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LAND BONUS IS ABOLISHED

Premier Whitney Will Keep Faith With The People

No More Wholesale Giving Away Of Ontario Lands, Says Premier

Toronto, April 17.—"Whatever else this Government may do or fail to do it will earnestly endeavor to keep faith with the people," declared Hon. J. P. Whitney, the Prime Minister, at the Legislature yesterday in outlining the Government policy in relation to applications of railways for subsidies and land grants.

"We believe that the time has come to stop granting any of Ontario's lands to any scheme whatever. The policy upon which we asked the confidence of the people—a confidence which we are proud to have had extended—was that the time had come to call a halt on all such gifts except in very exceptional cases. What ought the people to think if we now, enjoying their confidence, turn our backs upon our professions and virtually declare ourselves dishonest?"

"The time may come when it is wise in the interests of the Province to amend our course, but ere this takes place we must have something clear and unmistakable from the public mind of the people." (Applause.) Accordingly only one small grant of \$5,000 was made.

Grants to Railways.
Mr. Whitney said it was proposed to grant \$5,000 in all to the railway from Thessalon to the Algoma branch.

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BRIDGE IS NOW STRONG

Description of the Work is Given by Consulting Engineer

Aberdeen Bridge Now Open for Car Traffic—Work That Yet Remains

The people of Chatham will learn with a great deal of interest and satisfaction that the strengthening of the Third street bridge is now almost completed. The steel work in fact has been finished, and all that now remains is for the railway to complete the work of planing and the city the paving.

Mr. John S. Fielding, of Toronto, who has been the consulting engineer on the whole work, has now completed his part of the contract. He was the man who drew out the plans for the strengthening of the bridge, although Dickson Bros., of Campbellford, have been the contractors. Mr. Fielding superintended the job throughout. He was a visitor at the Planet editorial rooms yesterday afternoon, and in a short interview he gave some idea of what has been done to the bridge since he took charge.

The old 15-inch floor beams have been taken out, and replaced by built-up steel beams, 36 inches in depth. The wooden stringers under the tracks have been replaced with new steel beams 15 inches in depth. All the light rods in the trusses of the draw span have been replaced by heavy members from 6 inches to 10 inches. The end trailing beams which were 8 inches in depth, have been replaced by girders 38 inches in depth.

The old approach spans have not been relied upon to carry any of the weight of the cars, but steel girders 40 inches in depth, have been inserted, these resting at intervals on steel towers supported on cylinders filled with concrete, resting on oak piles driven 18 feet into the bed of the stream.

Instead of a load of a ten ton traction engine, which the bridge was originally built to carry, it is now capable of supporting with a large excessive strength, a train of loaded 70 ton hopper cars, from one end to the other.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Fielding made a test yesterday, and no deflection or absolutely no vibration was apparent under the passage of the car, in any part of the structure.

While the steel work is completed, the planing is not at all in place, and the bridge is really open for car traffic only. It is expected, however, that if the weather keeps good, the planing will be completed in a couple of days, but it will be a few weeks before the paving is all done.

The drum and turning and locking gear, has also all been repaired and placed in first class order, and it is expected that on account of the increased rigidity of structure, that the bridge will turn as easily in its new condition, as it did formerly.

The bridge has been undergoing repairs since January.

CONDITION OF THE CROPS IN THE COUNTY OF KENT

The Planet Receives Reports From Different Sections on the Outlook for the Coming Harvest—Some Are Bad But the Most of Them Are Good

A short time ago The Planet sent out circulars to responsible people all over the county asking for reliable reports upon the condition of the crops after the past winter season. Several replies have been received and these are given below. It will be seen that although the reports are unfavorable from a few sections, they are generally good, and the people of this progressive and prosperous county may hope and look for a bountiful harvest.

FLORENCE—One month ago the wheat looked much better than at present. The recent hard frosts at night have been against it, still there are a few places where the crop is promising.

The prospect for fruit is not as good as last year in this vicinity.

BEAR LINE—The wheat and clover does not look very good in this section at present. The late frosts have done considerable damage to it.

BIG POINT—The wheat looks well this year. The farmers are getting ready to plant their tobacco.

CEDAR SPRINGS—Peaches are a failure; berries are good.

Wheat on high lands looks fairly well. On low lands it is all killed.

THORNCLIFFE—The wheat in this vicinity was looking fine until the last two frosts. It does not seem to be doing very much just at present.

NORTHWOOD—The wheat in this section looks fine, with the exception of a few fields. If the summer proves as favorable as the winter it promises to be a bumper crop, as there was a large acreage sown last fall.

WABASH—The farmers report the fall wheat as looking very well through this part of the county.

GLENWOOD—Owing to the severe weather lately the wheat outlook is not a very promising one.

CROTON—Your correspondent interviewed farmers from Camden, Zone, Euphemia and Dawn; general opinion some damaged by frost, but if weather is favorable from now, as a whole, wheat will be a fair crop in the above named townships. In Dawn there is some very fine fields.

HIGHGATE—As a rule the wheat in this locality has stood the winter well and at the present time appearances augurs well for a good wheat crop this season. In a few

A BAD RUNAWAY

Mrs. Frank Babcock, of Paris, Formerly of This City, was Seriously Injured in Brantford

Paris, April 16.—Mrs. Babcock, formerly of the Arlington Hotel here, was the unfortunate victim of a bad runaway yesterday afternoon, while driving down Brant avenue in Brantford. The horse became frightened at the street car and became uncontrollable, running the rig into a post and throwing both occupants out. Mrs. Babcock received a nasty cut in the head and above the eye, necessitating several stitches to close, and was also hurt on her right side and arm. Mr. Haley, Mr. Babcock's coachman, however, escaped with only a few bruises and a severe shaking up.

The new English dog cart was smashed to pieces and the horse, for which an offer of \$500 had been refused on Saturday, was also badly cut up.

Mrs. Babcock was brought home on the five o'clock Grand Valley car and it will not be known for a day just how badly she is hurt.

Mrs. Babcock formerly lived with her husband here, where she is well and favorably known. Her many Chatham friends hope for a speedy recovery.

DEATH OF MRS SLOAN

There passed away Tuesday, April 16th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. Clunis, Ridgetown, Martha Sloan, widow of the late Samuel Sloan, Sr., Harwich, in her eighty-second year.

Deceased fell three months ago, sustaining a broken hip, from which she never recovered.

The late Mrs. Sloan was the mother of Mr. Wm. Sloan, of this city.

She leaves to mourn her loss four sons and eight daughters.

The funeral will take place Thursday morning at ten o'clock from her daughter's residence, Ridgetown. Interment in Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Your brain goes on a strike when you overload your stomach; but need blood to do business with. Nutrition is what you want and comes by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or waflets. A. I. McCall & Co.

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CITY WATER NOT PURE?

A Business Man Says That Muddy Water Runs Through City Mains

People Are Sending To Outside Places For Water To Drink—Flushing Needed

A prominent business man on King street had a few things to say to The Planet this morning relative to the city water. This is a matter which has been attracting considerable attention lately, and if what this business man said is correct, it is time that something was being done.

"A few days ago," said he, "I saw a letter from a citizen, in The Planet, suggesting that the sedimentation basin should be cleaned out. I know nothing of the merits of that citizen's complaint, but I do know that the city water is not up to the standard at the present time. In my opinion, the Water Commissioners should give the management of their plant a thorough investigation, and see if things are being run as well as they should be."

"I was talking to a fireman the other day, and he told me that the hydrants are in a very bad shape, as far as the quality of the water taken from them is concerned. He said that at every fire that he has been at lately, the first water to come out is, to put it mildly, filthy. It is nothing more nor less than a dirty mixture of mud and water. This is the kind of water which is being circulated through the mains all over the city, apparently."

"I don't know where the trouble lies, but it is a matter of fact that there are many citizens who are not using the city water at all, because they are afraid of it. I know several people who are sending to outside places for the water they drink. This is not right."

"This being the spring of the year, it is a good time to clean up, and get things in a sanitary shape. What is the matter with the idea of having all the water hydrants and mains in the city flushed out? This would help considerably. At any rate, something should be done. The citizens of Chatham should be provided with pure water to drink."

THE PRESBYTERY

Meets in Wallaceburg to Settle Disputes—New Knox Church Pastor

Wallaceburg, April 16.—The board of commission of the Chatham Presbytery met in Knox Church yesterday with Moderator Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, in the chair. Interim Moderator Rev. Norman Lindsay, B. A., of Dresden, was present, as was also the Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, Rev. Mr. Ross, of Rutherford, besides the representatives from Dover and Calvin congregations.

The meeting was called for the purpose of separating Knox Church, Wallaceburg, from Calvin Church, Chatham township. The Calvin people did not wish for any change and vigorously protested. The Dover people were anxious to be strengthened from some source or other as a large percentage of that congregation's membership had fallen off, by their people going away to other parts.

After all the representatives had expressed themselves a vote was taken, and resulted in favor of separation. The changes to be made are that Calvin and Dover congregations are to be joined, Chalmers and New St. Andrew's are to be under one jurisdiction.

Another meeting will be called to ratify the business transacted to-day. It is the intention of Knox Church congregation to extend a call to the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Oil Springs, and that is to take place on the 29th inst.

STAR ATTRACTION

The star attraction at the Brisco Opera House in years will be presented on Monday night next by Thos. E. Shea, in Sir Henry Irving's most popular drama, "The Belle." Mr. Shea is playing in Detroit this week, and his Chatham engagement on Monday night will be his first one-night stand in 20 years. Seats go on sale Friday morning.

Wanted, at once, a first class all round girl that writes a fair business hand and good fair education to work in the post office. Applications made in writing, but I prefer applicant to hand in application so that I may see them. Any good boy from 17 to 20 may also make application and it will be duly considered. S. Barfoot.

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We are getting in New Spring Goods. Last week it was Toilet Sets and a New Lot of Fancy China, and this week it is New Dinner Sets and another lot of Knives, Forks and Spoons.

The Dinner Sets are from the celebrated firm of Alfred Meakin, the noted English maker, and, as we have repeated calls for this high-class dinner ware, we are importing in larger quantities than ever before.

These new sets will cost from \$12 to \$15, and wonderful value at that, as we bought these before the advance in prices.

A lot of the large Fancy Lamp Chimneys have just been cleared at Customs, and they are especially good decorations, and selling at same price as formerly, each 75c.

Come In And See the New Goods.

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