

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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TORY CONTROL.

In Tory control the Conservative Executive decides who shall and who shall not be Conservative candidates, and these elected, the Executive insists that these appointed to office shall be Conservatives. That is all. That is the sum and substance of Tory control.

Let us compliment the Spectator on the above confession, although it does not form a complete confession. But what is confessed is enough to set the citizens thinking. The Tory Executive in this city (John Milne, William Armstrong, W. L. Ross and a few more) decide who of the Tory party will be allowed to become aldermanic candidates.

It is surprising in this twentieth century that any newspaper would have the effrontery to make such a confession and try to justify the action set forth, and it is just as surprising to think that the Tory party in Hamilton should lend itself to such business. Why does the Tory party want to obtain control of the Council? Why do President John Milne, Tom Lester and J. W. Lamoreaux seek to say who will be aldermen of this city? Is it for the city's good? Certainly not. The party wants to control the Council so that it may become a donkey engine for the Tory party—so that the city's business can be done with a view to help the Tory cause, and not because they wish to see the city's business transacted in the best interests of the city.

A MILLION TO ONTARIO.

What a contrast! To a majority of the people of Hamilton the great storm of last Saturday and Sunday, judged by its immediate results, meant inconvenience, interruption of the ordinary pursuits, tollsome and discomfiting labor and many annoyances. To the farmers of the large section of Ontario which came under its influence it meant more than a city man can realize. To them it meant the vision of a year of plenty when once again the soil has labored and brought forth its abundance.

We respectfully advise our neighbor to drop these attempts to attribute ulterior, anti-Tory motives to the Herald. Conditions have not been favorable to the tiller of the soil, especially around this part of the Province, for some few years. The fall of 1906 was bad for farm work, and when winter came on it found the work unfinished, and what was done was not satisfactory.

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MR. BECK'S OPPORTUNITY.

Judge Sulder has refused to admit, as evidence on behalf of the city in the arbitration by which it is hoped to secure a reduction of the price which the Cataract Power Company charges the city for street lamps, the estimate on the price of lighting given the city by the Hydro-Electric Commission. We do not wish to criticize or in any way comment upon his ruling, which will undoubtedly be accepted as wise and proper.

Goldwin Smith questions the wisdom of the Toronto authorities in shelving the question of the supply of pure water in favor of the Hydro-electric power, and adds: "The Bystander leaves the question to experts, only entering a protest against the incidental advocacy of public ownership as a principle good in itself in the abstract and without reference to the special character of the organ of administration. If the ownership is in the

the necessary information would be forthcoming "in a few weeks." Mayor Stewart went to Toronto and met the Minister months ago. The object of his visit was to get the very information that had been promised. He returned without having obtained it, but fully determined to push the scheme along.

Within three weeks the ratepayers of Hamilton are to vote on another by-law. This time they are asked to authorize the expenditure of enough money to provide a power distributing plant and install an electric pumping system at the Beach waterworks. The estimated cost is \$275,000. The city must pay \$307,000 to raise \$275,000 by the sale of debentures. If it issues debentures for only the \$275,000, it hopes, but scarcely expects, to get \$247,500 for them, leaving a deficit of \$27,500 or more to be made up out of the general funds, crippling the civic departments or piling up a big overdraft for succeeding councils to carry the burden of. And the citizens are asked to vote blindly. They have no more actual information on the Hydro-Electric scheme than they had a year ago.

Hon. Adam Beck is to be in Hamilton to-morrow night. It is due to the citizens that he should give them something more substantial than the empty promises that have been doing duty for a full year. The ratepayers want to know what they are voting on. If they fail to get a full and lucid explanation only one course will be open to them—to vote down the money by-laws.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some useful work could be done filling in behind the revetment wall this winter.

After all, is Foster worth all this notice he has been receiving?

The Spec. seems quite jubilant over what it considers the failure of Mr. Lemieux's mission to Japan.

The Liberal Club is a good place for the men to spend their time while the women are spending their money.

It's no joke when the Herald attempts to perpetrate a joke. As we said yesterday, it is only foolish when it tries to be funny.

We think most people will agree that, in the circumstances, Rev. Dr. Nelson showed wisdom in deciding to sever his connection with Knox Church.

Well, if the Board of Works had to pay \$2,600 for snow cleaning it was relieved of the necessity of doing mud scraping, and most of the streets were shockingly in need of it.

Semi-monthly debates, a monthly open meeting and address, a membership contest and a pool tournament are Liberal Club features for the new year. The membership contest is starting now.

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Objects to having its Toryism impugned.

The death rate from typhoid fever in Toronto is 22 per 100,000. In Hamilton 15 and sometimes 10 per 100,000. These are the figures of Dr. Amyot, Provincial bacteriologist, and he attributes the difference to the condition of the drinking water. Hamilton's must be pretty good.

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It did. It proved that the Government refused the request of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association (composed of Borden's friends) to induce mechanics to come here to glut the labor market and reduce Canadian workmen's wages.

This opponent of the Beck project thus acknowledges that Niagara power distributed as it is proposed to the towns and cities within the prescribed area will at least put them on a par with Hamilton, the home of Cataract power. Is that not one of the most substantial reasons for the passing of the by-law?—Galt Reporter.

Not in this city. By supporting the Beck scheme, Hamilton would be putting a weapon into the hands of its industrial rivals. Our manufacturers are not liable to do that.

I wonder if Lawyer Hobson is a prophet. He says J. W. Lamoreaux succeeded Mr. Zimmerman as school trustee in ward 5, and that he will succeed him as member for West Hamilton.—Hamilton Spectator.

It might be mentioned that Mr. Lamoreaux did not succeed Mr. Zimmerman on the School Board until he resigned. Mr. Zimmerman was a member of the Board for ten years, and was never defeated. Perhaps, after waiting another ten years, Mr. Lamoreaux might again succeed Mr. Zimmerman, should that gentleman see fit to resign. But by that time the "coming man" would likely be tired waiting.

State, we may fairly hope that the organ of administration will be skilled, stable, responsible and wholly devoted to the particular duty. That where the ownership is in a municipality there is no such security for the fitness and trustworthiness of the organ we have said in the municipal annals of Toronto.

The professor, apparently, has not much faith in municipal ownership. He is not alone in his belief.

HERE AND THERE.

Montreal Gazette: There is a society in London which wants to put a stop to the daily ringing of church bells. When people are thinking about things that disturb them the church bell may be a nuisance. There are evidently many in London who have time to worry.

Kingston Whig: The plea of "don't know" will not do any more. The directors of the Ontario Bank did not know what the general manager was doing with their funds, and they will be called to account. The school trustees in Montreal did not put up fire escapes at the Hochelaga school and a jury has given a verdict against them.

Stratford Beacon: Mr. Pugsley refuses to be drawn by the small fry of the Opposition, but should Mr. Borden take up his challenge the fur will fly in real earnest. Mr. Pugsley is not mixing himself up with the scavenger tribe.

Ottawa Journal: By getting above Hamilton in population eight or ten years ago, Ottawa took fourth place in the Dominion. Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa. Then, when Ottawa was steaming along after Quebec, Winnipeg came with a rush and sprinted past both, leaving Ottawa again fifth in order. The recent annexation of suburbs takes the fourth place. Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa. Vancouver is the town we have to hold down now.

Montreal Herald: Mr. Foster made a long speech to a Conservative meeting in Hamilton the other night, and didn't mention the Halifax platform once. That shows about how much he thinks of it.

Promoted.

(Toronto Star.) Epsom Salts are now being used as an anaesthetic. This is a distinct advance on their old position as chaser for a dose of calomel.

The Trusty Axe.

(Toronto News.) Thirty-eight dollars is the charge at the Soo for cutting off a man's leg. But Dr. J. P. Whitney, the celebrated surgeon, has cut off many heads without charge.

Borden's Platform.

(Kingston Whig.) Mr. Foster went to Hamilton to enlighten the natives in party questions, and did not say a word about the Halifax platform. "What is the matter? Is he unable to fully defend or endorse it?"

Fifty Years Ago.

(From The Globe of 1857, Dec. 15.) Mr. Carling, the Ministerialist candidate, is undoubtedly elected for London. This result has been anticipated for some time.

London is a Tory place, and it was only the talents and popularity of Mr. John Wilson that secured it for the Liberal party. Mr. Wilson declined another nomination for popular reasons, and there was no one as popular as he to take his place.

Other members so far returned are as follows:—Kingston, John A. Macdonald; Hamilton, Isaac Buchanan; Frontenac, Henry Smith; North Simcoe, Angus Morrison. All are Ministerialists.

Bishop Dowling Commended.

(Orange Sentinel.) His Lordship Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton, is reported to have, at a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society there recently, enjoined his hearers to vote for the best candidates (for the municipal offices), "whether they be President, Councillor, Organist or Mason, so long as they were good men for the office, and were capable of managing the affairs of state." Such advice shows a broadness of view and a high regard for the people.

Financial Notes.

(Yesterday's N. Y. Herald.) Buyers of Central New Jersey last year paid as high as 23 1/2% yield at that price 3.25 per cent to the purchaser, as against 5.66 per cent yielded to buyers at present prices.

When Central of New Jersey stock sells, as it did recently, at 15 1/2, it means an opportunity for an investment yielding 5.66 per cent, as the stock pays an 8 per cent dividend.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul stock closed yesterday at 10 1/2. It gives 6.91 per cent on the price.

The investor who has Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul shares bought a year ago at 15 1/2 gets 3 1/2 per cent for his money from its 7 per cent dividend. At the latest price, such an opportunity is offered to nearly double that income.

On a 4 per cent dividend paying basis Baltimore and Ohio, at 15 1/2, a year ago gave its holders 4 1/2 per cent for his money from its 7 per cent dividend. At the latest price, such an opportunity is offered to nearly double that income.

Baltimore and Ohio shares sold yesterday at 80. A dividend of 6 per cent yields a return of 7.50 per cent on capital invested in it at that price.

Regarding the future of airships Lord Kelvin was not sanguine, saying, "We never will be able to use dirigible balloons as a means of conveying passengers from place to place. There never was and never can be any commercial value to such things."

AIKEN'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL,

But Due to Unprotected State of Road.

Horse Appears to Have Walked Over Mountain.

Deceased Had Had Weak Heart Some Time.

Coroner Anderson presided over the inquest into the death of Alexander Aiken, held last night at No. 3 Police Station. Aiken was killed by a fall over the mountain above the reservoir, on Thursday night last.

George Near, Mountain Top, was the first witness, and he told of finding the body, as has already been published.

Alfred Canham, who was notified by Near, and who went back to the spot with him to examine the body, corroborated his testimony.

Dr. Rennie said he made a post-mortem examination of the body, in company with Dr. Morris. He was of the opinion that the deceased had suffered from a weak heart for some time, and that the shock caused his death. The internal injuries were not sufficient to cause death. It was caused by failure of the heart from one of three things—shock, exposure, exertion—or all three.

Dr. Morris substantiated Dr. Rennie's evidence. William Calder, resident superintendent of the Barton reservoir, said that when he, and Near and Canham traced the tracks of the buggy and horse found at the scene, he found that Aiken had got out of the buggy, and tramped the snow down all around the buggy, and then turned the horse around. The horse had apparently walked right over the edge of the mountain then.

Ed. Near corroborated Mr. Calder. Harry Dynes, Beach Road Hotel, said Aiken died at his place and left at 6.30 to go home. He was not under the influence of liquor.

George Webb, contractor, gave evidence as to the condition of the road, which, he said, was poor. The fence was taken down in August and he considered the road to be a very dangerous one since then. He was only surprised that accidents had not been weekly occurrences. He had objected to the fence being taken down, and the officials of the township promised that another would be put up at once. He took the Reeve to see the road, and the promises were renewed, but nothing was ever done.

Special Constable Geo. Nichol gave a full account of what caused the accident, which was similar to the published story. Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K. C., appeared for the family of the deceased.

The verdict was one of purely accidental death, but that the accident would not have happened had the road been properly protected.

ROBERT BURNS.

Farmers Favor a Monument to the Poet in Hamilton.

There are quite a lot of Scotch farmers who live in the neighborhood of the city who would like to see a statue of Robbie Burns, Scotland's poet, erected in the city of Hamilton, preferably in the Gore. The Times was interviewed by one of the farmers not long ago, and he stated that there would be no difficulty in raising the needed for the monument. He was quite enthusiastic over the matter, and at his request the Times makes the poet public. Mr. Burns has many monuments to his credit, than any other poet, living or dead, and it would be a fine thing to have one of him to grace the Gore Park. It was suggested that the Times might draw the attention of the St. Andrew's Society to the poet in the hope that it might make a move in that direction. For many years that society has had in view the erection of a public hall, but so far nothing has come of it. Perhaps when the hall is again up for discussion the monument will not be forgotten.

Woman May Lose Both Feet. Invermay, Sask., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Jackelut, wife of a settler at Nut Mountain, got lost in the woods last week and when found by Indians next day had both feet badly frozen. She was taken to Yorkton hospital as speedily as possible, but mortification had already set in and the amputation of both feet is considered necessary.

The application made by the York County Loan & Savings Company for an injunction to restrain Toronto from proceeding with the construction of sewers on Indian road by day labor was refused by Chief Justice Meredith yesterday.

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- 25c Books for 10c 100 Cloth-bound Books, novels by the best known authors, a cheap 25c book, 8.30 Friday morning ..... 10c
50c Tenerife Doylies 25c Tenerife Doylies, pure linen, hand drawn work, ordinary 50c value, for ..... 25c
\$2 Military Brushes 99c Leatherette case, containing two Ebony Hair Brushes, regular \$2.00 value, for ..... 99c
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50c Handkerchief and Glove Boxes 25c Leatherette and chintz covered Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, ordinary 50c value, for ..... 25c
\$5 Tweed Skirts \$1.98 24 only Ladies' Tweed Dress Skirts, value up to \$5.00, on sale Friday morning ..... \$1.98
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\$5 Men's Shoes \$2.50 Men's Patent Leather Shoes, kid and patent cord. Bals. Blucher and straight cut, dull kid tops, heavy Goodyear welt soles, fancy facing, regular \$5.00 shoe, Friday special ..... \$2.50
\$1.50 Women's Shoes 99c Women's Dongola Kid Bals., straight cut, self tip, heavy extension soles, regular \$1.50, for ..... 99c
\$1.75 Youths' Shoes \$1.19 Youths' Box Calf Bals., Blucher cut, with self tip, good heavy extension soles, extra back strap, regular \$1.75, Friday ..... \$1.19

See Them in Our Window 75c Calendars for 49c 200 Handsome Calendars, sold everywhere for \$1.50. To-night 49c 75c Buster Brown Books 39c 100 Large Size Buster Brown Books, 75c. To-night 39c 75c Colossal Story Book 29c 50 Colossal Story Books, known everywhere as a 75c book To-night 29c

To-Night at 7.30 in our Great Basement

Another range of Christmas goods will be offered at almost given-away prices. Some of these are now displayed in our windows. Come up town early and view these.

- Tool Cards 25c for 15c 3 dozen sets of Tools, each set in a neat cardboard box, value 25c, on sale 7.30 to-night for only ..... 15c each
Blocks 15c for 9c 3 dozen sets of Wooden Blocks, marked regular at 15c, will be sold to-night for only ..... 9c a box
Checkers 5c 50 games of Checkers, complete, with board, will be placed on sale to-night for only ..... 5c set
\$1.50 Dart Targets 25c Only about 14 dozen left. These have four large darts and heavy matted straw target, value \$1.50, on sale for ..... 25c
75c Sets of Furniture 49c 1 dozen only sets of Gilt Metal Furniture, value regular 75c, on sale at 7.30 to-night for only ..... 49c
Bag-a-Telle Boards Half Price Several different sizes of Bagatelle Boards, marked regular up to \$3, will be sold to-night at exactly half price.
90c Sleighs 75c 3 dozen Boys' Large Sleighs, with hardwood runners and steel spring shoeing, value 90c, at 7.30 for ..... 75c
Doll Buggies 85c for 69c 1 dozen only Dolls' Wicker Buggies, with tin rimmed wheels, regular 85c, for only ..... 69c

Friday Morning Commencing at 8.30

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