

THE HAMILTON TIMES

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SIR WILFRID, OR THE HERALD?

The Hamilton Herald persists in its effort to place Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a false position in reference to his course as to the alleged right of any member of Parliament to obtain, without offering reason or excuse for the demand, any or all original documents on file in the departments. It is significant that in quoting the Times' presentation of the case the Herald carefully eliminates all argument therefrom; and it also refrains from mentioning (although it was contained in its own news despatch) that Sir Wilfrid in presenting Mr. Ames with the file containing the documents he sought, was particular to state that he was not going back on his position, but that he made the concession to Mr. Ames because under the rubs of the House that gentleman's motion, having been defeated, could not be renewed. The simple fact is that the bluster of the Opposition was met by the contention that a proper reason should always be offered by a member when desiring such original documents, and when such was forthcoming they would not be refused. Even Mr. Borden's resolution, truculent and bombastic as it was, conceded that such demands should be subject to considerations of public policy. But Mr. Ames and his backers would have none of such; they stood for the absolute right of any member to demand, without reason or excuse being given, any or all documents in the possession of the Government. This Sir Wilfrid emphatically refused, and while giving Mr. Ames the documents which he had debarred himself by his improper motion by again asking, the Premier publicly stated from his place on the floor—and nobody challenged his statement—that he had not received from his position regarding the question. These are the facts. Why the Herald should seek to distort and misrepresent them is a matter which may be left to the readers. Even were the evidence of the record of the discussion less clear and convincing, the statement of Sir Wilfrid in the House, that he had not received from his position, would undoubtedly be accepted by the public against the Herald's misstatements.

MORE SCANDAL TALK.

Borden's platform plays a very small part in the doings of the Opposition at Ottawa. For lack of any policy to place before the country, its whole energies appear to be devoted to unearth some scandal or shady transaction on the part of the Government—something that will turn the country against it and permit it to get into position to spend the salaries and live off the loaves and fishes. Hence we have the muck rakers continually at work to see what they can scrape to the surface. So far the Tories have made little of it. But not easily discouraged, they keep at it, wasting the time of the House and the committees. Yesterday Mr. Lake, assisted by Mr. Ames, made an attack on the Department of the Interior, alleging the giving away by the Government of immense tracts of timber lands for a mere song, and making all sorts of charges of questionable timber deals and collusion with officials, in the hope that some of it would stick. Mr. Turfitt, of Assiniboia, and formerly Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Department of the Interior, gave a flat contradiction to the statements made by Messrs. Lake and Ames, declaring them to be false, and challenging them to make a direct charge and he would see that a committee was appointed to sift the matter to the bottom. Needless to say, no charge was made. Mr. Turfitt contrasted the Liberal with the Conservative policy on land and timber limits in the Northwest, showing the scandalous robbery of the public domain by the Tories when they were in power. The Government should not allow the matter to rest here. It should take steps to show the public that it has nothing to hide in regard to its dealings with these Northwest limits, and at the same time show the people the scandalous doings of the Tory party when the Northwest was being exploited by them.

USE OF OUR STREETS.

It is the right of every citizen to be guaranteed the full and undisturbed use of the streets for the proper purposes of public highways to which they are dedicated. This right becomes especially important to the man who has bought or built a dwelling, factory or store in any street, and interference therewith, or misuse thereof, may cause him much inconvenience and depreciate the value of his property. It is for this reason that the Dominion Government's legislation guards against invasion of the public highways. Provincial legislation follows in the same line in guarding the citizen's right. But while Dominion and Province respect this obvious right of all, the Provincial law gives municipal councils power to convert streets to other than highway purposes—to give them over to the uses of railway and other corporation and private interests—without regard to the effect on property in them and without requiring that compensation for damages be made. This is a dangerous power to entrust without careful restrictions to even the best of administrators. It should be severely limited. No man's material rights should be left to the whim of the majority in the municipal council to be used as it often is, rashly, unwisely and it is to be feared, on too many occasions, correctly. The Legislature should not delay in amending the law dealing with this matter of the invasion of the public rights in the streets by municipal

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Warden Emory looks like a coming man. Mr. Borden is not earning his salary these days. It's a long time between Mayoralty candidate announcements. That was just the yearly valentine Mr. James Chisholm sent the Con. Club. As a matter of fact the Conservative party is weaker in the House and in the country than it was just after the last general election. The Hamilton Spectator might take up a collection to help pay the Con. Club's room rent. No doubt many Grits would contribute their mite. Mr. Barker, we notice, is still scandal hunting. This garbage-barrel politics must have a great attraction for the member for East Hamilton. Wonder how the Czar of Russia would deal with those English suffragettes if he was called upon to take action. Would it be Siberia for the shrieking sisters? If the staff notation is such a fine thing, how is it we never hear the children sing as we used to, with waving of handkerchiefs and all that sort of thing? The Spectator has it all definitely settled that the old country is to adopt Chamberlainism at the first opportunity. It's all as clear as mud to our contemporary. The Spectator finds that when the United States Government spends much money—\$1,000,000 a day more than it takes in—it is very good for business. And our contemporary's friends in the House affect to regard large expenditures by the Dominion Government as being the cause of tight times. There are probably not many among even Canadian Tories so besotted in their protectionism as Whip Taylor, who the other day in Parliament affected to regard the \$9,000,000 worth of settlers' effects brought into Canada in 1907 as a detriment to the country. And yet Taylor but carries his party's theory to its logical conclusion. The Ottawa Free Press says that Messrs. Ralph Smith, R. G. Macpherson and W. A. Galliber, British Columbia members, deserve a vote of thanks from every Liberal in Canada to-day for the stand they took in the House on the Jap immigration question. The temptation to play the demagogue and thus make their seats secure was great, but they withstood it while they stood up for principle at whatever cost. The doctors ought to look after the outdoor patient trade. Those who are able to pay should be made to pay. The Times has an idea that quite frequently there will be found in the free wards people who are quite able to pay for hospital accommodation. Still it is better that these should suffer hardship in consequence of his or her poverty. Colonel Van Wagner, in discussing the postage question in one of his letters, very pointedly says, "It is not a duty of the Post Office to tell us what we shall or shall not read." That is good doctrine; and there is no reason easily to be found why the statement should not equally apply to the Customs Department or any other branch of Government trying to decide for us what our tastes or desires shall be. Our contemporary the Spectator is moved to shout "O joy, joy!" A writer in the London, Eng., Daily News predicts that a great "slump" is coming in British trade. So long has the Spectator yearned for disaster to British trade that it makes no effort to conceal its delight at hearing any one in Great Britain croak. But there have been croakers ever, and it will take a chorus of ravens to vivify Chamberlainism. Chief of Police Sleming, of Brantford, in his annual report states that there are fourteen hundred foreigners in that city, and he adds that "we have adopted a system of visiting their homes and taking possession of knives, and firearms and illegal weapons, and at the same time explain the Canadian laws in this respect to them through our interpreter, Mr. Sampson." The Times has several times suggested the disarmament of foreign residents. Perhaps our police may see their way to copy Brantford's example. Mr. Sleming also adds that the evening classes for these foreigners has been greatly to make them law-abiding citizens. In spite of all the smoke and noise raised by the Opposition in the Commons and its journalistic mouthpieces over the attitude of the Government as to allowing original documents to be taken from the public files, few sensible men who understand Parliamentary business will be found to question its wisdom. Think what it would mean to have every member of the House entitled to demand every verified document of the hundreds of thousands with which the Administration has to deal, giving no reason therefor, and required to give none! To state the proposition is to show its absurdity. The Government's course in requiring that a proper reason

be given for wishing such documents produced is a wise one, and is that which has been generally followed. In the House on Wednesday Dr. Barr, Mr. Pringle and Dr. Sproule indulged in a bitter attack upon the Canadian banking system and the management of the Canadian banks. Their bombs rarely squibbed, however, when Dr. Sproule inadvertently admitted that the gravamen of his charges lay in the fact that the Canadian banks when making loans wished note discounters to furnish endorsements. They wished to be secured. What a happy time borrowers would have if we had a banking system after Dr. Sproule's heart, the managers of which simply handed out loans without asking any questions about security! The London Advertiser having remarked that Mr. R. L. Borden has not asked Hon. Mr. Pugsley for the names of the men who got the Conservative campaign funds, the Hamilton Spectator says: If Hon. Mr. Pugsley has information such as he some time ago hinted at he should not wait till he is asked questions. As a statesman and an honest man serving the best interests of the people he should speak out. But that does not help Mr. Borden's position. His course in enduring without appeal to the courts a most damaging and libellous charge brought by Hon. Mr. Pugsley, and which he was challenged openly and repeatedly to take action on to set himself right, is not one to bring him public respect. The situation cannot be met by waiting till he can talk, protected by Parliamentary privilege, and by saying things in excuse of his conduct which he dare not say outside the House. Mr. Pugsley made his charges in the open, assumed full responsibility therefor, and invited Mr. Borden to prosecute him and give him a chance to make good in the courts. But Mr. Borden took care not to do it.

FOR Y. M. C. A. Needs of the Institute Presented by a Director. To the Editor of the Times: A few words regarding an old, and yet ever young institution of our city. I refer to the Young Men's Christian Association, might not be amiss at this juncture in its history, and with your permission, Mr. Editor, I will offer them. It is only necessary for anyone who may not know, or who may have any doubts concerning the character of the work it is doing, to place himself in touch with it, to be thoroughly satisfied upon that point. The Young Men's Christian Association stands for everything that is good in relation to the stirring young life of our city. It is one of the most effective of the forces that are in operation to save the boys and young men and make them good, strong citizens. It has capable men as officers. Men who are experts in dealing with and influencing those for whom they are working, as many young men and many parents in our city, verily know. A great trouble and one which has become unendurable one is the restricted facilities for meeting the ever growing demands of the work. Over one thousand members are on the roll to-day, and such is the condition in one of the least of the departments that at a directors' meeting recently the officer in charge said that it made him nervous when he saw a strange boy coming around for food, that it meant another application for membership. The present building is totally inadequate to meet the present needs, and with a growing city the problem that confronts and bears heavily upon those in charge of the work, has its relation to present and future alike. The question of almost every directors' meeting is "What shall we do?" Shall we adopt a plan that will only partially relieve, or shall we follow the lead of so many other places where they are greatly enlarging their accommodation and greatly increasing their equipment? No large comprehensive scheme could be entered upon in a businesslike way and with hope of success, without a proper beginning. A subscription or some subscriptions commensurate with the magnitude of the undertaking would have to be secured before the directors would be warranted in committing themselves to it. If only some one of our able citizens would donate \$10,000 or \$15,000 to the object, the work would be practically immediate action, and while practically insuring the success of the scheme would be doing one of the greatest things for

OUR EXCHANGES

Leave It to the Doctors. (Toronto News.) Conservatives favor probing into the Department of the Interior. That is a surgeon's task. Compensation. (Toronto Telegram.) Compensation for licenses extinguished by acts of public policy is an ideal that may appeal to reason and sound judgment. Those Who Do Feels. (Toronto Star.) The thermometer went down to fourteen below zero this morning, but many of us do not realize what that means. A little extra clothing on the bed, a little more coal in the furnace, and summer heat becomes the reality, and zero weather merely as a tale that is told. Then come little incidents that make one's comfort feel almost like a sinful indulgence. The little iceberg that sticks out of the top of the milk bottle gives a faint notion of the Arctic explorations of the milk man delivering his wares. The morning newspaper feels cold, but how would you like to have to deliver it? Drivers, expressmen, all whose occupations keep them outside in this weather are our benefactors, for whose self-sacrificing labors we ought to feel grateful. The most splendid gifts of charity can never equal the quiet, constant, unassuming service rendered to society by this peaceful army. Thinks It's Small Business. (Windsor Record.) In the township of Saltfleet a local option by-law secured the necessary three-fifths majority last January, but is now to be thrown out because certain deputy returning officers and constables voted.

"suspicious." Samples from Forest and... On... marked "A. B. C." was returned as "decidedly suspicious." Perfectly pure water is a rare exception. In many instances where the supply is thought to be absolutely beyond question, the chemist's report is a shocking revelation of misplaced confidence. While the work at Ottawa is excellent and trustworthy as far as it goes, it is folly to suppose that it goes far enough, or is adequate to protect the vast bulk of people dependent upon pure food supplies from the farms of the country. As the report before us points out, the health and thrift of the stock depends on the quality of the water supply to which they have access. It is necessary to have pure water for farm animals as for man, and intelligent, progressive farmers recognize this fact. In the dairy and cheese factory pure water is essential, if the products are to be pure, of first-class quality and flavor, and keep well. It is said that an active movement is on foot for the inspection and analysis of the water supplies of all farms, dairies, etc., in Ontario, supplying dairy products to the public, and such a measure is to be commended. It is useless to expect pure food in meat or milk from sources where the water used is "polluted," "contaminated" or "suspicious." The water in farm wells, or in urban conduits, should be as far as possible above suspicion.

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When you read this we will have closed the most successful January business in the history of this busy store. More goods sold; more new customers added to our already large list, and many old customers made firm friends of Hamilton's greatest bargain house. We will open the February month with a splendid sale list and some rousing early morning bargains. Be here at 8.30 sharp.

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Waists Worth \$2.50 for 95c Made of lustrés, mohairs, delaines, etc., open back or front, three-quarter or long sleeves, black, white and colors, worth \$2.00 and \$2.50, all on sale for, each... 95c

Biggest Kind of Bargains in Our Mantle Dept. Women's Coats Worth \$12.00 for \$4.95 Women's Coats Worth \$15.00 for \$7.50 Tweeds and plain cloth, velvet collar and cuffs, some Full 3/4 length, both loose and fitted backs, made of broad and partly lined, all stylish garments, well cut and made, worth \$9.50 to \$12, on sale for each... \$4.95

Women's Coats Worth \$20.00 for \$10.00 Women's Coats at \$12.50 The best cut Coats in Canada are in this lot, black Most elegant Garments made in Canada, some imported and colored Beaver and Kerseys, plain and braided, loose from Germany, Beavers, Broadcloths and Kerseys, and tight fitting, good \$20 value, on sale Saturday for black and colors, elegantly appliqued and braided, full each... \$10.00

Women's Skirts at a Sacrifice Hundreds of Women's Skirts, made in the best possible manner, of a great variety of fashionable cloths, they are a quantity of travellers' samples and manufacturers' clearing lines, all perfect in material, styles and workmanship, and on sale to clear at the following sweeping reductions: \$3.00 and \$4.00 Skirts for \$1.50 \$5.50 and \$6.00 Skirts for \$2.95 \$4.50 and \$5.00 Skirts for \$1.95 \$6.50 and \$7.00 Skirts for \$3.95

Infants' Bear Coats at \$2.95 Made of splendid quality of cream Mohair, Bear Cloth and nicely finished with braids and cords, worth \$4.50 to \$6, on sale Saturday for each... \$2.95

Women's Ringwood Gloves 19c The best skating glove made, white, black and fancy shades, worth 25 and 28c, on sale for per pair... 19c

White Wool Blankets on Sale Made of the purest Canadian fleece wool, woven with a good strong thread, 86x66 size, fancy fast colored border, at regular price the best Blanket value in Canada, on sale in two lots as follows: \$7.00 value for... \$5.50 \$6.00 value for... \$4.75

Men's Underwear on Sale 50c Shirts and Drawers... 35c 75c Shirts and Drawers... 50c \$1.00 Shirts and Drawers... 75c \$1.75 Shirts and Drawers... \$1.00

Wool Toboggan Caps 35c Made of purest fine wool, plain and pineapple stitch, worth 50c, for... 35c

Two Big Bargains in Neck Furs STOLEES AND MUFFS WORTH \$7.50 FOR \$2.95—A quantity of Stoles and Muffs, made of possum, marmot, hare, astrakhan, etc., good full shapes and length, worth \$6 to \$7.50, on sale Saturday for each... \$2.95

Bargains in Staple Department Sheetings worth 40c, reduced to... 29c Mill Ends of Table Damask, worth 50 and 65c, for 35c Wrappercloths worth 13 1/2c to 15c, reduced to... 9 1/2c

MASONIC AT-HOME. Adore Him. Schondorf (from 21st degree); (b) "Still, Still With Thee," Geirish (from 27th degree), Scottish Rite choir.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS. The committee for the Home of the Friendless and Infants' Home acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the month of January: Mrs. Randall, \$5; Mr. Randall, crate of oranges; Mrs. R. A. Robertson, \$2; Mrs. George Vallance, \$2; Mrs. Chilmann, clothing; Clara Salans, Sunday school papers; Mrs. Fraser, clothing; Mrs. Cahill, books and box of blocks; infant class Central Sunday school, Bible cards; Mrs. Sycamore, books for the children; Miss Browne, pair of drapping; Mrs. Herling, salad; Mrs. Hawkins, quantity of clothing; Mrs. R. J. Husband, sandwiches and sugar; Wm. Lees & Son, percentage of bread account. The monthly meeting will be held at the home on Tuesday, 4th of February, at 10 a. m.

SCOTTISH RITE RE-UNION CAME TO A Close Last Night. The 28th annual "at home" of the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite of Hamilton was brought to a close last night with an "at home" to which all the members of the craft and their wives were invited. The affair was a brilliant social event. Fifty 500 members and visitors were present, and the scene was one that will not soon be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present. Many of the gentlemen present were in military uniform. Most of the ladies were richly gowned and the jewels worn by members of the Order added brilliancy to the scene. A very fine programme was rendered at the concert, which was given in the Scottish Rite room. Most of the talent was from out of town, as follows:

Principal Hutton and Dr. Ellis Attended Annual Banquet. New York, Jan. 30.—The University of Toronto Club of New York held its sixth annual dinner this evening at the Hotel Manhattan, with President Robert Henderson in the chair.

Over fifty graduates of the university and guests, sat down to the dinner, at which Principal Hutton, of University College, and Dr. W. H. Ellis, of the School of Practical Science, were the guests of honor. Principal Hutton replied to the toast of the university, and Dr. Ellis to the toast of the faculty, in speeches which were enthusiastically received by the graduates present. Returns to the Toronto Board of Health are to the effect that smallpox, scarlet fever, measles and diphtheria are more prevalent than they were a year ago.

