Impurity.
(Kingston Whig.)

By the way the Conservatives of Kingston have not responded to the Liberal challenge to renew the purity agreement. Why?

Fowler's Hopeless Task.
(Halifax Chronicle.)

A Tory M. P. well summed up the Fowler-Pugsley episode in the House of Commons on Friday, when he said: "It reminded me of nothing so much as a mosquito on a rubber ball. The more he worked the less effect he had."

Gall and Bitterness to Foster.
(Halifax Chronicle.)

How George Enlas Foster does hate the idea of a Toronto lawyer assisting in the work of a Royal Commission. It brings to his memory the good work of one Shepley, K. C., at the Insurance inquiry.

No Saw-Offs There.
(Strathroy Age.)

Nothing would suit the Conservatives better than a "saw-off" agreement, whereby the respective Liberal and Conservative candidates would be elected by acclamation in the West and North ridings of Middlesex. We have positive assurance that no such action as this is entering the heads of the Liberal party, either in the West or the North.

Not Fair.
(Montreal Star.)

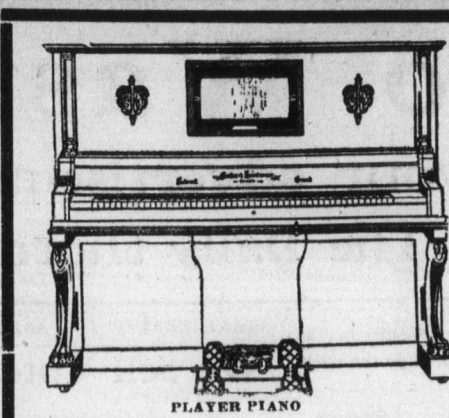
Still no Government should hold back important measures until the dying hour of a session. It is not fair to the people, no matter what may be said of the opposing party. When a Government takes this steadily step, it need not be surprised if the people deduce the inference that it has something to hide; and, in this day of alert popular suspicion, this is a damaging reputation for any Ministry to earn.

Temperate and Reasonable.
(Toronto Saturday Night.)

Rev. D. C. Hossack has written another open letter. When the Ross administration was toppled to its fall, Mr. Hossack published an open letter looking it for its many sins, and now he comes out with a letter-criticism of the Whitney administration for having failed in many respects to live up to its promises and for having failed to keep in mind the large independent support it received in January, 1905. Some of Mr. Hossack's points are well taken, and on the whole his letter is temperate and reasonable.

Nothing Wrong.
(Peterboro Examiner.)

The present Government, when in Opposition, had a great deal to say about corruption in the matter of administration. They boasted that, if they came to power and had access to the books and documents at the Parliament buildings, they would be able to uncover a startling mass of corruption. They came into power; they had access to every book and every document in all the departments. With what result? They failed, after three years' opportunity, to discover anything wrong to the extent of a penny—if they had done so we should have heard of it with no uncertain sound.



Entertain Your Friends
After Business Hours
... BY ...

Artistic
Playing of Best Music
THE

**Gerhard Heintzman
Player Piano**

makes the sweetest music possible for anyone in Canada. Have you a friend that sings or plays any instrument? Then you can always accompany the voice or instrument. No matter what key. The GERHARD HEINTZMAN plays all the 88 notes of the piano; the best of other makes only play 65 notes. Would you buy a 65-note piano? Certainly not; then why buy a 65-note player? The GERHARD HEINTZMAN gives absolute control of the tempo, has perfect transposing keyboard, and a complete accentuating device, allowing anyone to play the most difficult music exactly as the composer intended it to be played. Your present instrument taken as part payment. All particulars mailed free on application.

GERHARD HEINTZMAN, Limited

Hamilton Showrooms:
Cor. King and Catharine Sts. Opposite Terminal Station
F. LUNN, Manager Telephone 1852

held licenses to sell them at very high figures. The new idea is that a liquor license does not belong to the man to whom it is granted annually during good behavior, but to the public. But is not quite clear as yet how the province and the municipality can step in and secure the increased value which a license would have on the market—unless licenses are to be let by tender, "the lowest or any not necessarily accepted."

How the Law is Prostituted.
(Winnipeg Free Press.)

"A man cannot be presented if he 'does not violate the law—that is an 'axiom you will understand,'" said Attorney-General Campbell to the French Conservatives the other night. The axiom has, however, been retired from business in Manitoba through the able exertions of Mr. Campbell himself. If Mr. Campbell had said "a man cannot be convicted if he does not violate the law," he would have spoken out of his bitter experience. In the seven years that he has been Attorney-General Mr. Campbell has been responsible for at least twenty prosecutions directed against Liberals on trumped-up and faked charges; and every single case has failed. In not a single instance has he got a case before a jury—the magistrates, grand juries and judges snuffing them out relentlessly.

Wind Artists.
(Toronto Saturday Night.)

For many years Toronto has been a profitable market for talk-merchants and word-peddlers from across the border, and our people have been somewhat too patient in listening to these imported orators, who, in their line, have been too often not artists but mere talk-showmen. They come to us as religious revivalists, temperance advocates, experts on questions of education, social reformers, dress reformers—anything or everything. Is it not about time the people of Toronto began to show a nicer dis-

crimination? Is it not about time to inquire a little more closely into the moral worth and mental force of the "renowned orators" who are brought over here to interest us and who so frequently prove to be little more than loud noises—fluent reciters of memorized speeches, platform actors. Too often you are quite unable to put any faith in their earnestness, or to escape the feeling that their whole equipment is self-assurance. In their speeches you notice a great deal of the shallow smartness of the vaudeville stage, and much of the bathos of melodrama, but you have an uncomfortable feeling that intellect and sincerity are lacking. When you met one of these men after he has delivered his oration on some question of moral reform, and he asks you how you liked "his stunt," you half-formed prejudice against him is confirmed.

There are too many travelling showmen in the field of religious, social and moral reform, and decent everyday people are not half so slow in recognizing spurious advocates of reform, as those who locally manage such movements seem to suppose. In any case of moral crusade the impostor can render no real service, and these travelling word-sellers leave earnest men in doubt of the sincerity underlying a whole movement. In the last year or two we have had several severe disappointments in this city with orators from across the line, and the reason for it seems to be that local committees, in their desire to do something, are too ready to do business with men who apply by mail for the job of teaching Toronto what's-what for a percentage of the gate receipts. Before placing themselves as renowned, a closer scrutiny of their credentials and qualifications should be made.

Book Agent—Madam. I was requested to call on you to show you this great work, "How to Cook Properly." Madam—Who sent you here?—Book Agent—Your husband—New York Press.

THE INN OF REST.

On life's highway the Inn of Rest Has downy pillows always prest, By fingers of the wind and rain; And he who lays his weary head Or draws the tired feet that bleed Forgets forever, here, the pain.

The whistle of the morning bell, The rattling car, and hawker's yell, Awake no more the sleeper's peace; It is the evening calm away, When he comes once, he comes to stay, And worries not about the day.

Then countless years may pass and go, But who will care then, who will know The deeds or words that helped along, For stinging Yule, or smothering bloom Of roses, on a night of June? For pain from tenderness of song.

Across the street the cherry ball, Nor from the canvas room, the wall Breaks not upon the rest; No bulletins of mine and disturb Upon the walls, flout to disturb, Or news from east and west.

Here I will bid, on some kind day, Life's luggage from the porter, pray! Ere dipping down for the last tips, Call all and have the glasses clink, Filled with that wine I used to drink To other eyes, to other lips.

Clasp hands again, for auld lang syne! I'll call that meeting half-divine. And arouse till the flaming day Breaks over wet fields, green with spring! Where early birds sing, ever sing, The odd, delusive world to play.

Harry and Ethel were crossing a field on their return from Sabbath school, when they encountered a bull. At the animal's approach they fled in terror. Faster and faster they ran, yet nearer and nearer came the bull.

Monday, May 4, 1908 SHEA'S Bargain Day

GOING OUT OF Dress Goods Business

Bargain Day offerings that have not been equalled in Hamilton before. Every yard of Dress Goods and Silk in our whole vast stock will have to be cleared. Monday will take a large share of the work. Here are a few items that mean business:—

Elegant Venetian Cloth, Chambrays, Voiles, Tweeds, Broadcloths, Worsteds, Mohairs, etc., in black and colors, 48 to 54 inches wide; some worth 75c, most of them worth \$1, others worth \$1.25, on sale for per yard 50c

50c to 69c Dress Goods for 25c
Tweeds, Worsteds, Mohairs, Voiles, Lustres, etc., a big range of colors; worth 50c to 69c; to be cleared at per yard 25c

Dress Goods Worth 40c to 50c for 19c
Hundreds of yards of Dress Goods and Waistings in beautiful colors and qualities that sell always for 40c and 50c, to be cleared at per yard 19c

Silks Worth 50c and 60c for 25c
China Silks, Fancy Silks, Satins, etc., etc., in a great range of weaves and colors; worth 40c, 50c and 60c; all go at one price per yard 25c

Big Bargains in Linens and Cottons
Mill ends of Bleached Table Linens, splendid patterns, 64 to 72 inches wide; not a yard worth less than 50c and 60c; bargain day per yard 25c

White Cotton worth 15c and 18c for 11 1/2c
Fine White Cambrie and Lonsdale Cambrie, full yard wide, free from dressing, perfect quality, in 5 to 10 yard ends, sells always for 15 to 18c, Bargain Day per yard 11 1/2c

Huck Towels 25c for 17 1/2c
A saving of more than a quarter of the price, splendid heavy quality and large size, hemmed and fringed, good 25c value, Bargain Day each 17 1/2c

Bath Towels 22 1/2c
Extra large size and weight, white and fawn and brown stripes, regular 30c value, for each 22 1/2c

Sample Corsets on Sale
Hundreds of pairs of D. & A. Corsets and Waistings, in every price from 25c to \$3.50, sizes 21 and 22 only, some a little soiled from being handled, otherwise in good condition, on sale at from 19c to \$1.95

Table Linens on Sale
Bleached and Cream Table Linen in splendid widths and the best of Drapers, covers, Skirts on sale Bargain Day at less than wholesale prices. At these low prices you should buy:

40c value for 29c 50c value for 39c
70c value for 49c \$1.00 value for 75c
\$1.15 value for 89c \$1.35 value for 99c

Sheeting worth 29c for 19c
Unbleached Sheetting, good even weave, free from specks, full 2 yards wide, sells always for 29c, Bargain Day per yard 19c

A Big Sale of Sample Waistings and White Underwear
A quantity of samples of White Lawn Blouses, Corset covers, Drawers, Gowns, Skirts on sale Bargain Day at less than wholesale prices.
\$1.00 value for 69c \$1.50 value for 95c
50c value for 35c 25c value for 19c