

HOW THEY ALL STAND

Members of the State Legislature Give The Dispatch Their Views

ON THE ERIE SHIP CANAL

Immense Advantages of the Enterprise Very Generally Admitted All Over the State.

THE COST CAUSES HESITATION

On the Part of Quite a Number of Assemblymen Who Hail From the Interior of Pennsylvania.

OTHERS HEARTILY FAVOR THE SCHEME

Believing That the Government Could Be Induced to Make Appropriations Because of Inter-State Benefits.

WELL-KNOWN SIGNATURES TO THESE LETTERS

The Pennsylvania Legislature will have no more important question before it next month than the proposed building of a ship canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio river.

Believing that the Government could be induced to make appropriations because of inter-state benefits, several members of the legislature have written to the Dispatch expressing their views.

THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

From the very inception down to the present moment, THE DISPATCH has moved in advance of the various stages of the great enterprise.

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH

PITTSBURG, PA., NOV. 1890. DEAR SIR: For public information THE DISPATCH would like to know what your views are in regard to the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal.

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Lake Superior ports in unbroken bulk. What a load handling it would save, and thus lessen the cost of transportation. We need some way of cheapening the freight on raw materials in these days when the cry goes up from Pittsburgh that Chicago has advanced points for getting ore and lumber than we can. Besides that it would be a magnificent outlet to the lake States for our great Pittsburgh coal fields. The same thing that would benefit the coal and iron could be loaded back with coal. In time of war the whole United States would profit by a canal from the great lakes to the Ohio river. Naturally, Pittsburgh is the head of the army and navy's heavy supplies. We furnished an immense amount of them during the war of the Rebellion, and we would do it again if war were to break out. Let that war be with a foreign foe and here would be the quick route to our northern frontier, besides furnishing a safe harbor and refuge to our own vessels. On this basis think the general Government should bear the expense of building a ship canal. If they don't, then Pennsylvania should build it.

A Boston Press writes: Charles McClure of Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny: "I shall certainly vote for the Lake Erie canal bill, and use all my influence for it. I think that every member of the Legislature from Western Pennsylvania into being on the side of the enterprise. It will certainly benefit the whole of the western part of the State, and now can conscientiously oppose the canal. I understand that the Legislature of this canal would be a big boom for Pittsburgh and Allegheny. I am for anything that will cheapen freights and bring lots of them into the State. The matter of railroads will certainly do this. Therefore we ought to have it."

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Senator William Flinn, Pittsburgh: "We must not until this Canal Commission makes its report public. There is too little known at present of the probable cost of the canal enterprise, the practicability of the route, and the extent of the benefits to be derived from it. I think it is a very good thing for the State to do it. I think it is a very good thing for the State to do it. I think it is a very good thing for the State to do it."

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The promotion of State or national measures in aid of the project. JOHN R. ROUSSOU, State Senator-elect, Ninth Pennsylvania District, Congressional-district Sixth Pennsylvania District.

Westmoreland's Senator Doubtful. GREENSBURG, PA., Nov. 21. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

In reply to your letter concerning the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal, I am glad to hear that you are so interested in the details of the project and cannot at this time give me an intelligent reply to your inquiry. While the establishment of a direct water route between the coal and coke fields of Western Pennsylvania and the iron ore beds of the Allegheny region is a project of great importance to Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, yet there are no doubts of the practicability of the project, and the general government taking hold of it will be a very wise and beneficial measure to the State or any portion thereof.

Not Sure About the Necessity. To the Editor of The Dispatch: ADAMSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PA., Nov. 21.

In reply to your circular of 20th, I would say I have very little faith in the proposed ship canal. Show me the general government taking hold of it, very well; but for the Legislature to take such action as to throw the responsibility on the State, I think would be going too far. I do not believe in the proposed canal, and I am not in favor of its construction. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction.

Economic Advantages Hoped For. STATE COLLEGE, CENTER CO., Nov. 22. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Yours of the 20th at hand, and contents noted. In reply I would say that I cannot fully define my opinion on the subject, not knowing the full details of the project, but I can give you my views on the matter later, after I am more fully acquainted with it. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction.

Believed That Way For Years. HUNTINGDON, PA., Nov. 21. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Your letter in relation to the Erie Canal is before me. In answer to your inquiry, "Whether or not I feel in a general way in favor of it?" emphatically I answer yes, provided I have not seen anything of the kind for years that such a public improvement would be a grand thing for Pennsylvania to have accomplished by a reasonable expenditure.

Wise and Thoughtful Expression. PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 22. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Yours of 20th inst. at hand, asking for my views as to the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal. In reply I will say that in a large measure I am in favor of the project, and I believe that it will support such reasonable measures as may be framed to give it effect, believing that the scheme is a wise and a profitable one, and of much commercial benefit to the State and country. Care should, of course, be taken to make the project as self-sustaining as possible, and to guarantee or otherwise upon the Commonwealth.

Worthy of Careful Examination. READING, NOV. 23. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

While the National Government often makes large grants of money for such public works, I have not seen anything of the kind for years that such a public improvement would be a grand thing for Pennsylvania to have accomplished by a reasonable expenditure.

Private Enterprise Preferred. MLATINGTON, LEHIGH CO., Dec. 1. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

As to the matter you mention of, I am not prepared to speak, but my views are in regard to the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal, as a member of the next House I would say have not read much about it. I would prefer to see it carried out by private enterprise, and I believe that it will support such reasonable measures as may be framed to give it effect, believing that the scheme is a wise and a profitable one, and of much commercial benefit to the State and country.

Pros and Cons Desired. FREELAND, LUZERNE COUNTY, NOV. 23. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

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Count it as a Benefit, Then. THIMONT, SCHUYLKILL CO., Dec. 2. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Your favor in reference to the proposed Lake Erie Canal has been received. The comments I have seen in the newspapers have been favorable to the project. I believe it to be the most important to the people in the western portion of the State.

Enriching the Whole State. MECHANISBERG, CUMBERLAND CO., Nov. 30. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Your favor in reference to the proposed Lake Erie Canal has been received. The comments I have seen in the newspapers have been favorable to the project. I believe it to be the most important to the people in the western portion of the State.

Member Kutz is Against It. BOWERS, BERKS COUNTY, NOV. 22. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

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What a Progressive Member Says. HENRY, DWARFAN CO., Dec. 2. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I was favorably impressed with this matter at last session of the House, and am anxious to see the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal. I believe that it will support such reasonable measures as may be framed to give it effect, believing that the scheme is a wise and a profitable one, and of much commercial benefit to the State and country.

Farmer Teubensky's Reforms. CATAWISSA, COLUMBIA CO., NOV. 21. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Yours of 20th inst. at hand. Generally, I am in favor of any measure for the greatest good to the greatest number. At present I am not sufficiently informed to give a definite answer. I know of no reason why I could not be for it. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction.

Benefit of a Doubt Promised. WASHINGTON, NOV. 24. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I am in a general way decidedly in favor of all schemes that will promote the prosperity of the State. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction. I am in favor of the proposed canal, and I am in favor of its construction.

Probably on the Right Side. ADAMSTOWN, WESTMORELAND CO., Dec. 6. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I am inclined to favor the canal project, but I am not prepared to promise now to support any measure that may be introduced at Harrisburg to give it effect, for they might not meet my approval. However, the possibility is that I shall be in favor of it, and I am in favor of its construction.

A Sleepy TOWERMAN Causes a Fatal Train Accident on a New Jersey Railroad. CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 5. A freight train on the West Jersey Railroad ran into an open switch near this city this morning, and the engine and two cars were wrecked. The accident was caused by a "sleepy" towerman in the vicinity of the switch, and he narrowly escaped lynching by the excited people.

not yet seem so to me. It was claimed that such a canal would not pay people at all, and that the cost of the project would be too great to be worth the benefit. I would suggest that enforcement of the Constitution would be easier and much cheaper.

A Pleasant Duty. To the Editor of The Dispatch: ST. MARTY, ELK CO., NOV. 21. Yours of the 20th instant received. I cannot give you a definite answer to your inquiry, but I will support any measure that may prove beneficial to the State or any portion thereof.

Not Sure About the Necessity. To the Editor of The Dispatch: ADAMSVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PA., Nov. 21.

In reply to your circular of 20th, I would say I have very little faith in the proposed ship canal. Show me the general government taking hold of it, very well; but for the Legislature to take such action as to throw the responsibility on the State, I think would be going too far.

Economic Advantages Hoped For. STATE COLLEGE, CENTER CO., Nov. 22. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Yours of the 20th at hand, and contents noted. In reply I would say that I cannot fully define my opinion on the subject, not knowing the full details of the project, but I can give you my views on the matter later, after I am more fully acquainted with it.

Believed That Way For Years. HUNTINGDON, PA., Nov. 21. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Your letter in relation to the Erie Canal is before me. In answer to your inquiry, "Whether or not I feel in a general way in favor of it?" emphatically I answer yes, provided I have not seen anything of the kind for years that such a public improvement would be a grand thing for Pennsylvania to have accomplished by a reasonable expenditure.

Wise and Thoughtful Expression. PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 22. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Yours of 20th inst. at hand, asking for my views as to the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal. In reply I will say that in a large measure I am in favor of the project, and I believe that it will support such reasonable measures as may be framed to give it effect, believing that the scheme is a wise and a profitable one, and of much commercial benefit to the State and country.

Worthy of Careful Examination. READING, NOV. 23. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

While the National Government often makes large grants of money for such public works, I have not seen anything of the kind for years that such a public improvement would be a grand thing for Pennsylvania to have accomplished by a reasonable expenditure.

Private Enterprise Preferred. MLATINGTON, LEHIGH CO., Dec. 1. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

As to the matter you mention of, I am not prepared to speak, but my views are in regard to the construction of the proposed Lake Erie Canal, as a member of the next House I would say have not read much about it.

Pros and Cons Desired. FREELAND, LUZERNE COUNTY, NOV. 23. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

I would prefer to see it carried out by private enterprise, and I believe that it will support such reasonable measures as may be framed to give it effect, believing that the scheme is a wise and a profitable one, and of much commercial benefit to the State and country.

Count it as a Benefit, Then. THIMONT, SCHUYLKILL CO., Dec. 2. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Your favor in reference to the proposed Lake Erie Canal has been received. The comments I have