

THE HAMILTON TIMES

TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 1907.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

With the old year we are almost done, and the new year will soon be here, with its hopes and fears. The year now closing has been good to Canada in that it has given us prosperity as a nation, freedom from war, good crops, and busy factories. True, a pinch has recently been felt owing to the stoppage of navigation and out-door labor, coupled with the financial stringency on the other side, but a slacking up at this season of the year is not unusual. Although to a kind Providence belongs the credit for all the blessings which have descended upon us during 1907, Canada has also been blessed with good, stable Government—a Government which has endeavored to help the people to help themselves. It may be as the Hon. Wm. Patterson said the other day, that the sun shines and the rains descend while the Tories are in power just as they do when the Liberals are in office, but it looks as if the Liberals were the only ones that could turn the country's advantage. Sir Wilfrid has said that the twentieth century belongs to Canada, and the rapid strides with which it is advancing are evidences that he spoke the truth. Canada never bulked so largely in the eye of the world as it does to-day. A few years ago the Dominion was little more than a geographical expression to the nations of the earth—it was scarcely distinguishable from the United States. Now it is a nation. All eyes are turned upon it. Immigrants flock to its shores, capital flows towards it, and Governments make treaties with it, and diplomats confer with its Ministers. In common with other countries, Canada has suffered from calamities more or less severe during the year. We should be grateful that they were not worse. Now that we are about to bid the old year good-bye, we turn to meet the new year with hope and expectation. Hope that it may prove as prosperous and peaceful as did the year that is passing, and expectation of greater things to be accomplished before its close. At this parting of the ways it seems meet and proper that we all should take stock not only of the material things, but, what is of more importance, of those moral forces which go to give character to a nation as well as to an individual. Our barns may be full to overflowing, but if our hearts and minds be starved, we are poor indeed. If as individuals we are not making progress in the higher life, we are going backward. There is no standing still. May each and all of us, for himself and herself, resolve that if we have failed in the passing year to do what we could to make this world better for our being in it, failed to cultivate as we should our better natures, we shall all the more strenuously struggle to make amends for our failure in the coming year. To its multitude of readers, to its advertisers and to all who may read these lines, the Times in no formal, conventional manner, but with the warmest feelings of friendship and respect, wishes A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

and our manufacturers would rather lose any benefit it might confer upon them than put a weapon in the hands of their rivals that would enable them to compete with them on more favorable terms. This is a phase of the question that interests the workmen, and which will no doubt tell at the ballot box.

PLAY GROUNDS.

Play-grounds, distinct from parks, are coming into prominence in the United States cities. Mostly all the large cities have them. Philadelphia is just now laying out one of these grounds in a populous part of the city. A description of it shows that it is divided into three parts. The eastern end will contain sand piles, swings and see-saws for the small children. The western end will have a large pool, shallow enough for children to wade in and sail small boats. Now here is a work for the National Council of Women, the Daughters of the Empire, or the Citizens' League to take up, if they would confer a blessing on the rising generation, take the children off the streets, and keep them from the committal of crime. Half the children who get into trouble begin their downward career by some foolish or reckless action in the public streets which brings them into conflict with the police. Given these play-grounds, the incentive to mischief would largely disappear and the police would have less trouble in dealing with the youngsters. We cannot help thinking that there is something wrong when we see a number of boys hanging around a corner skipping off and down the side streets and alleys whenever a policeman looms in sight. As we have before stated, the neighborhood of Victoria Park used to be regarded a rather hard spot by the police, and the west end "crows" used to keep the patrol wagon busy. But since the park was thrown open to the young people, the west end is as orderly as any other part of the city. A few more parks or play-grounds like Victoria would pay the city in more ways than one. The police would have less to do, the citizens in general would have less reason to complain of rowdiness, and the young people would be able to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content without having to be constantly dodging the police.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Remember St. Cecilia and pack the Savoy on the evening of Thursday, January 9th.

Vote to return to the Ward system, under which you have to select three men from among five or six, all of whom you know.

Very like Beck indeed is the Hydro-Electric organ in Hamilton. It writes a whole column on "Obscuring the Power Issue" and makes the subject more obscure than ever.

Never in the history of municipalities has a money by-law gone to the rate-payers with as little information upon which to form an intelligent opinion as the power by-law which is to be voted on next Monday.

Electors of Hamilton—When you pick up that labyrinth of names called a ballot paper in the polling booths next Monday, bear in mind it is a product of the at-large system. Then vote against that miserable system.

When the Grits held the City Council by 13 to 8, they appointed a Parks Board composed of three Liberals and three Conservatives. The Conservatives got control and dropped all the Grits. So it was with the Cemetery Board.

When the Grits have a majority in the Council Grit and Tory alike get a fair chance. The Liberal majority in this year's Council appointed Tories to more than half the deputy returning officers' jobs. When the Tories had a majority last year there were only five Grits appointed out of 65 or 70.

The United States National Association of Manufacturers has compressed its policy with reference to the labor question into a series of negative propositions, as follows: No boycott; No closed shop; No sympathetic strike; No limitation of output; No compulsory use of the union label; No sacrifice of the independent workmen to the union; No restriction as to the use of tools, machinery or materials except such as are unsafe; No restriction as to the number of apprentices and helpers when of proper age.

They claim that these propositions are in favor of 95 per cent. of the working-men—that only five per cent. is unionized. But the five per cent. that is the correct proportion, have views diametrically opposed to the above, and seem in many cases to have the power to enforce their demands.

HERE AND THERE.

Toronto Star: What Mr. Zavitz said had to do with the rapid increase in the area under grass in Ontario. There are roughly 14,000,000 acres of cleared land in the Province, and of this total over 3,000,000 acres are devoted to hay and nearly three and one half millions to pasture. Almost half the cleared land of the Province is in grass in one form or another. In ten years the area so used has increased by well over a million acres, or about equal to the increase in the same time in the total area of cleared land. In other words, the grass crop is increasing at the rate of upwards of 100,000 acres per annum, while that used in the production of other field crops remains practically stationary.

Stratford Beacon: The Hamilton Spectator, dyed-in-the-wool Tory, which is opposing the Niagara power by-law because it thinks it is a bad thing for Hamilton, undertakes to admonish the Beacon for criticizing the measure from the Stratford standpoint. "It attributes our opposition to politics. The Spec. is hard pressed these days to make a decent argument on the power question which would conserve the interests of its home city and still not antagonize the Whitney Government. It knows the scheme, as worked out by the Hydro-Electric people, to be immature and unsatisfactory, but it daresn't say so. It approves the scheme for every place—except Hamilton. Canny old Spec! It cares not how the other galled jades may wince so long as its own withers are unwrung."

Toronto News: The Niagara power scheme, as developed by the Government, is represented to be a great project of "economic independence." Under this scheme, however, our "economic independence" will rest absolutely upon a contract with an American power company. Granting the complete power company, it would be impossible as the law operates to guarantee specific performance of this contract. In the case of breach or failure, the best the Province could do would be to secure damages in a legal action. The company's interests and business connections lie mainly in the United States. In case of any dispute between the Government and the company or any unexpected development a dozen or so of the great industrial centres of Ontario would be immediately affected. The municipalities would have absolutely no remedy against the Government and would be entirely helpless until the trouble was overcome. In short, we would not control the source of supply and would be at the mercy of a few American capitalists.

RED CROSS LODGE.

Fythian Knights Entertain Brethren From Brantford.

Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, had a large turn-out last night for the annual election of officers, and to welcome the members of the Calanthe Lodge, of Brantford, on a fraternal visit. The hall on Main street was filled with a merry throng, and the evening passed down happily. The Calanthe members came down 40 strong, and were given a warm welcome. The first business after disposing of routine was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Charles Peables, M. of C. H. Merritt, V. G. Frank Skerrett, Prelate. James Davison, M. of W. Frank E. Robbins, K. of R. and S. John Burns, M. of F. W. Peables, M. of E. Neil Leckie, M. of C. R. B. Beasley, I. G. W. E. Hill, O. G. Dr. Cockburn, Physician. F. J. Leishman, Trustee. T. Storey, Organizer. D. Armstrong, Grand Lodge Representative.

A. R. Whyte, G. V. C. and F. Hubert, G. M. A., on behalf of the order in Hamilton, extended a welcome to the Brantford Knights, and after it had been suitably acknowledged a gay and progressive supper was begun. The prize winners were: Brantford, F. Hamill first; F. Sills, booby. Hamilton, R. B. Beasley, first; R. Marsh, booby. This was followed by a programme of music, speeches, etc. Mayor Stewart, as a member of the order as well as Mayor, spoke in a happy strain, congratulating the Pythian Knights of two such fine, progressive cities as Hamilton and Brantford upon the success of their meeting. Other speakers were Bros. F. Hubert, Charles Peables, C. C. Jolley, John Patterson (Chairman), C. C. Jolley, Brantford, and A. R. Whyte, G. V. C., of Brantford Lodge. The programme included a sketch by Bro. Blake and partner, and songs by Bros. McLean, Eck, P. Armstrong, P. C. Towers, Charles Peables, Frank E. Robbins.

BARBADOES ALL RIGHT.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The British embassy has received a cablegram from the Governor of the Barbadoes, British West Indies, stating that no fever or infectious exist in Barbadoes, and that the state of health of the islands is excellent.

WM. CLIFF ARRIVES.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—The British steamer Wm. Cliff, which successfully routed the disabled ship Cambrian more than a thousand miles, from mid-ocean to Crook Haven, has arrived here.

2,000 HANDS OUT.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 31.—A further curtailment of operations in the mills of the American Writing Co. in this city is in effect this week, and will continue indefinitely. The latest shut-down order includes nine mills, which employ a total of about 2,000 hands.

The Green Seal Season.

The Green Seal Season meets in Hamilton next year, January 4th to February 4th. A full month will be taken to complete the business contemplated.

SHUT DOWN.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 31.—The plant of the Merrimac woollen mills in this city will be closed for several months within a few days, and all orders will be transferred to the company's mills at Tilton, N. H. The action of the company in closing down the plant is a result of the refusal of the weavers to accept a double-loom system.

FAREWELL 1907.

Build them more stately craft, great many and. Leave in the glowing wain the raft behind, Nobler than the last with high control, Hoist the burning to the favoring wind. Heaven's dome is higher than before, Thy life is longer, growing ever free, Behind translucent gleam there lies the shore, Oh, holy mission of the glorious sea. Farewell, old year! Your wants, your cares, your laziness, below horizon's hazy rim, I sored my soul with loud and lusty cheers, And sing with new-born breath, my new-born hymns. —H. T. Miller, Bensenville, Ont.

SHOWED THEIR HIGH ESTEEM.

Knox's Parting With Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Nelson.

Ladies Give Mrs. Nelson Cabinet of Silver

And Dr. Nelson Receives a Purse of Gold.

The farewell social tendered to Dr. Nelson by the congregation, of Knox Church, last evening was very well attended. It was held in the spacious basement of the church. The object was to give the members and adherents a last opportunity to say good-bye and wish Dr. Nelson and his family God-speed. Light refreshments were served at the opening, which helped to put the gathering in good humor. Mayor Stewart presided, and introduced a short musical programme, in which the following took part: Mr. Harry Allen, Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Herbert Summers. Among those who were noticeable in the large gathering were Dr. Fletcher, Rev. R. J. McAlpine, and Mrs. McAlpine, of Cleveland, and Rev. J. G. Cheyne, of Claude, Ont.

Presentations to Dr. and Mrs. Nelson constituted the chief event of the evening. Mrs. James Kigour, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, of the Church, read an address to Mrs. Nelson, which said that the society felt that it could not let her go without showing some sign of appreciation. As the honorary president of the Society, Mrs. Nelson said more than filled the position, and there was no doubt that her good works were appreciated. The Society presented Mrs. Nelson with a cabinet of silver, Mrs. Kigour, in her closing words, hoped that the greatest success would attend the efforts of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson in their new field of labor.

Mayor Stewart, in presenting the cabinet to Mrs. Nelson, said that it gave him a great deal of pleasure to have the honor of presenting the token of the Society's esteem.

Mr. G. W. Laing, on behalf of the Board of Managers, and the congregation, read the address to Dr. Nelson. It seemed but as yesterday since Dr. Nelson came to the pastorate of Knox Church, and all deplored the fact that he was leaving. Without the doctor's stay had been short, great work had been accomplished. His pulpit discourses had always been strong and faithful, and the congregation had been taught many things for its good. His voice came from the pulpit in the spirit in which it was given. Mayor Stewart, in presenting the purse to Dr. Nelson, said that he was more than sorry that Dr. Nelson had seen fit to leave. He had made a host of friends throughout the city, and had shown himself to be capable of handling a big church.

Dr. Nelson, in his reply, which was in his characteristic vein, said that he had been greatly comforted by the address given by Mr. Laing, and he hardly knew how to express himself. One is apt to think that his coming and going were abrupt, but he felt that in the matter it would be for the best that he should have stayed in his own good home for 14 months for the year. He thanked the congregation for the warm sentiment that pervaded the address. He said it was true that the work of a large parish, such as Knox Church, was very hard to look after, and it was the large number of communicants, and it was very hard for him to get acquainted with the members of the congregation in the manner in which he would have wished. He felt that he would have liked to have some of the congregation to his new work. He spoke of the criticisms that had arisen from his sermons, but was personally of the opinion that those who had been sharpest in their criticisms had been sharpest in their praise. He said that he had preached in their praises of others he had preached. One thing he desired to impress on the minds of the congregation, was that he wished them to preach, having studied for that purpose. He advised the congregation not to hastily jump at conclusions just because a preacher might touch a tender spot, and he should never touch a tender spot, and he should not if they feel that way.

He paid high tributes to the officers of the church, whom he had always found courteous and obliging. He made special reference to Donald Warren, the caretaker, Harry Allen, W. T. Evans, treasurer of the Board of Managers, William Gibson, John Wright and others. Dr. Nelson, in closing, said that he would always have a warm spot in his heart for dear old Knox. He asked the congregation to deal kindly with the incoming pastor, whoever he might be.

The meeting then resolved itself into a handseling session, many wishing Dr. Nelson and his family God speed and good wishes.

Dr. and Mrs. Nelson and family will leave on Thursday morning for Minneapolis.

ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 31.—Ambassador James Bryce was elected president of the American Political Science Association yesterday.

A Rare Opportunity.

Never has there been such an opportunity to buy high-class jewelry, silverware, watches, diamonds, etc., as at present. Norman Ellis, jeweler, 21 King street east, is offering 25 per cent. discount off everything in the store, so as to reduce the stock before stock-taking. Everyone knows the high class of goods Mr. Ellis handles, and the sale should be a big success and appreciated by the closest buyers. The sale starts on Thursday, Jan. 2, but won't last long, so

NORMAN ELLIS, Manufacturing Jeweler, 21, 23 KING ST. EAST

BEFORE STOCK TAKING SALE

Before taking stock we wish to reduce many lines in different departments. To meet this object we are going to offer everything in this store at 25% off the regular marked prices.

Sale starts Thursday, January 2nd

25%

off everything in the store, Silverware, Watches, Diamonds, Canes, Umbrellas, Leather Goods, Clocks, Art Goods, &c.

Come Early and Get First Choice "THIS IS A GENUINE SALE AND WON'T LAST LONG"

NORMAN ELLIS Manufacturing Jeweler 21-23 KING STREET EAST

DIED IN WINNIPEG.

Former Well-Known Resident of Hamilton Passes Away.

Rudolph (Rud.) Mathesis, a well-known former resident of this city, passed away on Friday at his late residence, Winnipeg, after a lengthy illness. Deceased was connected with the Duncan Lithographing Company about 13 years ago, but in 1894 moved to the West, and was in one of the large lithographing firms in Winnipeg. He originally came from New York, but was in this city for fifteen years before going West. He was an enthusiastic member of the Yacht Club, while here. Deceased was 55 years of age, and leaves a widow and family. The funeral will take place in Winnipeg.

The funeral of Miss Mary Thomas took place this morning from her late residence, 15 Bruce street, to the Grand Trunk station. Rev. S. Daw conducted the services, and the pallbearers were W. E. and C. L. Thomas, R. Campbell, D. Kidd, G. Campbell and H. G. McMahon. The remains were shipped to Woodstock for interment.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Anderson were laid at rest this afternoon, the funeral taking place from her late residence, 41 Liberty street. Rev. Dr. Lovell officiated at the services, and the pallbearers were Robert, Irwin, Thomas, W. J. and Joseph Anderson, and W. K. Wilson.

A large number of friends of the late Robert Griffith were present at the last sad rites, conducted by Canon Wade this afternoon at the deceased's late residence, 231 John street south. The pallbearers were H. S. Wallace, James Denlop, William Nicholson, C. G. Baird, Geo. Kerr and Mr. Ramsay. The floral tributes were very numerous and beautiful.

Praise Where It Due.

(Clinton, Kansas, Courant.) Those teachers who plod year in and year out, graduating one class of youngsters only to make room for another on lower rounds of the ladder, annually repeating and re-repeating their schedule of work, dealing with all sorts of temperaments and every grade of mental acumen, will relish the following paragraph written by one who appreciates the severity of their toil:

A good "schoolmarm" is rather to be chosen than great riches. She is the child's second best friend, presuming that the child is so fortunate as to have a good mother. If it has not, then she is its best friend. Sweet, gentle, saintly souls are they, who through their long years of school work give to every one of the many boys and girls who come

ENGLISH NIGHT.

Sons of England Entertain the Refuge Inmates.

The Sons of England Glee Club gave a concert at the House of Refuge last night. Ald. Jutten introduced J. Cherriton, D. D., as chairman, who stated the pleasure the Sons had in having the opportunity of entertaining the inmates. The old folks entered into the choruses with a vim and especially enjoyed the Tompkin family, hand bell wringers, who had to play five numbers. These people are lately from the old son, seven in number, and play chimes and all the old songs, changing balls one to another, as they do so in perfect time. Ald. Wright, the chairman, said it was the best he had heard this side of the pond. Mr. and Mrs. Rae thanked the club for their entertainment. Songs were sung by Messrs. M. Skadden, C. King, F. Brown, H. Stidolph, W. W. Buckingham, J. Smart, Geo. Skedden, C. Harmer, P. Glover and G. Womald. Some of the choruses were sung in four parts. W. Moore played a piano selection and King a harmonica selection. Stanton was accompanied.

The club wish to thank Ald. Wright, Chairman of the House of Refuge, and Ald. Jutten, for arranging the entertainment. Ald. McLaren gave a short address.

FRANK LAW HELD.

Some Startling Revelations in Conspiracy Case.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—So serious and so incriminating was the evidence in the Law-Russell conspiracy case yesterday afternoon that Magistrate Kingsford thought it his duty to increase Frank Law's bail from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Up to yesterday this Crown had devoted most of the attention to the Highland Mary claims, but yesterday the transactions with reference to the much-advertised "Blue Bell" claims were brought to light. W. D. Hodson, formerly Superintendent at the "Blue Bell," stated that he had got in five months only two gold assays from the property, one of which went \$1.50 to the ton and the other \$2.60 to the ton, notwithstanding advertisements which stated that the assays ranged from \$26 to \$20,000 to the ton.

The Canadian Express Company issued a writ against Mr. John Maughan to recover \$941, the amount of express orders honored by the plaintiff. An earthquake was recorded at the Toronto Observatory yesterday morning.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt has issued another writ against the Globe, claiming unstated damages for alleged libel.

The Conservative candidate, Capt. Tom Wallace, will apply for a recount of the vote cast in the Centre York election.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31st, 1907 SHEA'S WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1st 1908

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE.

For the convenience of those who can't find time to do their shopping before 6 o'clock to-day this store will be kept OPEN TO-NIGHT TILL 10 O'CLOCK. And will remain CLOSED WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st and 2nd and 3rd, to allow us to prepare for our

ANNUAL WINTER CLEARING SALE

which will begin at 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday, January 4th, 1908, with the biggest and best list of clearing sale bargains we have ever offered. Watch for our further announcement.

We take the opportunity of thanking our many friends and customers, both old and new, for the most liberal patronage they have extended to us during the year 1907. The year's business has been by far the largest, most satisfactory and successful in our history and when we close our doors to-night we have every reason to be proud of the success we have achieved and the many new friends and patrons the Shea store has gained, and look forward with every confidence to bigger and better things for our customers and for this busy store for 1908. As the old year closes our last wish is that you, one and all, may have

A Most Prosperous and Happy New Year.