

A FAIR QUESTION

By agreement with the Provincial Government some American capitalists undertook to develop a large water power and establish the largest pulp mill in America at Sault Ste. Marie.

Having ample power and abundant natural resources in the way of ores and timber, the American company rapidly extended the works to include a steel rail mill, machine shops, sulphide pulp mill, chemical works, furniture and veneer factories, railway and steamboat and opened iron and other mines.

The company expended over thirty millions of United States capital in the enterprise before there was a chance to get any profits. 5,000 hands were employed.

More capital was needed to keep things going till the various industries began to pay.

Hard times struck the United States; the money was not available and the works closed down.

Five thousand hands were out of work with their wages in arrears and winter coming on. The Government, having ample security, advanced the money to pay these wages, and the loan has already been repaid.

To have these works permanently closed would have been disastrous to the credit of the Province, and put the development of New Ontario back.

The directors of the Soo companies tried to raise money to reorganize the industries, but came short of the amount required by two million dollars. The Ross Government pledged the credit of the Province to raise this money, taking a first mortgage on the industries for security. The industries are now re-established, the Government loans are being repaid, nearly 4,000 men are employed receiving wages of over \$150,000 a month.

It required courage to take the course followed by Premier Ross, but the splendid results have justified him.

WOULD WHITNEY HAVE HAD THE COURAGE TO TAKE THIS COURSE?

He said last fall at Massey Hall that the money might as well have been thrown into Lake Superior.

CANADA ON EVE OF GREAT THINGS.

This Is No Time for Men of Falst Heart— To Shape the Destiny of Ontario We Want Men of Courage, Men of Action, Broad Gauge Men, Who Are Not Afraid to Do Things.

Mr. Ross said he would scorn to be leader of a Government that could not keep up with the energy and public spirit that prevail in this country. "The Liberal party, so far as I am concerned," he added, "and so far as the men following me are concerned, is resolved that whatever may be done by enterprise, public spirit, the judicious investment of money given us, will be done, so that Ontario will hold the first place in the procession of the Provinces of this Dominion. (Cheers.) Sir John Macdonald was wiser than some of us thought when he proposed a new era for Canada. We are now the progressive party, as his was then, and behold, slowly coming around the foot of the hill we see Whitney with his little band of footsore followers trying to catch up with the great Liberal party by stealing all that we possess." (Cheers.) Have nothing to do with them; they are not required; they have not shown capacity for governing yet. They

have been in the wilderness for a good many years. They have not fulfilled the term of their punishment yet—(A voice—Four years more)—before they cross into the promised land. Let them remain until the last hour, and we shall see on every great question the Province of Ontario shall lead the way.—Premier Ross at Napanee.

THE FRIEND OF LABOR

Is He Who Brings to the Worker the Opportunity to Work.

Sometimes there is a surplus of labor in one town and a deficiency in others. What could greatly relieve the difficulty and greatly contribute to the easy running of the labor market would be the establishment of some central labor bureau, where statistics can be kept of the number of workmen in any town and the number for whom there is employment, so that when, say, ten men are needed in any particular trade employers may write to the central bureau and learn where they may get them. Such a bureau would help to facilitate the steady employment of men, would improve the relations between capital and labor, and such a bureau, Mr. Ross said, he would be glad to see established under the control of the workmen themselves. (Applause.) The Government did not want to interfere between capital and labor in any form as a Government, but might contribute a small sum towards the maintenance of such a bureau and let the workmen manage it for themselves.

Increased Products of the Farm.

"My hon. friend Mr. Dryden, the second in succession in the Department of Agriculture," has grappled with the great problem of finding out the value of soil and atmosphere in regard to their effect on the products of the farm. What do our opponents say in regard to his success now? Commendations on every hand from those who once voted against him. Is it a small thing—I am dealing tonight with stern realities—is it a small thing that a Government in this Province can so direct the energies of the farmer as to increase threefold, fivefold, yes, twentyfold in some cases, the products of the farm; to advance among the farmers a great desire to perfect this, one of the noblest of Canadian callings; to brighten their own homes, and to bring to the markets of the world of their products that which will stand the severest test, until to-day in England we stand second in the matter of cheese and third in the matter of butter, while at St. Louis our horses, cattle and sheep carried off high honors? (Applause.) It is only the other day, too, that I read that our fruit growers had carried off one of the first prizes at the Horticultural Exhibition at London, England. Everywhere there is evidence that this work is not superficial; everywhere there is evidence in the improvements of the farms, in the larger bank accounts, in competition with other people, that the work of the Department of Agriculture is honestly and efficiently done, and that it has brought to this country extraordinary rewards."—Premier Ross in Toronto.

The Finances Were Safe.

Mr. Whitney, Hon. G. W. Ross said, at the Temple banquet in Toronto, wanted an audit of the finances. The Province of Ontario had an auditor with the same powers as Mr. Lorne Macdougall at Ottawa, and he thought the finances were safe in his hands. There was also a Public Accounts Committee on which twenty-four Conservatives sat every session. Still Mr. Whitney did not think the public accounts were well enough known to the people, and proposed putting them in the churches and schools. If his (the speaker's) pastor, Rev. Dr. Milligan, were to open a copy of the public accounts in church on Sunday and proceed to preach a sermon from it, he thought he would have to be excused, go home and read Milton's "Paradise Lost" or "Paradise Regained."

"The very childishness of these proposals," said Mr. Ross, "shows the extremities to which they are driven. They have no larger scheme to appeal to the imagination, nothing to do anybody substantial good. I do not claim to be equal in capacity to those of my predecessors who gave you much of that legislation. We have done a little good, in the last five years. But I have given you the record of the Liberal party and it is our ambition to keep that high level during the term of our administration." (Applause.)

A Remedy.

He—The doctor told Jack that he had been studying too hard lately. She—And what did he recommend? He—Oh, he advised him to go into society a little more and give his brain a rest.—Sketchy Bits.

Grappled With Large Questions.

"In the last 30 years we have grappled with great problems and we have accomplished, or rather we have achieved, success in regard to every one of them. You cannot put your hand upon any great enterprise to which the Liberal party addressed itself, or upon any great measure it undertook to dispose of, and I am proud to say that it had the courage to grapple with great measures, without finding that each and all of these have resulted in advantage to the country and credit to the party." (Applause.)—Premier Ross in Toronto.

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