

The Hamilton Times THURSDAY, JAN. 21, 1904.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Perhaps the incompetency of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature could hardly be better illustrated than in the speech of Mr. Lucas, one of Mr. Whitney's lieutenants, yesterday. That gentleman made his attack on Mr. Ross on the ground that during the winter there have been complaints that trains on the Grand Trunk were late, and that a two-cent-a-mile rate was not given to the people of the Province. This "statesman," who asks the electors to retire Mr. Ross and put Mr. Whitney and himself in charge of Provincial affairs, did not seem to be aware that the control of these railway matters is vested in the Dominion Parliament, and that they are subjects for the Railway Commission that has just been organized.

If we leave out of Mr. Lucas' speech the references to these matters, nothing remains save the dregs of the old campaign slanders, references to Gurney's doings, and sneers at Hon. Mr. Ross and Hon. Mr. Gibson in connection with the Sanit. election. The time-killing address would have been improved by condensation into a three-minute speech.

Mr. Preston, of Brantford, challenged public opinion as to what would have been the cry of the Whitneyites, had there been a majority of one, and the disputed seats held by the Opposition, if the meeting of the House had been delayed for the hearing of the trials. His point was effectively made. He countered on Mr. Lucas for a reference to Liberal press criticisms, by quoting some rather uncomplimentary articles from that staunch Tory sheet the Toronto Telegram, in which it was pointed out that the weakness of the Opposition was in the front row. He discussed the question of the delay in holding the North Renfrew election, and paid a high tribute to the Premier and his colleagues for their excellent services to the Province.

It is rumored that the Opposition has on hand a plot to "fake" more affidavits, to be put out with a view to influencing the North Oxford election, and furnishing matter for vilifying speeches in the House.

The statement of the Province's finances for the year will be most satisfactory. The surplus on the ordinary transactions of the year was \$578,316, and the cash in bank to credit of the Province yesterday was \$3,094,193. The surplus of assets is therefore about \$3,500,000.

EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY. The abounding prosperity of Canada has been echoed in every report of the year's operations of our great financial institutions, and in none has there been a more remarkable showing than in the report of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which the Times publishes to-day. It closed its seventy-second year with net earnings of \$411,613.07—equal to 2.5 per cent. of its capital stock. From these earnings the bank paid its shareholders a 10 per cent. dividend, gave \$12,000 to Officers' Pension Fund, added \$100,000 to Reserve, wrote \$70,000 off bank premises account, and has \$41,338.40 to carry forward to Profit and Loss Account. The Reserve Fund now amounts to \$3,100,000, or 155 per cent. of the capital stock, its cash reserves and other readily available assets amount to \$15,264,933.17, which is 60.39 per cent. of its total liabilities, a showing which must give this fourth oldest bank in Canada a high place in the estimation of the public. The Hamilton Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, under the management of Mr. D. R. Laird, is situated in the Sanford Block, corner King and John streets, and is one of our popular financial institutions. We congratulate its staff on the excellent showing it presents to the public.

LAUGHING AT INGRAM. A few days ago at the meeting of the Western Dairyman's Association in St. Thomas, Mr. A. Ingram, M. P., who is always on the lookout for an opportunity to pose as a solon and to make party capital, took occasion to deliver an alarmist speech on the subject of cheese imports. He denounced the fact that some United States cheese had passed our customs, and advocated raising the duty, to protect our dairymen from being crushed by the Yankee flood of cheap cheese. We pointed out that our imports of cheese were very small, and that most of the product entering Canada was accounted for in exports of "goods not the product of Canada." The St. Thomas Times, Mr. Ingram's mouth-piece, was not to be reassured, however, and took the matter up editorially, lamenting the invasion of our dairymen's field, but made no attempt to produce facts to justify the course. The Toronto Sun, the organ of the farm and dairy industry, does not share its fears, and it laughs at Mr. Ingram's bogey. In the present issue it says:

"A good many stupid things have been said relative to the alleged necessity of protecting Canadian farmers against American competition in their own markets, but the acute absurdity is surely reached in the proposal to protect Canadian dairymen against the flooding of our markets with American cheese. Those who make this proposal are apparently not aware of the fact that the Americans are no longer a factor in the international cheese trade. In the eleven months ending with November the total exports of United States cheese amounted to \$2,164,000, and the imports to \$2,960,000; in other

words, the American imports of cheese exceeded the exports by nearly \$800,000. Let Mr. Ingram and his organ lose no sleep over the farmers and the cheese trade under Liberal rule. They enjoy unbounded prosperity. There is no capital to be made by the Tory machine in that quarter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Here's to you, Mr. McAndrew. Will the firemen draw lots for their duty? The building inspector has his stakes on now. This Tory Council is getting the spurs put to it.

No brutal jokes about the Mayor's pewter beer mug, please. This old-fashioned winter is keeping the Grim Reaper busy.

The Street Railway payments to the city do not indicate blue ruin under Liberalism. The Gateshead election shows that there are two sides to the old country fiscal question.

Among the finger posts of prosperity are the proposal to enlarge Knox Church and the increase in the pastor's salary.

The Fire and Water Committee should see to it that an investigation is made into the cause of every fire that the department is called out to.

Those sales of fine-bred stock do much to bring Hamilton before the public of Canada and the United States and to advertise her many advantages. The amendment of the fire limits by-law is a matter that ought to be proceeded with cautiously and with regard to the future of the city. Do nothing that might be regretted a few years hence.

The advocates of protection in Great Britain are not cheered by the results of recent by-elections, and the determination of the great labor bodies to fight the policy. The time for sober second-thought has come.

Knox Church is enjoying great prosperity under Rev. Mr. Henry and more seating accommodation must be provided for the growing congregation. That is a good sign, as is the vote of a \$300 addition to the pastor's stipend.

Toronto is a pretty hard place, judged by the disclosures of nastiness at the provincial elections. In the one division proved 25 ballot frauds (4 votes each) have been discovered. That indicates how the Tories get their big majorities in that city.

Colin Campbell, of Iroquois, left a will providing that if the succession duties on his estate did not reach \$2,000 that amount should be made up from the estate. He believed in putting into practice the sentiment of Matthew v. 40.

When Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, retires a year hence, as he announces he intends to do, Canadian Presbyterianism will lose from active work one of the fathers of the church who has "done well his part" and filled a large place in the hearts of his people.

The Brantford Expositor puts in a plea for the thousands of crows that winter around that city and are just now supposed to be starving for want of food, owing to the heavy snowfall. The only kind of crows we have here is the west end crows.

If future Wentworth Presbyterian Church, situated at the corner of Barton Street and Smith avenue, will be known as St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The change has been made on account of the confusion caused by many people imagining that the church was on Wentworth street.

The Halifax Recorder was ninety-one years old on Jan. 16. It has recorded many very important changes in the course of its long career, and it is giving to Halifax and Liberalism such good service as shows that it drinks from the fountain of perennial journalistic youth. May its years and usefulness be multiplied.

A Ministry holding an election and being defeated, or even failing to obtain a working majority sufficient to carry on the public business satisfactorily, has no right to go to the people for a second trial. It is bound to resign and make way for its successors, who may be called to the helm.—Peterboro' Review.

That depends. But what set the Review on that line of reflection? What Government is finding trouble to carry on the affairs falling to its care? Mere academic speculations of that sort are not very interesting.

The proposed snow by-law provides that all ridges or lumps of ice or hardened snow must be removed forthwith without injury to the surface of the sidewalk. That might not be very easily done, but the Toronto by-law seems more reasonable. It provides that in case the ice or snow shall be so frozen that it cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalks or pavements, such person shall strew the same with ashes, sand or other suitable substance. What does "forthwith" mean? Must we go out and shovel while the snow is still falling?

"Our pulpits—mine with the rest—have had too much to say about the New Jerusalem and not enough concerning the vital needs of Chicago," was what Rev. Frank Gunsaulus, of Chicago, said to his congregation on Sunday last. There is some truth in this, no doubt. Many people stay away from church

altogether because the struggle for existence in this world is so bitter that they have no inclination, even if they had the time, to give a thought to the future. If a man has a message offering them bread and raiment, no matter how halting his sentences, he will have no lack of followers.

From New York comes the cry that even the grammar school graduates cannot write or spell well. Mr. Meyers, President of the Hebrew Technical School, says: "The children come to us at the average age of fifteen years. They are graduates of the public grammar schools. Last fall more than five hundred were placed under examination, and in most cases their penmanship, spelling and knowledge of English were shown to be extremely imperfect." But is it right to expect children at that age to excel in writing, spelling and knowledge of English?

The good work done by the City Hospital must be a matter of gratification to the citizens, and they cannot be too grateful to the gentlemen who give so much time and attention to its interests. The Hospital is a necessity to the sick poor and the friendless, and often a boon to the well-to-do. At this season of the year especially the demands made upon it are many and heavy, and the City Council should see that its usefulness is not impaired by any cheapening policy adopted towards it. The governmental assistance is timely and welcome, but the poor and sick of the city are properly the city's special care, and it should see that they do not suffer through its fault.

While some of the Tory papers, among them the Spectator, affect to regard the appointment of Prof. Mills to the Railway Commission as a mistake, the farmers, whose interests he is supposed specially to represent, do not complain. The Farmers' Sun, after expressing surprise at the choice, his name not having been put forward as a likely one, says: "The principal of the O. A. C. possesses, however, certain qualifications for the position. His sympathies are with the people; he has an intimate knowledge of the requirements of agriculture, and by far the greater part of his active life has been spent in direct association with the farm. He has, too, the sturdiness and independence of character so desirable in one in the position to which he has been appointed."

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be able to hold our own unless greater facilities for technical education are brought within the reach of Canadian youth. Skilled labor will be the best asset of the Canadian manufacturers.

Wanted the Opportunity. Chicago News. "Will you think of me when I'm gone?" as a selfish creature could, was somewhat unable to tear himself from her presence.

How to Get Good Roads. Philadelphia Press. The Romans considered good roads a necessary part of their military equipment. Senator Lattimer thinks they belong properly to the agricultural department, and they do, but he would be more through than that. He has a bill for them through Congress, and he has purchased that body to take the Roman view.

The Time for Economy. Philadelphia Press. "See here, Edigar," said the groom's mother, "don't you think you had better economize a little?" "No, mother," he replied, "it isn't time yet."

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL Annual Meeting Last Night—Past Year a Successful One.

NEWS IN BRIEF Dolomine, Man. Conservatives have nominated Dr. Schaffner for the Commons. Victoria County Conservatives have nominated Samuel Hughes for the Commons. The Asbestos labor bill passed its second reading before the Transvaal Legislative Council. Dr. Mohr, of the Orillia Asylum will be promoted to the vacancy at the head of the Brockville Asylum. At a meeting of the Brantford School Board last night, J. W. Graham was elected chairman by acclamation. The officers of the Toronto garrison, have settled on Feb. 3rd as the date of their dinner to Sir Frederick Borden. It is reported that France will not support Russia in the event of war, and the latter is inclined to give way to Japan. The Imperial Labor Federation, organized at Manchester, is opposed to taxation or food until the empire is able to produce all that it needs. Greater Britain will be asked to contribute towards the Newman Memorial Church, at Birmingham. The sum of \$75,000 has been promised. The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says negotiations between Canada and Germany are not likely to be concluded until Britain's fiscal fight is over. A despatch from Rome says that the congregation has appointed Cardinals Rampolla, Segna, Cavignoni and Gennari to codify the immense mass of canon laws. Robert Johnston, a stonemason from Tomdromon, was found dead in his bedroom at the Revere House, Uxbridge, yesterday morning. The cause of death was heart failure. Six persons are known to have been killed in a fire in a cafe at Sebastopol, Russia. The place was crowded when the blaze suddenly broke out, cutting off the escape of many persons. Col. Sam. Hughes has been notified from Ottawa of his appointment as chief of Railway Intelligence, pending aim a position with the military engineers staff. The appointment comes from Lord Darnley. It is reported at Ottawa that changes are contemplated in connection with the Army Medical Corps, which involve the creation of Dental Corps, it is expected that a unit from the Dental Corps will be present at each militia camp.

SYMPATHY FROM KING. Sends Message Expressing Regret at Claitam Disaster. Ottawa, Jan. 20.—His Excellency has caused the following message to be sent to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia: "Ottawa, Jan. 12, 1904.—Am deeply sorry to hear of the calamitous disaster to you. Honor the following telegram, beginning: His Majesty has heard with much regret of the great loss of life in shipping disaster in British Columbia, and desires you to convey to bereaved relatives expressions of his own deep sympathy and that of His Majesty the Queen (London, Jan. 12th, 1904.) (S. G. D.) LYTTELTON. Message ends here. Monthly M. J. O. M. L. D. R. S. Sir Henri Joly replied as follows: "I have received Your Excellency's message conveying the regret of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, at the sad loss of life in the wreck of the steamer Claitam and their deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives, and I hope Your Excellency will express to Their Majesties the feeling of sincere gratitude of the people of British Columbia for such and interest in their misfortune."

CARLISLE. The church anniversary, which was postponed from November, will be held next Sunday, the 24th. Rev. W. B. Caswell, of Hamilton, will preach morning and afternoon. Rev.

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C. L. Bowby, of Millgrove, will preach in the evening. On the following Monday evening the Choral Society will give a concert in the church. About twenty-five of our young people dared the storm on Thursday evening to attend the Millgrove Choral Society concert. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Eaton celebrated the crystal anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Albert Eaton, who has been on the sick list, is some better. A bedridden is quite harmless; most of us could get along quite as well without the aid of our ancestors.