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The Weekly Post.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 3rd, 1899.

THE ONTARIO SESSION.

The adjourned session of the Ontario parliament opened Wednesday with a full attendance. Mr. Hardy's majority has grown to eleven - with two seats vacant, namely, South Perth and North Waterloo, which are likely to return government supporters.

The session will be comparatively a short one. The "Speech from the Throne," has nothing remarkable, except the suggestion that a diminished revenue from crown lands is expected on account of the lumber policy, some new sources of revenue will require to be developed. It is stated in one of the city papers that there will be a tax levied on the loan and trust companies.

TORONTO AND NATIONAL GRAIN ROUTES.

The public spirit and enterprise of Toronto, recently revived by the discussion of the grain transportation problem and the good prospects of securing for Canadian routes a very much larger portion of the grain carrying trade from the West and North-West to the sea has crystallized in two sets of resolutions, in which the long and labored recital of the Dominion government is called upon to construct an independent railway from some north-western Georgian Bay port to Toronto, this "independent railway" to Toronto with the great lakes and the St. Lawrence canal, the "great national grain route" of Canada.

As there are already half a dozen railways from Georgian Bay ports - a few of them to Toronto - it will be a hard task for the Toronto promoters of this scheme to make out a case for government assistance on the liberal scale anticipated. The magnitude of the trade and the desirability of securing for Canadian routes the largest possible share will entitle any reasonable project to careful consideration by the government and by those who weigh and criticize public projects.

Toronto capital and Toronto enterprise, if it is to compete with the Buffalo route, must emulate the enterprise of that city, and must provide the "independent railway" and the elevator and other terminal facilities, not only at Toronto itself, but at the Georgian Bay port to be selected as the best for the business. Mr. Booth's foresight and enterprise has constructed the Parry Sound Railway and built big elevators and secured the big lake steamers to carry western grain to its Georgian Bay terminus. Mr. Booth expects next season to more than double the splendid record of his first year. He is to have two fine large Canadian vessels to bring Canadian grain from Port Arthur, and passengers as well, to Parry Sound; and he expects to have to double track his railway in another year or two. Mr. Booth has not been talking and passing resolutions, and asking the government to build his road; he has gone on quietly and accomplished great things. He has shown what can be done, and his energy and enterprise have opened the eyes of others to the necessity of putting forth best efforts to secure a larger share of this enormous trade. The construction of a big elevator at Midland has enabled the Grand Trunk to enter the lists, and to make last season a very creditable showing indeed. Having the best harbor at Midland and the best route, via Lindsay and

Belleville, there is no reason why the Grand Trunk's volume should not increase from 6,000,000 bushels to 60,000,000 bushels. It is simply a question of lake shipping has produced different vator facilities at all needed points, and, if need be, a double-track railway. We are not in the secrets of the Grand Trunk management, but we are very much mistaken if a man of Mr. Hays' energy and decision will shrink from the bold and enterprising measures needed to secure the largest possible share of this enormous trade, which the experience of the past season has shown can be taken this way in volume to be measured only by the railway's transportation capacity.

As we have before stated if any route is to be considered the "national route," and on that ground to receive large government assistance the Midland route via Lindsay and Belleville, can make out the best case. If it is cheaper to take to the water to Belleville or Kingston - and thence down the St. Lawrence - it will simply be a matter of providing suitable facilities at those places - and "let her slide" down the river. For all rail, or part rail and part water, from Georgian Bay to Montreal this route can show more advantages and stronger claims than any other - as anyone can see by looking at a good map.

We are assuming that Montreal and Quebec will promptly make suitable improvements to accommodate the new trade, in harbor accommodation, elevators and shipping. If nothing is done at the east the business will be blocked and Buffalo will combine to monopolize the trade.

The Toronto idea appears to be that as the government have spent large sums in canals, and as the changes in lake shipping has produced different conditions, the government should now, in order to secure the largest share of the trade for the St. Lawrence, step in and build the straightest and levellest portage railway from a Georgian Bay port to Toronto. But why to Toronto? Because Toronto happens to be the nearest port on the Ontario or St. Lawrence level. In our opinion the Toronto people have again evinced the paltry spirit which called forth Canning's rhyming despatch, to vary slightly,

The fault of the Detak, They are doing too little and asking too much."

It will be quite proper and in accordance with general policy for the Dominion government to make suitable harbor improvements, but to build an independent railway, put up elevators at Toronto, and at the Georgian Bay terminus, would be a new departure, and no government would enter lightly upon it. In our humble opinion the enthusiasm of the Toronto men who are making speeches and moving resolutions should be directed upon with the public-spirited and wealthy men who should be willing to go into an enterprise of this kind and finance it. This being done the whole province would join in saying "Go on and prosper."

There appears to be reasonable prospect of the Commissioners at Washington arranging a fairly satisfactory treaty upon almost every subject under consideration, except as to lumber and pulp or pulp wood. This, at least, may be gathered from the contradictory reports that have from time to time appeared in the papers.

If the treaty is arranged, and causes of trouble settled, it will be eminently satisfactory, but if the Commission fails, we can get along without it. The Canadian Commissioners have made an excellent impression at Washington, and even if there is no treaty, their visit will have a good effect, and will improve the relations between this country and the United States.

The interests of Canada have been carefully safe-guarded by the Canadian Commissioners, notwithstanding the unwise and unpatriotic efforts of certain Tory organs to show that a sacrifice of Canada was to be expected. The principal difficult now is the lumber question. The lumbermen of certain western states appear to be all powerful at Washington on the maintenance of the present duties. Our Commissioners have taken a firm stand. If the logs go in free, the lumber men will go in free also. We cordially endorse the following from the Globe, bearing on this question:

Whether or not our commissioners at Washington will be able to obtain free entry for Canadian lumber and wood pulp into the United States we do not know; but we do know that unless that free entry is secured, the feeling of the people of this country will be very decidedly against allowing the export of the raw material, and that our governments will obtain the most unanimous support of the country in carrying out any means by which our friends across the line may put on any tariff they please, but it is certain that they will not be allowed to have the tariff up for one purpose and down for another, as it may suit their convenience.

We often hear that such-and-such a concession cannot be obtained because congress would never consent to it. Well, we have our parliament and legislatures, too, which can be obstinate when the occasion arises, and it is certain that those bodies will never approve of any other policy than one of Canadian products for Canadian mills. That will be the settled policy of this country, no matter what the American congress may do. It will be remembered that at the opening of the commission there was a great deal of gossip to the effect that the act of the Ontario legislature compelling the manufacture of logs within Ontario would be disallowed. The Dominion government speedily gave the quietus to these reports by declaring that the act should be left to its operation.

A PUBLIC VAULT NEEDED

The necessity of a public vault at Riverside cemetery, in which bodies could be placed during the winter months and kept there until suitable weather arrived in the spring to permit of final interment, has long been felt by those who have occasion to visit the cemetery in cold weather. Attention was very forcibly directed to the need on Saturday last, at the funeral of the late Mrs. Theuton. On the arrival of the funeral cortege at 2.45 p. m. the grave was not completed, although the work was commenced early in the day, and the friends were of necessity compelled to remain standing on the snow for over an hour, until the grave was completed. The new Roman Catholic cemetery has been provided with a very suitable vault - as are almost all cemeteries of any size in the province. The Riverside Cemetery Company should give the matter the consideration it demands. No doubt the erection of a vault would prove profitable to the company, and certainly would be a great convenience to the general public.

COMMERCIAL NEWS. MARKET REPORTS.

The Movement of Wheat - Irregular Prices at Leading Centres - Live Stock Here and Elsewhere - Toronto Prices.

Liverpool, Feb. 8. - Yesterday spot wheat declined 1/4d per cent. Futures recovered to the extent of 3/8d to 7/8d per cent over the previous close. Chicago, Feb. 8. - The speculative wheat market was active again yesterday. During the early part of the session commission houses and foreigners were good buyers, and the May option advanced nearly a cent a bushel. The price, however, brought up to the previous close. The market closed 1 1/2c, closing 1/2c below yesterday's final quotations.

Table with columns: Cash, Feb., May, July. Rows: Chicago, New York, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Duluth, No. 1 Northern, Duluth, No. 1 hard, Minneapolis, Toronto red, Toronto No. 1 hard (new).

Toronto Live Stock.

Toronto, Feb. 8. - Receipts of live stock here yesterday, 89 carloads, composed of 975 cattle, 525 sheep, 2,600 hogs and 30 calves.

The quality of fat cattle was fairly good, although there were some that should have been fed a month longer at least. Total receipts of live stock for last week were: 3,201 cattle, 1,850 sheep, 2,419 hogs. Weigh scales receipts, \$130.85. Total shipments of export cattle and sheep from Canada and the United States, with the exception of the port of St. John, were as follows: Sheep, 4,963; cattle, 6,930, for the week ending Feb. 4.

Table with columns: Stockers and medium to good, Feeders, heavy, Butchers' cattle, picked, Butchers' good, Butchers' medium, Butchers' common, Butchers' inferior, Milch cows, Calves, Sheep, Spring lambs, Hogs, 100 to 200 lbs., Hogs, light, Hogs, heavy fats, Hogs, sows.

Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

Table with columns: GRAIN, Wheat, white, bush, Wheat, red, bush, Wheat, fine, spring, bush, Wheat, good, bush, Rye, bush, Oats, bush, Buckwheat, bush, Barley, bush, Pass, bush.

SEEDS.

Table with columns: Red clover, bush, White clover, seed, bush, Alsike, choice to fancy, Alsike, good, No. 2, Alsike, good, No. 3, Timothy, bush, Hens, white, bush.

HAY AND STRAW.

Table with columns: Hay, timothy, per ton, Hay, clover, per ton, Straw, shear, per ton, Straw, loose, per ton, Straw, loose, per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Table with columns: Butter, lb. rolls, Butter, large rolls, Eggs, new laid, Chickens, per pair, Turkeys, per lb., Spring ducks, per pair, Geese, per lb.

POULTRY.

Table with columns: Apples, per bbl., Potatoes, per bag, East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, Feb. 8. - Cattle - The offerings yesterday were 10 loads, that arrived late; about all the offerings were sold, but at 10c to 12c lower. The feeling generally is easy. Sheep and Lambs - The offerings were 23 loads. There was no particular change in the position of the market from yesterday's close. The basis was \$8 10 to \$10. Lambs - Choice to extra, were \$5.10 to \$5.15; good to choice, \$5 to \$5.10; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5. Sheep - Choice to extra, \$4.25 to \$1.50; good to choice, \$4 to \$4.25. Hogs - The market opened somewhat slow, but with a fair general demand. Heavy hogs were quotable \$4.05; medium, \$3.95 to \$4; Yorkers, \$3.90; pigs, \$3.65; roughs, \$3.00; stags, \$2.50 to \$2.75. The offerings were pretty well cleaned up and Yorkers on the close were strong and on the basis \$3.95.

British Markets.

Liverpool, Feb. 7. - (12.30.) - No. 1 Nor., spring wheat, 5s 11 1/2d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7 1/2d to 6s 8d; red winter, 6s; corn, new, 3s 8 1/2d; old, 3s 9d; peas, 3s 10d; pork, 5s; lard, 9s; tallow, 3s; bacon, long cut, heavy, 2s 6d; lard, 2s; s.c. light, 2s; cheese, both white and colored, 4s. Liverpool - Close - Spot wheat, dull; red winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 Northern, 5 1/2d; Indian, 6s 3d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7 1/2d; futures, red winter, 5s 8 1/2d for March and 5s 7 1/2d for May. Maise steady 3s 8d for new and 3s 8 1/2d for old; futures quiet, 3s 3/4d for March and 3s 1/4d for May. Flour, 10s.

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LOCAL MARKETS table with columns: Red Eye Wheat, Goose Wheat, Spring Wheat, Barley, No. 1, Barley, No. 2, Barley, No. 3, Barley, 2-rowed, Flax Seed, Peas, Princes Albert, Peas, Black Eye, Clover, Alsike, per bus., Clover, Red, Flax Seed, Rye, Buckwheat, Timothy Seed, Lard, Eggs, fresh, per doz., Butter, per lb., for roll, Butter, per lb., for tub, Potatoes, per bag, Live Hogs, Flour, new process, bks., 100 lb., Flour, new process, mixed, Straight Roller Flour, Rolled Oats, Lamb, quarter, Apples, per bag, Apples, winter, per bbl., Dressed Hogs, Lamb Skins, Unwashed Wool.

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Have been advanced in price by the manufacturers over 25c a keg, and it is the general opinion that it will not be long before Wire Nails will be 50c. a keg higher than the prices we are selling at to-day, and it's wise for builders to buy at once as all iron and steel products, including Nails, Barbed and Plain Wire have an upward tendency.

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