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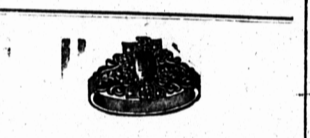
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND TUNNEL

Speech Made By Alexander Martin, M. P. For Queen's in The Dominion House of Commons In Moving For Papers And Correspondence.

(Continued.)
(From Hansard.)
But you gave to the two great Provinces of Quebec and Ontario over \$1,000,000 a year. That is, you gave them, capitalized, \$35,000,000; and yet you have not got \$10,000,000 to fulfil your contract with Prince Edward Island. That is not all. In a few years both of these great provinces will be drawing \$2,000,000 an increase yearly. Then it is not only these increases of \$629,000 an \$420,000, but they will be drawing \$2,000,000, which represents \$70,000,000 capital. How much did my province receive? Not one dollar under the per capita arrangement. Thank to the inaction of this government thanks to its refusal to carry on the terms of confederation, our people have not increased in the same ratio as they would have otherwise. Had you fulfilled your promise to Prince Edward Island, our population would no doubt to-day be 200,000. But because you have not considered your honour as a country, because you have not kept faith with our province, our population has not increased, and to-day you are trampling us into the dust by making us pay our full share of those large additions which you are giving those two large provinces. Yet these two provinces have surpluses while ours has not. We have been running into debt for years.

You may ask what has that to do with winter navigation. Well, I have to go into this question for this reason. There is no doubt a very strong feeling in the minds of the people of Prince Edward Island: You are getting every thing. But I leave it to the House and the premier to say whether my province is receiving the treatment it ought to receive.

Coming to the next part of the question, I am very much pleased to find that the people at large are beginning to open their eyes to the treatment which Prince Edward Island has been getting. I believe that the press of the country is a



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vacating to the fact that we are not getting justice, and from the end of the country to the other there is the cry that justice should be done Prince Edward Island and however late. I really think Mr. Speaker that the following paragraph should be in the Governor General's speech this year.

The non-fulfilment of the terms of union with Prince Edward Island with respect to winter communication is a standing reproach to this great country. It is therefore with such pleasure that I inform you that my government has at last taken steps to fulfil those terms by the construction of a tunnel under the Straits of Northumberland, in order to provide railway car ferries and connect the province with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of Canada as the terms of union between the province and Canada provides.

We are doomed to disappointment, but we are told that the government are doing something, that they are going to build us a new boat. Well that boat was promised three years ago. My hon. friend from Queen Mr. A. A. McLean asked the minister when that boat would be ready and I see by the Montreal Herald that the minister only called for tenders on the 18th of February and the tenders were to be opened on the 18th of February, to be opened on the 8th of March, according to the minister, is to be a special boat, and great care will have to be taken in drawing up the specifications. Does the minister mean to tell me that to call for tenders on the 18th of February, to be opened on the 8th of March, is sufficient notice to those who may want to tender?

Mr. BRODEUR. Does the hon. gentleman want more delay?

Mr. A. MARTIN. No, I do not. Why was not the minister more definite and if that boat is not to be on the route next season, why such a rush for the tenders? The minister admitted that the boat would not be ready for next season. I can understand his rush in getting in tenders, but the country will be rather suspicious. We know that when the "Minto" was purchased \$30,000 had to be expended on her before the government before she was fit for service, and we may expect something similar in the case of another boat. If the minister is going to have his boat ready for next summer, I would say by all means: Be quick about it. But we find that Mr. Bagnall is down in Prince Edward Island making an examination to see if something new should not be put in the specifications.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you something about the press of this country in reference to this vital question for my province. The statements of the press show that there is a change of feeling all over this country with regard to communication with my province. I should weary the House if I were to read even a tittle of the comments of the press that I have before me dealing with this subject. For instance, here is a quotation from the St. John "Telegraph" of a very recent date.

The tunnel—that will be Prince Edward Island's politics this year, and next, and until the trains run from the mainland into Charlottetown. Politicians who, in private, make light of the island's claims are at once short-sighted and unjust. If fair play and good faith alone were consulted in this matter the Dominion government before this day would give the island's claims are at once short-sighted and unjust. If fair play and good faith alone were consulted in this matter the Dominion government before this day would give the island's claims are at once short-sighted and unjust.

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a Liberal paper I may say—the "Guardian" I suppose my hon. friend from Kings (Mr. J. J. Hughes) will say that I am introducing party politics and will be inclined to question the classification of this paper as a Liberal paper. He is a good deal like a certain elder in a Presbyterian church in Scotland who complained to the minister that the congregation was very unorthodox and said that the church must be purified. The minister told him to purify the church and the elder went at one work and soon had almost everybody read out of the church. He came back to the minister and said: Well, minister, I have nearly purified the church. There's naeboddy left but me and my brither—and I'm no vera sure about my brither. I believe the hon. gentleman (Mr. J. J. Hughes) regards as a heretic every follower he has in Prince Edward Island because they do not all praise the government and is ready to declare that he himself is the only true Liberal, because he praises it in season and out of season.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES. And expects that there will be no Conservatives here after the next election.

Mr. A. MARTIN (Queens). Well, I am reading the words on this subject of a Liberal journal. A paper which very ably conducted by a gentleman who was formerly on the "Globe".

We give the ministers fair warning that Prince Edward Island cannot be kept in the Dominion on such terms, especially under the expectation of promises of better things, such promises being made only to be broken. This is plain speaking but it is so painfully true and so painfully realized here that the government will do well to heed it.

And here is another extract from the same newspaper:

In the meantime vast and costly public works have been undertaken and others are projected—the Transatlantic railway and the Quebec bridge now under construction, the Georgian Bay canal and the opening up of the Hudson Bay route now pressing for construction. Collective hundreds of millions of dollars, while Prince Edward Island is still waiting for the fulfilment of the union terms by the construction of work vital to her very existence. Surely this is no time for provincial government to remain idle spectators of what is going on at Ottawa. We cannot believe that they will do so.

Never before was the tunnel so universally demanded by our people. Never before was this necessity so great, and never before its practicability so clear or so clearly appreciated. It has been demonstrated moreover in these columns that in view of what it will save and what it will earn the tunnel will not cost the Dominion a dollar. Moreover the time to urge it forward is the more propitious from the public utterances of Hon. Wm. Pugsley, the influential and capable Minister of Public Works.

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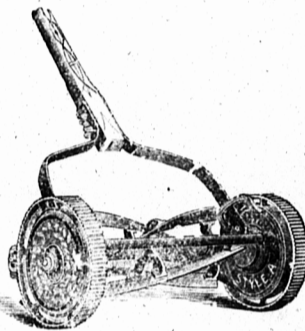
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