

The Outlook.

The prospects are favorable for a general improvement in business conditions. The uncertain effects that the changing tariff might have has caused an uncertain feeling, this is to a considerable extent passing away, and there is a widespread and increasing confidence that in the near future business will be in a better condition than it has been for a long time. Among the factors inspiring this hope is the very favorable outlook for all farm crops. This country is now commencing to harvest a magnificent crop, the improvement in wheat alone is sufficient to inspire the hope for better times, especially as the outlook for higher prices is very promising.—The shortage in the crop in western Europe will largely increase the demand in that quarter, and the ready cash returns distributed among the farmers will largely aid the improvement in business.

Shall He Find Faith.

The prevalent tone of criticism and skepticism which is found both in seminary and saloons, and which denies miracles, contradicts revelations, despises prophecy and subverts faith, and which gravitates towards the lower depths of infidelity, atheism, anarchy and nihilism gives painful evidence that we have entered upon an age of unbelief, and warns us to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, and cast not away our confidence which hath great recompense of reward. "For yet a little while and he that shall come will come and will not tarry," and now as then "the just shall live by faith!"—Christian.

Council Notes.

{ Ohsweken Council House,
June 28, 1897.

General Council opened in due form by Chief John Williams, one of the fire-keepers.

Present Chiefs E. D. Cameron, visiting superintendent, Wilson Reep, interpreter, Josiah Hill, chairman and secretary; David Hill, Seneca speaker; David Thomas deputy speaker; E. Lewis, A. Lewis, I. Duxdater, Peter Powless, D. Duxdater, John Elliott, J. C. Elliott, Joab Martin, G. H. Hill, John Frazer, A. G. Smith, Wm. Staats, Wm. Smith, J. S. Johnson, N. Porter, Jos. Porter, N. Gibson, David John, D. Sky, Jno Jamieson, Jos. Porter, jr., Levi Jonathan, Gibson Crawford, E. Harris, Isaac Hill, Abr. Charles, James W. Sky, Wm. Wage, Wm. Hill, Jos. Henry, Phil. Miller, Ben. Carpenter, J. A. Gibson, Geo. Key, Jno Hill, Geo. Gibson, Sol. Nash, Jos. Green, Nelles Monture.

Communications from the Department of Indian Affairs were read by the visiting superintendent. Re address to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

The last will of Mrs. Eve Martin. Land dispute of Isaac Hill, etc.

The estate of the late chief Henry Clench.

Chief Levi Jonathan will be the speaker of the fire-keepers for the day.

That the acc't of Robt. Brant is passed on condition that the inspector of works will visit and examine the drain, and certify the same to the superintendent.

The visiting superintendent then reported the visit to Niagara on the lake by delegates of chiefs, who attended the meeting of the Provincial Historical Society. He fully

reported the trip by explaining the route right from Brantford, and fully reported the results of the meetings, and that every speaker during the meetings referred to the loyalty of the Six Nations to the British Crown, and the services rendered by our forefathers in times of trouble. The council unanimously approved of the report.

That the council appointed the following committee on disputes:—Chiefs Joseph Porter, W. Hill, Jos. Green, W. Staats, Geo. Gibson, J. Jamieson and Ben Carpenter, clerk for said committee.

That the council appoint Chief J. S. Johnson guardian for Mrs. Hannuh Augway.

It has been reported to the chiefs that persons deal with merchants pledging their pensions to the different merchants for the same. It was decided, that after this date, any persons found guilty of practising deception of this kind shall be struck off the pension list.

The hospital account passed.

The funeral account passed.

The relief account passed.

The council decided to allow \$5 extra to Elijah Powless for building a bridge over the waste gate at Victoria mills, he having tendered too low in the first place. This bridge is on the boundary line between the Reserve and the township of Townsend. The council of the township of Townsend will pay one-half the contract price and \$5 extra, making in all \$6.

The inspector of works will meet the Townsend council on Monday 5th of July next, at Victoria mill.

That Chief A. G. Smith hereby appointed administrator to the estate of the late Ellen Hill.

The council voted the sum \$1.50