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EIGHTEENTH YEAR

THE PROJECT FULLY THRASHED

Out Yesterday.

IT WOULD COST \$15,000,000

According to the Estimate of its Chief Promoter.

A Deputation of Two Hundred Persons

Presented to the Premier, Sir Oliver

and Other Ministers and Asked for Government

Help Everybody, But is Afraid the

Plan Would Run Short—Sir Oliver

Insisted to be Jocular—Mr. Scott Favors

the Scheme.

Ottawa, March 2.—(Special)—The

Ottawa ship canal project received a

full exploitation before a sub-committee

of the Cabinet this afternoon.

There were delegates present from all

the municipalities from North Bay to

Montreal, the deputation numbering

about 200 persons. The Ministers who

heard them were Mr. Laurier, Sir

Oliver Mowat, Messrs. Scott, Blair and

Dobell.

Mr. Belcourt, M.P., briefly introduced

a deputation and presented memorials

in favor of the project from Ottawa,

Hull, Arnprior, Pembroke, Mattawa,

North Bay and other places.

THE PRINCIPAL PROMOTER.

Then the energetic promoter, Mr. Mc-

Leod Stewart, took the floor and brief-

ly and concisely explained the project,

pointing out the advantages which the

Ottawa ship canal project possessed over

the Erie or even the St. Lawrence, and

stating that the project would be the

most economical and the most rapid

means of bringing a large increase

in the settlement, not only of the

North Bay, but also of Ontario, and the

Maritime Provinces.

The Government is quite prepared to

ask Parliament to make a substantial

grant to carry on the vigorous work in

Europe, but Sir Donald Smith to make

sure that the money will be used to

the best advantage, the Canadian Gov-

ernment agent at Glasgow, has retired

and it is stated that Mr. Macdonald,

the very active and satisfied

agent at Liverpool, may succeed him.

Mr. Macdonald, who has been in the

Bank of British North America, the

chairman of the project, has been

deploring the paralyzing effect

of the tariff on the project, and has

been advocating a free trade

policy. But for that an improved

trade feeling must soon develop

himself. The bank's ex-

ecutive, however, as one speaker has

pointed out, has the Ottawa River

100 years or more ago had been the

great artery of commerce. He pre-

ferred to the project as a means of

restoring the old trade route.

NEW TO MR. BLAIR.

Mr. Blair said this project was to him

an entirely new one, and he was bound

to say the deputation had made a great

impression upon him. He had not fully

arranged them for you in strikingly

clear terms. A King street and a few

Yonge street would be a great

Government to act wisely and pru-

dently.

Mr. Scott, speaking as an Ottawa

Valley man, said he had always been

a warm supporter of this enterprise.

He was surprised, however, that Mon-

tréal did not take more interest in it,

as that port would bring the route

than any other city along the route.

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