

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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THE PRIVATE LIGHT-USER.

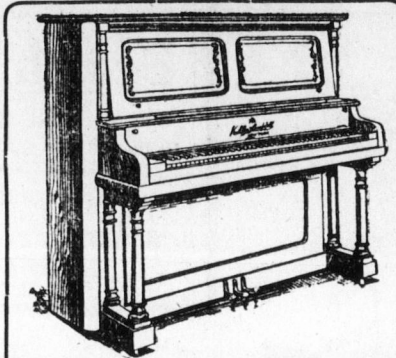
An esteemed correspondent, who says he has no confidence in "municipal monkeying with business that can be done better and more cheaply, and more honestly, by private citizens," says he has only one fault to find with the Council of 1908 in making the contract with the local company.

This correspondent is not unreasonable and the fact that he does not seem to be aware that the case of the local private light user was considered and his rights carefully safeguarded, shows that the good features of the power contract are not sufficiently known and appreciated.

In other words, it is a condition of the power contract that Hamilton users of incandescent light shall enjoy a service at least 10 per cent. cheaper than the price at which the Hydro-Electric Commission can supply Toronto.

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"PROVINCIAL RIGHTS" AGAIN.

We shall now probably hear some more Provincial Rights discussion. According to a decision of the highest court in British Columbia, a company incorporated in any of the other Provinces can have no standing in the British Columbia courts and can not proceed against creditors in that Province, unless they have by license been authorized to do business within it.

A POLICY OF BAD FAITH.

The Monetary Times, which has its finger on the financial pulse of the country and which has already a number of times called attention to the evil which is likely to result to Canadian credit in the British markets by the unscientific, unwise, unfair, if not actually immoral, methods of the war upon private investment being made by municipalities, in a recent issue again sounds a note of warning against this form of legislative piracy.

the beginning of things. It should be printed in the prospectus of the company concerned. To attempt to stampede invested capital and its advisers into a bargain by threats of competition and plant duplication is obviously improper. It is worse than the worst monopoly. No one can read into the Toronto agreements that competition there shall not be. But whatever is done, the primary rights of capital must be guarded.

The whole subject reminds one of the bird which builds its nest and lays its eggs therein. The unscrupulous and migratory cuckoo, without thought for the labor and energy and investment of its confederate, lays its egg in the other's nest. The result is the wrecking of the weaker bird's home and the survival of the conscienceless cuckoo. It is the policy of wrecking invested capital that this country cannot afford to tolerate.

How aptly that describes the situation in Hamilton, where an attempt is being made to use the Ontario Government's Hydro-Electric scheme to drive to the wall the Cataract Company, composed of local investors who have borne the brunt of piloting the way to success and risked their money in the venture.

This dog-in-the-manger game has been going on for several years, and apparently it will go on until the Hydro-Electric Commission is ready to begin business, whether that be one year or ten. It has taken the Commission about five years to turn the first sod of its transmission line, and, at the same time, it may require half a century to drive the last spike. Meanwhile, the private company, which for the past two years has been willing and ready to furnish power on reasonable terms, is cut off from the best part of its business--the supply of power in bulk to municipalities.

Our contemporary very properly refers to the Winnipeg and Hydro-Electric schemes as "flagrant cases--two of many which will in time have a bad moral effect on the world's money markets so far as Canada is concerned." And it ventures the prediction that the bad faith indicated on the part of Governments and municipalities in such schemes will not be for the advantage of the country. And doubtless it is right. Credit is founded upon confidence.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Are we to have more monkeying with experimental pavements? Have we not two asphalt plants? Can we not lay brick and cement?

This is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, "the Father of his country." It is not given to every country to celebrate the natal day of its two greatest men within two weeks.

Austen Chamberlain's "tariff reform"--in other words, protection--amendment to the address did not fare well. It was defeated by 276 to 107. The protectionists cannot even whip the Unionists into line.

Uncle Sam's "big stick" bill intended to scare Canada into giving him cheap pulpwood does not frighten us a little bit. We shall deal with our own assets as best suits ourselves, and without any regard to his "boo-ing."

In the last five months 125,633 immigrants entered Canada, as compared with 240,892 for the same period of 1907-8. The reduction is about 48 per

cent. It is an indication of the changed conditions of the period.

Queer, isn't it, how certain aldermen who seek Barrow's scalp, seek to make it appear that all who reprehend the knifing are opposed to "reorganizing the department." Reorganization does not depend on a change of governors.

The Toronto News says the burden of eliminating level crossings should not all be placed upon the railways, but "should be so distributed that reasonable proportions thereof will fall upon the railways, the municipalities, the Provinces and the Dominion."

Studholme declares that there is nothing in the address to talk about. To the guillotine with him! Sir James Pliny Whitney cannot tolerate such lese majesty. Moreover, what difference does it make to Studholme? Can't he find something else to talk about?

Cuba is looking for trouble, and a measure has been pushed through the House of Representatives to prevent aliens from buying real estate. If any such legislation as that be acted upon, it will find the trouble, all right. A good many British and Canadians have considerable investments in Cuba.

By and by the Windsor Record will learn that it is unsafe to trust the local power monopoly organ's statements as to the lighting situation here. There was no increase in rates, as this organ alleges, but the flat rate, which had been much abused, was abolished and a decreased meter rate took its place.

The Trades and Labor Council thinks it ought not to be necessary to squander the people's money to interpret the Judge's decision in the power by-law suit. It is right. The decision was clear and definite. The by-law was attacked and its binding character called in question. The judgment upheld the by-law and dismissed the action with costs. The squandering of the people's money was not done to discover what the effect of the judgment was, but to try to find some excuse for evading it and defaulting.

The local power monopoly organ cannot expunge that third option from the contract. Now that it has ungraciously admitted that the city is really entitled to take metered power at 1/2 cent per horse-power hour, minimum payment 75 cents per horse-power per month of the power ordered, it seems to feel that it has damaged its retainers' case.

When the other day the Herald published Sothman's estimate of the cost of Hydro power at \$17.52, why did it interpolate, before Sothman's quoted words, the remark: "These are the outside figures?" Is Sothman ready to guarantee that under the Hydro contract the cost of the power actually used by the city will not be twice or even three times \$17.52? There's the rub.

France's tariff against the United States has been increased 20 per cent. That by way of retaliation. Canada's Liberal Government does not pursue a policy of tariff war. It believes that more flies are caught with molasses than with vinegar. Our new treaty with France gives Canada special advantages, and it is probable that many United States firms will establish themselves in Canada in order to benefit by its terms.

"Flaneur," who contributes a good deal of parrotic drivel to the Saturday Mail and Empire, tells his readers that the Ottawa Government proposes "a slight reduction" in the estimates this year, but adds that "it is needless to point out to ordinary people that no such action would have been asked for by the persistent clamor of the Opposition members and the Opposition." Within a few lines, however, he points

out that owing to falling revenue this "slight reduction" was "absolutely necessary." The beautiful coherency of this lubrication suggests its production as an after-dinner effort.

The Toronto News makes the quite unnecessary admission that in West Kent the Tory skirts have, in the past, been far from clean; but it tells us that the party has met in convention, and formally repented of its errors, and that "henceforth in that riding, the Conservative campaigns will be scrupulous and honest." Such soul-like conversions are almost too much for human credulity.

Mr. Oliver's immigration bill shuts out all immigrants who have been assisted to reach this country by any charitable or other organization, unless the landing of such persons is by permission in writing by the assistant superintendent of immigration for Canada in London. Many other restrictions are provided which are intended to prevent the entry of the undesirable, and the period within which the unfit may be deported is extended.

Rev. Dr. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, well known to Times readers and to the Canadian public generally by his pen-name "Knoxonian," died at Orillia on Saturday. The deceased gentleman was very well known to the Presbyterians of the Province. His first charge was that of Waterdown and Wellington Square (now Burlington) congregations. For the last 27 years he had been stationed at Orillia. He was a man of strong personality, an excellent preacher, and a pleasing writer.

Mr. J. H. Bertram, surveyor of customs, Toronto, has been appointed collector in place of the late John Small, and Mr. Robert Holmes, ex-M. P., has been appointed surveyor. In choosing Mr. Holmes the Government has made a good selection, and there is no doubt that he will fill the office capably, and discharge its duties so as to earn the good will of those with whom he has to do business. As one of the youthful friends of Mr. Holmes, the writer is pleased to congratulate him upon his appointment.

The pettiness of Sir James Whitney was beautifully displayed in his treatment of the University discussion in the debate on the address. Mr. Mackay had taken the position that the appropriation for the University should be voted by the Legislature exactly as all other appropriations are voted. He said not one word in opposition to generously supporting the Provincial University, yet in his speech Sir James Whitney spoke of the "attack made upon the University," and alleged that "the Government would never allow anyone to throttle such an institution, 60 per cent. of the students of which were the sons of farmers." Could littleness or insincerity go further?

Mr. MacKay, M. P. P., put the case of the Tavistock gerrymander very strongly before the Legislature on Friday. The village was moved over into Oxford county to help the Tory candidate, and to try to handicap Mr. Stock,

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the Liberal, taking him out of Perth county. Mr. MacKay showed that of the population of the village 623 belonged to Perth and 403 to Oxford. Of the assessment \$502,000 belonged to Perth, and \$164,000 to Oxford. Of the ratepayers, 155 petitioned to be united to Perth while only 1 person petitioned for union with Oxford. Whitney was forced to admit that Perth County was equally divided on the matter, yet in the face of the facts he added it to Oxford. The dirty trick failed, however, for Mr. Stock defeated Hon. Mr. Monteith.

OUR EXCHANGES

A Question. (Toronto Star.) Was there anything in the Synod voting that recalled the old war-cries, "Anything to beat Mowat?"

With the Jawbone of an Ass? (Toronto World.) Premier Whitney rose as to a banquet, and smote the Opposition Philistines from Dan to Beersheba.

Hamilton's Plan. (London Free Press.) Hamilton has struck a tax rate of 21 mills. This is higher than usual. The practice at Hamilton has been to keep the tax rate down and the overdraft up.

How They Will Do It. (London Advertiser.) The Labor member of the Ontario Legislature reproaches the Government for ignoring the question of civil service reform. The Government will view this reform more kindly when all the Reformers have been squeezed out of the service.

Can't Swallow Protection. (Winnipeg Tribune.) The late Lord Salisbury himself would never have allowed his party to return to protection, and his sons are never likely to be drawn from the path of free trade in hope of political preferment. The strongest possible combination of tariff reform lies in the fact that the best Unionist finance ministers alike opposed it. Another strong figure

is Lord Cromer, whose international reputation is great, and whose record makes his opinions worthy of consideration; there is no doubt that the Protectionists would promise Lord Cromer any office to secure his support.

The Police and Sunday. (Toronto News.) The law of the land aims at securing every man one day's rest in seven. Surely the men who enforce the law in Toronto ought not to be shut out from the benefits of that legislation. The police force will be all the more efficient if its members are allowed to go to church on Sunday.

The Passing of Knoxonian. (Toronto Globe.) Knoxonian is dead. Every newspaper man in Canada will feel that a worthy member of the craft has fallen. To many thousands of readers the announcement will cause sincere regret, for the hand has laid down the pen that was mighty for many a day. They may never have heard his voice or seen his face, but throughout a whole generation he was to them a quickening force.

It Was the Tender Price. (London Free Press.) The Hamilton Times says McAvity is allowed to keep the money because he earned it. Not even Mr. Pugsley has set up this claim. The Minister does not defend the transaction. He recognizes the impossibility of that. What he holds is that it is none of the business of the Government. The Times goes the Minister one better. Newspaper service of that kind is invaluable.

JAPANESE MOVE ON PERU. Laborers for the Sugar and Rubber Plantations Seek Quick Wealth. News comes from Tokio that the restless workers of the Emperor's domain have discovered a new outlet from overcrowded Japan, this time in Peru. The Meiji Shokumin Goshi Kaisha, which is nothing but an emigration company, despite its name, has sent 800 laborers to Peru within the last six months and is now canvassing for 500 more.

A Japanese in Peru must be a new spectacle. The Chinese have been there for years, but the eastward tide of Japanese to America had not found anything to attract numbers to the South American republics. Labor is so cheap there that it hardly appears possible that any number of Japanese could be found to compete with the halfbred peon of the Andean country. The news from Japanese sources has it that the laborers bound for Peru are going to work on sugar plantations and in the rubber forests. Those on the plantations are promised 60 cents a day; the laborers among the rubber trees will receive \$1.25. The emigration company holds out the lure that living expenses in Peru will amount to only \$4 a month. If the Japanese work diligently and live economically they will be able to save about \$10 a month against the time when they return to the home land and be little millionaires among their former associates. Just one stumbling block has its path. The Japanese of the coolie class believe that all North Americans are barbarians who will stone them and bully them on slight provocation; they want to know if the South Americans are not aino, or savages. The company has had to include some reassuring statements regarding the peaceful habits and general loveliness of the Peruvians in its prospectus to offset the coolie distrust.

CHINKS IN A BOX.

Twenty-Two of Them Discovered Being Smuggled Into the U. S. San Luis Obispo, Calif., Feb. 22. What is believed to be an organized plan to smuggle Asiatics into this country has been unmasked as a result of the discovery of twenty-two Chinese in a box car in this city. The most peculiar feature of the discovery was that the Chinese were in a bonded car, sealed by the government stamp. The car was billed from Algiers, La., where it left on February 10 for San Francisco. Owing to numerous landslides and washouts the car was delayed on the coast division of the Southern Pacific. While passing by the box car in the yard to-day, Conductor Page heard voices in it. In response to a question who was in the car he received an offer of two dollars for a bucket of water in the "jargon English" of the Chinese. The sheriff's office was notified, the seals broken and twenty-two half-starved Chinese taken out. All had large callouses but which during the long journey had been drained of every drop of water. One of them stated that they had crossed the Mexican border at El Paso but refused to give any further information. They were placed in the county jail and are being held awaiting the arrival of immigration inspectors from San Francisco.

Silliness--"Do you believe in heredity?" "C'mious--" "Not at all; would you lay the blame of a bad egg on hen?"

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