

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. On no occasion will the names of Old Advertisements be inserted here.

The Ottawa Times City and County Official Paper.

OTTAWA, DECEMBER 12, 1866.

It will be seen by the cable news that the Confederate Conference in London has been organized under the presidency of the Hon JOHN A. MACDONALD.

The Montreal Gazette of yesterday says: "The members of the Executive Council, with the exception of the Hon. Mr. McGee, proceed to Ottawa this morning."

The Montreal Transcript dilates at some length on Lord MONTEGOMERY'S visit to England, and magnifies to an absurd degree the consequences of Mr. HOWE'S labors in opposition to Confederation, representing that the GOVERNMENT GENERAL is now on his way to crush him (HOWE)."

The people of the Western Capital are working with becoming industry to give a practical turn to the hitherto visionary projects of the "Huron and Ontario ship canal project."

An effort, not yet successful, has been made to induce the County Council of Simcoe to invest \$500,000 in the work, but we do not believe the representatives of that county will be so foolish as to commit the rate-payers in advance to the payment of half a million of dollars, the greater part of which might be frittered away without the construction of the canal being secured.

As a condition precedent to the granting of any large sum to the county, the company ought to be in a position to make two things clear beyond cavil, both of which are at present enveloped in doubt: first, that the work is a practicable one, and next, that the means can be raised to construct it.

Large as the sum is that is asked from the county of Simcoe, it is but an eightieth part of the company's authorized capital; so that before the people of Simcoe kind themselves to pay \$500,000, they should first ascertain where the other \$39,500,000 are to come from.

less local character, and the rivalry thus sought to be established appears to us not only entirely unnecessary, but conceived in very bad taste.

Following immediately upon the appeal above quoted we are told that "any one looking at a map must see that the route connecting Ontario and Huron is the route," as the merits of "a canal in the Ottawa and French Rivers" were to be utterly squelched out by italicizing one little word!

But we do not conceive that it is necessary to follow the querulous interrogatories which are intended to launch the Ottawa canal scheme for ever from public consideration. We merely notice the bad taste of the Toronto gentlemen in assailing a project, the friends of which have in no way interfered to retard the progress of their scheme; and to suggest to them the desirability of rising above the feelings of petty jealousy and local selfishness, breathing through every line of their address, so unworthy of men engaged in a vast enterprise, the success of which, whatever may be its local advantages, would confer undoubted benefits on the country at large.

A delegation from the Chicago Board of Trade, headed by Lieut. Gov. BRUCE, who is also editor of the Chicago Tribune and a man of great experience as well as a most enthusiastic advocate of the canal, is to visit Toronto in a few days, and a delegation from Milwaukee is also expected at the same time. The Canal Company in Toronto have already made arrangements at the Queen's Hotel for the suitable entertainment of their visitors; and doubtless the whole question will receive full discussion and perhaps be presented to the public in a more feasible shape.

Should the contemplated programme be carried out, a couple of gentlemen will then proceed to England to introduce the scheme to the notice of British capitalists, by whose assistance it is expected the canal may be built as a commercial enterprise.

The Local Superintendent and the committee in reference to the state of the Schools under the Board, which was read by the chairman, Mr. McCORMICK, Cunningham, May and Kirby, entered.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of paying the following accounts: The Local Superintendent, for printing and binding material, \$2.50; Andrew Wilson & Co., advertising, \$4.00; Louis Fauslin, repairing fence and doors, \$3.00; Joseph Blaine, cleaning and repairs to school house, \$17.75.

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Williams, the report was received and adopted. Accounts from Messrs. J. P. Robertson and P. Brennan were presented. The report of Mr. Robertson was read, and the account of Mr. Brennan was read.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM. From the Ottawa Times. Testimonial to Emma White on his Decease.

THE HON. MR. MCGEE AND THE HON. MR. THOMAS. The Hon. Mr. McGee and the Hon. Mr. Thomas, Secretary of the Ottawa Canal Scheme.

MONTEGOMERY, Dec. 11, 1866. Canon White of this city was today presenting four hundred and fifty dollars, together with a check for the same, on the occasion of his leaving for Newport.

THE HON. MR. MCGEE AND THE HON. MR. THOMAS. The Hon. Mr. McGee in his letter to the society explains that he could not be present to give a personal explanation, in consequence of an arrangement to attend a meeting of the Literary Club.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES. The Board met on Thursday, the 6th Dec., at 7 o'clock.

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