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THE "LIBERAL" SETTLEMENT

We have, today, from the able hand of Mr. Scott, a more detailed statement than that sent to THE EXAMINER by telegraph as to correspondence with the Dominion Government concerning the claims of P. E. Island.

It will be noted that the Provincial authorities asked their friends and co-laborers at Ottawa to submit the whole matter to arbitration; and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has ignored this proposition and treated it with contempt. There will be no arbitration of our claims. The declarations that there would be an arbitration—confidentially made previous to the last Provincial election—were the merest humbug. Those who were foolish enough to believe these declarations have cause now to regret that they did not believe THE EXAMINER's statements on the other hand. The result of the demand for arbitration is just what THE EXAMINER predicted that it would be.

But Sir Wilfrid is not content with ignoring the request for arbitration. He proceeds in his lordly fashion to settle the whole matter. All the losses of this Province in the course of twenty-five long years, on account of the failure of the Dominion Government to fulfil the terms of union in respect to winter communication, are to be met in full by the supply of another winter steamship. For the service of this steamship the people of this Province will be charged special rates, and if she should prove to be successful in developing trade, as the Stanley has done, she will "pay her way" in so far as this Province is concerned. She is wanted, and has been for many years required, in terms of the union contract; and yet she is set off against the losses that the province has sustained because she was not supplied long ago.

Concerning the financial claim amounting to upwards of two million dollars, Sir Wilfrid says that this will be settled by the construction of the Murray Harbor and Belfast Railway. The late Government offered, in addition to this, a branch railway to Elmira, a branch railway to New London, a branch railway to West Cape, and several other branches. But Sir Wilfrid, with an eye to Quebec, draws the line at Belfast and Murray Harbor, while he takes good care that the Province shall pay \$12,000 a year for all time to come for the use of the bridge over the Hillsborough.

Mrs. Whelan's pension is referred to the Department of Justice. The fact that it has been made a claim upon Canada is pitiful. The Honorable Edward Whelan's services were given to Prince Edward Island, not to Canada; and the legislature and people of Prince Edward Island, with one voice, as a token of their appreciation of the boons of Responsible Government and Free Education which Mr. Whelan did so much to obtain, voted his widow a small annuity. To ask a rebate of the pittance from Canada is a meanness of which only a Liberal Government could be guilty. It is insulting to the generosity of the people of this Province. We sincerely hope that the Department of Justice will repudiate the claim; or, if it be granted, that the money will be applied to the erection of a monument to Mr. Whelan's memory.

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A DETAILED STATEMENT

P. E. Island's Claims and the Premier's Reply.

NO HOPE FOR ARBITRATION—NOTHING FOR LOSSES IN THE PAST.

Not One Cent For The Treasury of P. E. Island.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE]

OTTAWA, June 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier brought down last night a batch of papers relating to Prince Edward Island, containing the last memorial from the Government of that Province, and Sir Wilfrid replied thereto. Many of the papers are the same as were brought down last year but there are some additions. Included in the matter is a minute setting forth that in view of the decision of the Privy Council of May, 1898, Prince Edward Island is entitled in its own right to receive from the Dominion that portion of the award of the Halifax Commission to which it would have been entitled had the amount of compensation applying to P. E. Island been separately awarded. The Provincial minute asks that the whole question between the Dominion and the Province be left to arbitration, one arbitrator to be appointed by the Province, one by the Queen and one by the Dominion. The old claims need only to be stated in general language.

No. 1 grows out of the failure to establish continuous steam communication. No. 2 is the financial claim which was set forth very fully by Mr. Martin in a recent speech in the House. It grows out of the fact that when the Province entered the union the debt of the Dominion was assumed to be \$45 per head, and on this basis the allowance of \$50 per head was made to Prince Edward Island. But the real debt of the Dominion was much greater than it was then supposed to be when the cost of completing the public works then under construction is considered. The Provincial Government says that the allowance should have been \$75 per head in order to make it equitable and a claim of \$2,174,705 is made out on this basis. The late Dominion Government recognized this claim to the extent of increasing the subsidy to the extent of \$20,000 a year. Another claim grows out of the fishery award. The Provincial Government says that two years before the arbitration at Halifax the fisheries of Prince Edward Island were made free to the American fishermen. The island was at that time not a part of the Dominion, and is therefore said to be entitled to compensation on its own account.

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all events the financial position would assume a different phase. He says that Sir Louis Davies has been presenting the claims of a railway from Charlottetown to Murray Harbor and that surveys have been made and the Government will soon be in a position to make recommendations. Negotiations have been going on with the Provincial Government to secure the assistance of the province to the Hillsborough Bridge. This is the only undertaking that Sir Wilfrid makes in regard to that part of the claim.

As to the claim for two years' damages from United States fishing previous to 1873 Sir Wilfrid says that these two years were not included in the Halifax Award and that as the Dominion Government got nothing for it it has no right to pay anything. As to the division of the proceeds of the award itself Sir Wilfrid quotes the Minister of Marine as stating that this matter is involved in legal difficulties. It can only be settled by stating a case and a new adjudication.

Sir Wilfrid will not promise to take over any more piers and pay for them. He will leave the Whelan pension question to the Department of Justice to settle. He will also submit to the Department of Justice the question of judges' salaries in Prince Edward Island, and if anything is incumbent on the Dominion to do that will be done. This is the substance of Sir Wilfrid's statement.

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ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Halifax Herald: The despatch which says that the Dreyfusards refuse to accept Du Paty de Clam as a scapegoat and demand the exemplary punishment of General Mercier and others, certainly presents those who have stood by Dreyfus in a perfectly reasonable light. If it had not been for General Mercier and others of like standing, Esterhazy, Du Paty de Clam and such try would never have been able to secure the condemnation and banishment of Dreyfus to Devil's Island. General Mercier indeed may be said to be the very man who actually secured the condemnation. If justice is to be done Mercier and several other generals will feel it.

Alaskan Boundary.

MONTREAL, June 8.—The Star's London correspondent cables: Mr. Choate, United States ambassador, had another conference with Lord Salisbury at the foreign office last evening, with the result of a practical agreement upon a provisional Alaskan boundary. The joint commission meanwhile will continue negotiations. The point discussed between the ambassador and the premier was the Dalton trail, which has been the only obstacle in the way of a settlement upon a modus vivendi during the last two years. The question of the Dalton trail has been continuously negotiated between the foreign office and the American embassy for the past week. The agreement reached last evening only requires ratification.

The slow, shifting, uncertain methods of the Laurier-Tarte Administration are admitted and regretted, even by its strongest friends and partisans. For example, The Guardian inveighs against the appointment of a County Judge for Queen's County, points out that all the business in the Court has been practically suspended ever since Judge Alley's death, and remarks that "Not only are intending suitors delayed in their legal affairs by the vacancy being kept open, but methods are being adopted in the scramble for the place that might better have been avoided." All this is true,—quite true. The fact is that Sir Louis's friends make but a poor business combination in so far as the interests of the country are concerned.

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