

Ontario Legislature.

THE MURDER OF SCOTT.

Mr. Blake rose to move the resolution respecting the murder of Thomas Scott, of which he had given notice prior to the recess, when he was on the other side of the House. The resolution he proposed to make was as follows:—That this House be bound to express its regret that no effectual steps have been taken to bring to justice the murderers of Thomas Scott, and its opinion that something should be done to that end. If the House adopted this motion it would enable the Government to bring forward such measures for the action of the House as would be calculated to accomplish the latter part of the resolution.

Mr. Blake recapitulated his arguments of last session to show that this was not a question of race or creed, and he endeavored to excite party feeling by introducing such elements into the discussion. He justified the proposal that the Ontario Assembly should take action by reference to precedents and proved that the act done in the North-West by him and his "banditti" were within the jurisdiction of Canada. The Government would of course follow up the resolution of the House with such further action as might be likely to achieve the desired end.

Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, and strongly urged its adoption. Mr. E. B. Wood followed, and in an able speech proved that the power of Canada to arrest and punish felonies committed in the Hudson's Bay Territories was indisputable. He would support the resolution, and should hold the Government strictly responsible for the fullest possible effect being given to the wishes of the House and country.

Mr. C. Cameron opposed the motion, and made his usual insinuations of base and unworthy motives against its promoters. He has not yet got over the political antipathies which existed in 1857, and taunted the proposer and supporters of the resolution with the fact that, whilst anxious to punish Riel, they had favoured a grant of money to the widow of William Lyon Mackenzie.

Mr. Mackenzie severely censured Mr. Cameron for the offensive personal style of his address, and his uniform habit of casting aspersions upon those who were opposed to him. Mr. Scott expressed his concurrence in the views of his colleagues, and explained that last year he was anxious to vote with Mr. Blake, but was overborne by a sense of allegiance to his party.

When the vote was taken on Mr. Blake's motion the only one who voted nay was Mr. M. C. Cameron, all his followers voting with the Government.

The Trade on the Broad Gauge as Compared with that on the Narrow Gauge Railway.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

Sir—I read with considerable interest and pleasure the letter of your Clifford correspondent in Thursday's issue, giving, as it does, full particulars of the business done there since the opening of the Railway, and I feel that I express the sentiment unanimously entertained by the people of Guelph, when I say that I rejoice to see such beneficial results from the opening of the W. G. & B. Railway. Having taken an active part in the promotion of that Railway from its first conception, will you kindly allow me space in your widely circulated paper to compare the result which the two rival schemes of Broad and Narrow Gauges have produced on some of the places through which they run. This will be the more appropriate at the present time, since the two Companies are now in South Bruce contending for the support of the ratepayers there for the completion of their schemes to Kinross.

Those who have had an opportunity of observing the every day working of the two Railways will have no difficulty in deciding which is the most suitable to meet the wants of the country, and which will do, and is now doing, most for the development and improvement of the fine country in North-West.

Your correspondent gives figures to show that in the 18 working days from the time the Railway was opened, 50,672 bushels of grain, mostly wheat, was bought at Clifford, only one station out of the 9 on the road, being only 29,620 bushels less than the total of wheat, barley and oats carried over the Toronto, Grey and Bruce line for the months ending 31st Dec. as exhibited by the statement in the Globe of Saturday the 13th inst., while in dressed hogs, another important article of farm produce the total number bought at Clifford during the same period of 18 days, was 1161, weighing 278,949 lbs., exceeding the whole carried over the 50 miles of Narrow Gauge Railway with its 16 stations, which means collecting points, for three months, by 37,189 lbs. Now, if the small village of Clifford can collect as much of the farm produce of the country in 18 days as can be collected on the whole 50 miles of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway in three months, are we not justified in concluding that either the country through which the Narrow Gauge Railway runs is a very unproductive district, or else, that as a Railway it has failed to establish the markets at its various stations, also promised to the Municipalities which granted aid towards its construction. The former is clearly not the case. From my knowledge of the country from Weston to Orangeville I can safely say that there are few finer farming districts in Ontario, and if we pass over a portion between the latter point and Arthur, we have again a fine country all the way to Mount Forest, the present terminus. There was a time when 31 and Forest road with much larger places as a commercial point, and being situated in one of the best localities for collecting farm produce, and if it possessed the same railway facilities that Clifford enjoys, the former spirit of enterprise, which I am satisfied, is not yet extinct, would have made it the market for the whole of that fine surrounding district. But as the buyers cannot compete with Clifford, consequently as a market place outside of a limited circuit "its name is never heard"; and as the buyers in Arthur and Mount Forest frankly state the prices for produce are higher in Guelph than in Toronto, consequently they cannot afford to pay a corresponding price and the railway freight, and the farmers prefer driving their produce to some point on the W. G. & B. Railway or take it through to Guelph.

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very different opinion about the competition and the Toronto market.

The same writer who styles himself "A Ratepayer of Turnberry," but who I judge hails from Wroxeter, enters into a one-sided description of how the bonus was carried in that township, and charges the W. G. & B. Company with obtaining it by unfair and disreputable means, and he leaves the foul stigma on the whole of his fellow ratepayers who voted for the By-law, that they were under the influence of liquor, or sold themselves for money. The charge is as unjust and despicable as it is false. As an eye witness from the time the first vote was polled till the close, I assert that not a single voter was influenced by liquor during the whole day in favour of the By-law, although the fact was known to representatives of the W. G. & B. line, that on the Saturday before the voting took place, the advocates of the amalgamated London and Toronto lines were buying voters indiscriminately where they could secure them by such means. As to the liquor used, I presume "Ratepayer" winked at the keg which each wagon contained, that was employed in the interest of his scheme, while I defy him to give any proof to substantiate his charge against the supporters of the By-law. Doubtless in the purity of his soul he thinks that the wagon load of bread and cheese that was distributed alike among the supporters and opponents of the By-law, by the W. G. & B. party, was also a get of bribery. The truth is that the disgraceful scenes that took place at Turnberry, originated with the Toronto and London party, and the less that "Ratepayer" or his Wroxeter friends say on the subject the better for themselves.

I would not take any notice of his remarks, were it not that he slanders and vilifies a majority of the Ratepayers of that Township, and charges the W. G. & B. party with perpetrating as he styles it, "an outrage on our civilization" which is false, and without any foundation of fact. Yet it is nothing new, for in all the campaigns through which the W. G. & B. has passed, its promoters have been maligning in the most disgraceful manner by the N. G. party. Still they have pushed forward their enterprise, and they have the proud satisfaction of maintaining the confidence of the municipalities through which they pass, and of seeing not alone in the case of Clifford, but at all their stations, their anticipations were then realized, in the rapid development and unparalleled prosperity of all the villages.

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