

4,000 ACRES PER MILE.

James Whitney Will Give to Canadian Northern.

Land Grant For the Sellwood-Fort William Section.

William MacKenzie Says Proposition is Not Satisfactory.

Toronto, March 19.—Standing, schoolmasterlike, on the floor of the Legislature, beside two pages mounted on chairs and holding up for the view of the members a large map of North Ontario, Sir James Whitney enunciated the policy and ultimatum of the Government on the request of the Canadian Northern Railway for Provincial aid, at the close of yesterday's session of the Legislature. The Premier illustrated his remarks from the map, while the members deserted Mr. Speaker and crowded down to the end desks for a better view.

Briefly, the Government proposals, as Sir James explained them, comprise final refusal to guarantee bonds or to make cash grants, but to allow for the construction of approximately five hundred miles of railway from Sellwood to Fort William, skirting the north shore of Lake Superior and tapping the great clay belt of the north, a grant of 4,000 acres per mile, the age to lie solely within the clay belt, and the mineral area is to be given, and the Government will retain the right to the minerals under the land and the pine timber thereon. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council also reserved the right to dictate to the new owners when the land granted shall be sold and the price for which it must be disposed of. These provisions, the Premier observed, were demanded to prevent the holding or disposing of the land, as the country was opened up, for speculative purposes.

Sir James added that the Province's offer had not yet been accepted by Mr. William MacKenzie. He made the public statement "that there may be no cavilling on the ground that we delayed the announcement of our policy unnecessarily."

The Liberal leader was absent, being detained in Owen Sound by professional business, and the Opposition attendance was light. Addressing the Premier, Mr. Wm. Proudfoot (Centre Huron) said: "At the first blush it is difficult to express an accurate opinion. The proposals will have to be examined closely. As the Premier explained them, however, should the railway accept, it would seem to be a good bargain for the Province."

In opening, Sir James Whitney explained that the Canadian Northern proposed extending their line from Sudbury to Fort William and had made alternative requests to the Province for aid, viz., a guarantee of the company's bonds for some 500 miles of track from Sellwood running north to Lake Superior through Nipigon to Fort William, or a grant of land and a cash subsidy for the same mileage.

THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.
The Government decided at once to decline any proposition that looked towards any guarantee of any bonds," the Premier stated. "The Government has also declined to look favorably upon an application for land and cash subsidy combined. We have," he continued, "decided not to accept any proposition for a guarantee or land subsidy combined. We propose to say to this company—and I may say that we are not at all sure that the company will accept it—provided that you will, according to this map, practically at once begin the construction of this line to run approximately as it is laid down here, we will give you the same mileage per mile, but we will retain the minerals ourselves, and we will also retain the right to say when that portion of the land given to the company shall be put on the market. We will, moreover, retain the right to fix the price at which the land shall be sold. That is our proposition. I don't know what the company will say."

Proceeding, the Premier said that years ago the old Conservative Government, as well as the Liberal Government of Ottawa, and the former Government of the Province, had "run side by side in the strife to see which could be the more reckless in giving away immense tracts of land and immense sums of money to railway enterprises that were mostly speculative." The present Provincial Government had been returned on a policy opposed to that, except in exceptional cases, such as the road on Manitoulin Island.

"I want to be perfectly frank," said Sir James. "I wish to be perfectly frank and say that I think this is an exceptional case." As he had said, the Province spent many thousands of dollars in getting immigrants for whom the great clay belt would afford an opening. Some of the older citizens of Ontario might desire to move their families there, and in turn their place might be occupied by the immigrants. It was the duty of a responsible Government to open up the country and make every effort to develop its agricultural and mineral resources.

The Premier repeated the conditions on which the land grant was to be made. They were giving it on condition that something would be done which would make the whole valuable, and what they were giving was about one-eighth of the whole. The transaction would be accompanied by the proper checks and guarantees, which, if the company accepted the conditions, would be incorporated in a bill to be brought before the House.

"The reason I mention this to-day," he said, "is to put the matter before the House in order that there may be no cavilling on the ground that we delayed announcing our policy unnecessarily. The pine timber we also retain, and the Government will give the right to sell the land at a price to be fixed at such times as we insist on it being sold. We will have no monopoly holding up the people to pay a high price for it."

Mr. Studholme—in case the company don't build the road can this Government build it?
Premier Whitney.—The Government propose, and they think that the people of this Province will endorse them, to say that they will give between one and a half and two million of acres which are now valueless because undeveloped and unproductive, and get the road instead of the people having to spend \$25,000,000 in building a road of their own."

WHAT MR. MACKENZIE SAYS.
"This is the first intimation I have received as to the Government's proposals," said Mr. William MacKenzie, when interviewed as to Sir James Whitney's announcement. "Before making any general statement as to the position of the Canadian Northern I shall want to study the details and learn what the Government have in mind. Speaking offhand, I cannot say the proposal is satisfactory. The Province could well afford, in view of the benefits it would derive, to consider the giving of much larger assistance."

"It is hard to tell whether we can go ahead on those terms. In building our lines we have to get on a basis to make financial arrangements," Mr. MacKenzie added that the company was seeking aid also from the Dominion Government in view of the connecting of the eastern and western roads, and largely upon the results from the two Governments the project for the present must depend.

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Rosebery Alarmed

London, March 18.—Lord Rosebery, in a letter to the Times, raises another alarming question whether in view of Germany's naval growth Great Britain's territorial defence is adequate. He declares that this is an urgent matter needing strict inquiry.

STOLE TICKETS.

Toronto Street Car Conductor Placed Under Arrest.

Toronto, March 19.—Charged with stealing fares, Thomas Harrison, aged 32 years, of 301 Markham street, a conductor in the employ of the Toronto Railway Company, was taken from a Dundas street car at the corner of Richmond and Victoria streets yesterday afternoon by Detectives Murray and Guthrie and placed under arrest.

The warrant was sworn out against the man yesterday afternoon by Superintendent McCullough, who has had the accused under surveillance for the past three weeks. Yesterday spotters were placed on the car and put marked tickets in the fare box. When searched at police headquarters two of the tickets were found in Harrison's vest pocket. He also had \$28.96 on him.

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WESTERN TRAGEDY.

One Dead and One Insane Englishman Found in Shack.

Fernie, March 18.—Two Englishmen were found in a shack near the Great Northern Station yesterday. One is dead and the other is in a dying condition. One appears to have been dead about two days. The other is demented, and can give no account of himself or the dead man. By the labels on their luggage they appear to have left England in February last by the Empress of Britain.

On the bed by the dead man was a purse containing nine sovereigns. There were also two Walworth watches, four ten-dollar bills, several new suits of clothes, and grips. Who the dead man is or how he died remains a mystery. The sick man was found that his feet had been badly frozen, as the skin came off with the stockings.

A post-mortem was held this morning, but no light was thrown on the dead man's identity.

One hundred thousand dollar fire at Easton Foundry and Machine Co., Easton, Pa.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Jerseyville

Miss Myrtle McDermid spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wait and daughter, Halley, spent the week end with friends here.

Mr. A. Welsh and family moved to their new home on Thursday near Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. Mr. Aude was unable to take his pulpit on Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. G. Cochrane is spending a few days with her daughter in Toronto.

Mr. T. N. Smith and family spent Sunday with friends in Hamilton.

The sudden death of the esteemed lady, Mrs. Eliza Langs, relict of the late Nelson Langs, of Langford, on Sunday evening was a shock to the community.

Mrs. Langs was 81 years of age, and up to the time of her death was in good health. She had been a resident in the household for over 60 years. She was very a queen in her own household, and was universally respected and beloved. Her remains were interred in the family plot at Langford.

She leaves three children, Martin, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. J. C. Rock, Valparaiso, Indiana; and Flint L. Langs, Langford, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. R. Markle, Jerseyville, besides a large circle of sympathetic friends and relatives, to mourn her sudden demise.

Mr. Gordon Howard Swartz has been appointed choir leader in the Methodist Church, Miss Janet Howell organist, and Miss A. Clark assistant organist.

A number of friends and neighbors met on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., at the home of Mr. J. L. Smith, organist for the Methodist Church, on the eve of his departure for Rome, N. Y., and presented him with a handsome music cabinet and a leather music hand case. The evening was spent in speeches, music, etc. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. S. Wait, reeve of Ancaster. Addresses were made by Dr. J. C. McAlister, Mr. E. W. Howell, E. Bristol, G. H. Swartz, M. R. Wood and others. The following is the address:

To Mr. H. Lafayette Smith:
Dear Sir.—About seventeen years have passed since you became a resident of this village. During all those years you have lived amongst us as a citizen, a fellow-worker, a friend and a brother, sharing with us our common life, with its joys and its sorrows. It is but fitting, therefore, that we should contemplate your approaching removal with feelings of profound regret, and a keen sense of our loss. To express in some tangible form these sentiments and our sincere respect and love for you, and for Mrs. Smith, we have gathered this evening. We use no flattering words when we voice our high esteem for your personal character, your honorable dealing, your manliness, your readiness to help in promoting the best interests of the community. No words can tell how we have appreciated the services you have rendered to the church during these years as organist and conductor of the music. With exemplary devotion and patience, with cheerfulness and enthusiasm, you have placed your great gifts at the disposal of Christ and his church in this place. Your removal creates a vacancy which it will be difficult, if not impossible to fill. We would thank you for all the faithful work you have done for us during this long period. We can only bow to that gracious Providence who, we trust, is guiding you and us alike in our painful parting. We commend you to His keeping. We are glad to learn that you are going to a place where your environment will be agreeable, and we sincerely pray that your new home you and Mrs. Smith may find sweet content and a goodly measure of happiness. Will you please accept this music cabinet as a small token of our regard; and when in your new home you indulge in your favorite recreation it may remind you of your old friends in Jerseyville. Signed, on behalf of the congregation of the Methodist Church, James Aude, pastor; Elwood W. Howell, R. S.; E. B. Bristol, S. S. superintendent; G. H. Swartz, choir.

Vineland News

Mr. E. Fry, of St. Catharines, passed through here on Monday.

Mr. J. S. Jenkins, of Belleville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Housner, at present.

Mrs. James Honsberger and Miss Gertrude Cline spent Sunday with their mother.

A number of lots are being bought and sold by the Gayman brothers in this locality.

Miss Clara Fester was the guest of Miss Mabel Overholt on Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Albright, of Akron, N. Y., has returned home after a couple of days' visit with her father, who is quite ill at present.

The funeral of the late Mrs. G. Overholt, who died on Saturday afternoon last, took place on Wednesday, meeting at the house at 1 o'clock, thence to Jordan Station Church for service, and interment.

Fisherville

Mrs. N. Syer and daughter, of Dashwood, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Michael Miller, a Haldimand boy, but for some years customs officer at Buffalo, paid a short visit on Saturday.

Landady Bener, who underwent a serious operation in Hamilton, is doing as well as can be expected since the operation.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schwyer is still in a precarious condition.

Mr. Fred Nablo, agent for the International Harvester Company, made, on Tuesday, a spring delivery of implements at Nelles' Corners.

Edward Deguey has opened a barber shop in this village.

The ladies' branch of the Farmers' Institute held a very successful meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday. Six new members were enrolled, making thirty-six paid up members.

Mr. Henry Nablo has again been awarded the mail contract.

Vinemount

The regular meeting of Pincerest Literary Society was well attended on Wednesday evening. Mr. Lyman Lee, of Hamilton, gave a very interesting address on "Astronomy." The rest of the programme was furnished by Miss Anna Lee, Mr. Robinson, who gave a good demonstration of how a violin should be played, and Misses Harper, who sang a duet.

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Mrs. E. Clemonds, of Fenwick, spent Tuesday evening with Mr. J. M. Patterson.

Binbrook

The regular monthly young people's service will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Binbrook, next Sunday, March 21st, at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach.

The monthly meeting of the Binbrook branch of the Woman's Institute will be held the last Wednesday in March at the residence of Mrs. J. Marshall. As it will be necessary to appoint a secretary, all the members are requested to attend.

Miss Georgia Young is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hyslop, of Glanville.

Mr. R. W. Muirhead, of Toronto, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young, in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall, of Hamilton, are visiting relatives in the vicinity.

Scotland

Mr. Edward VanEvery, who has sold his property in this village, leaves this week for the Northwest.

Mrs. W. Muirhead, south of this village, has been quite ill for a few days, but is improving.

Mr. James Mulligan, jun., who has been suffering with dropsy for some time, passed away on Sunday night of last week at his father's residence, and was interred in the cemetery here on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. Saunders conducted the funeral service. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Mr. Wm. Smiley was visiting at his parental home at Teeterville during the week.

Mr. Lorne Leigh, who has been in the Northern Crown Bank for some time, has severed his connection with it.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sovereign, of

Warner

Mr. George E. Lounsbury and family and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Swick visited at Mr. Z. Silverthorn's on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobs, from Basingstoke, visited at Mr. James Lampman's.

Mrs. Martindale is a little better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Silverthorn visited at Mr. George Vail's, near Beamsville, on Sunday last.

The month of March brings lots of sickness in this community.

Mr. Dilts has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. McCready.

Miss Stella Lyburner visited her uncle, Mr. George Miller, on Sunday last.

Little Jessie Tice is improving very slowly.

G. Quider is on the sick list.

Vanessa

The robin redbreast has come once more.

Smallpox is in this neighborhood. Two cases are reported.

Mr. Clayton Barber has purchased a farm near Delhi, and will take possession next month. Mr. and Mrs. Barber will be greatly missed in this neighborhood, but Vanessa's loss will be Delhi's gain.

Messrs. H. Bartholomew, J. Taylor, N. Clement and A. Kelly attended the stock sale at Tillsonburg on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Barber were at Windham Centre on Thursday attending

Stoney Creek

On Monday, March 22, the Collegiate Institute will have a challenge debate with the new Stoney Creek Literary Society in the Institute Hall.

On Tuesday, March 23, the new Stoney Creek Literary Society will visit Pine Crest Literary Society, when a challenge debate will take place.

Pine Crest Literary Society will have an oratorical contest in the Institute Hall on Tuesday, March 30. A splendid musical programme, as well as the speeches, will be given.

On Friday, March 19, Prof. Coleman will deliver an address to the League on "The Conquest of Wild Canada."

On Tuesday, March 16, Lyman Lee, B. A., of Hamilton, delivered an astronomical address entitled "Star Land." Although it was a disagreeable night, those who attended were well repaid.

Lorne Spera left on Wednesday, March 17, for the West.

Miss E. Nokes spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Jenkins, in Beamsville.

Miss S. Lawson, of Flamboro, spent Saturday and Sunday at Lakeview Farm.

Miss Hannah Corman spent Sunday at Jubilee Hall.

On Friday, March 12, Pine Crest Literary Society visited the Model Literary Society at Alvington. Five big loads went out. They had a splendid time, and it is to be hoped that their yell did not disturb the people living in that vicinity too much.

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Fulton

Mrs. Richard Sheldrake is confined to her bed with congestion of the lungs, and is under the care of Dr. Woodhall.

Mr. E. Halsted was confined to the house for a week with tonsillitis, but is able to be out again, under the care of Dr. Woodhall.

Mr. William Stapley, of Fulton west, started on Tuesday of this week for the Northwest.

Mr. A. L. Nelson is having an auction sale of stock and implements on Thursday of this week.

Mr. A. L. Parker is still confined to the house, and does not feel any better. He is hoping to when warm weather comes.

Mr. Geo. Southward is breaking a colt for Mr. L. Smith, of Tweedside.

Mr. David Jackson has rented his farm to Mr. Hanna, and will have a large sale in the near future.

Mr. W. St. John has purchased a horse from Mr. R. Jeffery, of Tapscroft, to fill the place of the one he lost.

The Merritt Brothers have their new dryer finished, and will soon be rushing the basket business in good style.

Attercliffe

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dolon have commenced keeping house in their new home near here.

Mr. Wm. Welthe and children spent the week end at their old home, Pelham Union.

Mr. Abe. Sensabaugh and Mr. J. Cambridge have each secured a small boy from the "Home" Hamilton.

Rev. Mr. Granda, of Cayuga, will preach the annual educational sermon in the Methodist Church here on Sunday morning next.

Some people here are still securing a quantity of fairly good ice.

Our Mr. R. J. Gracey is away on a business trip to St. Thomas, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Randall visited a couple of days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billiard, Moulton.

Mrs. John Randall has returned, after a two week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dolon, Moulton.

A horse, owned by a Mr. Street, Caisior Centre, ran away from here last Thursday. Mr. Street had one leg injured.

Albion

Mrs. Cyrus Johnson who leaves this week for Michigan, spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Wm. Johnson.

Edward Curran, who has suffered a slight paralysis stroke, is much better.

Miss Rhoda VanSickle, Trinity, visited Mrs. Arthur Markle on Monday.

Mrs. Edgar Baker and Misses Annie and Lily Baker were guests on Tuesday of Mrs. C. Robertson.

Whooping cough is becoming prevalent in this section.

Mrs. Walter Arral, Hamilton, spent Sunday week with E. Curran's.

Samuel Britt is removing to his recently purchased home in Brantford.

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Fourth—Willie Fortman, Roger Potemey, Mary Patterson, Mary Reid, Ira Lee, Orpha Lee, Albert Krick, James Cunningham.

Warkworth Man Reported Drowned.

Warkworth, March 18.—It is believed that Albert Dunn was drowned in the Trent River about three miles east of Trent bridge last week. He had been in the river and was returning carrying a bag of bread. His brothers made a search for him and found the bag on the ice at the edge of the channel. Dunn was 45 years of age.

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