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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROVINCIAL PRESS ON THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

Paper after Paper says it is Time to Halt-How Indiscriminate Chartering will only Injure the Province—A Lesson for the Legislature. CALL A HALT.

(From the Woodville Advocate, Feb. 16.) The Toronto World, in a recent issue calls the attention of the people of Ontario, to the fact that it is about time to call a halt in the matter of reckless railway char-tering. This is a point for which we have steadily contended, the fact being too evident that many of the socalled railway schemes have been made blinds with which to gull a too-confiding public. It is time to halt. It is quite apparent that Ontario has already too many railways to do her limited home business, while not enough attention is paid to the real want—another independent road to the Atlantic seaboard.

TEN YEARS FROM NOW (From the Port Hope News, Feb. 17.)

The Toronto Werld is going for the railway monopolists in lively style. Railway influence has the inside track in parliamentary circles now. Ten years from now, when the Pacific railway syndicate and Grand Trunk join hands in keeping upfreight rates, the people will have awakened to the fact, that their interests were not properly guarded in the provincial and federal parliaments in 1880-82. (From the Port Hone News, Reb 17)

THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST. (From the Forest Free Press, Feb. 13.)

The Toronto World is making a mark among its Dominion contemporaries just now by the unflinching warfare it is waging against railway monopolies, and the further chartering by the government of projected railways for which there is no legitimate necessity. The World points out that twelve million dellars have been paid by Ontario to aid competing railways, all of which were gobbled up by their stronger rivals, and the money of the people thus thrown away on lines performing no particular service which was not equally well basis, and unless the government can effect

These grants were almost invariably received upon the understanding that the roads would be competing lines, and would be operated independently to the interests of the producers, who are largely at the mercy of railway monopolists. And yet it is a fact that nearly every one of the above in a few words the history of every local out who are the charter mongers that has line that has been built in Ontario for years, and the question naturally arises is it not time to shut down on these paper schemers. The only real necessity for more railword monopolists. And yet it is a fact that nearly every one of the above in a few words the history of every local out who are the charter mongers that has built by public money as a thoroughly competing line; worked so long as to be and the question naturally arises is it not time to shut down on these paper schemers. The only real necessity for more railword monopolists. And yet it is a fact that nearly every one of the above in a few words the history of every local out who are the charter mongers that has built by public money as a thoroughly competing line; worked so long as to be and the question naturally arises is it not time to shut down on these paper schemers. The only real necessity for more railword monopolists. And yet it is a fact that nearly every one of the above in the charter mongers that has been built in Ontario for years, and how much these worthies made out of it. Our Toronto whose possession it ultimately falls, while the charter mongers that has line that has been built in Ontario for years, and how much these worthies made out of it. Our Toronto whose possession it ultimately falls, where the charter mongers that has taken place of late, and how much these worthies made out of it. Our Toronto whose possession it ultimately falls, where the charter mongers that has taken place of late, and how much these worthies made out of it. Our Toronto whose possession it ultimately falls, where the charter mongers that has the charter mongers that has taken place

have been gobbled up by the mammoth corporations of the country, and the people are not one whit better off than if this enormous sum had not been squandered in railway enterprises. From the above it will be seen that the people of the east have dipped very sparingly into the public crib. While the western part of the province is a perfect net-work of railways, with a line running almost to every farmer's door, only two roads east of Belleville have applied for and received government have applied for and received government eid. Under these circumstances we think we are entitled to special consideration on the part of the government, and that the representatives of western counties ought

RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

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(From the Mitton Champion, Fep. 16).

The railway committee of the Ontario legislature have their hands full at present, and they will do well to insist on full explanations from all applicants before taking any action which will commit them to grant charters. The Grand Trunk, the Midland combination and the Northern and Northwestern railway companies want to construct lines from Toronto to Hamilton. If any preference should be given to the claims of either of these corporations, we should judge that the Northern and Noethwestern should receive it, as the Grand Trunk and the Midland combiern and Noethwestern should receive it, as the Grand Trunk and the Midland combithe Grand Trunk and the Midland combination are evidently playing into one another's hands, \*and Canada has about
enough of Grand Trunk monopoly already.
We do not feel at all confident, however,
judging from the opinions of the Hamilton
Times and Toronto World that any great
benefit can be derived from any of the
above projected lines, as there seems to be
danger in case any of them should be put
into operation, that the Great Western railway company would be forced to smalgamate with the Grand Trunk, a consummation not at all desirable. The people of tion not at all desirable. The people of Toronto and Hamilton seem quite satisfied with the rates charged by the Great Westcities. We feel confident that the railway committee will do nothing rashly and that no charters will be granted, unless it is

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