

THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1909.

SEEKING EXCUSE TO DEFAULT.

In their eagerness to find a way to deliver the city over, bound for 30 years to the Hydro-Electric monopoly, and place an enormous liability upon the ratepayers of Hamilton, a majority of the aldermen have decided to employ some other lawyer in the hope of obtaining different advice from that given them by City Solicitor Waddell and Mr. Rose, which might excuse their attempting to violate the contract entered into with the local electric company.

THE TRADERS BANK.

The report of the Traders Bank presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting in Toronto yesterday shows that the year 1908 has been one of gratifying prosperity to the institution. The net profits of the Bank amounted to \$500,217.60. After paying dividend at the rate of 7 per cent., writing \$20,000 off Bank premises and furniture, and paying \$10,000 to the officers' pension fund, the directors were able to carry forward a profit balance of \$199,982.49.

put the difference in his own pocket. The court held that under the agreement the defendant was not entitled to hold back any commission from the purchaser, and required him to repay the entire amount which had been retained by him.

The conduct of the Hamilton Herald, the organ of the Ontario Niagara Power Company, in asserting that the "treatment of the Otis Elevator Company received from the Cataract Power Company" is the cause of that company building in Toronto, is little short of insulting. While Hamilton seeks to build up the city this traitorous organ resorts to falsehood to try to injure Hamilton's reputation in this disgraceful manner.

OUR EXCHANGES

Banish Them. (Toronto News.) Swearing and spitting are practices which should be banished from the streets.

Gowganda. (Toronto Globe.) Ask some friend who has been spending the last three months abroad where the town of Gowganda, Ont., is and see him stare.

With and Without It. (Toronto Star.) This controversy about the letter u may get down to Ottawa, where it will cuttler the quarrel between Larrier and Bourdon.

Earning It. (London Free Press.) Frank Law and his partner are estimated to have cleared \$250,000 in the fraudulent flotation of one Cobalt mine.

This is Funny. (Toronto Telegram.) British Columbia's new members were not terrified by the tinful coating of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's alleged "Damascus blade."

H. C. Hammond. (Toronto Globe.) From the newsmen whom he slaked after they had plunged and lost, from the young men whom he drove from evil courses—often by scornful words—and from the patients at the Muskoka and Weston Sanitarium, for whose benefit he strove almost with his dying breath, will go up that best of all praise: "He helped us when we most needed help."

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WHAT IS LIFE? To the Editor of the Times: Sir—I think the Times should be congratulated on stirring up the question "What is Life?" which is the most important question that we can be called upon to consider, for we have all a personal interest in it.

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to the subject. What is life? Is it possible to define it at all? We speak of its force, energy, mobility, and influence, and many such characteristics, but in so doing, we are only speaking of its functions, and not of its principle. But what is this vital principle? What are its inherent qualities? Is it really indestructible, or is it subject to death, extinction or annihilation? Is life an element, or is it a compound? If the latter, it is then surely subject to decomposition; if the former, then it cannot be defined, and can only be known by the effects it produces.

It is not so very difficult to accumulate money—if once you commence. The only way to commence is to open a Savings Account. There exists no more competent custodian of money, than the Bank of Hamilton. Paying special attention to Savings Accounts, this Bank has, in its rise to a place amongst the leading financial institutions of our country, come to be regarded as an especially suitable and convenient place for the artisan and farmer to keep their savings.

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COULD NOT WALK FOR FOUR MONTHS. Mass of Itching, Burning Humor on Ankles—Feet Fearfully Swollen—Opiares Alone Brought Sleep—Many Treatments Failed but TORTURES OF ECZEMA YIELDED TO CUTICURA

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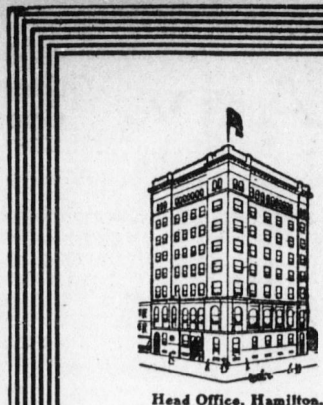
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Head Office, Hamilton.

It takes something more than an increased income, to provide a man with wealth . . .

If you have never learned to save, you would not eventually find yourself any better off, if your income were to be doubled to-morrow.

On the other hand, if you knew how to save, you might be able to lay aside a fair amount of money in a year or so, even on your present income.

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Hon. Wm. Gibson, President.

J. Turnbull, Vice-President and General Manager.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The license reduction movement is not killed. It is only gathering strength for the next move. Something heavy will drop then.

Congratulations to Warden Gage. To be elected warden of the county of Wentworth by unanimous vote is a distinction to be coveted.

St. Catharines Council is dealing with a by-law to cut off seven licenses in that city. The Council there apparently does not seem to shirk its duty under the law.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, who were sentenced for contempt of court, are now required to pay the cost of the action, about \$1,500. Doesn't that look like rubbing it in?

Rumor says that Hon. Mr. Sifton and Mr. M. J. O'Brien have invested half-a-million in Gowganda silver mines claims. One more reason for the Tory press abusing Sifton.

Sunday's great storm in Montreal is causing the power, light and telephone companies enormous loss. Under the municipal ownership system that loss would fall upon the ratepayers.

Of course everybody knows that the anti-Hamilton Hydro campaign has kept industries from the city. One of the first things to be done in the way of attracting new industries is to suppress the knockers.

If all the sharks interested in the promotion of mines which consist of schemes to get the money of innocents eager to get rich quick were given Frank Law's sentence, we should have to enlarge our penitentiaries.

If certain members of the Council make it quite clear as to the kind of advice they want on the power-by-law, and seek for it in the right direction, it is probable that they could get it. But if they act upon it, they should take out a policy of insurance to protect the city against heavy damages and law costs.

It is safe to say that there will be no more hole-and-corner meetings over city business held in Mayor McLaren's office by factions of the aldermen with the Mayor's consent. The Mayor and his colleagues are heartily ashamed of the position in which they have been placed by the last one. And the shame felt is creditable to them.

The Dominion Railway Commission has some regard for the comfort and convenience of travellers. It orders that when the C. P. R. and G. T. R. trains do not connect at Brockville the C. P. R. must convey the passengers to their destination, the expenses of doing so to be subsequently apportioned. The Railway Commission is in danger of becoming popular.

The Minister of Railways, Hon. Mr. Graham, has requested the Dominion Railway Commission to thoroughly investigate the level crossing problem, and to assist in formulating a plan for the protection of the general public. This is a matter well worth the attention of the Government, and its action in calling in the Railway Commissioners and furnishing every facility for inspection of dangerous crossings will probably result in the early application of an efficient remedy.

The Canadian Club calls upon the Ontario Government to take early steps to introduce a definite policy of technical education. But is such a memorial necessary? Didn't Hon. Dr. Pyne spend

the source from which life springs. In the case of man, at least, it is revealed that his soul—"mephesh"—is not immortal, and is capable of an endless spiritual existence. It renews its birth, and continues its correspondence or communion with the life-giving source. Man, then, is evidently a dual, composed of body and soul, and when we pronounce him dead, and place him in the silent tomb, according to revelation he is only partially dead, his soul yet survives. Biogenesis, makes it plain, that if the soulical man had a perfect correspondence with a perfect environment, the soul and body, in combination, would survive to all eternity. Revelation tells us, that under similar conditions, the soul alone, without the body, would do the same. But these are only its capabilities, and not what it really is.

Now, as science cannot aid us, and as it would seem that revelation has seen fit to shroud the question in a veil of mystery, it looks as though caution should be the watchword. If we take the ground that life is indestructible, then death is but a relative term, and does not exist in reality at all. Hence, Richard's definition, which says it is, at least, seems to think that death is a reality or principle that is in eternity with life, or, at least, a something that is opposed to life. If we take that view of death, then life, in itself at least, is not an inherent principle, but a dependent, and must of necessity in some cases, and under certain conditions, become swallowed up in death. This, then, forces upon us a very serious question, viz.: Was man created out of other forms of life? (Leaving mortal or immortal?) Does his eternal deathlessness depend solely on his life in Christ, or not? Then what is immortality? The manuscript of the New Testament, which the Greek word "aphthartos," which signifies immortal, incorruption, or that which cannot be destroyed, such as truth, etc.; also, life inherent in itself, as applied to God, the immutable, the source of all life; and as St. Paul puts it, "who alone was immortality dwelling in Him."

Now, Mr. Editor, at the risk of digressing, and in view of the fact that life has not as yet been defined, so as to reveal what it really is, I am going to ask, whether revelation does not teach by inference, at least—paradoxical as it may sound—that man was created neither mortal nor immortal, but either, the issue resting with himself. That he was made a conditional man, as regards a will of his own, as regards the power of choosing for himself his own destiny. The conditions being obedience, with its reward, life; or disobedience, with its penalty, death. Had he been obedient, partaking only of the source of life, he would have lived forever, which implies that he was conditionally immortal. There appears to have been a perfect correspondence with a perfect environment, established for him in the Tree of Life, which we are told would have preserved his life to all eternity. But through disobedience, he lost his correspondence, and death, the threatened penalty of which he was forewarned, ensued. If God had created man immortal, that is, with life inherent in himself, he would have made man equal to Himself, at least in respect to life. He would have made a something that could have defied its maker, at least as far as life is concerned. A something that could not be destroyed, hence a little god within himself. On the other hand, if God had treated man mortal, then would not God Himself have been the author of man's death, or possible death, knowing that man would transgress, death being the penalty that God lived for transgression. If God (knowing that man would transgress, and incur the penalty) had created him immortal, then grace could not have had any share whatever in the great work of redemption; it would have been, as another has said, only an equitable pro-

cedure. Because, as far as humanity is capable of applying the moral or golden rule as laid down by Christ, as a correct mode of procedure, man's chance of deliverance from eternal punishment would have been only an act of justice on the part of his Maker; which, then, would have been salvation by equity and not by grace. Again, if God created man conditionally immortal, and man refused to abide by the conditions as provided, then God was in no way either legally or morally bound to provide redemption for him. But if provided—which it certainly was—then it was evidently, purely an act of grace, the very thing that St. Paul says it is, "For by grace, ye are saved through faith." What then is man anyway? Is he just life? If so, then, is it possible that we only know of ourselves by the acts we perform? Now I must close, but the question of what life is, still remains unsolved. We think we know of some of its qualities and functions; but what is the mysterious thing itself, that is the question. Is it love of the Father, do you think, and of Jesus Christ, His Son, whom He hath sent?

With thanks for the space granted, and apologies for the amount occupied, I remain, yours sincerely, H. A. Bennett, Hamilton, Jan. 25, 1909.

FALSE RETURNS. Montreal, Jan. 25.—Mr. W. Graham Browne was arrested this afternoon on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Thomas Lawson, of the Finance Department. He is charged with making false returns to the Government in 1906. The charge against Mr. Browne is essentially the same as that upon which two successive warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Mr. Duncan M. Stewart, former General Manager of the Sovereign Bank. Since he severed his connection with the Sovereign Bank Mr. Browne has been in the bond business on his own account.

GIVE SHIPS A HOLIDAY. Ocean Freight Men Will Lay Up Their Tonnage. Newcastle upon Tyne, Eng., Jan. 25.—The special committee of the shipowners who met here on Jan. 14 for the purpose of organizing an international union of shipowners to-day agreed upon a plan to lay up their tonnage for two consecutive periods of thirty days each during the year. The project will be submitted to the Baltic conference, which will meet next week at Copenhagen. The committee explains that the plan is only applicable during periods of depression, and that the big passenger lines will only be expected to give their moral support to it, because, obviously, they could not ever temporarily stop their service.

A CADETS' BAND. Ambitious Scheme of Public School Boys of Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—A brass band of fifty pieces and a bugle band of thirty-five pieces are being organized among the public school cadets here by interested military men. There are nearly seven thousand boys drilling, and all they require to complete their battalion is good music. The sum of four thousand dollars is being raised for this purpose. Blobs—I feel like a collector of antiques. Slobs—How's that? Blobs—Harduppe paid me \$10 to-day that he had owed me for at least ten years.

MURMURINGS.

The day is dark, and the hills frown low. 'Neath the wintry winds grey veil, And down the glen in fitful blasts The chilling storm blasts wait.

A wan, white face from a window high Looks down on the darkling world, Across the treetops whose faded leaves Are scantier her casual buffet.

She murmurs low, O storm tossed world, Where we toil and wait in vain For the fruits of our labors, we reap them not; And for blessings we never attain.

Alas! Alas! Are there years to come Like those that my life has known? Long years of thoughtless toil and strife— A living death—a death of life, Where the tired hands fall, and the soul bowed down? Longs only for rest at home.

Dear God, for the weary is there no rest, This soiled heaven's sheltering gate? Then open thy portals and take us in, O Father, from this world of grief and sin— Misunderstandings and envious strife, Where the night, not the right, seems best.

As her murmurs cease through the sobbing rain, A small voice seems to say, "Trust Him, for though weaning children For a night, Joy cometh ever with morning's dawn; Ave trust that more brightly may dawn the day." When this night of trials hath passed away, And heaven's sweet rest we gain, MARY CAMPBELL ROGERS, Glen View.

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