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QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS.

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

Mr. Thos. Howie's letter conveys a practical 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.

A persistent effort is being made, by-the-way, 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.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

On the 19th of April, voting on Scott's repeal is to take place in Bruce, Simcoe and Stormont, Dundas and Glengary.

Several farmers in the vicinity of Hamilton have been swindled by a horse-buyer who gave them bank cheques in payment, the cheques proving worthless.

The Greenway government have scored another triumph in Manitoba. Mr. Roblin, their candidate in North Du-Roi, has been elected by a majority of 111.

The Springfield Republic says: "It is a significant fact that, while the woolen industry languishes and the manufacturers will not only to export goods to any amount but even to control a large fraction of the home market, the best and most advanced industries are in an active, vigorous state, monopolizing the home market and exporting to a considerable extent."

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.

"HOW NOT TO DO IT"—THE TRENT 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.

Mr. Barron asked, in 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?

Mr. Pope—There is at present a small rocky bar at the entrance to Cameron lake (which lake is about 4 miles long, from the river Fenelon, the removal of which is necessary to clear navigation. The railway bridge across the river bears a fixed structure does impede navigation.

Mr. Barron—I think the hon. gentleman misunderstood the question. I did not refer to the bridge across the lake at Fenelon Falls, but to the river above the lock at the outlet at Cameron lake.

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

Mr. Pope exhibits a singular inability to 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 into the shallow water at the shore, but into the deep water. This will call for excavating a few feet of rock.

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 Toronto World and an echoing writer in the Wanderer seem to think upper Canadians know little about the fisheries. They know this much as it is presented by the Halifax Chronicle:—"The whole matter may be summed up in a nutshell. In 1854 we got for our fisheries an ample treaty of reciprocity. In 1871 we got free fish and \$2,500,000. In 1889 we got nothing."

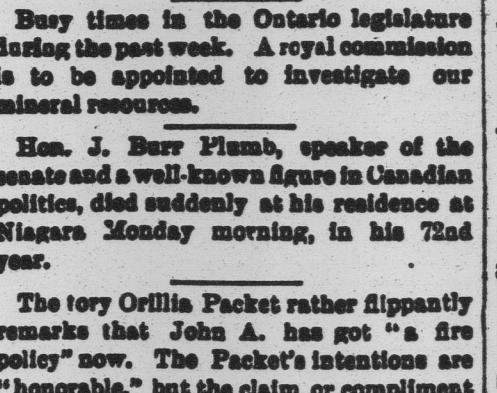
Mr. James Trow, the opposition whip at Ottawa, sent the following congratulatory telegram to Dr. Platt Saturday evening:—Number 5 x congratulates Dr. Platt and Prince Edward on their magnificent victory.

Mr. Thos. Shaw's challenge is one that the veteran ex-editor of the Peterboro Review can hardly afford to ignore. We presume Mr. Shaw has in his mind Mr. John Carnegie when he challenges the 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, whatever there may be a vacancy on the staff of that journal.

The Ottawa Free Press of March 6th says: "The Trent Valley canal scheme came up for discussion once more in the house of commons yesterday and the shilly-shallying of the government in connection with this important work was pretty thoroughly exposed by Messrs. Barron and Mulock."

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