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## THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25, 1907.

### ISLAND DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

Ottawa, Feb. 18, 1907. Yesterday's debate on the subject of the tunnel and other Prince Edward Island questions was a rather notable discussion. The case for the Island Province was strongly presented by Mr. Marito, who made the formal motion for correspondence in order to bring up the question. Mr. Lefurgey had the right to speak next as seconder of the motion. But the Speaker had his eye on the Ministerial benches and recognized Mr. Hughes. The member for Prince Edward Island claimed his right and contested the floor until he was called down by the Chair. Mr. Lefurgey had his vindication afterward when the Speaker admitted that his ruling was wrong and that Mr. Lefurgey had a prior right. Still there was no harm done as Mr. Lefurgey came on later with an exceedingly forcible speech. Mr. McLean further pressed home the arguments and statements and there is no doubt that a stronger impression was made upon the House than at any previous debate.

### STARTING FREIGHT CHARGES.

None of the Opposition Members spoke of secession as necessary or justifiable. But they read from the press and from public speeches delivered in the Province to show that a repeal feeling was growing and that if justice was not done it might assume dangerous proportions. Perhaps the greatest impression was produced by the exact and circumstantial statements made by all three Opposition speakers from the Island, as to the excessive freight charges imposed upon Prince Edward Island traffic in the winter season. Until the facts were brought out in this discussion no one had an idea how intolerable the situation was. There is enough justice in Parliament to condemn unambiguously, or almost so, the policy and administration which permits such unfairness and tyranny. When it was shown that the people in one of our oldest settled districts, the most densely populated Provinces of Canada, were paying freight rates more than twice as high as are paid in the West, Members who have been listening for years to the protest of western members against oppressive railway tariffs began to sit up and take notice.

### THE GOVERNMENT DOES IT.

The situation in this respect was more noticeable because all the transport agencies concerned are under Government control. The excessive rates are Government rates. The Government railway on the mainland, the Government railway on the Island, are connected in a kind of way by Government steamships. Each makes its own local rate and the organization is under the control of the different Departments. The result shows that Government ownership, as worked out in Prince Edward Island traffic, is two or three times more oppressive than any Canadian private monopoly on record.

### A STEP IN ADVANCE.

It is not necessary to go over the arguments and facts presented. They are pretty well known already to your readers. It is enough to say that the presentation of the case in yesterday's debate marks a distinct stage in the movement toward better things. Members from Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick joined in the protest against existing conditions. The Leader of the Opposition took hold of the question in a statesmanlike way declaring emphatically that the time had come to determine a policy respecting the rights and claims of the Island Province whoever may maintain that justice has been done to the Island. Mr. Borden takes the square position that the terms of compact have not been fulfilled, and that there is a distinct liability; moreover he declared that the Government itself has admitted default.

### MR. BORDEN'S POSITION.

If Mr. Borden has his way the matter of the tunnel will be at once taken up. It will be ascertained definitely what the cost will be and how far the project would be an effective remedy for existing conditions. But Mr. Borden would not wait for the Tunnel before rendering some measure of justice. He would improve and increase the facilities for winter traffic. Especially would he relieve the present distress by cutting down freight charges to a summer basis. Mr. Borden sees no reason why a Government should pretend to be helpless to redress a wrong when a large part of it is caused by its own excessive freight rates. While observing that the grievances of the Province have been frequently expressed in the House, the Opposition Leader declares that the Members have not done more than their duty.

### THE COST OF CRIME.

The appalling cost of crime in New York City and in the United States at large is treated of by Rev. John J. Moore, Chaplain of the Prison Evangelical Society, of New York, in the latest issue of Harper's Weekly. He states that the cost of crime in New York City in 1906 was \$32,063,133 and in New York State outside the City it was \$42,006,473. In forty-five States outside of New York it was \$207,087,000.

### FROM OTHER PROVINCES.

One of the speakers from other provinces was Dr. Barr, Conservative Member for Dufferin, Ontario, who declared emphatically that the whole country would be bound to support any outlay that might be necessary to redress the good faith of the Dominion. Mr. Fowler of New Brunswick spoke to the same sense. He for one did not blame the Island Members for their repeated protests and hoped that they would lift their voice every year and every day if necessary until justice was done. Mr. Carvell of New Brunswick also spoke sympathetically. The Nova Scotia contributors to the debate were Mr. McDonald of Pictou and Mr. Chisholm of Antigonish. The latter offered a solution in a shape of a mainland terminus in his own Country, while the Member for Pictou insisted that his own Port might.

### SIR WILFRID AFTERWARD.

As Mr. Brodeur was the only Minister to speak and the Tunnel was not a matter for his Department, that enterprise did not get much attention from Cabinet Ministers. The Premier was the man to speak on this subject after his encouraging note of sixteen years ago. As he and most of his colleagues left the Chamber his present attitude could not be guessed. But some light was thrown on it twelve hours afterwards when the Premier met a St. John delegation asking for harbour improvements. Then the Premier told them that he had been asked to construct a Tunnel to Prince Edward Island. He mentioned a possible cost which was about double the highest estimate given and spoke of the project as one that could not be taken seriously.

### EDITOR'S MAIL.

#### TO THE EDITOR OF THE GUARDIAN.

Sir:—In your issue of the 23rd inst. appears what is the second of Mr. E. J. Hodgson's letters, in which he charges the Post Office delivery clerks, especially naming me, with carelessness and inactivity. Now sir, this has already gone too far without a reply.

### RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

The latest word in regard to Russian affairs in that new Douma is its completion so radical that the Czar and his councillors fear to allow it to meet. They fear also to resort to a second time to the prerogative of dissolution. As a result of these conditions its meeting must be prevented in another way. To this end we are told a series of insurrectionary outbreaks has been planned by the authorities to throw the country into disorder and so afford a pretext for postponing indefinitely the meeting of the Douma. These risings are called "pogroms" and constitute the governmental plan to get rid of the Douma. One has already taken place at Odessa and others are to follow shortly. Such a report would be incredible if it concerned any other country but Russia, but there any crime against the people seems as if within the range of possibility.

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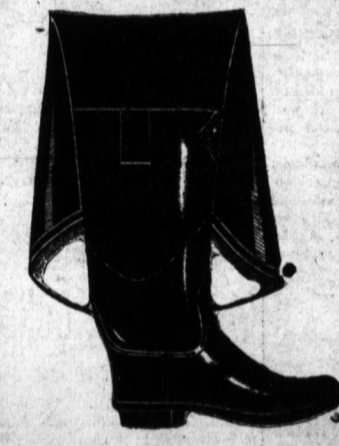
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