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Mr. Ross Replies to Mr. Wh t-

The Premier Announces a New Railway Policy for the Settlement of Northern Ontario.

Toronto, Feb. 22.-Premier Ross took up most of Tuesday's session of the legislature in defending his govern ment from Mr. Whitney's criticisms. After alluding in complimentary terms to the mover and seconder of the address, he made a felicitous reference to Canada's part in the preswar and the wave of loyalty which is passing over the country. He then plunged into his reply to the leader of the opposition. The finanial commission was appointed, the said, owing to misunderstanding which had existed for years the two sides of the house on the financial position of the proon the linancial position of the pro-vincial house, and his colleagues wanted to know definitely whether there really was a surplus or a defi-If they were living in a fool's or a rogue's paradise they wanted to know it. To-morrow he would bring down the report of the commission, and on that report government would be committed. He id not yet know what that commission would report, but they would know when it was laid on the table know when it was laid on the table of the house. He denied the charge that the commissioners were men whose acts were controlled by the government, and asserted that not one of these would be likely to color his report for the purpose of defend-ing the administration. He had been horrified; he remarked, satirically, to Conservative views to go over the books of the department, and that man had even gone into the vault and seen the surplus with his own eyes. (Laughter.) Mr. Matheson-Did he find it?

Mr. Ross-He found exactly what was there, and that is more than any other friend will ever find. (Baughter.) Continuing, the premier said that the money derived from the axation of financial corporations, not purpose for eing needed for the was originally yould be applied to education, and the opening up of new Ontario. He made the important announcement that the government had come to an arrangenent with the railroads of new On-WHEREBY SETTLERS

that country at the lowest possible rate-maybe free of chrage, as a quid pro quo of the subsidies the province had granted. They would make the roads partners in the settlement of that country, and no further substdies would be granted without such condition being attached to the Mr. Ross also announced that the government proposed to tax

nicket lands and allow a rebate when the product is manufactured in the province, pursuing the same policy in-regard to nickel as hard been adopted in Quebec in respect to pulp wood. Replying to Mr. Whitney's objection to ministers holding important posipublic companies, Mr. positions, might promote legislation for their companies, but he argued that to impose restrictions, as suggested, would mean that no man who had shown exceptional business capacity would be eligible for Parliament, and the country would lose the valuable services of such men. Ever man's conscience must be his own judge as to whether he could honorbudge as to whether he could honorably fill the duties of such a dual position. As to the Attorney-General, his colleagues had entire confidence in him, and they were satisfied that he would never abuse his postiion as

minister to secure legislation for any company with which he was connect Turning to the government timber policy the premier suggested that something might be done to enter into a partnership with the own-ers of great timber limits for the preservation of the pine forests; and in regard to pulp wood it might be possible and advisblae to advance the dues. On these matters they would gladly receive suggestions from the

WEST ELGIN CHDRGES. Mr. Ross plunged immediately into the West Elgin charges when the House resumed. The appointment of a commission to enquire into the West Elgin irregularities had been ful-West Eigin irregularities had been fulfilled. He regretted the recent corrupt practices at the by-elections in the province. It did seem strange that such an epidemic of corruption should prevail as was brought to light in the Dominion of late years; for there were corrupted to the election trials in Manitoby and other provinces during the Dominion election of 1896. He did not think the Liberals in Ontario were the only ones election of 1896. He did not think the Liberals in Ontario were the only ones laid open to the charge of fraud. and corruption at elections. Mr. Ross then went over the record of the Libthen went over the record of the laberal party for years back, endeavoring to show that it had always been for purity in elections, citing the legislation and reforms that had been brought about with this end in view.

Then, reverting to West Elein, he said. Then, reverting to West Elgin, he said:
"The secrecy of the ballot must be
maintained, and as had been shown in West Elgin this was not the case.

Mr. Whitney had said that the commission should take in North Waterloo as well as West Elgin, but by statoo as well as west raigin, but by sta-tute the Government was debarred from interfering, as the election peti-tion proceedings in North Waterloo had not terminated. It had also been had not terminated. It had also been asked why a commission of sgeneral enquiry into corruption throughout the province had not been appointed. Some 56 cases had been reported to the Houser affecting stats on both sides; and if a commission were appointed, such as had been suggested, it would have to go from one end of the country to the other and would be kept sitting until well into the next century. He argued that even where the tury. He argued that even where the courts had rendered judgment in a case of election irregularity the commission would be bound to make an enquiry; and what hon, gentleman would feel that he would be obliged

to vacate his seat whom the courts had held was not guilty, should the commission see otherwise! The Gov-

ernment giving this scope of enquiry might be accused of TAKING THE LAW

boldly out of the hands of the judges.
Mr. Ross attempted to show from this point of view that the Government was as active in prosecuting Liberat offenders as it was Conservative. When it came to the question of the barraire of the hallots there was some burning of the ballots there was some laughter on the Opposition benches. The evidence of four persons under oath had been given that these balwere burned

Mr. Matheson-Did they see the baltots burned ? Mr. Ross-They believed they were

the ballots in question. (Op Mr. Ross argued that the loss of the ballots affected no case pending in the courts, and that the ends of justice could be attained without them. The Premier here said that no Government would take the serious risk of burning such billots, for it had nothing to such billots, for it had nothing to gain by being a party to their destruction. A proposition was made by Mr. Ross that both parties should join forces with the view to arriving at some means to put a stop to electoral impurity. He had been in communication, with the judges to see if there was no way of strengthening and improving the laws in this respect. Any suggestions offered by the Opposition suggestions offered by the Opposition would be adopted. As to Mr. Whit-ney's challenge to the Government to dissolve the House and to go to the country, he argued that such a thing could not be done so long as he (Ross) had the working majority of eight, which he now had. "We will dissolve had the working majority of eight, which he now had. "We will dissolve the House," concluded the Premier, "when the time comes, and go to the people with every confidence and return after the election of 1902 with a majority which will astonish the honorable gentlemen of the Opposition."

Mr. Marter moved the adjournment of the Adverter

# the debate?

Vitrified Brick Can be put Dewa at \$1 50 per Square Yard.

That is Much Less Than the Committee Anticipa:ed-Tenders For Supplies to ba Called For.

A special meeting of the civic board of works was held in the city clerk's office yesterday afternoon. There were present the chairman, Ald. McKeough, and Ald. McCoig and Marshall with City Engineer Shackleton.

In the matter of the claim of Jos. Westmore for \$3.39; balance for laying walk on the East side of Victoria avenue, it was decided to recommend payment. and their effects would be taken into

City Engineer Shackleton read a caresociation, held in Detroit, which he other hand, attended in his official capacity. He ably few, some reported that it was there stated that tion could be laid for \$1.50 per square yord, the finished article. It was proposed to lay 9,000 square yards on King street during the present year and these during the present year and these figures were lower than the committee of the present year and these some length, but eventually rejected. brick road bed with concrete foundafigures were lower than the committee anticipated.

Wells & MacMurchy, of Toronto, wrote for the C. P. R. saying they had appealed to the county judge in the matter of the William street sewer to hold it open and asking the council to deal with the prorposed amicable arrangements of local assessments as discussed in committee with W. G.

Dunlop.

The clerk was instructed to acknow ledge the same and state that it would he brought ep at the next council It was decided to advertise for tend-

ere supplies for the year and the improvements to the Adelaide street

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COUNCILLOR LEWIS IS AN OLD MARINE OF THE BRITISH

NAVY. It is not generally known that Councillor Joseph Lewis, of Dover, served in the British Marines for seven years before coming to this country. Mr. Lewis is an Englishman and hails from Bedford. He enlisted as a marine in 1859 on the sailing ship List. There is an ironclad cruiser Isis now. marine in 1859 on the sailing ship Isis. There is an ironclad cruiser Isis now, the same that brought Gen. Kitchener from Egypt to Gibraltar on his way to South Africa, but it is not the same one. It is called after the old war vessel Isis, that Mr. Lewis went to sea on, and which in her day did good service. From the Isis Mr. Lewis went to the Meander, another sailing ship, and from her to the Archer, a thirteen gun steam cruiser. During his term the vessels Mr. Lewis served on were largely employed in suppressing the slave trade on the coast of Africa. At the time of the Trent affair, about 1862, Mr. Lewis vessel was ordered to American waters, but before she could sail the United States backed down, surrendered the Confederate commissioners she had a size of the coast of a Reitish vessel and ed States backed down, surrendered the Confederate commissioners she had seized on board a British vessel, and averted a conflict. In his possession Councillor Lewis has a very fine picture of the Isis, done by himself while on board her, in Berlin wool, the cut of the craft being surrounded by British and foreign flags, also in the same material. naterial.

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### COLOR LINE STILL DRAWN.

### O. U W. Refuse to Amend Con stitu ion to Aamit ati Comers.

Toronto, Feb. 22.-The annual meet ing of the Grand Lodge of the A.O. U W, opened in the Confederation Life building yesterday morning with an attendance of more than five hundred delegates from all over the province. Geo Graham, M. P.P., of Brockville, the Grand Master, presided and presented a most encouraging report of the past year. Five new lodges have been organized, and 4,323 candidates initiated. The surplus from the beneficiary department amounts to \$51, fully prepared report of the duings at 220, and the reserve fund to \$160,795.

the convention of the Bricklayers' Asbeconvention of the Bricklayers' Ascociation, held in Detroit, which he other hand, have been remark-He ably few, something less than two per

> ome length, but eventually rejected. The special committee deputed to consider the advisability of establishing a sick benefit branch in connection with the order presented an adverse report, which was adopted.

The necessary by-laws were passed authorizing the officers to invest the authorizing the officers to fivest the reserve fund in municipal blonds as well as government securities. It was also decided to issue policies for \$1,500, as well as for \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Father Meunier's Opinion of Pub-Le Schools

Leading Parishioner Retorts With V. rv Grave Charges Against the Priest.

Rev. Fr. Meunier, parish priest at Belle River, and some of his parishoners have come to open rupture over the school matter, and there is promise of the liveliest kind of a time. The wrangle has been in progress for a long time, and is the result of Bishop MsEvay's order for the establishmen of a separate school. Some of the prominent Catholics of the parish refused point blank to obey the bishop's mandate, and, joining forces with the Protestants of the district continued

to support, a public school.
Since then, they claim, the priest has several times attacked them from the pulpit. Last Sunday, it is declared, he stated that separate school trustees had acted in a true, Christian spirit, as became good Catholics, while the public school trustees were demons and public schools the schools of the

M. L. Menard, a public school trus-M. L. Menard, a public school trustee, and a Catholic, comes back at Fr. Meunier in an open letter, in which he charges that the priest connived with the section of the school building the people had paid for. He charges the priest with trying to drive all Protestants out of the village, and characterizes the cleric's action as a parody or religion.

DEATH OF MRS. PAYNE. Mrs. Wm. Payne, of Dover South, passed peacefully away at her home on Feb. 21st. She was born inear Epson, Surrey, England, and came to Canada with her husband and two

children thirty years ago. The de-ceased was a lifelong member of the English Church and died in the bless-English Church and died in the blessed hope of a glorious resurrection. Besides her husband she leaves nine, children to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are: Mrs. Patterson and Miss. Lillie, of London; Ernest, Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Jackson, of Dover; James, Ada, Clara and Maudie at home.

The British House of Commons rejected by 232 to 136 votes the second reading of the Irish evicted tenants

Hattie Summers, a Hamilton do-mestic, was seriously burned while

exceeds 124,000. Admiral Dewey opposes the fortifi-ertrion of the Nicaragua Canal. The price of gas in Winnipeg has been reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.25 per

housand feet.
Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, of "Gold Cure" fame, died suddenly at his winter home near Los Angeles, Cal.

The roof fo St. Paul's Anglican Church at Renfrew was burned and the interior badly damaged.

The National Council of Women of the United States patitions the Open. the United States petitions the Queen to submit the Transvaal dispute to

arbitration. The American State Department officially denies that Consul Macrum's

ficially denies that Consul Macrum's mail was tampered with while he was stationed at Pretoria.

It is probable that the Leinster Regiment will remain on garrison duty at Halifax, so the Canadian offer to supply their place will not be accepted.

The German Government was defeated in the Reichstag by the adoption by a large majority of a motivation to repeal the so-called "distatorial to repeal the so-called distatorial transgraph" now in force in Alsaceto repeal paragraph" now in force in Alsace-

# MILD MADIZIMO

Latest Quotations Which are of Interest to Everybody.

Retail Prices in Chatham-Gossip

Planet Office, Wednesday evening, Feb. 21.

J. B. Stringer & Co. give the follow ing market gossip:
Wheat-Light receipts, with the market on the whole steady, but without much change in value. prices are looked for.
Outs and Corn—There has been an

advance of a cent a bushel during the past week owing to an improved de-Beans-Little or no receipts.

wholesale market is dull and is likely to remain so for another month, when resh stocking up will take place. Dressed Pork—Receipts small. The market, however, shows a strength. Live hogs-The market is higher and sales are good.

Wheat, 65 to 66c. Mixed oats, 25,1-2c, White oats, 261-2c. Corn, shelled, 34 to 35c. Corn, shelled, 34 to 30c.
Beans, \$1.30 to \$1.40.
Buckwheat, 50c.
Barley, 78c. per cwt.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alsike, \$5 to \$6.50.
Red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.

HAY AND HOGS.

Hay, timothy, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50.

Hay, clover, \$5.50 to \$7.

Hay, baled, \$8.50 to \$10.

Live hogs, \$4.50 to \$4.75 for hogs weighing from 140 lbs. up.

Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.25. HAY AND HOGS.

LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES. Wool, washed, 16c. cash, 18c. trade. Wool, unwashed, 12c. trade, 11c, cash Calf skins, 8c. Sheep skins, 30 to 75c. Lamb skins 40 to 55c. Pelts, 20 to 30c. Cow hides, 7 to 71-2c. Horse hides, \$1, to \$2. Fox skins, \$1 to \$1.50.

HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES.

There was very little offering of dressed meats, but the small amount offered found a fair sale.

The supply of vegetables was small but well in keeping with the requirements. In the shed there was a kimited supply of dairy products, butter selling at 20 cents a pound, eggs 20c. a dozen, and chickens 25 to 30 cents a piece.

Butter, 20c. Eggs, 20c. Apples, 30 to 50 cents a peci Cabbages, 5c. to 12c. each. Potatoes, 65 to 70c. per bag. Onions, yellow, 20c., white, 30c Onions, yellow, 20c., white, of Carrots, 10c, a peck. Parsnips, 10 to 15c, a peck. Turnips, 10c, a peck. Chickens, 20 to 30c. Ducks, 25 to 30c. Geese, 50 to 65s. Turkeys, 75 to \$1.25. Lamb, 6 to 7c. Mutton, 5 to 6c. Pork, 6 to 7c. Beef, 4 1-2 to 6c

FISH MARKET. Manitoba white fish, \$10c. a lb. Salmon trout, 10c. a lb.

Haddock, 10c. a lb. Mullet and carp, 10 to 40c. apiece TORONTO BEAN MARKET

Torosto, Feb. 21.—Beans — Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.60 to \$1.70, delivered here, and resell at

TORONTO PRODUCE. Toronto Feb. 21.-Eggs- Receipts, only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Strictly new laid 19 to 20c.; fresh gathered, sell at 17 to 18; and No. 2 at 13 to 15,

Butter-Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand good. Local quotations to -Dairy tubs, poor to me the trade.—Dairy tubs, poor to medium 15 to 17c; strictly choice, 19 to 22c; large rolls, 20 to 21c; small dairy, 1b., prints about 21 to 22c; creamery tubs, and boxes, 23 to 23c. pounds, 23

Potatoes-Free deliveries and a slow local demand keep prices down. Car lots are sold on track here at 35c. to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 50c per bag. Out of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c. per bag.

'Dried apples—Quiet market. Dealers pay 51-2 for dried stock, delivered bers and in small late regall at ered here, and in small lots resell at 61-2; evaporated 71-2 to 8c., in small

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c per lb. for 5, 10, or 60-lb tins, and in comb at around \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Choice stock in demand.

No. 1 timothy will bring \$8.75 to \$9; No. 2 sells at \$8 to \$8.25. Straw—Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, on track.

Hops—Quiet. Dealers here quote choice Canada '99's at 14 to 16c. Outside holders are asking from 16 1-2

to 18c. Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 30 to 50c; geese at 7 to 71-2c; ducks at 60 to 50c; geese at 7 to 71-2c; ducks at 60 to 75c, per pair, and tur-keys at 10 to 11c, per 1b. BUFFALO LIVE STOCK

East Buffalo, Feb. 21.-Cattle.-Feeders, \$4.15. Butcher cattle, \$4.40. Butcher steers, \$5. Calves were moderate supply, fair demand, and steady at the decline. Choice to extra were quotable at \$8

Good to choice, \$7.50 to \$8.
Sheep and lambs—Offerings moderate; choice to extra were quotable at \$7.15 to \$7.30.

Good to choice, \$7 to \$7.15. Yearlings, sheep, \$6 to \$6.25. Mixed sheep, \$5.25 to \$5.50. Ewes, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Hogs-Fairly active, with 17 loads and a lower basis on light hogs and

Heavy hogs were steady, \$5.20 to \$5.25 Mixed, \$5.15 to \$5.20. Light Yorkers, \$5.10 to \$5.25. Heavy, \$5.15 to \$5.20. Pigs quotable not above \$5, and the

feeling unsettled. Roughs, \$4.65 to \$4.75. Stags, \$3.50 to \$3.75. A Deep Mystery.

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