HAMILTON EVENING TIMES THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28 1907.

THE HAMILTON TIMES

LATE HUGH MURRAY.

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tion in the Custom House, which he fill-ed to the satisfaction of all those with

whom he came in contact, until his ap-

retary of the Masons, a position he was well qualified to fill, having been Grand

Treasurer up to that time. In Masonic

circles he will be much missed, as well

as in educational circles, as he was for

many years on the School Board, being Chairman for a term. The deceased also

heid a prominent position in the First Methodist Church, being Superintendent of the Sunday school and Recording

Steward. He also took a lively interest

some years honorary president of the

Hamilton Rugby Association. The Times

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Less than a month till Christmas. Not

That Druce case should furnish the plot for a very good story.

Prices of meats have fallen in Chicago,

Within a year Canadian railways must

have 380,000 tons of steel rails. That

ought to help to keep business brisk in

ing by-law which covers only part of the city. How many thousands will we have

to add to the \$225,000 the ratepayers

Mr. R. L. Borden still declines to ac-

are to be asked for to begin with?

cross-examined under oath.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 28, 1907.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

Ald. Evans has given notice of a tion looking to the bringing into opera-tion of the Torreps system of land transfer. His course will be heartily approved by all who are familiar with the laws relating to the transfer of real property. Everybody who has to do with the purchase or sale of real estate-buyers, sellers, lawyers appreciate that the present system has outgrown its usefulness and is a fertile source of doubt, trouble and expense that has no excuse existence in an enlightened country. Torrens system, legal here, is in full force in Manitoba, being legalized in "The Manitoba Real Property Act," and in that province property can hardly be sold unless a Torrens title can be given. A Manitoba man thus describes it: Torrens Title is one guaranteed by the nent to be good and sufficient and every holder of a Torrens Title has the Manitoba Real Property Act back of him. By it when you sell, let us say, a lot of land, you give the purchaser a transfer duly signed and sworn to like your "deed." This is forthwith taken to the Land Titles Office and registered (fee \$3.00). If the transferer's title was good and perfect, as his oath stated, when examined by Government experts, then a certificate of Title, numbered and sealed, is given to the purchase signed by the Registrar. The transfer itself, however, is forever held by the Land Titles Office, i. e., the Governm int If there is any encumbrance whatsoever on the property it may be noted in writing on the back of the certificate in proper columns provided for the pur-pose. No future encumbrance or transfer of this property can now be effected unless this certificate is on each occasion presented. In each case of a sale a new certificate is issued to the purchaser and the old certificate held by the Government. By this system one can tell at a moment's search at the Registrar's Office the present status of any property without any cumbersome going back over musty old volumes, "tracing up titles for the past 100 years. The whole matter and all you want to know about it is right before you at a glance. Moreover, in Manitoba the law takes no cognizance of dower rights of wives. Man's sovereign independence is absolute to and dispose of his property at any

tain his wife's signature. The original Torrens system of title registration was devised by Robert Richard Torrens, from whom it derives its name. Mr. Torrens was born at Cork, Ireland, in 1814, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin. In 1840 he went to South Australia, where he became Collector of Customs at Port Adelaide His original act, designated as the real property act, was introduced by him in South Australian Parliament, of which he was then a member and Premier, in 1857, and became a law on January 27, 1858. By its terms the act did not go into effect until July 1, 1858, and was then made applicable only to "all land alienated by the Crown" from and after that date. The Act was amended, and in 1867 was consolidated, and has been adopted in other countries with such variations as fit the particular The salient features of th so-called Torrens systems, in brief, are as follows

time to anybody without having to ob-

1. Public registration of titles either voluntary or compulsory. 2. Judicial approval of title prior to

registry. 3. Classification of registered titles into absolute, qualified or possessory titles.

(a) An absolute title is indefeasible. (b) A qualified title is defeasible only to the extent of the specific defects registered against it.

(e) A possessory title is absolute only as to the prima facie right to possession No anterior right is interfered with. In some cases it may ripen into an absolute title by lapse of time.

4. Indemnity to persons who may be damaged by title registration.

visions the council illegally colle very large sum annually to go into the Death came with unexpected sudden-ess this morning to Mr. Hugh Murray, ral fund, thus making the water general fund, thus making works a taxing machine. the Grand Secretary of the Masonic body, and the news of his death will

The Children's Aid Society is still without a shelter for the children it prove a shock to his many friends in Hamilton and elsewhere. Mr. Murray had been a resident of this city for many takes under its care. It is years not since the city promised to supply it years, and few men were more highly reone, but the promise has not yet been implemented. This society is do and genial disposition, and made friends easily. The deceased first came promiing such good work and s shelter is so necessary as par nently before the citizens when he ran of its equipment that one wou think the city would be so anxious would for legislative honors in opposition to Mr. Gibson. It was both his and Mr. help it along that it would not need to Gibson's first political campaign, and be asked to provide one-that it would Mr. Gibson proved the victor. Shortly afterward Mr. Murray accepted a posi Shortly do so without the asking.

Mayor Stewart is quoted as declaring that he "will veto the by-law" remit ting the charge for water for baths. The Mayor has no such power. The adoption of such a by-law is one for a ma jority of the aldermen present at any meeting. All that is necessary to validity is that it shall be under the seal of the corporation and "shall be signed by the head of the corporation, or by the presiding officer or chairman at the meeting at which the by-law was passed, and by the clerk of the cor poration."

lished what it called a Proclamatic number of 32 pages mainly devoted to the business interests of that great metropolis. The number was profusely il lustrated and bristled with statistics as to Montreal's wealth and progress. In the proclamation, which is signed by most of the business men of the city, it a claimed that Montreal's population including its suburbs, is nearly half a million, and that it is yearly adding to its population a city the size of Vancou-The number is a credit to the Witness.

but there is no visible decline in the con-Hon. Robert Rogers told a Winnipeg interviewer yesterday that "Mr. Fielding, instead of being able in any possible way to assist the banks, has really been endeavoring in his numerous trips, to Montreal to borrow (as he actually did borrow) an additional amount from our London is to raise \$235,000 for a light-Canadian banks of nearly five million dollars." If Mr. Rogers is correctly reported the above is a specimen of mendacity that should prove his unfitness for any public position. Hon. Mr. Fielding has not borrowed from the banks; the banks are borrowers from the Gov

cept Hon, Mr. Pugsley's challenge and take him into court for his damaging Boston is making it unpleasant for the charges. He evidently objects to being utomobile scorchers. Since September 1st there have been 229 prosecutions for violations of the motor laws, and in all But perhaps Charlie Baird will no except four cases-and 11 continued to other terms of court-there have been convictions. The fines range from \$15 to \$30, and in one case the defendant was sentenced to two months' imprison-

drunk. During the last six months there have been 737 prosecutions in Boston, and the fines imposed have amounted to \$6,715. So far Hamilton has been singularly free from auto accidents or prosecutions for infractions of the law.

The fact that the two money by-laws which the Hydro plungers ask the people to vote, in order to forward the scheme to get Toronto and other competing places cheaper power (they do not even hope to give Hamilton cheaper power), lays a burden of \$404,698 on the taxpayers which they, must pay year by year for 20 years, is only one part of the liability which will be assumed if they are carried is dawning on our citizen They see that if they vote for them they are assuming a liability of probably half

a million more, for transmission line, transformers, etc., and it is the Man Who Pays Taxes, and not the power user, who is held for it.

the by-law remitting the water rate charge for baths. The Times thinks a reduction in the general charge for wa ter would have been more desirable, but Mayor Stewart cannot consistently object to it as causing an increase in other taxes. The water rates are not legally used as a method of ge neral taxation. Moreover, Mayor Stewart is just now diligently engaged in trying to foist upon the ratepayers an altogether unnecessary electric distribution scheme, calling for taxation to the amount of over \$400,000 in the next 20 years, and committing the ratepayers to obligations of perhaps half a million more, while tying the city's hands and providing against it getting cheaper power from any other source.

understand is that it's the while of the Northwest and the c of New Ontario that cry for the the sidewalks of our cities.

Montreal Star: Mr. Derbyshire was a opular member of Parliament, and rould be a credit to any deliberative The providence of the

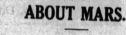
St. Thomas Journal: A good many cit-izens will want to take a peek at Hon. Adam as he tells about the peak load, And he shoulan't show pique if we ask any questions

Our Exchanges

The Race Coronto Globe. They're off at Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid leading Costs More. (Toronto Star.)

As the Christmas season approaches one calizes that it is more blesed to give than o receive—and likewise more expensive.

The News' Remedy. (Toronto News.) e shouid regulate or expropriate. No re course is just, prudent or economical. The tan be no finally astisfactory conclu-on the lines of the Beck policy save in upany is works by the Province, and the opriation of the Toronato Electric Light many by the city.



Prof. C. A. Johnson Amused Crowd in Green's Hall.

Prof. C. A. Johnson, the colored asronomical lecturer, has made sensational statements from the public platform in this city in the past decade, but last night he outdid himself in his address in Green's Hall. He stated that within a few years an aerial ship line will be established between the earth and Mars, and that the tickets for the "Mars flyer" will be on sale. He also "Mars flyer" will be on sale. He also stated that he has lately discovered that

"Mars flyer" will be on sale. He also stated that he has lately discovered that there are colored races on Mars, the races being red, white and yellow, but he made no mention of blacks or whites. These people, he says, have a knowledge of the Morse code, as shown by messages received at some of the wireless tele-graph stations. The "Marsonians," he confidentially told the audience, are giantc and can run 100 yards in three seconds, and kick a football a quarter of a mile. This caused the football fams to sit up. But the statement that startled the intellectual section of the audience was that 'one of the most learned and best known editors in Can-ad., one of the brightest in Ontario, had discussed the theory of the new school of science established by C. A. Johnson, and agreed with him. You will there-fore see that I am not the only learned editor who knows that Mars is inhab-tied by queer people." "Name, name," came from the reserved sect section of the Hamilton Specta-tor. "A state"." The colored professor spoke for about a hour on this subject, which he an-nounced was "Our Neighbors in Mars," notwithstanding frequent interruptions. At the close a Mr. Robinson was re-quested to act as chairman, as some of the worshippers at Prof. Johnson's shrine desired to ask." more, questions about stars—vaudeville stars—and other mat

could supply his hearers with food for thought he could not supply them with brains. By request the professor sang his latest musical success, "The British Lion Sleeps With Only One Eyelid Chard."

an opportunity vote of thanks.

Indian Plague.

Lahore, India, Nov. 28 .- The efforts of the Indian Government to stamp out the plague have been enormously hamper-ed by the refusal of the Mohammedans to evacuate infected villages on the ground that they were forbidden by the Koran "Flee from the wrath of God," and fully a quarter of a million deaths among them e to this belief. Now the heads of the Moslem faith have issued a proclamation pointing out the untenability of this idea and declaring that the Koran ex-pressly enjoins Mohammedans to quit places smitten by Allah with this disease ... The Government is publishing the pro-clamation widecast. ******************************

Bargains Can Now Be Secured at Our Great November Month-End Sale

Only two days more and every department head with instructions to put before the public goods at startling reductions. Don't leave your visit until Saturday, but come up Friday and miss the rush. Hundreds of special lines on sale that will not be advertised.

30c Ribbons 10c

\$1 Umbrellas 79c

\$1.25 Underwear 79c

Shetland Floss 2 for 5c

75c to \$1.25 Silks 39c

Fancy stripes in white Dimity, very sheer nice cloth, Friday's special sale price 10c, value 25c.

171/2c Spot Muslin 8c

White Swiss Spot Muslin, seed spot old regular for 1732c, month end sale

\$1.35 Tapestry Quilts 99c

price 990

Big size Colored Tapestry Quilts selling regular for \$1.35, sale price

\$1.25 Colored Quilts 79c

35c Stockings 15c

Just 20 dozen Ladies' All Wool Ribbed Cashmere Stockings, regular Savalue, for 15c; not more than two irs to a custon 50c Stockings 19c Boys' Heavy All Wool Ribbed Wor-ed Stockings, size 914 only, regular c value, for 19c; not more than 2 irs to a customer.

\$2.25 Kid Gloves \$1.49

Ladies' long 12 button Kid Gloves good range of colors, every pair sold under guarantee, regular value \$2.25 Month End Sale Price \$1,49 75c Comb Sets 49c

\$1 Allover Lace 49c

Boxed Paper 7c

100 boxes of Note Paper and Envel-20c White Dimity 10c

5c and 10c Laces 21/2c

1,000 yards of Torchon, Valenciennes and other Fancy Collar Laces, worth 5 and 10c, Friday special 214c 25c Books 10c

price

\$1.50 Table Napkins 79c

34 size Pure Linen Table Napkins, rdinary \$1.50 value, Month End Sale ···· ····· 79c \$1.25 White Quilts 89c

Big reductions for Friday in the price of Children's and Infants' Clothing. Infants' Coats Less Than Half 15 in all Infants' Silk, Cashmere and Bedford Cord Coats, with embroidered capes. These Coats are slightly soiled and will be cleared at about 36 price. 20 dozen Ladies' Umbrellas, pretty handles, steel rod, guaranteed fact black cover, month end sale price 79c

\$3.50 Children's Coats \$1.49

\$1 Coats \$2.99

Infants' Bedford Cord, Silk and Cashmere Coats, nicely embroidered collars, worth up to \$7.00, Friday \$2.99 39c Bear Bonnets 25c

A full range of colorings in English Shetland Floss, best grade, Friday's price, 2 for 5c. A limit of 16 skeins to any one customer. 50c and 65c Dress Goods 29c 1,000 yards of this season's up to date dress goods, that sold at from 50 to 65c, Friday's price 29c

\$3 Misses' Waists \$2.25 Misses' cream, brown and navy China Silk Waists, nicely tucked and embroidered, regular \$3.00, for \$2.25 Misses' Dresses to Clear

Just 11 in all Children's Dresses will a cleared at less than half price.

\$4.50 Dresses \$1.99

\$6.50 Dresses \$2.99

25c Sash Net 10c 1,000 yards Sash Net, frill edge, rinamed with lace and insertion, or-

20c Pillow Cases 10c

Even at half regular price some of our Furs have not sold, so Friday these will get another cut of 25 per cent. Better come up, there will be good bargains.



EAST END REVIVAL. **Procession of Converts and Another**

Enthusiastic Meeting.

Notwithstanding the downpour o rain last evening, some thirty young men, who have recently commenced the Christian life, in company with Evan gelist R. Turk and some of the ministers of that district, after a short prayer meeting in the Association building

meeting in the Association building, formed a procession, and, with some shall dodgers containing the announce-ment of the meeting and the words, "God is willing; are yout" marched around the streets singing, and passing into the houses as they went invitations to the people on the streets and every-where to attend the meeting and prove for themselves God's willingness and power to save. At 8 p.m. the building was filled again, and another splendid revival service was held. After a short address from the evangelist another felinto the houses as they went invitations to the people on the streets and every-where to attend the meeting and prove for themselves God's willingness and power to save. At 8 p.m. the building was filled again, and another splendid revival service was held. After a short address from the evangelist another fel-lowship meeting was conducted. No time was allowed to go to waste, as scores of young converts were anxious to testify to the blesings received by them-selves and their friends. The features of the meeting was a number of parents among the enthusiastic workers. Special requests for prayer have been ings. It was a touching sight to see a

mother kneeling at the penitent form with her two sons, one on each side of her, pointing her to the Saviour, and afterward rejoicing in the mother's con-fession of salvation. Special prayer was asked for the father, and the boys seem quite confident that they will get him to night. A little idea of the interest the ministers are taking in the work may be gathered from the fact that they were all out in good time with the Y. M. C. A. Secretary at the Canadian West-inghouse factory this morning before 7 o'clock, distributing invitations to the men as they went to work. Christian workers from different parts of the eity are dropping into the meeting, and their unanimous testimony is "God is in this place."

OSTENDE SIGHTS.

Famous Bathing Beach.

mit the expression, it is not in any way "in it" with the promenade of Ostende, says the Bohemian. All countries are represented, and every represen-tative is in his Sunday best. On a sumy afternoon in the season the bouievards of Paris are not more bril-liant than this far-famed avenue. Here the German officer is not in uni-form, but in the full glory of his spot-less white flannels, his many-solored wide silk belt, and in his imitation Pan-ama hat. And as he passes a group of attractive ladies his waxed moustache will grow stiffer in its upward twirls, and his walking stick will cut the air even more jauntily than before. If his monocle be especially cleverly handled, and his face show an unusual number of the much-covered saber sears, he may be rewarded with a murmured, "Reitz-ender Kert." ender Kerl.

Characterstics of the World's Most The tall black bearded Russian will The tail black bearded Russian will walk sombrely along and show no emo-tion or interest in anything, but you may be sure, that very little will escape his notice, and at the Casino when the play is high you will always find him in close attendance.

the worshippers at Frof. Johnson's shrink desired to ask: more questions about stars—vaudeville stars—and other mat-ters. Several very pointed questions were fired at the professor, who, in a most dignified manner, said any fool could ask questions, and that while he could supply his hearers with food for thought he could out supply them with

Closed." The meeting broke up quickly when the lecturer announced that he had some papers to sell, the chairman not getting an opportunity to put the motion for a

Mayor Stewart says he will not sign

thank certain people for representing him as being eager to slug a decent man with the spoilsman's club and steal his job. We don't believe it of Charlie. ment for operating an automobile while The Grand Trunk Pacific will build

ernment.

through the Yellow Head Pass, and fol-low the Nechaco and Bulkeley Valleys. The region is rich in coal and the railway will open a vast agricultural and The organ of the Hydro gold-brickers

admits that even if the ratepayers vote to pay the \$404,698 within 20 years and assume probably half a million more debt they will get no reduction in their pri-. vate lighting bills by it.

If it is "cheap" electricity the Hydro chemers want, why did they slip a "joker" into the by-law asking the ratepayers for \$225,000, providing against any others bidding to supply current? Whose trick was that?

"Use the courts," is the advice of the Montreal Star to the politicians of Colchester, N. S., to secure purity in elections. But Mr. R. L. Borden does not show any great eagerness to take the Star's advice, even with all Pugsley's efforts to worry him into taking action.

Chief Justice Sweeney announces that if it wishes to do so the Hydro-Electric Commission has authority to expropriate the Cataract Power Company's current and peddle it out again. We do

The Montreal Witness on Tuesday put

5. Economy and speed in subsequent not like to question such an authority's ransfers and encumbrances.

The Torrens system is thus defined by James E. Hogg in his exhaustive work upon the Australian Torrens system published in London in 1905.

published in London in 1905. "By Torrens systems generally are meant those systems of resignation of transactions with interests in land whose declared object is, under govern-mental anthority, to establish and cer-tify to the ownership of an absolute and indereasible tille to realty and to simplify its transfer. An important feature of the system is an indemnity fund to compensate any one who may be injured by the operation of the act." The saving in time, trouble and ex-pense, effected by this system, and the

The saving in time, trouble and ex-pense, effected by this system, and the security afforded, make it very much worth the while of the people of Can-ada to move toward getting away from the cumbersome and costly system comthe cumbersome and costly system com-monly in use. Some obstacles to its application to all cases exist, but they are not insuperable, and when they are overcome we shall have achieved a great convenience. The removal of doubt, the security furnished to seller and purchas er, and the ease with which property be handled will amply repay fo may the taking of the steps necessary to for what the money is spent. . bring it into operation generally.

The Man Who Pays for aldermanic kite-flying will not forget that these Electric Distribution and Pumps by-laws not only require him actually to pay within 20 years over \$400,000-probably it will reach half a million-but it also binds him to the Hydro scheme, excluding all con mpeting sources of power, and mits him to a 30-year liability for the transmission line and works, probably, with interest, another half million, t it is his property that is thus mortaged as security for all.

dictum, but we suspect that he has another "think" in reserve.

*** Christmas will soon be here. The rush of Christmas buyers will soon be begun. Now is the time for the wise buyer to make purchases. In the early part of the day especially there is not much of a crowd as yet in the stores, and people can have time to pick and choose what they want. In a few days the scramble will be on, and it will be more difficult and less pleasant for Christmas shop ping.

Mr. MacKay very properly objects to any irresponsible body being given authority to meet in secret and dispose according to its own sweet will of nearly half a million of public money. And he is right. The public should be fully informed as to the course of its every member on every question and why and

"Taxpayer" asks: "Does the council use money from water rates for other than waterworks purposes? Is that not forbidden by law while a waterworks debt exists?" Yes, to both questions. The Waterworks Act provides that the waterworks revenue shall be used only "for the purpose of paying the interest on the debentures issued for the construction of the said waterworks." It wis even provided that the council might levy a general tax to make up said in-terest, should the water rates be insuffieient to pay it. In the face of those pro-

HERE AND THERE.

Montreal Star: A girl in the States is to become the wife of Emanuel Theo-dore Bernard Marie d'Albert de Laynes d'Ailly, Due de Chaulues et de Peequiny and Marquis d'Angeau. Try it over on the piano.

Ottawa Free Press: That was a good point which Hon. Mr. Fielding made in his speech at Truro on Friday night, that if the Conservative organizers in Colehester were appealing to "Zandray and Company." the philanthropic gen-tlemen of means in Montreal, to "repeat the dose," they would prefer to have their message handled by a private oper-ator than by an employee of the Gov-ernment!

Montreal Herald: The Ottawa Citizen and Hamilton Spectator print a moving appeal to their readers to consider their responsibilities as ancestors. And cerresponsibilities as ancestors. And cer-tainly that is a very delicate and suc-cessful way of working up to the prob-lem presented by the low birth rate, as is proved by the example of father Abra-ham himself.

Montreal Star: Dr. Torrey the evan-gelist, has advanced the theory that we shall eat after the resurrection, just as we are doing in this life. This is bad news for the women who are getting tired of cooking for big families.

Toronto Star: What immigrants ought.



THREE MONTHS ILL.

Death of Son Caused Sickness of Mr. Campbell.

Concerning the death, at Pacific Grove, California, of Mr. John Campbell, for-merly of this city, to which reference was made on Wednesday, the Times has received the following from a son of the

received the following from a son of the deceased. John Campbell died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rose Campbell, Pacific Grove, California, on Nov. 16, of valvular disease of the heart. His ill-ness dated from the death of his son George, which occurred on Aug. 13 of this year. He was deeply affected by the death of his son, and his illness com-menced at that time. Deceased was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1832. He was a resident of Hamilton for thirty years before going to California. He leaves three sons, Alex, L., of Oakland, John F., of Berkeley, Arthur L., of San Francisco.

HEALTH LECTURES AGAIN.

D. M. Barton will repeat his illustrated health lecture against next Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov. 4 and 5, in the Y. M. C. A. Itall, for the benefit of those who were turned away from the previous lec-tures. All unused tickets for previous data.



A Splendid Showing of Underwear

Women's, Misses, Children's and Infants' in every good make, Puritun, Perman's, Turnbull's, Watson's, riggeiant, etc., all well represented. Women's Underwear, white and ta tural mixed cottón and wool, fine and lose rib, ankle length drawers, button front vests, the best value possible, at per garment

e rib, ankle length drawers, button front vests, the best value possible garment Women's Heavy Knit Underwear, cotton fleeced, in grey and unbleas sizes, worth 30 and 35c to day, for per garment Penman's Alexandria Flat Kait Underwear, natural color vests and co sizes 1 to 5, worth \$1.00 to \$1.15, all on sale at one price, per garment 500

Corset Covers Women's and Girls' Black Equestri-Heavy Knit Corset Covers, fleeced, long sleeves, white and ural, very special value at each and nne Tights, heavy close rib, ankle length, extension band, and best value in Canada, at per pair . . . 50c

