

The Hamilton Times

FRIDAY, JAN. 22, 1904.

WHY THIS SQUAWK?

The local organ of the late lamented (1) P. P. A. organization is still pretending to think that Liberals "knifed" three aldermanic candidates—who did not offer as Liberals—because they were Catholics. The desire of the organ to stir up creed prejudice is evident, but its boast that the Tory machine controlled the situation, and said just who should be elected, and that not one Liberal could have been successful had the machine not so willed, gives the creed incendiary the lie. It has to reckon with itself, and it has a nasty contract.

But it wants to know why the Times is not raising a row over the spur business. How ingenious! Why the Times is just watching the putting of the spurs to the Tory Council, and enjoying its squirming. It's a Tory family affair. The promoters are Tory; the promoters' advocate is the President of the Tory organization and head boss of the Tory machine, that dictated just who should be elected to the Council; the matter will be settled and decided at the Tory Club, where the city's business is transacted before being presented to the Council for the solemn farce of ratification; and anything the Grits can say or do can hardly be expected to avail much. Nay, it is the boast of some of the machine gang that Grit suggestions should but stimulate opposition. Is that why the Spec. is disappointed because the Times is not crying out about it? But surely the organ must err when it speaks of those good Tories, led by the local Tory boss, proposing that a Tory machine Council "ruin the property and endanger the lives of citizens." Why doesn't the Spectator bombard them with some of its choicest epithets? It professes to be the organ of the local Tories; it boasts that they not only run "this good Tory town," but that the machine names the Council. If J. J. Scott, head of the Tory association, is not to be trusted, whom shall the Spectator trust? If this "good Tory town" is in danger of being betrayed by the representatives of the Tory machine, whose fault is it? Not that of the Times. The people have put the Tory machine in control, and made it strong and its organ insolent. Why should that organ appeal to the Times for help to control the machine? Isn't it ridiculous?

LOOKING FORWARD.

It is a mistake to suppose that Mr. Chamberlain is a pioneer amongst British statesmen in the advocacy of a scheme of Empire consolidation. Such a matter has more than once been mooted, although unconnected with any scheme of retaliatory tariffs or fiscal quackery. The Royal Colonial Institute of London, about the time the Confederation of the Canadian Provinces was consummated, conducted a propaganda for a wider confederation, that should embrace all the self-governing colonies and give them some voice in affairs of the Empire. Lord Beaconsfield was an advocate of such a scheme. While as Mr. Disraeli, in an address delivered in the Crystal Palace, London, on June 24, 1872, he affirmed that self-government was granted to the colonies as a means to an end, and added:

I cannot conceive how our distant colonies can have their affairs administered except by self-government. But self-government, when it was conceded, ought, in my opinion, to have been conceded as a part of a great policy of empire consolidation. It ought to have been accompanied by an imperial tariff, by securities to the people of England for the enjoyment of the unappropriated lands which belong to the sovereign and his trustee, and by a military code, which should have precisely defined the means and responsibilities by which the colonies should have been defended and by which, if necessary, this country should call for aid from the colonies themselves. It ought further to have been accompanied by the institution of some representative council in the metropolis, which should have brought the colonies into constant and continuous relations with the Home Government.

There is very little in the present proposals that were not covered by these remarks of Disraeli in 1872, thirty-one years ago. Nor was it a solitary evidence of his interest in the matter. Speaking at a banquet given to the Cabinet Ministers by the Lord Mayor of London, he declared that "we should develop and consolidate our colonial empire; that we should assimilate not only their interests, but their sympathies to the Mother Country, and that we believe they will prove ultimately not a source of weakness and embarrassment, but of strength and splendor to the empire." But the colonial future did not loom so big in the eyes of the statesman of thirty-one years ago, when we were a struggling people, as it does to-day, when the eyes of the world are on us and statisticians point our way for the most striking example of growth and progress to be found in the history of the last five or six years. Then the British statesmen—most of them—seemed to think that the colonies cost a good deal; some people still fancy that Britain is put to much expense on our account. We agree with the late Sir Francis Hincks, "that the colonies profit by their connection with Great Britain, but that Great Britain while saving the colonies much expense is not put to much, if any, expense on their account." Certainly there is much force in that as far as it relates to Canada.

Just what might have been the situation to-day had Lord Beaconsfield's idea been put into practice, is interesting only as a matter of speculation. We have, on the whole, no cause to regret the steps taken; nor do we think the British people have.

We have developed into a great and progressive Dominion, thoroughly British in sentiment and sympathies, and there seems to be no reason why we should not in our increasing development become a source of power and a point of pride to the Empire. Whether an actual consolidation of governing powers—an Empire Council—be a possibility of the near future, is a large question. We incline to the opinion that, if so, it is one toward which we shall move by slow and natural growth, rather than by the early adoption of any arbitrary system; and that should such an arrangement be consummated, Canada's vast extent, resources and virile and intelligent population will entitle her to an elder son's share in the councils of Greater Britain.

WHAT IS THEIR LIMIT?

The Hamilton Times argues that the iron and steel manufacturers of Canada have already received sufficient encouragement in the way of tariff protection. This is the Times' answer to the fact that within the past few weeks two Canadian railways purchased from the United States and England over a million dollars' worth of steel rails.

Canada will never have a steel rail industry so long as the home market is in possession of British, German and United States competitors.—Toronto World.

What is the limit of your demands for the steel rail men, neighbor? As the Times pointed out, the Liberal Government has been exceedingly generous to them. It gave them from the people's taxes a bounty of \$3 a ton on the making of the pig iron from the ore, and \$3 a ton on the turning of the iron into steel billets—probably enough to pay the entire wage bill in an efficiently managed concern. Then it gave them an assurance that when they went into the manufacturing of steel rails a duty of \$7 a ton would be imposed on imported rails, thus giving them the right to charge Canadians \$7 more than the price at which rails of equal value could be bought elsewhere, besides the freight advantage. Is it unreasonable to ask the World tariff-maniac how much more he would tax the Canadian public for steel promoters' private benefit? If we have to pay them far more than the total wage cost of manufacture, why not give the men the money they would earn, let them enjoy a holiday, buy our rails where we can, and fund what would be saved to reduce our debt?

But the World is not a safe standard by which to judge the steel men or their business. Several steel plants are hastening preparations for the manufacture of rails. They recognize—as does the public—that the Government has been most generous and considerate toward them. If good steel rails can be made from the ore at hand, the conditions are very favorable to fortune-making in the business. If there is a serious difficulty to be faced, and grave problems in metallurgy to be solved, before it is a success, we cannot hope to do it by stupid tariff imposts. Should those difficulties be found to exist, the Times will be found patriotically supporting Government assistance in utilizing all the resources of science to overcome them. Meantime, it thinks that the World, which agonizes over the poor steel rail men, with only twelve or thirteen dollars a ton advantage over the foreigner, should find some "bowels of compassion" for the Canadian toilers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Somebody may get hurt yet over this invasion of Tibet.

No, Specky, the Times is not pulling the Tory machine's chestnuts out of the fire.

A surplus of \$3,500,000 is a pretty good showing for the so-called Rotten Ross Government.

Just as was predicted by the Times, Ganey got quite a "heckling" up at Embro last night.

At the jail investigation yesterday the Markets and Jail Committee got off on suspended sentence.

The railways are having a bad time of it. Old-fashioned winters are not to the liking of the railway men.

Engineer Barrow is now ready to shake hands with the ministers who have had their salaries increased.

The wire screens, which the Jail Committee were long ago asked to put on the jail windows, will now be attended to.

Another new industry for Hamilton. And the wire fence business will soon be followed by a wire/manufacturing plant.

Pity that poor Winnipeg preacher whose church was entered by a rival, who broke into his sermon barrel and stole fifty sermons.

Bob Birmingham's heels have over-run North Oxford, and a vigorous effort is being made all along the sidelines to debauch the electorate with the long green.

The opening of an infantry school at Hamilton for the instruction of officers will be a great convenience to the local corps. It is a concession which our citizens will appreciate.

The railway men who are suffering much inconvenience by the deep snow feel like apologizing for the hard things said about Kipling. He may recite "Our Lady of the Snows" whenever he likes now.

How many Tories voted for those Workingmen's candidates that the Spec. pretends to think were "knifed" by Liberals because they were Catholics?

Mighty few. We know that they got much Liberal support, although not running as Liberals. Had they got any Tory support to speak of they would have been elected. The Times gave them fair treatment, and was thanked for it.

Mr. Waugh will make an excellent school trustee in succession to the late Mr. McPherson. He is one of the solid business men whose services the city seeks to secure, and he should have hearty support by those who wish the schools well.

There is politics in the County Council just as there is in the City Council. It is, therefore, a foregone conclusion that the next Warden will be a Tory, but choosing him will make things lively round the Court House.

The Bank of Commerce, Toronto, yesterday opened a lunch room for its employees. Luncheon will be served to them daily free of cost. Other employees would no doubt be glad of a similar arrangement.

The St. Catharines Star says the vertical system of writing is "a fad which was originated by W. Newlands, who was writing master in the Kingston public schools for a number of years." Where did it get that "information"?

All the other farmers of Canada may approve of the appointment of Prof. Mills to the Railway Commission, but the horny-headed and large-headed farmer of the Spectator will never cease protesting while his pencil stub holds out.

The Montreal Star sneers that free traders have on their side the sincerity, the philosophy and the academic influence which goes with acknowledged scholarship, but they are politically powerless. If the Star's statement is true, there is much in it for the saneman to ponder.

And to think that the Tory Toronto Telegram should declare the occupants of the front row in the Legislature, of which our own Cass is the bright particular ornament, to be "weak" and "about as modern and effective as the illustrious commander of the Chinese army"! Think of that!

There should be no undue delay in beginning the systematic investigation of the cause or causes of all fires that occur in the city, whether supposed to be incendiary or not. An investigation might often lead to the prevention of other fires.

The appointment of Lord Dundonald as Honorary Colonel of the Hamilton Highlanders is an honor that will be fully appreciated by the officers and men. His lordship is a distinguished scion of an honorable house, whose traditions are those of the military and naval histories of the Empire, dating back to the days of chivalry.

By calling another session of Parliament after having made all arrangements for an election, the Dominion Government has given to the country an abject disclosure of weakness.—Winnipeg Telegram.

But the Government did not, as the Telegram avers, make all arrangements for an election. The Tories had a shivery spell, fearing that it had done so, but that is a very different matter.

Perhaps nothing more disgusting has appeared in the openly partisan Tory organs than the Toronto News' column of hypocritical drivel about the absence of Liberal outsiders from North Oxford, while winking its approval of the operations of those odorous tools of Toryism, Bob Birmingham, Alex. Wright and their gang. Unfairness could hardly go further.

Ton. Mr. Gibson has prepared an Assessment bill on the lines of the measure that was before the Municipal Committee, and it will probably be submitted to the Legislative Committee on Tuesday. An important feature will be in regard to franchise-holding corporations. The earnings of telephone and street railway companies in towns and cities will be taxed, and special machinery will be provided for obtaining sworn returns.

Readers of the Times will find in the interview with Rev. Father Mahoney, which appears elsewhere, a reasonable presentation of the views of those who oppose the proposed grocers' switch being laid. It is worthy of study by all parties, and should be considered seriously by the promoters and by the aldermen, who have not only the interests of the business men concerned, but the rights of the individual citizen to safeguard. Father Mahoney speaks with a full knowledge of the situation and as one living in the territory to be affected, and voices the views of a very large number of people who are deeply interested in the matter.

Some silly criticisms are being advanced because Mr. Ganey was not the introducer of one of the new members. It is the custom for the leaders of the party to introduce their newly-elected supporters. Mr. Ganey is a member in good standing, but he is not yet one of the leaders of the party.—Peterboro' Review.

The "silly criticisms" were by that staunch Tory and Ganeyite, the Toronto Telegram. We leave the Review to its tender mercies, merely remarking that it is safe betting that it did not send a marked copy of its paper to Ganey to inform him that he "is not yet one of the leaders of the party." Ganey might "split" if there was much of that sort of thing, and then the honest people of Ontario would have a real revelation.

O'Keefe's Liquid Extract of Malt taken in small doses before meals improves the appetite.

THE G. W. ROBINSON CO., LIMITED, 18, 20, 22 and 24 JAMES ST. SOUTH

LIKE FINDING MONEY

Saturday you will be astonished at the prices. Stock-taking is almost at hand and the odd lines must be cleared.

MANTLES, FURS AND SKIRTS

Ladies' and Misses' Full Back Box Coats, stole and cape, regular \$4.50, special \$2.25
Black Frieze Jackets, with military cape and pouch sleeves, regular \$12, Saturday \$7.00
Ladies' & Coats, shawl collar, trimmed with novelty braid, lined with Roman satin colors, Oxford and blue, regular \$15, Saturday \$7.50
Children's Reefers, a large assortment of smart styles, colors navy, cardinal and royal, sold at \$2.50 and \$3.50, choice Saturday \$1.50

SKIRTS

Ladies' Dress and Walking Skirts, made of Cheviot and Homespun, self strapped, regular \$2.75 and \$3.50, Saturday \$1.50
Ladies' Full Flare Skirts, trimmed with crescent shaped straps and buttons, plaid and habit back, made to sell at \$5.50 and \$6.50, your choice Saturday for \$2.50

COSTUMES

Ladies' Mixed Tweed and Frieze Costumes, at big reductions for Saturday; every garment to be cleared, 7 only. Eton Suits, coats double breasted, skirts slit seams, regular \$10, Saturday to clear \$2.99
Pompadour Costumes of Mixed Tweed trimmed, with silk and fancy braid, regular \$17, Saturday \$10.00
Neck Scarfs of Electric Seal, Coney and Astrachan, regular \$3.50 to \$2.50
Black Astrachan Storm Coats, satin lined, regular \$6.50, Saturday \$4.00
Shawl Strapped Scarf of light gray Russian squirrel, trimmed with fur balls and cut-steel buckle, regular \$2.75, Saturday \$1.50
Electric Seal Capes, high storm collar, fox tails, trimming stole, regular \$10.00, Saturday \$6.50
Canadian Mink Stole, with mink tails and paws, regular \$35, Saturday \$19.00
Natural Raccoon Muff, round shape, regular \$5.50, Saturday \$3.00
Alaska Sable Muff, flat shape, tails and head, \$12.50, for \$8.50
Astrachan Jackets, 30 inches long, high storm collar, 34 inch bust measure, regular \$35.00, Saturday \$25.00

BLOUSES AND DRESSING SACQUES

Imitation Flannel Waists, neat stripes in olive and red, regular \$7.50, Saturday \$4.50
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, in shades of cardinal, sky and rose, regular \$1.50 to clear at \$1.39
Cashmerette Dressing Sacques, in Dresden patterns, kimono and fitted styles, frilled collar and sleeves, regular \$7.50, Saturday \$5.00

BLACK DRESS GOODS

52 inch Priestley's Venetian Cloth, regular \$1.40, Saturday \$1.25
52 inch Priestley's Cheviot, heavy weight, regular \$1.25, Saturday \$1.00
54 inch Canvas Cloth, plaid finish, regular \$1.25, Saturday \$1.00
46 inch Boykin Cloth, silk finish, regular \$1.00, Saturday \$0.75
52 inch Mohair Cloth, silk finish, regular \$0.90, Saturday \$0.75

SILKS! SILKS!

350 yards Silks, including Taffetas, Mores, Surahs, Tamolines, Satins, in mauve and red, silks in cerise, pink, blue, old rose, pink, red, etc. These goods are worth from 50c to \$1 per yard, Saturday \$0.25c

LINEN DEPARTMENT

Shades of Canvas in grey and black, regular prices 10 and 12c per yard, Monday 2 yards for \$1.00
Cambric Lining, slightly soiled, in pale blue, yellow and Nile green, regular price 6c, Saturday 5c
Roman Fath in pale blue and grey, rolled, regular price 25c, Saturday 15c

OUR EXCHANGES

Why, Indeed!

Toronto Star.
A Montreal undertaker displays this sign—
"Why Walk About in Misery When I Can Bury You Decently for \$18?"

Men They Cannot Get.

Toronto Telegram.
The Hamilton Spectator admires H. Carscallen's tendency to "raise the tone of the debate," whereas its party's greatest need is men who lower the size of the Ontario Government's majority.

Hal as a Candidate.

Kingston News.
Mr. Hal B. McGivern, who has been prominently mentioned as the next English speaking candidate for the Liberal party in Ottawa, and who has been in England for the

past six weeks, is on his way home and will reach Ottawa early next week. Mrs. McGivern accompanied her husband to England and is returning with him.

For Mr. Barker.

Toronto News.
The statesman who would have a name that will make others all look faded,
Who reaches for undying fame,
Won't have his mental gifts paraded,
For him no waste of midnight oil,
For him no lore, the brain to smother,
For him no useless, weary toil.
He says, and hollers, "you're another!"

Should Offer Reward.

Dundas Light.
Why doesn't the county and city of Hamilton offer a joint reward for the recapture of Hillis? It is acknowledged that he is a desperate criminal. We suppose the authorities will wait until Hillis crops up some-

LININGS! LININGS!

Black Roman Satin, with narrow white stripe, silk finish, regular 45c, special \$2.25, Saturday \$1.50
88 inch Moreen, in black only, regular 90c, for 75c
28 inch Black Roman Satin, 25c, Saturday 19c

COLORED DR SS GOODS

2 Costumes only left in Silk and Wool Mixtures, check patterns, regular \$2.25, Saturday \$1.50
15 Costumes Lengths, in Tweeds, in light and dark coloring, in 2-line, Granite and Voile Weaves. These goods are worth in the regular way from \$1 to \$1.50 per yard, stock taking price 69c
2 Costumes only in the new Camels Hair Cloth, in Brown and Green shades, regular \$1.75, Saturday \$1.25
Table full of remnants of Dress Goods, from 1 to 3-2 yards in length, in Tweeds, Voiles, Cashmeres, Serges and Cheviots, stock taking week one-half price.

UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Fleece-lined and Union Vests, in white or grey, long sleeves and full fashioned, regular 45 and 50c, Saturday 35c
Ladies' Vests and Drawers, Watson's unshrinkable, all sizes, regular \$7.50, Saturday 5c
Children's Equestrian Tights, sizes from four to ten years, price 35 to 45c, Saturday 25c
Infants' White Wool Jackets, white and dark coloring, in 2-line, ribbon beading, regular 50c to \$1.50, Saturday, one-third off.
Children's Toggles, in navy and red, extra heavy, regular 35 and 40c, Saturday 25c
Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, in fancy stripes, yoke and frills, regular 65c, Saturday 45c

GLOVES

Ladies' Unlined Mocha Gloves, in grey, mode, tan, brown and black, 2-dome, self and white point, regular \$1.25, Saturday 98c
Ladies' Black Cashmere Gloves, extra heavy, 2-dome, self point, regular 35c, Saturday 25c
Children's Ringwood Gloves, in black, white and colors, regular 25c, Saturday 15c

8.15 Sharp GREAT BARGAINS IN BASEMENT SECTION Saturday

Are you with us? If so, you must get out the first hour, as our business has so increased we have to start early in order to give you prompt attention. Try a cup of our Indo Ceylon Tea, at demonstration booth; regular 40c, for 28c

240 cans of Peas and Corn, Aylmer brand, 5c tin. One to each.
1,500 lbs. best Granulated Sugar
New Doves, 8 lbs for 25c
3 Tins Tomatoes, 25c
Choice Prunes, 7 lbs 25c
Morton's Fresh Herring, 1 tin 9c
Kipper Herring, 2 lbs 5c
White Beans, 2 lbs 25c
Lima Beans, 3 lbs 25c
Fireproof Stove Polish, 4c tin
Pretty China Butter Dishes, floral pattern, reg 25c, Saturday 19c
Cup, Saucer and Plate Sets, decorated patterns, Saturday 25c
12 dozen Glasses, reg 5c each, Saturday 3c
Coffee Pots of No. 1 grey granite, reg 40c, Saturday 35c
3 dozen Granite Pie Plates, medium size, reg 10c, Saturday 8c
Sink Strainers, first quality blue granite, reg 35c, for 30c

A STRANGE AFFAIR.

Whole Family Was Poisoned by Rats.

Parkhurst, W. Va., Jan. 22. — William Lockhart is dead. Wirt Lockhart is living, and several members of the Park family, with whom the Lockhart boys boarded in Wirt County, are very ill from the effects of eating bean soup, which had rat poison in it. The poison had been spread for rats in the store where the beans were bought, and the rats gnawed into the bean-soup. It is presumed that they carried it poison into the beans.

In High Court of Justice yesterday, at Lehigh Valley, Coal Co. vs. Shaw, L. F. Stephens, 50 per cent. for all parties. Motion for an injunction adjourned for one week; injunction continued in the meantime.

The fellow who puts his best foot forward is the one who eventually gets there with both feet.

Look Out For Rousing Bargains on Saturday

We Are Putting Little Prices on Ladies' Coats, Capes, Suits, Skirts, Rain Coats. Also Great Bargains will be Offered in Seconds in Fine Table Linens, Table Cloths and Soiled Blankets.

Ladies' Coats	Dress Goods Sale	Soiled Blankets	Mantle Cloth, Coatings and Scotch Tweeds
Slaughtered Just see our east window for Ladies' Long Coats, Ulsters, up to \$15, for \$5.00 All our better coats that sold at \$25 and \$30 cut to \$10.00 Ladies' Dogskin Coats, \$40 and \$45, cut to \$25.00	Black Knicker Cheviots, pure Botany wool, 75 and 90c, cut to 50c Novelty Dress Goods, a large range of colors, regular 75c, cut to 50c 56-inch Tweed Suits, Ladies' Scotch Tweed Suits, for suits or skirts, regular \$1.10, cut to 50c	These Blankets are going like hot cakes. 40-moort pure Wool Blankets, regular \$4, for \$2.87 Regular \$5.50, for \$3.50 Soiled White Quilts, worth \$1.35, for 85c; \$2.00 for \$1.10	Regular \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75, for 50c
Ladies' Skirts	Silk Sale	Soiled Lace Curtains	Imperfect Linens
Something startling in value in Dress and Walking Skirts, regular \$4.50 and \$5.00, for \$2.95	Do not miss this chance on Saturday — Fancy Waist Silks, worth up to 75c, cut to 25c	Soiled Lace Curtains, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.49	Damage very slight, 50 only Damask Table Cloths, value \$3, for \$1.69
Ladies' Capes \$5.00	Millinery	Furs Reduced	Pure Linen Table Napkins, slightly imperfect, value \$3, for \$1.69 doz.
Ladies' Handsome Black Beaver or Reversible Capes, regular \$7, \$8 and \$9, for \$5.00	About 70 very stylish Trimmed Hats, value \$3 and \$4, for 98c	\$10 Sable Ruff for \$6.05 \$8.50 Sable Ruff for \$4.50 \$5.00 White Set for \$2.50 \$7.50 Lamb Cape for \$5.00 All Muffs cut to half price	5 pieces of Heavy Unbleached Table Linen, 75c, cut to 57c
Silk Skirts \$10.00	Baby's Bonnets	Flannel Waists	Gauntlets
Ladies' Handsome Black Silk Skirts, \$18 to \$25, for \$10	Of every description, up to \$1, for 25c	Ladies' French Flannel Waists, regular \$2.50 and \$3, cut to \$1.50	Ladies' and children's, value \$1, for 50c
Children's Coats \$3.50	Ribbon Sale	Ladies' Silk Collars	Wool Gloves
All our Children's Coats that sold at \$5, \$6 and \$7, cut to \$3.50	4 and 5-inch Satin and Taffeta Ribbons, 23 and 30c, for 10c	15 dozen lovely Silk Collars, value 75c, cut to 25c	For ladies, gents and children, up to 50c, cut to 25c
Men's and Boy's	Men's Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers	Men's Cardigan Jackets	Wool Hose
Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, 40 and 50c, for 25c	Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, 50c, cut to 37c	\$1.50 cut to \$1.00	5,000 sample pairs of Ladies' and Children's Cashmere and Wool Hose, 35 to 50c, for 25c
Silk Belts 15c	Ladies' Wrappers	Corsets 50c	Ladies' Underwear
Ladies' Black Silk Belts, with Fancy Buckles, 30c, cut to 15c	A Swell Flannel Wrapper, value \$1.00, for 50c	Clearing out all odd lines of Corsets, \$1 to \$2.50, for 50c	Ladies' Fine Ribbed Vests and Drawers, value 38c, cut to 25c

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