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THE HAMILTON TIMES

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1909.

LORD STRATHCOMA'S GIFT.

Sir Frederick Borden has found Lord Strathcona a friend who gives very practical help and encouragement to his drill of the public school pupils of the Sir Frederick is not blind to the fact that no system of conscription, takes a ver of the liv our young men, is to be thought of in the Governm is impressed with the importance of having our citizen popu- question had been given to Ontario, and tel that in case of need lation so instruc a considerable defince force would be readily available. Such a reserve of oitizens, with the nucleus of a trained army in our permanent force and volur teer militia, would remove the apprehensions of many timid persons. some such end that Sir Fdererick Borden has been working. When in London recently the Minister of Militia discussed his plans with Lord Stratheona, and that gentleman has now formally offered to contribute \$10,000 a year to a fund for the physical training and drill, including practice, of school pupils. His letter rifle was dated March 13, and the offer was promptly accepted, Parliament yesterday recognizing the gift with thanks by a resolution seconded by the leader of the Opposition. Lord Stratheona promises to immedi ately forward a cheque for \$250,000.

Lord Strathcona's beneficence is proof that he finds that in Great Britain Sir Frederick Borden's scheme of cadet training for young Canadians is looked with favor. If it tends to cultivate national sentiment-pride in their country among the pupils of the public schools-and render them, no matter in what station in life they may be placed, more readily available and useful as a defence force, should such unfortunately ever become necessary, it will accomplish great good. Here may be found a mean of providing for national defence with out many of the evils, attaching to old world militarism. And even if the train ing thus imparted should never be quired in war, the pupils will be physically and morally the butter for it.

"GRAFT" FEELERS OUT.

Mr. J. B. Lucas, M. P. P., has give notice of a motion for the purchase of all the Ontario telephone systems. The scheme is a big one and of course will require Dominion legislation to permi it to be put in practice. Besides the Bell system there are a considerable numbe of other companies more or less well established, prosperous and otherwise Perhaps Mr. Lucas' move may mean hope for some of these concerns to escape, at the Province's expense, without loss. It is very far from probable, how ever, that, should such a scheme be can ried out, the people would obtain better service, or that the public treasury would benefit. According to the Globe Mr. Lucas excuses his action by saying "such a project would mean the encour agement of rural telephone systems. At the present time the Bell Company works to retard the development of nes." This statement is very far from the truth. The Bell Company is, in many parts of the Province, giving the greatest encouragement to the extension of the rural telephone syste Of course the Bell Company cannot be expected to give the use of its property such systems for nothing; but, from various exchanges, we from time to time get reports which go to indicate that the company is cultivating the rural exchanges and furnishing them connections on the most liberal terms. Mr. Lucas will have to seek some other excuse for his course. Not only is his statement to the Bell Company's attitude toward rural telephones contrary to the facts, but the control and regulation of the telephone systems by the Dominion Railway Commission is a sufficient guarantee that no such attitude will be sumed at any time in the future. 'Telephone systems cost money, and those who make use of them must pay it. whether to a rural system, the Bell We have the experience of for no gain in economy or efficiency from political management as compared with that of a private company under proper Government regulation. It seems hardly probable that the Dominion Government, after having so recently placed the control and regulation of telephones turning over this important utility in Ontario to political party management at the cost of the public, and to the deterioration of the service.

territory in question to Ontario and refusing Manitoba a foot of it. Mr. Borden, the leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Dominion Parliament, does not dare support the Roblin Government in its demands and its shricks of 'outrage.' This fact is one for the

people of Manitoba to consider." But even were the Roblin demand granted, physical training and military our contemporary points out that they would still exploit the "outrage" cry. "They would claim that they had forced the Dominion Government to grant with rms of military service, which more reluctance a partial measure of or two or three years out justice to Manitoba. They would assa'l and misrepresent the Dominion Governanada. At the same time, ment, and keep up quite as loud a clamor as if the whole of the territory in with? not a foot of it to Manitoba."

No matter what the Dominion Govern ment would do in regard to this boundary question it could not satisfy Roblin deprive him of that "outrage" issue. Roblin would rather that Manitoba got not a foot more territory than lose that By the proposed territorial extension Manitoba will receive an addition 178,000 square miles, making the total area of the enlarged Province 249,000 square miles, Saskatchewan's total area being 250,650 square miles, and Alberta's 252,540 square miles. Manitoba would have the great advantage of having a frontage with two seaports on Hudson Bay. It wil' have an area larger than moved by the Premier and France, Sweden or Spain, and, if her people are not able, with such advantages, to maintain the business supremacy of the west, it will be their own fault. Mr. Roblin and his associates manifest a disposition to sacrifice Man itoba's interests, no matter how im portant, if they can but succeed in blinding the eyes of the ignorant partisans who make up their slavish follow ing and deceiving them into the notion that they are the great defenders of the Province against Dominion Government tyranny. Are our Manitoba fellow-citizens likely to be tricked in this way by political "Con." men?

SETTING ASIDE CONTRACTS.

The Ontario Legislature, led by Whit ey, is making rapid progress toward brushing aside the will of the people and substituting the arbitrary power of the Cabinet for the decisions courts of justice. In the validating of the Hydro-Electric by-laws thus bind ing municipalities to contracts quite different from those for which they voted, and placing by special acts large noney debts upon the property of the ratepayers, it attacks the first princi ple of municipal government. In closing the courts against the appeals of people whom it has wronged by confis cating their property, it assails the very foundation principles of British liberty Ontario pays a terrible price for Whit ney's riot of power.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In the year 1908 Japan paid \$6,170,566 in subsidies to her shipping.

It will take the profit from the sales of a good deal of candy to pay one \$20 fine for Sunday selling.

The speediest battleship in the world the Temeraire, one of the latest of the British leviathans. This huge float ing fortress made 22.7 knots an hour.

It is unfortunate that Beck's bill will cause delay and difficulty to the H., W. & G. Electric Railway. But that is just one of the enterprises the London 'Statesman'' aimed to hit.

That woman suffrage deputation seem ed to razzle-dazzle even Whitney. He can dispose of a mere man trouble with a few choice epithets, or brush it aside by asserting pompously his own superiority or infallibility; but when h cornered by a lot of women who know what they are after, he just lies down and begs for time to discover where he is at. The life insurance men very naturally want something to say about policyhold-Company, or a Provincial Government ers going to war. The companies, or most of them, make no objection to vol-Manitoba before us, and, brief as it is, unteers going out in defence of their it is enough to prove that we need hope country; but they think that it is hardly fair to them or to the other policyholders that going to war should not mean higher premiums. Insurance is a business matter. The Hamilton Herald prefers to resort to wilful and deliberate misrepresentain the hands of a commission, will aid in tion of power rates in Hamilton as compared with other places, even at the ex pense of damaging the reputation of the city and fighting against the Hamilton upbuilders, rather than to admit the truth, because the truth would tell in favor of the Cataract Company, which

more than it could think of giving all with the construction of the Hudso Bay Railway. Another section of th Tories is denouncing the Government because it has not begun the construction of the Georgian Bay canal. There is no satisfying some people.

A member of the Legislature, "as an outcome of the Kinrade murder," pro poses a bill to require a record to be kept of all firearms sold, and " the pur pose for which they are required." It will probably be found that most of them will be required for shooting put poses. But we doubt that even had the bill been made law long ago the murderer of Ethel Kinrade, when buying his weapon, would have declared that it was "required" for purposes of murder ! Now will knives be similarly dealt

Mr. Brewster, M. P. P., Brantford, has bill to abolish the requirement for property qualification for City Con candidates. It is to be hoped that this bill will be effectually chloroformed. Why should a man who is not allowed to vote upon a municipal money by-law be allowed to sit as an alderman? We have aldermen enough now with little or no personal interest in the municipalties whose business they transact. And why should proprty qualification be asked of a candidate in towns, townships and counties, and not in cities? That was rather a pointed hint which

Mr. Lucas, chairman of the Private Bills Committee, gave to the Hamilton deputation of about a dozen, Mayor, ald men and city officials, who yesterday went to Toronto to promote the Hamilton bill to authorize the Council to incur \$237,000 debt without obtaining the consent of the ratepayers. The bill was not reached, and the deputation naturally felt annoyed at having to go home without achieving anything. "I think if the

Mayor and City Solicitor were here, that would be sufficient," calmly remarked the chairman. And there were many unspoken thoughts. Perhaps Sir James Whitney's state-

nent about his course in the Hydro-Electric matter, made to the Legislature esterday, may be explained by assum ing that he was "drunk with power but it was very far from being couched in the language of a statesman who regards his duty to the people. It was rather the utterance of a bully and a praggart. Mr. Dan Reed, M. P. P., protested against the sharp practice re orted to with the farmers in obtain ing easements for the line, but instead the Premier giving reasonable attention to these very well founded complaints, he treated them jestingly. What will the tricked farmers think of it?

Laurier has refused everything that Manitoba asked in the settlement of the boundary dispute. It must now be apparent to the people of Manitoba that the Laurier Government is at home only apparent to the people of Manitoba that the Laurier Government is at home only to its political friends.—Hamilton Spec-

tator Is that a necessary logical conclu sion? Is it not much more reasonable to conclude that as Laurier proposes to carry out a partition of the territory which the other Provinces interested regard as fair, the Manitoba chaps want to play hog in the matter? For instance,

why should the Manitoba statesmen denv to Ontario a fair share of the ter ritory? But whether they object or not, Ontario is going to be fairly dealt with in the allottment.

study of the facts of the old-age pension administration in the United

Kingdom is interesting. It shows that 50 per cent, of the "pensionable" per sons in Scotland have obtained pensions, only about 40 per cent. of those of Wales and England have got them. In Ireland, however, it would appear that many more persons than those qualified by age of 70 years have be granted pensions. The figures for Ire

land were: Persons over 70 years ... 184,000 Less poor law disqualified 32,000

CUR EXCHANGES CONSOLING. (London Advertiser.) The fate of the Opposition in Alberta aay console Mr. MacKay and his folwers at Toronto THE LONG-EARED TRIBE. (Toronto Telegram.) Montreal's mule spinners may i trike, but not Montreal's donkey apers. Ah, no such luck!

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WHAT IT WAS. (Brockville Times.) A mysterious airship has been hover ing over Hamilton and vicinity of late It's only the detectives looking for clues in the Kinrade case.

LOADED. (Ottawa Citizen.)

Hamilton editors are writing learned ton "the peak load" with all the assur-nee that comes from personal experiince that comes from personal experi-ince in the carrying thereof.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY? (Toronto News.) That economic situation is drives men, who are willing ork, to give ork, to give themselves up to the lice in order to obtain food and lodgng.

THIS IS A JOKE. (Brantford Courier.)

The detectives in the Hamilton case till say they are following up several lues. To onlookers they look more as f they had been up several flues. DYING OUT.

(Guelph Mercury.) nine days' wonder over the Kin rade case seems to have come to an end, after exceeding the ordinary limit of duration. Nothing has been heard of the case now for several days.

NEW KIND OF TRIAL. (Montreal Gazette.) The Kinrade case at Hamilton conies to develop curious features. Some of the lawyers engaged in it seem to think it their duty to try it with the ewspapers as a rostrum and the r

OH, DON'T BE TOO HARSH.

(Dundas Banner.) If it is true that Mr. Lynch-Stauntor made such statements, County Crown Attorney Washington and Attorney-General Foy should take action against him Such glaring statements unchallenged are not in the interest of the administra tion of justice in Canada, and should be severely dealt with.

IT ISN'T WISE

(Toronto Star.) But it doesn't seem wise for Can dian journals that are trying to ex-ite us to a fighting pitch to describe he British people as decadent, and the idian jor the British pe the British people as decadent, and the Germans as a great fighting nation, ready to a man to swarm over Eng land, and tramp her passive resisters into the mud of an island that wa-once the home of the free and the brave

> FARMERS' TWO SUNDAYS. (Grimsby Independent.)

(Grimsby Independent.) I have often said that the farmers of the county of Wentworth have two Sundays every week, one in Hamilton and the other at home, because there are hundreds of farmers in the county of Wentworth who go to Hamilton every Saturday whether they have business or not—habit is the secret of the whole thing, in fact there are many who don't pretend to have any business to do but they go just the same.

PRESENT THE SHIP.

"It is the appointed time." What! Shall we see our mother in di tress

And help her not? "What has she done for us?" you ask No less

NO 1058 Than this, I wot: Besides the big beatitude of birth. She's given us a shining share of th' earth.

an we forget Quebec, and all it meant For us to-day? Forget the blood and treasure she has

spent That we might play Che part so proudly we perform in this Breat continent, so full of wealth and bliss? Great

mon

the chances?"

There may be "nought" to "dread" from e'en the Germans. So bad and bold.

But when we find a Roberts writing ser



to Go at . Stylish goods, suitable for ladies' or children's spring dresses, All Wool Chiffon Panamas, 5 colors, fancy All Wool Stripe Worsteds, Shepherd's Checks, Stripe Voiles, Silk Stripe Navy It English Twill Serges, in navy, cream, myrtle and brown. Regular 75c to \$1.00, on sale Friday es wide, all Cloth and .. 49c yard

EXTRA! \$1.25 Satin Messalines 89c

On sale Friday only, the most wanted Silk, Black Satin Messalines for trimmings, blouses, ning with the season's latest style gown. Superior quality. See it. Regular \$1.25. Friday forming with the season's latest style gown. 59c Silk Moirettes to Go at 37c

Clearing odd pieces in Regular 59c, Friday bargai ees in standard qualities for linings, in browns, navy, resedas and white. 25 inches wide

patterns. in 50c. Friday

DUNDAS.

Bleached Cottons to Travel Out at 71/2c

It means 8.30 buying ight and soft finish. Regula 10c cotton, Friday bargain

20c Linen Finished Suiting 12^{1/2}c Plain Linen Finished Suitings, in sky, Copenhagen, fawn and brown, 31 inches wide. Value 20c. Friday 121/20

Dress Muslins 15c Regular 25c. Check Dress Muslins, with satin over-laid, colors in mauve, pink and blue. Regular 25c. Irish Bleached Huck Towelling, 25 inches, oft, heavy make, absorbent.

Friday Notion List

Hurrah! The Best Yet Velvet Skirt Edge, in colors only, English make, 6c, Black, sky and gold frilled Garter Elastic, 1 inch, 25c.

Dress Braids and Trimmings, all colors, styles and idths. Dressmakers note these Friday sale prices: 15c, reduce to $3c_{-}20c_{-}$ reduced to $5c_{+}25c_{-}$ reduce to $0c_{+}30c_{+}$ reduced to $15c_{-}$

FINCH BROS.

and also takes his loss with slow cus-tomers. The public cannot find time and do not wish to be inconven-ienced by having to make purchases at the market, and truck their purchases are home on a strend or then cachers with Personal and Social Items From

the Valley City. Dundas, March 25 .- The Central Temperance Executive Committee are considring the advisability of submitting a local option by-law in Dundas. This, and other matters were considered at a meet-

n Brantford.

en., for \$75

he market, and truck their purchases at he market, and truck their purchases nome on a street car, then perhaps walk tail a mile or more. The time is fast passing, the city is growing, and it is now time the public in the distant parts of the city should have the right to buy at their door if hey so desire. These peddlers have to ake out a license, and unless a peddler so fair dealing man the public will not upport him. Many people cannot afford o pay grocers' prices, and will be forced o the open market with its inconven-ences. Farmers refuse to deliver their woods when purchased in the market un-ess in large quantities. Now, the ped-liers that the Council should deal with re the farmer, the fruit grower and the narket gardener, who escape the paying if rent or taxes in the city, or even oarket fees many times. They should ay a license also, or go on the open arket.

rket. Now, Mr. Editor, can you tell me, if a in cannot possibly get work, or his alth compels him to be outside, as is e case with some of the peddlers, are e grocers or the City Council prepared keep him and his family? Thanking an for your valuable space, I remain, A Ratepayer.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

Dim glory of a nation, a nation's dim red star,

The heights it has ascended, the summit not afar, We're salt of kings, and salt of earth,

and scions of a boast. To keep the crimson of the seas astream from coast to coast.

Oh, little son of empire, you are sleep-

In the dawn of England's danger, and leaving her forlorn Can we, the men of Canada, not lingoes

w. who brag From Esquimalt to Labrador, haul down the meteor flag?

> week on a trip to Europe with a party From Cape Town to Colombo, from Melof friends

f friends. One hundred and fifty dollars has been bequeathed to Christ Church, bourne to Hong Kong. They are working in the gladsome light, to undo an old-time wrong

to undo an old-time wrong In leaving Mother England to a cun-

Bank, who absconded from Saskatoon recently with \$7,000, has been captured in Los Augeles, after a long chase, toge-ther with the woman who accompanied him when he fiel. He will be extradited

on the Governor's Road to Geo. James, the price being \$1,000. Mrs. Alex. Crocks, who recently under-went an operation at St. Joseph's Hos-pital, is progressing favorably. A pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, King street, when Miss Celia Liddy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Liddy, became the bride of Mr. Albert Whetham of Kirkbride of Mr. Albert Whetham of Kirk other matters were considered at a meet-ing held on Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlor. An adjournment was made for one week, when the matters under consideration will again be taken up. was a handsome pearl crescent, the gift of the groom. She was attended by Miss Ethel Ewing, of Alliston, who wore a Among recent visitors in town

Huck Toweling 18c

Spring Weight Cashmere Hose

3 Pairs for \$1.00

50c Fancy Ribbons 25c

25c Stripe Galatea 17c

29 AND 31 KING ST. W.

relieved the lady, who is now recover

James Mason, sen., has sold his house on the Governor's Road to Geo. James,

37c

Among recent visitors in town were Ross Craig, Welland; Lennard Law, Muskoka, George Harper, Toronto; Mr. aud Mrs. Ellis, St. George; Chas. Ogg, Buffalo; Mrs. (Rev.) J. R. Patterson, Brantford; Alex. L. Farquharson, Fort William; Mrs. Geo. Harper, Toronto. Among out of town visitors were An-gus Martin, in Welland: Mrs. (Dr.) Caldwell, in Galt; Mrs. W. G. Mallett, in Brantford. pretty gown of pale blue voile silk, with satin ribbon trimming and directoirs sash, and carried pink carnations. The sash, and carried pink carnations. The best man was Dr. George Whetham, of Toronto, **a** brother of the groom. The wedding march was played by Miss Elsie Ewing, of Alliston, who wore **a pretty** voile dress. After the ceremony was com-pleted, the guests, numbering about thirty, who were the immediate relatives and intimate friends, repaired to the dining-room where a dainty deigner. Thos. McQueen, who will give up his position as Asylum farmer on the first of the month, has purchased Mr. Harry Clarke's residence on Moun-tain street. dining-room, where a dainty dejeune was served, the tables looking very in dejeuner tain street. The asx lecture is to be on "Fools, Regues and Vagabonds of the 16th Cen-tury," by Professor Routh, of Toronto University, and is to be held in the Knox Church Sunday School, on Fri-day evening, March 26th. J. W. Dickson has sold one of his houses on Hope street, to James Mason, sen., for \$750. iting with their decorations of pink and white flowers and smilax. Later in the

white Howers and smilax. Later in La afternoon the happy couple left for Al-liston, and after a short visit north, will return and reside near Rockton. The bride's travelling gown was a becoming one of taupe color, with hat to match.

LEE CAPTURED.

Winnipeg, March 24 .- Fred A. Lee, de-

aulting teller of the Northern Crown

Word has been received by friends in town of the death of Thomas Cairns, which occurred in Edmonton last week. Deceased was a former Dundas boy, and Bank Teller From Saskatoon Arwith his parents resided on the Hunter farm, on the York Road. Miss Sara Bowman leaves next rested at Los Angeles.

ANOTHER "OUTRAGE."

The Roblin Government of Manitoba it lives to abuse. is busily engaged in trying to work up another "outrage" upon the Province in the matter of the extension of boundaries. Its course is not a compliment f its estimate of the intelligence of the people of Manitoba; perhaps it counts much upon the work of its hired party shouters. Mr. Roblin seems to think that there is political party gain to be that there is political party gain to be maduateurers begin to squint at free maduateurers begin to squint at free manufacturers begin to squint at free trade as a necessity the condition of af iris is alarming. Still more alarming to be hen orth. The Mani-toba Free Press puts that very tairly when it says: "If Mr. R. L. Borden were Prime Minister of Canada, in place "Playing it low down" on the municipal-ties in many ways of late. "Daying it low down" on the municipal-ties in many ways of late. "Less than a year ago the Winnipeg fribune was frantically denouneing the bominion Government for alleged "ex-travagance" in spending money for the development of the country, and argu-ing for reducing the expenditures. Now to sit idly by, watching the people cause it is not proceeding immediately

Dan Reed doesn't like the look of that Whitney scheme requiring municipalities to pay sinking fund moneys into the Provincial treasury, receiving only 4 per cent., although they would be wiping out 5 per cent. annually. His objections in the interest of the municipalities were not without effect, and the

About their cold On the face of the statistics it would appear that 18,365 persons are drawing pensions although lacking the qualifi Perhaps, however, there is ations. something wrong with the statistics. The spectacle of the United States Republican party being forced to set about a revision of the protective tariff, while it does not give the Philadelphia Record much hope of the country ge ting such a revision as it needs, leads our contemporary to remark that the system of special privilege has done its worst. It looks for a movement in the direction of sanity henceforth. It says: The necessity of tariff revision has been forced upon the Republican party from within its own ranks. The fright-ful extravagance of the past ten years has of itself made new revenue legisla-tion imperative. The Treasury has been scraped clean. Prohibitive dutles build up trusts, but they don't put cash in the Treasury. Then, again, great manu-facturing interests find themselves hampered by taxes on raw material. Nurtured to the point where their ca-pacity of production has outrun the ca-pacity of consumption in the home mar-kets, they demand tariff relaxations to enable them to compete for trade in outside markets. The situation has some elements of desperation. When the manufacturers begin to squint at free trade as a necessity the condition of af-fairs is alarming. Still more alarming is the necessity of reducing rates in or-der to increase revene. direction of sanity henceforth. It says:

Already youthful, chivalrous New Zea-land land Right royally Throws every other "auxiliary" free land— E'en such as we— Into the shade or shame by coming out And putting what she feels beyond a doubt. Shall we, the proudest Province of an empire which Gives life to all The rolling earth, be last to show we're rich Enough to call From our resources rare what will at least Exhibit we don't live alone to feast? Proud of the opportunity to prove We're worthy We're worthy sons Of sires who gave their lives for love, Not of their guns Alone, but that true liberty might reign At least throughout Britannia's broad domain. So let us, ere another oar we dip Into the deep, with pride present that ship! -William Murray. Hamilton, March 24, 1909.

A WORD FOR THE PEDDLER.



