

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.**

A congress of the representatives of commerce throughout the world will assemble at Philadelphia on the 10th October next. It is stated that more than forty different countries will send delegates other than those officially appointed by the various governments, while over a hundred cities will be represented by from one to three delegates each. In addition, almost every city of the United States and Canada, with a population of over ten thousand, will have delegates attending from their Boards of Trade and similar organizations. The questions to be discussed by the Congress will be of the highest commercial importance. We are pleased to hear that Prince Edward Island will probably be represented by the President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade as well as by other gentlemen engaged in business and interested in the welfare and prosperity of the Province.

**NOTES ABOUT THE RAILWAY.**

The amount to be voted this year by Parliament towards the construction of railways and railway bridges is \$6,540,295, of which P. E. Island's rightful share would be \$163,500. The vote of \$250,000 towards the Southern branch and Hillsborough bridge, is therefore only \$86,500 more than the Island's rightful share of this year's expenditures. At this rate, the Government of Canada will be a long time in wiping out the Island's claim of \$2,000,000 on account of excessive expenditures in other parts of Canada in past years; and in view of this fact, the Premier's decision to wipe out the Island's claim by the mere construction of the Southern Railway and Hillsborough bridge is the more evidently unjust.

In this connection it is to be noted that Sir Louis Davies' strongest argument in favor of the building of the Southern Railway was that "the late government was committed to it." But for this fact he would not, in our opinion, have succeeded in inducing his colleagues and party to vote for it,—even though a general election is looming up. Yet, the Patriot would have the public believe that neither Conservative Senators nor Conservative representatives in the House of Commons are entitled to any credit on account of the railway. The fact of it is that Mr. Martin and Mr. McDonald, and our Senators, and THE EXAMINER kept the government up to the mark in this regard. So, in view of a general election, there is to be a vote of \$250,000.

As to the rates on the P. E. Island Railway, the records will bear out fully THE EXAMINER's claim for credit to Messrs McDonald and Martin. The wide-awake representatives of P. E. Island brought this matter to the notice of Parliament last year. It was Mr. Martin who gave notice of a motion in that regard; and Mr. McDonald as early as July 15th, 1898, wrote a letter to THE EXAMINER in which he points out that,—

"According to Mulhall's statistics the average cost of the three great Canadian lines, the C. P. R., G. T. R., and I. C. R., is \$59,275.09 per mile, while the P. E. Island Railway cost only \$17,850.00 per mile. Taking the cost as a basis, the rates of the P. E. Island should be less than one third the rate charged on the other lines referred to. Were the rates reduced in proportion to the difference in cost there would be no need for more than two classes of passengers as at present. The rates would be so low that scarcely any one would take a horse when he could use the railway. There cannot, I think be any

doubt but the lowering of rates in proportion to the cost of our road, would induce largely increased travel, the result of which would go far towards wiping out the existing deficit.

"An agitation is now going on throughout Canada for decreased passenger rates. The application of the principle as above set forth to our Island road while doing simple justice to this province would give the Minister of Railways a practical illustration as to the advisability of applying decreased rates to all Government lines."

This forcible argument of the member for King's was promptly supported by the member for East Queen's. In the course of a letter to THE EXAMINER, dated July 20th, 1898, Mr. Martin said:

"Fixing the rates of the Prince Edward Island railway on the same basis as on the I. C. R.—which was an expensive road to construct and comparatively straight—not only operated injuriously against the province, but also against the financial success of the road. Making a fair and perhaps to moderate an estimate, a traveler passes over the Prince Edward Island railway three miles by rail in order to cover two miles of territory. In other words the passenger pays fare for three miles when only two are accomplished. This would indicate that the rate should be reduced one third."

"During the last session of the Dominion Parliament I gave notice on the order paper that I would move the following resolution, 'Resolved on the opinion of this House, that it is expedient to reduce the rate for freight and passengers on the P. E. Island Railway.' Though the session was a pretty long one, the motion in common with a good many others, was not reached, so that the opportunity to test the feeling of the House and the Government, was, for the time being, lost. I may explain that between 20 and 30 notices of motion by members of the House on different subjects had to be postponed in the same way. Prorogation taking place does not always mean all the business is transacted."

It will thus be seen that Messrs McDonald and Martin had taken action in the matter of reduced rates on the P. E. Island Railway; and that Mr. Martin had in his place in Parliament given notice of a motion long before the matter was agitated upon by the Board of Trade. That the motion was "shunted" by the Liberal leaders of the House was no fault of his. By the way, it is to be noted that the Minister of Railways complimented Messrs McDonald and Martin upon the strength of their argument which seemed to be new to him.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

—No judge for Queen's County. It is supposed that Sir Louis is still studying the lesson of the election in the first district of Prince.

—The County Court is to open at Belfast on Tuesday next, the 1st of August. But there is no judge yet. Whoever he may be he will have little time to read up the rules of the court.

—Some of the "media" have been interviewing Ingersoll. According to their report, the "Colonel" has found out his mistake, but is not yet prepared to go into particulars concerning the spirit world.

—The Mail and Empire remarks that ballot stuffing is the logical result of the abandonment of principle. When through a violation of its pledges a ruling faction cannot induce people to support it, it will do all the voting it possibly can for itself.

—The Ottawa Journal (London) thinks that at a general election the Ottawa Government will have a good chance. It is not at all certain that the Conservatives, without power or patronage, can "conquer the Liberals, entrenched in power and backed by a 'machine' effectiveness compared to which, judging by West Elgin and West Huron, all the old Conservative campaign organizations were but babies to burglars." The Journal forgets that there is a limit to the effectiveness of even the Liberal "machine." When the moral sense of the electorate at large is aroused by reason of the corrupt and scandalous methods of the "machine," the machine won't be successful. We had an example of this fact in the bye-election for the first district of Prince, a few days ago.

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