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## Pacific Railway Construction.

In his Lambton address, Mr. Mac-kenzie puts into more definite and

kenzie puts into more definite and particular shape the reference made in his Sarnia speech to the way in which the Government would set about building the Pacific Railway. The great Canadian North-West is remarkable for its chains of inland waters, long lines of alternate lake and river. More than a thousand wiles of such "water.ways" can be waters, long lines of alternate lake and river. More than a thousand miles of such "water-ways" can be made available for trav. between Ontario and the Pacific Ocean. By the Georgian Bay and great lakes Superior and Huron we reach Thunder Bay or Nepigon Bay ; then, from those points to Fort Garry nearly half the distance can be traversed by water :

distance can be traversed by water ; and again, from Manitoba nearly to the Rocky Mountains, is another water highway. Mr. Mackenzie pro-poses first to build the short railway connecting Manitoba with American territory, thus giving that Province communication to Canada through the United States territory in the manner we referred to in a former number we referred to in a former article. Next, he proposes to es-tablish a summer route through Canadian territory, first from Ontario and Quebec to Manitoba, and thence forward to the Pacific. This will be done by using these enormous stretches of magnificent water com unication, as Mr. Mackenzie aptly

terms them, and connecting them by links of railway. The point of be-ginning at this end is the south east shore of Lake Nipissing, and the

shore of Lake Nipissing, and the railways of Ontario and Quebee will be aided by Government to extend their lines to that point. The first railway link connects the south east shore of Lake Nipissing with French liver on Georgian Bay, and will be under a hundred miles ia lagth. The next link connects the north shore of Lake Superior with the stretch of water formed by Rainy Lake, Rainy River, and Lake of the Woous; and the third link is from Lake of the Woods to Fort Garry. These two links would need some thing over 200 miles of railway. From Fort Garry westward, commu-nication is obtained 'y the waters of the Saskatchewan to within about 700 miles of the Pacific Ocean. This distance will probably have to be entirely spanned by railway, making the longest and heaviest link. Even Tailways of Ontario and Quebec will entirely spanned by railway, making the longest and heaviest link. Even before it is built, however, we shall have in full operation a communica-tion right into the heart of our

north-west territory The construction of this summer route will place our communication

with the Pacific Provinces upon-mearly the same footing as our com-munication with Larope, and will, as Mr. Mackenzie says, avoid for the present the construction of about 1,300 miles of railway, estimated to cost from sixty to eighty million of dollars. When the summer route is completed, the Government will turn its attention to building the 903 miles through the desert country north of Lake Superior, and the line from Fort Garry through the Saskatchewan country to join the long link to the Pacific. It is easy enough to talk glibly, as Sir John A. Macdonald did, about building hundreds and thousands of miles of railway; but doing the work is a very different thing. The con-struction of even the summer route is a very different thing. with the Pacific Provinces upon

dollars. When the summer will turn its attention to building the solution is about one through the desert country north of Lake Superior, and the line from Fort Garry through the Saskatchewan country to join the long link to the Pacific. The U.S. census returns show the exist-tence of more trades and professional sir John A. Macdonald did, about building hundreds and thousands of reals of railway: but doing the work is a very different thing. The con-struction of even the summer route is a work large enough to try the re-sources of our young country, with all the other public works we have on hand. Why, even the "long link" aloue is about one-thrulonger that the Intercolonial Railway. Can any one doubt, in view of these facts, that Mr. Mackenzie's scheme us

ment than the above, we feel pretty sure it will survive the attack. Our neighbour would be much more pro-fitably employed in reviving the drooping spirits of Jrton and Drew. NEW GOODS. Electro plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns. Ivory handled Table and Dessert Knives

A pretty good indication of the way the elections will go is given by the list of candidates in Ontario fur-nished by this morning's *Globe*. On analysing this we find that there are sent 77 Ministerial can at present 77 Ministerial candidates, four Independent, and only 49 Oppo-sition. Many of these latter are mere dummies, set up in order to prevent Reformers going in by ac-clamation; and the chances of most of them are of the remotest descrip-tion. The Premier Province is sound to the core.

Our telegrams state that Goldwin mith has been advising the Sheffield

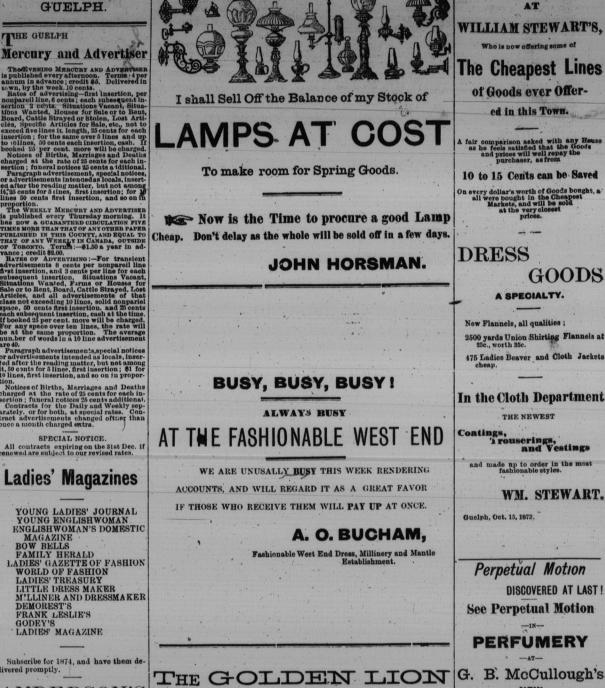
Nay. Harriston Correspondence. A number of the friends of the Rev. George McLennan, Presbyterian Minis-ter of this village, visited him on Monday evening as a surprise party, and pre-sented him with an address accompanied by a beautiful buffalo robe and other use-ful articles. The rev. genileman ar ade a very suitable reply. The company having spent a pleasant evening sepa-rated in good humo. Thomas Robinson has commenced bying pork on the Harriston market. He being a sterling business man will be a great acquiation to the place. Sleighting having finally set in, busi-scoming in from all directions. The streets are often literally cranmed with teams laden with grain. The market is better this winter than ever, owing in a great measure to the additional railway facilities. The first meeting of the Har-riston and Minto Connelis takes place on Monday next, the 19th inst. The Harriston Council will meet at Collison's Hali, and the Minto one in the new Township hall. A Real Case of Charily.

### A Real Case of Charity.

there be such they are not in a position to help her. Hard as times and people are getting, thank God, there is yet a majority that would not wish to hear of a human being left to *freeze* and *starve* with frost and hunger. As obler indigent poor are helped in other parts of the Township, I think it is but fair that the petition of Mr. McLarty and others should be heard on behalf of this poor, old, (and as long as able) hard-working woman. I an,

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