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## P. E. I. Submission On Dominion Proposals

The following is the submission made by Premier J. Walter Jones on behalf of the Province at the Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa:

Under the proposals submitted by the province the contractual character of the Confederation is being laid aside for the moment. A new approach is being made to equal standards in public investment policy and in social security.

The plan of the Fathers of Confederation was to link up Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with central Canada by a railroad built and operated as a national work. This plan, as it developed, has been able to overcome geographical handicaps. But at the time it was considered to be a practical solution as a whole. There are consequences in 1878 to bring P. E. I. into Confederation.

The proposals now submitted do not in any way interfere with the contract of 1873 but are to be considered as a present method to enable our province to carry on adequately and equally with other provinces of the federal union.

### P. E. I. Island's Case

The case of P. E. I. does not differ greatly from the case of some counties in each province but it is unlike the case of any other province as a whole. There are consequences where the incomes of wage earners fall below \$400 per annum—as in two counties of Nova Scotia, one in New Brunswick and one in P. E. I. In the next class—\$400 to \$600 earnings—10 counties of Nova Scotia, 8 counties of New Brunswick, and two of P. E. I. are included. In the \$600-\$800 class, 4 of Nova Scotia, 4 of New Brunswick, and two of P. E. I. are included. In the \$800-\$1,000 class, 2 of Nova Scotia, 2 of New Brunswick, and two of P. E. I. are included. It can be readily seen that a province whose male earners get well below \$800 per annum cannot supply taxes in the manner in which they are applied in recent times, which is chiefly through the Income Tax, the Corporation Tax and the Succession Duty Tax. When the Customs Duty Tax was the chief source of revenue, as it was thirty years ago, when it provided 84 per cent of all revenue, P. E. Islanders paid their share of taxes which were well beyond their ability to pay. But today the Customs Duties are less than 1 per cent of the revenue of Canada. It may be mentioned that P. E. I. purchases from Ontario and Quebec exceed \$200 million in the return tax is less than \$50 million. In the absence of statistics on inter-provincial trade, the volume is difficult to arrive at. But the trade if it can be called "trade," is at least 5 to 1 and possibly a much higher proportion.

From this statement I assume we are appreciated as valuable customers, may also assume that the export dollars collected by us and sent to Ontario and Quebec are fully appreciated. Export trade is more profitable to a province as internal trade. In fact a report made for President Roosevelt stated that the United States over a period of years lost \$22 billion dollars on its export trade.

### Suggests Remedy

A remedy for P. E. I.'s ills would be to establish industries within the province in order to check the long-haul trade with the central provinces to some degree.

It is suggested that if \$12 per head were paid P.

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### Attitude to raise the living standards unless the province is permitted to trade and hold its own.

I know of no field in which help would be more acceptable or yield greater returns. The Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, some similar Act, could be applied with great benefit.

Expenditures under the proposed plans for public projects benefit especially manufacturing centres. A bridge, for example, provides more than 100 jobs in Quebec than in P. E. I. A new ferry boat for P. E. I. provides more labour than the entire construction of docks at home. P. E. I. should be generously treated in public projects on this account.

If population moves elsewhere in periods of depression than the usual, there is a limit to the absorptive power of industry in times of depression. This was experienced in the decade preceding the war when provincial regulations precluded the movement of our surplus population to other parts of the province. It is estimated to amount to about 1000 persons annually on P. E. I. due to the size of families which are exceeded in numbers only in Quebec province.

### Island's Resources

The great resources of P. E. I. are its agriculture, its fisheries, its forests and its tourism. Its popularity with tourists, and Agriculture if it received the attention applied elsewhere would improve. Much could be readily done in providing lime of which large deposits exist at the bottom of the bays and estuaries. It would also be improved by drainage. If a proper organization of agriculture existed in P. E. I. as in all other counties in Canada, farmers could be inspired to better farming practices.

The fisheries of P. E. I. were always considered of great importance. During the French regime the headquarters of the fisheries for the Gulf of St. Lawrence was established on P. E. I. under Montserrat de Bonville. The fisheries destroyed by the British in 1758. Today it is still the best centre for fishing and it should be the headquarters of the North Atlantic whaling units. The oysters, Irish moss, cod, lobster, Haddock, scallop fisheries and it probably a good location for extensive herring fisheries. The industry requires organization and larger boats and a better system of marketing. The fishermen are small landowners as well as fishermen.

### Suggestions Made

We suggest it would benefit our people if:

(a) A basic grant be paid each province before the per capita payment is made.

(b) That a central organization be set up at Ottawa to hear and study our claims and problems and keep us informed of provincial claims in general.

(c) That a close liaison be maintained through a department of each government on all projects in which the governments share the expenses.

(d) That our per capita subsidy must be so considerably increased.

### Oasis in Desert

Here is a province set like an oasis in a desert of consuming centres. It is the only province on the Atlantic coast with an exportable surplus of agricultural products. Before Confederation it had its own means of reaching its consumers and bringing in its supplies. Shipping was its great contribution to Confederation but its skill in this art, was regarded as of no value by the Dominion and was allowed to languish and finally go nearly out of existence. The province of P. E. I. cannot thrive by rail traffic alone. One of its advantages is its many harbours. At the time of Confederation the provinces entrusted to Canada "ships" and "lines of steam and other ships" to promote inter-provincial trade and "lines of steamships" to promote international trade or commerce. The provinces also obligated Canada to make laws to insure "the regulation of trade and commerce" to establish "certain trade routes" and to do other things to insure justice and "air play between the provinces and to develop a great federal nation in British North America independent of the United States. It is the record that Canada deliberately neglected and allowed the great shipping industry of the Maritimes to be lost which did us a great injustice, retarding our development and practically reducing our population.

### Cause of Decline

The transportation problem, due largely to the neglect of shipping since Confederation as well as the inadequacy of the ferries is the chief cause of the decline in population. In the last half century we have declined 12 per cent while Canada as a whole has increased 140 per cent. Even Nova Scotia under its great handicaps increased 25 percent. Our public services have to be maintained and improved and fewer people now have to pay the increased expense. It is

### The Experts Say

By HELEN BANNERMAN  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA, Dec. 11—(CP)—According to the rhymes, Humpy Dumpty's downfall was a catastrophe which couldn't be remedied. It's still a catastrophe when eggs are spoiled by careless handling, especially these days between peak laying periods.

Because of meat rationing many home-makers are using more eggs than usual—these reasons, plus heavy export shipments, make every egg precious and the agriculture department home economists provide these pointers for proper storage and cooking.

The storage place for eggs should be humid, but well ventilated. The humidity of the atmosphere retards evaporation and sufficient air currents prevent the development of moulds.

Never store eggs close to foods with a strong odor—the shells are porous and the flavor will be absorbed.

### Losses Cited

I have not mentioned an old claim re the Halifax Fishery award which appears to be a distinct injustice where we are concerned. Nor have I mentioned the loss to the province by the removal of our workers to war plants outside the Province who therefore paid taxes when they were earned and were not purchasers of their requirements in our Province. Nor have I mentioned a grant of \$50,000 to the Province of Quebec—to repatriate its former citizens. Some of our expatriates would be of great use at the present time.

Nor have I mentioned particularly the effect of the proposals if our population continues to decline. The advantages of increased subsidies, due to increases in population, are not apparent to P. E. I. at the present time as its population is static or declining. It is not satisfactory for the Federal Government to state that workers will be moved to places in other provinces where work exists. This is a situation the proposals seek to avoid. It is recalled that at the time of Confederation it was assumed our population might advance to 4,000,000. If our own increase in population were retained, we can double our rate in 50 years without immigration and this

### Drive out ACHES

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### Here is the perfect answer to the homemaker's cry for a "quickie" for lunch or supper—using eggs.

The Agriculture Department has adapted it from an old English recipe for Buckingham Eggs and say that once tried it is sure to become popular with Canadians.

If it is followed with a fruit salad and whole wheat muffins and something to drink, the result will be a satisfying meal. The recipe for six servings requires six eggs, 1-4 cup of milk, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1-8 teaspoon pepper, one tablespoon of mid-flavored fat, six slices of bread, four tablespoons of catsup, two tablespoons of melted butter and three tablespoons of grated cheese.

Beat eggs add milk, salt and pepper. Melt fat in top of double boiler. Add eggs and cook over hot water, stirring frequently until set. Toast bread and spread with catsup mixed with melted butter. Pile eggs on toast. Sprinkle with cheese and serve at once.

### IRREPRESSIBLE TOMMY

MANCHESTER, England—(CP)—Men at a military camp near here scribbled over the walls of the canteen: "Wot! No Beer!" "Wot! No Fags!" "Wot! No Eggs!" The commanding officer threatened 28 days' detention to anyone caught, but when he returned to his office after parade, he found on his blotting pad: "Wot! Only

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