

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THE COUNTRY FIRST.

How partisanship and personal enmity warp the view of men who, in their duty to the public, should keep an open and judicious mind, and discuss public questions from the broad standpoint of principle, is too often illustrated in Canadian political life.

Mr. Sifton went outside of this little mill-house round, and kept well out of the puddle of "dirty politics" of which Canadian readers have heard far too much.

No one, outside of extreme partisans, who usually hand over their God-given thinking powers to the political bosses, has ever accused that foxy individual, Mr. Sifton, of having the inspiration of statesmanship.

In view of the guarded utterances of Mr. Sifton, and his dumbness with respect to the future of the line, after the government has built it, it is the imperative duty of the Opposition or any friends of government ownership, to pin down the Government and if possible get a declaration from the wily ex-Minister as to the future of the road, once it is constructed.

In this article we do not propose to deal with Mr. Sifton's record at Ottawa. A book might be written on it. For lackness it is without a parallel in Canadian history.

But, as it usually happens, apostates and betrayers of their friends or party, are the most enthusiastic in their new-found cause, and the bitterest and most unjust toward that which they have deserted.

That he is a man of ability quite above the average parliamentarian is freely conceded, and that there is a service which he can well render to his country has been demonstrated on occasion—unfortunately all too rare—and on Friday was acknowledged by both sides of the House generously applauding the conclusion of a speech as refreshing as a breeze from ocean to the wearied commoner.

The records of Parliament are immeasurably richer for Mr. Sifton's speech, the horizon of the people-broadened, the aspirations quickened, and his purposes stimulated and strengthened, and his example in dropping the role of the politician to play the statesman may well challenge the imitation of other patriots in the Commons, and be accepted as an ideal by aspirants for parliamentary honors.

Even the Toronto News, which is ingenious in finding excuses for representing Liberal speakers as being insincere, and as using words with the object of deceiving their hearers, says of Mr. Sifton's speech:

Mr. Sifton says he has something like contempt for nursery politics, and generally he has avoided the personal tattle and wrangling which disfigure so much of our political literature.

It is well that when a speaker on public questions has something to say, which appeals to the good sense of men, it should be dealt with on its merits, and not that the bitterness of partisanship should deprive the country of anything good that any of its people have to offer it.

Hon. Mr. MacKay's brilliant speech on the budget in the House last night was in striking contrast to Mr. Whitney's peppy remarks.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

The Tories will, no doubt, make the most of the report of the Civil Service Commission, which was presented to Parliament yesterday. But it will be noticed that the evils it deals with are not confined to the Liberal party.

Much was made of the fact that when Whitney announced his redistribution bill, he promised that the partitioning up of the Province should be left as a guarantee of its fairness to a committee on which the Liberals should have representation.

But committee, or no committee, all pretence of fairness is now cast aside. A lot of new members has been created to strengthen the party in power, and wherever it has been found possible by exchanges of townships, and by altering the formation of ridings, to strengthen a Tory constituency, and weaken a Grit one, the opportunity has not been neglected, no matter at what sacrifice of electoral convenience, or professed principles.

When George E. Foster set about preparing his criticism of Hon. Mr. Fielding's twelfth budget speech, his glance over the public accounts did not add to his enthusiasm.

The following is the record of Mr. Fielding to date, as Minister of Finance:

Table with columns: Fiscal year, Surpluses, Deficit. Rows include years 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9, 1899-1900, 1900-1, 1901-2, 1902-3, 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6, 1906-7, 1907-8.

In contrast with this record, Mr. Foster had in his last budget speech to announce a deficit of \$330,551 for the fiscal year 1895-6.

When, in 1888, Hon. Mr. Foster became Minister of Finance, he stepped high, and spoke in an oracular tone. He was going to reduce taxation; he would see that the debt was kept down.

The Victoria Times says, "The two parties at Ottawa may be properly described as obstruction vs. construction," and it cites the case of the French Treaty as justifying its classification.

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OUR EXCHANGES

Wilson was not our choice, but he'll do. Doc is Cautious. (Toronto Star.)

Before entrusting a page with a letter to post it is now Dr. Sproule's custom, we are informed, to question the boy closely on transubstantiation and other nice theological points.

What's This? Allan Studholme, M. P. P., took up the whole evening and carried it into history in the long arms of his verbosity.

The Municipal Fuel Committee looked much more attractive as a source of supply to the Fire and Water Committee when its quoted prices were \$3.70 than when its actual charges of \$6.93 a ton are faced.

Speaking of the want of information in the public accounts as to the remuneration of Mr. Judd, of London, in connection with his official deputation investigations, Mr. MacKay said they knew what Radcliffe got, but not what Mr. Judd got.

Just a word in passing: How many of those who are accustomed to speak so superciliously and contemptuously of the immigrants from the old land are but a few years their senior?

Rarely has any parliamentarian cut a smaller or more contemptible figure than did Sam Barker in the examination of Mr. Turritt and Miss Munro.

Now some of the Essex tobacco growers advocate the prohibition of the import of foreign tobacco. Even non-smokers will balk when it comes to that, if the use of tobacco is to be continued.

A contemporary comes forward to remark that it suspects that the street railway proposition made by the aldermen, and rejected by the company after submitting it to the financial men, was suggested by Col. Gibson or Mr. Hawkins.

Manitoba's liability in its Provincial telephone scheme is now \$3,877,000, and all about \$375,000 of this has been expended. The Winnipeg Free Press complains that the policy of the Roblin Government seems to be to so muddle up the accounts as to prevent the people from knowing how much they are spending.

One of the slender methods of the Tory press is to use huge display headings of a most calumniating character aimed at Liberal politicians, and which are utterly unjustified by the subject matter under them.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. MacKay last night dubbed Hon. Mr. Monteith "the weak sister" of the Government. That will stick.

Strong as is the Spector's stomach for that sort of thing, it contents itself with sneering at Liberal exposures of the Whitney gerrymander. It leaves the exsanguine to the junior Tory organ.

The Poor Spec. (Vancouver Saturday Sunset.) The Scotch owned Calgary Herald sadly deplores the abuse of the Southern owned Hamilton Spector and asks the Saturday Sunset to please not hit so brutally—use padded gloves as it were, or satire, as it says.

Dead in His Shack. Body of Unknown Man Found by Fire Rangers. Saul Ste. Marie, Ont., March 26.—Last night Messrs. Huxson and Fisher, of the Soo, brought in the news that they had discovered the body of a man in a shack 2 1/2 miles from Searchmont, on the Algoma Central.

CONVALESCENT'S SAD CONDITION. AITAK OF INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM LEFT SUFFERER WITH NO APPETITE—SKIN PEELING AND HAIR CAME OUT IN BUNCHES—BED SORES DEVELOPED—ALL TREATMENT FAILED UNTIL A TRIAL OF CUTICURA PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

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Saturday, March 28, 1908

SHEA'S

MAY MANTON PATTERNS Stock Complete with all Newest Spring Styles ALL 10c

4 Early Morning Sales

Be Here at 8.30

Towels, Lawn Blouses, Embroideries, Embroidered Wash Belts

12 1/2c and 15c Towels for 7 1/2c. A quantity of all linen, all cotton and linen and cotton Towels, both hand and dish towels, all good generous sizes and most excellent quality.

Swiss Embroideries worth 15c for 7 1/2c. Hundreds of yards of very fine Swiss Embroidery Insertions and Edgings, 3 to 5 inches wide, splendidly fine work and designs, that would be cheap at 12 1/2c and 15c.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Lawn Blouses for 75c. 150 only Women's White Lawn and Mull Waists, worth every cent of \$1.25 and \$1.50, some even more, nearly a dozen different styles, beautifully embroidered, and tucked, fine lace collars and cuffs, all sizes 34 to 42, on sale from 8.30 to 10 o'clock.

50c and 75c Wash Belts for 25c. 50 dozens, or 600 Belts, in the very best designs, with pearl and fancy metal buckles, embroidered in the very newest designs, all new and fresh from the factory and will not be shown till Saturday, you will see them priced elsewhere at 50 and 75c, on sale sharp at 8.30, for each 25c.

Luck for 128 Women

All Wool Well Tailored

Street Skirts

Worth \$5.00 to \$7.00 for \$3.95

Just 128 of them, beautifully made Skirts, of all-wool Panamas, Broadcloths, Chiffon Cloths and English Mohairs, neatly trimmed with silk bands, pleated, kilted, some finished with self-folds. All sturdy firm quality. We chanced on this lot and snapped it up quickly, they were unpacked this morning to be picked up as quickly to-morrow morning as 128 women can get here.

Women's Suits Worth \$18.00 for \$12.50

About 30 sample costumes, made of splendid plain cloths, neat stripes and stylish mixtures; coats fitted and semi-fitted, some silk lined; skirts pleated and finished with self folds; hardly two alike; styles almost exclusive; worth \$18, some more; all go on sale Saturday for each \$12.50



Women's Voile Skirts \$7.50. The most stylish lot of Voile Skirts we have ever offered, blacks, light fawn shades and champagne, all elegantly trimmed with broad silk folds, made very full, equal to any and better than most custom made Skirts.

Women's Coats on Sale. Women's Spring Coats, made of plain and neatly striped covert cloths, in all the season's correct shades of fawn, also black, both loose and fitted backs, all sizes, 32 to 40, good \$8.00 values, on sale for \$6.00.

Children's Reefers at \$2.75. All washed colors, neatly finished with button and braided trimmings, a real bargain at each \$2.75. Rain Coats at \$6.50. Made of grey and tan rain cloth, loose and fitted backs, velvet collar and button finished, worth \$8.50, on sale for \$6.50.



Order Your Easter Millinery Now. There is nothing to gain by waiting and it gives our trimmers so much better chance to get your orders through the workroom, and prices were never more reasonable than now, considering the values and material you get.

Untrimmed Shapes. A large collection of the very newest ideas in Untrimmed Shapes in every wanted shade \$7.50 to \$22.50. Merry Widow Sailors Shapes at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.95.

Misses' Dress Hats \$4.50. Misses' Dress Hats, in the most becoming shapes, fashionably trimmed with ribbons, foliage and small flowers, very special value, at each \$4.50 and \$5.00.

Ready-to-Wear Hats for Little Money. A large collection of Black and Colored Hats, trimmed with wings, velvet and fancy braids, all the correct colors and shapes, beginning at \$2.95 with every between price to \$4.95.

The Biggest Bargain in Blouses Yet \$2.00 for 95c

Hundreds of beautiful Mull Blouses, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00 each, a great many different styles, finely tucked, embroidered and fine lace trimmings, new high collars, tucked fronts, pleated backs, newest sleeves, on sale Saturday for \$2.00 for 95c.

Swell Waists at \$1.75. Made of finest Hankerchief Lawn, with beautifully embroidered fronts, with fine Valenciennes insertion, collars and cuffs, made with Valenciennes insertion and fine lace waist, easily worth \$2.50, for \$1.75.

Silk Waists at \$3.50. Made of splendid quality of cream and black Japanese silk, panel front of allover silk embroidery, with wide pleats at shoulder, very special value, at \$3.50.

Silk Underskirts at \$3.95. In white and cream and a splendid lot of colorings, both taffeta and silk moirette, regular \$5 and \$6 values, on sale for \$3.95.

\$2.00 Underskirts at \$1.50. Made of black and navy moreen, pleated flounces, with narrow trills, all of \$2, on sale to clear at \$1.50.

Women's Hose at 25c. Plain and Ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, double soles and high spliced heels, seamless feet, the best Hosiery value in Canada, at per pair 25c.

Women's Cashmere Hose 3 for \$1. Women's Plain Lana Hose, all wool and splendidly fine quality, extra applied heels and toes, and most beautifully made, per pair, 35c or 3 for \$1.00.

Bargains in Handkerchiefs. Embroidered Handkerchiefs of fine Swiss lawn, worth 10c, sale price 5c.

40c Hose Supporters 25c. The Perfect Hose Supporters, with belt, front and hip straps, good 40c value, for 25c.

Frilling by the Box 15 and 25c. Tourist Frillings, 3 yards in a box, and Fancy Frillings, 4 collars in a box, very special value 15c.

Special Staple Department Bargains. Mill ends of Bleached Table Linen, beautiful designs, 54 to 72 inches, worth 30 and 65c, practically perfect, goods, the imperfections are so slight, on sale Saturday, per yard 35c.

Ladies' High Back Combs. Shell and amber, both plain and carved, the best value we have ever shown, at each 25 and 29c.

Big Bargains in Men's Socks. Men's Black Cashmere Hose and Black Cotton Hose, a collection of oddments we wish to clear 15c, 20c and 25c values, on sale Saturday a. m. per pair 10c.

New Curtain Muslins. Made of good quality of net with frilled edge, and lace insertion, worth 17c, for 12 1/2c; 20c, for 15c; and 25c, for 18c.

Dress Goods Department. Cravenette Cloths, our own direct importation, full 60 inches wide, in greys, fawns and greens, priced less than regular at 85c, \$1.00, \$1.15 and \$1.50.

Art Muslin, worth 15c, on sale for per yard 10c. New Art Silkolines and Java Crepes, 15, 18 and 20c.

Brown Corduroy Velvets in splendid quality, specially priced at per yard 45c.

