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AS TO PIG IRON.

At the call of the Chairman of the Tariff Committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Mr. R. W. Elliot, a meeting of that Committee was held in the office of the Association on April 10th, inst., at which it was resolved that a delegation of members of the Association be appointed to wait upon Sir Oliver Mowat, Premier, to memorialize him and the Ontario Government with reference to the granting of some Provincial encouragement towards the establishment of an iron blast furnace industry in Ontario; and the Secretary was instructed to arrange for the interview. In accordance with this, an appointment with Sir Oliver was obtained to receive the delegation on Monday next, April 24th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at his office in the new Parliament Buildings in this city.

It is generally acknowledged that this country cannot attain to the height of prosperity and industrial independence we all desire for it, unless we have a blast furnace industry

which will supply the domestic demand for pig iron. We have hoped for years that the protection afforded by the tariff which imposes a duty of \$4 per ton on pig iron, together with the bonus of \$2 per ton paid by the Dominion Government, on the production of the article in Canada, would have given us this industry in Ontario, but it has not; and it is evident that this much to be desired event will never be realized unless some additional inducement is offered.

There seems to be an awakening to the importance of this subject by many manufacturers, capitalists and others in different parts of Ontario; and already deputations have waited upon Sir Oliver requesting that the Ontario Government render some assistance in this direction. The Manufacturers' Association consider this a fit time to move in this matter, the idea being to ask the Ontario Government to pay a bonus of \$2 per ton upon such pig iron as may hereafter be made anywhere in Ontario; this to be continued for a period of ten years.

The personnel of the delegation will include not only those connected with the iron consuming industries, but those also who are engaged in other important manufacturing enterprises. The influence of the Association in this matter will be exerted for the benefit of Ontario generally--not in the interest of any particular section or locality.

BAR IRON.

THE Montreal papers tell of a meeting held in that city a few days ago at which all the manufacturers of bar iron in Canada were present, and who thoroughly discussed the situation affecting their industry. It was stated that for some time past there had been considerable cutting of prices, and one of the principal matters before the convention was to see if an amicable arrangement could not be arrived at whereby such cutting would cease. As a result, an agreement was drawn up by which all the mills are bound to reduce the price of bar iron by ten cents per hundred pounds. The market reports in the commercial papers state that the base price of bar iron is now \$1.95 per hundred pounds, instead of \$2.05 as before. This is the equivalent of \$39 per ton instead of \$41. Further reference to these market reports shows the price of No. 1 cast scrap iron to be 70 cents per one hundred pounds, or \$14 per ton, and of No. 1 wrought scrap iron to be 50 cents per hundred pounds, or \$10 per ton. This is 40 per cent. more for cast scrap, an article upon which, in the original manufacture, a minimum amount of labor had been performed, than for wrought scrap upon which very much more labor had been bestowed. It should be remembered that the duty upon cast scrap is \$4 per ton, the same as upon pig iron; and that there are hundreds of foundries in Canada where such iron is consumed. The duty upon wrought scrap, however, is 50 per cent. less than upon cast scrap, only \$2 per ton being imposed upon it, while there but very few rolling mill companies in Canada--but one in Ontario--who are purchasers and con-