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LINDSAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1888.

QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS.

On another page will be found a number of letters and papers of special interest to

Mr. Thos. Howie's letter conveys a and valuable suggestion which we hope to see the Ontario government carry out. Mr. Howie urges the application to the creamery or dairy business of the principle of government assistance upon which the drainage act is based. The drainage act is practically of no use to many sections of the north country but the adoption of some practical plan for the utilization of the north country's natural resources in dairying would be an immense benefit. A few experimental institutions could be established at a comparitively trifling outlay; and we trust the new minister of agriculture will give Mr. Howie's suggestion early attention. Mr. Howie's letter emphasizes Mr. Barron's advocacy of the establishment of an agricultural form in the Haliburton dis-

A persistent effort is being made, by-theway, by the local tory organ to misrepresent what Mr. Barron said about butter at the Woodville farmer's meeting, and by misrepresentation it is hoped in some way to prejudice him with the farmers. Mr. Barron is said to have advocated reciprocity or commercial union because is would give the farmers a better market for their bad butter. Mr. Barron said nothing of the kind. Mr. Barron said that free access to the American market would secure for farmers a better price for good butter. The Jersey butter from Balsam lake farm commands 35c. to 45c. a lb. in Toronto; and the butter made by Mrs. Jones of Brockville, the owner of a well-known Jersey herd, commands from 50c. to \$1.00 a lb. in the New York market. The latter is, of course, an exceptional price for a fancy article. The improvement of the quality of butter is a subject of great importance, and it is one riding. we have time and again pressed upon the attention of farmers.

"Does Farming Pay" continues a favorite subject of discussion. Mr. Beall seems to think that those who believe farmers are not making several rents are tinged with disloyalty, if they are not yet exactly rebels. Mr. Hopkins replies effectively.

Mr. Cluxton shewed under what heavy disadvantages our tarmers are laboring. They are bearing a double burden. Their natural advantages are so great that they would undoubtedly be the most prosperous farmers on the continent if they were not so heavily handicapped. But handicapped as they are we believe many are prospering; though they could under proper conditions make and save thousands where they now with great difficulty gather a few hundreds. The remedy is, they prefer the old party lines and the old party tunes with heavy burthens and low prices it will be quite easy to accommodate them. The decision rests with farmers themselves. They should study out the question and vote accordingly. If they

vote to perpetuate the present system they cannot blame the monopolies and combines for getting all that it is possible to get-for squeezing the lemon dry. We should take but little stock in small majorities in favor of reciprocity or commercial union. If the farmers do not back up the issue with rousing big majorities the significance of their decision will lose

"HOW NOT TO DO IT" - THE THENT VALLEY CANAL.

The answer of Hon. Mr. Pope to Mr. Barron's questions as reported in the Hansard of Thursday last illustrates Mr. Pope's "how not to do it" policy when he has apparently determined not to do anything. Following is the report:-

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Mr. Barron asked, is the water in the Fenelon river, at the outlet of Cameron lake and above the lock at Fenelon Falls, of sufficient depth to permit of free navigation by steamboats, vessels and barges passing through the lock? If not, does the government propose making the river asvigable in time for this year's navigation? Will the bridge across said river above the lock impede navigation? If so, when is the same to be reconstructed so as to permit of uninverrupted navigation?

Mr. Pope —There is at present a small recky bar at the entrace to Cameron's lake (which lake is about 42 miles long), from the river Feneloo, the removal of which is necessary to clear navigation. The railway bridge across the river being a fixed structure does impede navigation. The department, however, are now in correspondence with the Grand Trunk railroad company, the operators of the road with a view to the substitution of a swing. The department are also constructing a swing in place of an existing fixed road bridge over the lock. The works will not be in readiness for next season.

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Mr. Barron.—I think the hon, gentleman misunderstood the question. I did not refer to the bridge over the lock at fenelow Falls, but to the river above the lock at the outlet at Cameron lake. The question was if the obstructions at the outlet at Cameron lake are going to be removed in time for navigation. There is no trouble across the bridge. The trouble is at the outlet of Cameron lake.

Mr. Popp.—Yes, there is.

Mr. Barron.—At all events there is where I am advised they want the obstruction removed from.

Mr. Pope exhibits a singular inability o understand Mr. Barron's question. The point is that at the mouth of the canal into Cameron lake the contractor was relieved from the work of deepening until he reached deep water in the lake. Any child would know that the canal should be made not into the shallow water at the shore, but into the deep water. This will call for excavating a few feet of rock. Why this was not done at the time passes comprehension; but it was passed over and the canal rendered useless. If the proper construction of the canal

at Fenelon Falls is a matter of importance to Lindsay and the rest of this county, the town council and board of trade of Lindsay, the council of Fenelon Falls and other corporate and representative bodies should send memorials to the minister of railways and canals, urging him to have this work done at once. The work will cost very little and cannot take a long have the channel ready for navigation They know this much as it is presented by town council of Lindsay meets to-night. A memorial in the line we have suggested should be adopted and forwarded. Mayor Walters probably knows exactly what is needed; so does Mr. Swanton, reeve of Fenelon Falls.

Mr. Pope says "the works will not be in 'readiness for this season." Urgent protests should be forwarded at once against this delay. Until this excavation is made the large expenditure at Fenelon Falls is practically useless, and all those who in Lindsay were recently evincing warm interest in this project in connection with the commission, should take steps to strengthen Mr. Barron's hands. It peculiarly a matter in which this town has a lively interest, for if the excavation is not made-and made at once-the canal cannot be used for navigation, and it will be impossible to have steamers ply between Lindsay and Cameron and Balsam lakes. The case is one in which Mr. Hudspeth should make his influence felt with the government. We have no doubt he will energetically take up the cause Mr. Barron has so ably advocated. The two should be irresistible. It is absurd that the work has not been done or pro-

Mr. Barron's energetic speech Monday week in moving for returns regarding the Trent Valley canal is printed on our third page, and will be read with interest in the north riding. Mr. Mulock supported the motion with an able speech. Our report should state that Mr. Barron's motion was adopted, and the returns will in due course be laid before the house. Mr. Barron's energy in this matter will be appreciated by the electors of the north

EDITORIAL NOTES.

On the 19 h of April, voting on Scott set epeal is to take place in Bruce, Simcoand Stormont, Dundas and Glengary.

Dr. Roome, the tory candidate, was elected in West Middlesex Saturday by 117, an crease of 16 on his former major ty.

Several farmers in the vicinity of Hamilton have been swindled by a horse-buyer who gave the - 3 bank cheques in payment, the cheques proving worthless. Farmers should take nothing but cash for their stock, except from buyers they know to be

their candidate in North Duffrein, has been elected by a majority of 111. At the last general election Dr. Wilson, late tive, was elected by nine majority over Roblin. Norquey and John A. are at a decided discount in Manitoba.

Busy times in the Ontario legislature during the past week. A royal commiss is to be appointed to investigate our

Hon. J. Burr Plumb, speaker of the senate and a well-known figure in Canadian politics, died suddenly at his residence at Niagara Monday morning, in his 72nd

The tory Orillia Packet rather flippantly remarks that John A. has got "a fire policy" now. The Packet's intentions are "honorable," but the claim or compliment seems rather doubtful.

Dr. Platt, the liberal candidate, was elect ed in Prince Edward county Saturday by 170 majority. This is a very large increase Dr. Platt made his fighting on commercial union, and the farmers gave him hearty

Mr. Donald Munro of Balsever in a letter printed elsewhere presents some informathat the Trent Valley canal commission should take into account. Mr. Carnegie might do well to have Mr. Muaro before the commission.

Lord Stanley of Preston will not leave England for Canada until about the middle of June. The personal qualities of the new governor-general are such that he msy be expected to rank with the most popular occupants of that distinguished position. Lady Stanley will be just as

The Ontario legislature has ratified an order-in-council accepting \$25,000 in cash in full settlement of Cobourg's bonds for £8,800 sterling, or \$44,000, issued under the municipal loan fund act of 1873. The town of Port Hope is endeavoring to obtain a remission of its bonds or of a portion of them issued under the same act, and of which \$45,000 fall due in 1893.

Mayor Jones, the new provincial treasurer in Manitoba, has been elected by a majority of over 200. This is the most declaive victory in connection with the change of government, as Mr. Jones was not in the house before, and his Norquay predecessor had carried the riding by over a hundred, Mr. Jones is an able and popu-

The report of the Emperor William's death, printed in THE Post last week, was premature by one day. He passed away Friday, and the German nation is plunged in grief. The aged emperor was perhaps the most popular sovereign of the day.... The new emperor has returned to Berlin. and is improving in health, though he canact in the nature of things live very long.
.....The old kaler's death will tend to
hasten the solution of the problem of war
now staring the powers in the face.

The Toronto World and an echoing writer in the Warder seem to think upper time. It should be done at once so as to Canadiana know little about the fisheries. as possible next summer. The the Halifax Chronicle:-" The whole

In 1854 we got for our fisheries an ample treaty of reciprocity. In 1871 we got free fish and \$5,500,000. In 1888 we got nothing." This statement of the case cannot be denied. Neither can it be denied that nearly every treaty has been marked by a big surrender of Canadian territory or an ignoble sacrifice of Canadian interests. Mr. James Trow, the opposition whip at

Ottawa, sent the following congratulatory telegram to Dr. Platt Saturday evening :-Number S'x congratulates Dr. Platt and Prince Edward on their magnificent victory. Wider markets for the farmers; vival of our languishing industries, steady employment with high wages for the workingmen; and hopes for the future of Canada are all indicated by the action of the free men of Prince Edward to-day. All bonor to them." No. 6 is the room where the younger referm members do congregate. Mr. Barron can tell all about it.

Mr. Thos. Shaw's challenge is one that he veteran ex-editor of the Peterboro Review can hardly afford to ignore. We pre-Carnegie when he challenges the Review writer to a public discussion at Lindsay. and if Mr. Carnegie was not the writer he will no doubt assume the responsibility of the article in the interests of the Empire, otherwise there may be a vacancy on the etaff of that j urnal. Mr. Shaw's suggestion to have a public discussion is the best way of settling the points at issue, and a large audience of farmers and others could be safely promised. We hope the Sage of Indian Point Farm will take up the gauntlet, and that satisfactory arrangements may be made for a public discussion. Our columns are available for preliminary announcements; and we shall be happy to provide coffee for two.

'The Trent Valley canal scheme came up commons yesterday and the shilly-shallying of the government in connection with that important work was pretty thoroughly exposed by Mesers. Barron and Mulock. The g vernment have managed to bring a great many supporters to parliament by the Trent Valley route. Just before each general constituencies affected have been asked to whoop it up for the old flag and an appropriation. But these election promises have not been carried out, and to make the whole project utterly ridiculous the government have, after apending over a million deliars on the Trunt Valley navigation acheme, appointed commissioners to report upon the feasibility of the scheme! A rational person would imagine that the practicability of any public project ought to be determined before it is undertaken, but the present government do not conduct business on any such common sense principle as that. They first spend a million or two on the work, and then take steps to find out whether it is likely to prove useful or practicable." whoop it up for the old flag and an appro-

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