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MOON'S CHANGES.
Full Moon, 2nd day 11 50 morn
Last Quarter, 10th day 1 1 after
New Moon, 17th day 12 21 mid
First Quarter, 24th day 5 21 after

Day of Week	Day's Length	High Water	Morn'g.
1 Wednesday	10 29	10 6	10 6
2 Thursday	11 2	10 41	10 41
3 Friday	5	11 15	11 15
4 Saturday	8	11 57	11 57
5 Sunday	12	12 17	12 17
6 Monday	15	12 29	12 29
7 Tuesday	18	12 41	12 41
8 Wednesday	22	12 54	12 54
9 Thursday	25	1 0	1 0
10 Friday	28	1 15	1 15
11 Saturday	31	1 30	1 30
12 Sunday	33	1 45	1 45
13 Monday	35	1 57	1 57
14 Tuesday	37	2 10	2 10
15 Wednesday	40	2 24	2 24
16 Thursday	42	2 39	2 39
17 Friday	45	2 54	2 54
18 Saturday	48	3 10	3 10
19 Sunday	51	3 27	3 27
20 Monday	53	3 45	3 45
21 Tuesday	55	4 04	4 04
22 Wednesday	57	4 24	4 24
23 Thursday	59	4 45	4 45
24 Friday	61	5 07	5 07
25 Saturday	63	5 30	5 30
26 Sunday	65	5 54	5 54
27 Monday	67	6 19	6 19
28 Tuesday	69	6 45	6 45
29 Wednesday	71	7 12	7 12
30 Thursday	73	7 40	7 40
31 Friday	75	8 10	8 10

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Ottawa Notes

DISCUSSION OF THE BORINGS FOR THE P. E. I. TUNNEL—IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER.

As the Ottawa Citizen says this morning, Mr. Perry did a good turn for a political opponent when he brought up his motion asking for a statement showing the expenditure incurred since last session of Parliament in carrying on the borings in the Strait of Northumberland. The discussion brought out the fact that there was no ground for the charges referred to by Mr. Perry. As Mr. Davies very well said, until proof to the contrary is put forward, we are bound to take the word of Senator Howland that there is no truth in the statement that he was a partner with Mr. Palmer. Mr. Perry, in speaking to the motion, recalled the circumstances that led to the Government appropriating the sum of \$12,000 for this work, and complained that no security had been taken for the performance of the contract given to Mr. Palmer. He said it was asserted that Senator Howland had agreed to become banker for the contractor, and that although Mr. Palmer had the contract, he had not the handling of the Government money. This appears to be the case. It is acknowledged that Senator Howland found all the supplies necessary for carrying on the work. From the report of Mr. Palmer, it is learned that very little work was done. Only seven holes were bored, whereas the contract required twenty-nine. The deepest part of the Straits has not been tested, and as over \$5,000 had been expended, the balance of the appropriation will not complete the work. It appears that some quarrel took place between Mr. Palmer and the man in charge of the drill, and it is said that through this disagreement and on account of the Government stopping the work in September, the work was not completed, as it could have been. Mr. Palmer says he could have finished the work if he had been supplied with means by the Government, and it is most important to know whether this was the case. Mr. Palmer makes serious charges against Senator Howland, and asserts that the latter charged \$500 for his own personal services. He (Mr. Perry) wanted to know why Senator Howland was paid that amount out of this money? It is said that a second contract was made, and that even then no security was taken. He thought Mr. Palmer should get a statement from Senator Howland as to whether this was the case. Mr. Palmer says the public could judge as to whether any amounts had been improperly charged in the accounts. The letter of Senator Howland stated that Mr. Palmer was wrong in his mind; but the excellent plans prepared by that engineer, which are hung in the Smoking Room of the House, show that his mind is not seriously affected. When engineers find out the way Mr. Palmer is treated, they will be surprised. It will be difficult to get any other to take up the work. He thought the Government should settle with Mr. Palmer. If not, it will throw a damper on this great undertaking. He would like to know how long the Government were going to keep the Island in suspense in this matter. It is two years since they promised to obtain information as to whether the tunnel is practicable, and they have not got it yet. He referred to the letters written by Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper, that if the Government was returned this matter would be attended to without delay. These promises should be carried out. If the Government would build the tunnel he would be greatly tempted to support them, as it is most important that the Island should get better communication in winter. The Stanley is disabled at the present time, although it is one of the finest steamers that could be obtained for the navigation of the Straits in winter; and although the Island had one million bushel of potatoes on hand, they cannot export them now when a good price could be obtained. He hoped the Government would perform their duty and give the people of Prince Edward Island the continuous communication the terms of the Confederation promised them. Because of the people of that Province are opposed to the policy of the Government, justice should not be done. Mr. Yeo supported Mr. Perry's motion and said it was the promise made to P. E. Island before March, 1891, and since that induced them to believe that justice would be done. But up to this time very little has been done to carry out these promises, excepting the appropriation made last session. It was unfortunate that the contract for the borings had been given to Mr. Palmer; it should have been performed by the Government under the supervision of an Engineer, and should not have been delegated to any member of the Legislature to superintend, no matter whom he is. The Government had employed their own Engineer the work would have been thorough done; and if it cost more, an expenditure of a few thousand dollars is of little consequence in a work of such magnitude to have these borings completed. It was estimated that the undertaking will cost \$8,000,000. If it is found that it will take a larger sum than the estimate, the Government could then consider the matter. It is not fair that this matter should be deferred from day to day until the eve of another election again comes on. We simply ask that the terms of Confederation be carried out. The failure of the Stanley this year has caused great inconvenience. We have to resort to the old way of carrying the mails by the ice boats. The people of P. E. Island have done their part, and look to the Dominion to fulfil their part of the contract. This question is the greatest grievance in P. E. Island, as it was the inducement held out to that province at Confederation, and he hoped this the Finance Minister will at once have the necessary information obtained. Mr. Mulock and Sir Richard Cartwright referred to the statement made by Mr. Perry that a member of Parliament had

been trafficking in public money, and considered the matter was a serious one. The Minister of Finance should give some explanation of the matter, as Senator Howland was so great a favorite with the Government that he had been induced to contest a constituency in their behalf at the last election.

Mr. Davies also spoke on the matter, and found fault with the Government for their action. He went on to show that Senator Howland had only been a contractor of the Government in respect to the last election, and had afterwards been appointed to travel across the Atlantic to give the benefit of his experience to Sir Douglas Fox. The Government had properly determined that some practical facts in relation to the cost of the tunnel should be obtained before they would consent to spend from \$11,000,000 to \$20,000,000 of public money. He thought the House had nothing to do with the difference between Mr. Howland and Mr. Palmer. Mr. Howland denies that he made any contract with Mr. Palmer, and his word should be accepted in the absence of any documents to the contrary. We have a statement from Mr. Palmer that a member of the Senate had become a partner of a contract, which he had no right to do, as no member of Parliament has any right to take part in such contracts.

Hon. Mr. Foster—Could a lawyer not be engaged by a Government contractor if he were a member of Parliament?
Mr. Davies—That would be a different state of things. What he (Mr. Davies) objected to was that this had been reduced from a matter of business to a political question. The truth will not be ascertained until a committee is appointed to enquire into the facts. What we want to know is how far are the Government aware of the facts? He thought the Government should know what was done with the \$1200 for which Mr. Palmer says he cannot get any account.
Hon. Mr. Foster—The House has nothing to do with the dispute between Mr. Howland and Mr. Palmer. If either of them have been aggrieved the law courts are open to them for the time that he heard that Senator Howland had been sent by the Government to see Sir Douglas Fox. He was not sent to England for that purpose and was not paid a single dollar. It was not true that Senator Howland was the confidential agent of the Government in connection with this contract. It had been said that Senator Howland had resigned his seat in the Senate to run an election; but why did he do so? It was because he has great interest in the P. E. Island tunnel. He was not successful, I am sorry to say; and although he had no promise of re-appointment, or any assurance that such would be the case, yet when the Government looked around for a person fitted for the position vacant in the Senate, they found that Mr. Howland's claims were the strongest and he was appointed. With respect to the contract entered into with Mr. Palmer, it had become apparent that no reliable estimate of the cost of the tunnel could be given until the stratification of the bed of the Straits was shown; and \$12,000 was put in the estimates last year for this purpose. He (Mr. Foster) had consulted the Government Engineer (Mr. Schrieber) and Mr. Palmer, who offered to do the borings for \$12,000, and the Government Engineer reported that the amount was a reasonable one for the work required. A contract was then made with Mr. Palmer, who was to bore 29 holes of a certain size and depth, and the Government employed an Engineer and Mr. Bain, a local geologist of note, to watch the work. Mr. Palmer, in May, came to me and asked for an advance on his contract; but as the vote was not available before the 1st of July, I told him I could not do so. I know nothing about what was done or what arrangements were made after the matter was placed in the hands of the Government Engineer. When afterwards Mr. Palmer's order was presented to me for \$5,000, I refused to pay it, until I had the certificate of the Engineer in charge of the work of the amount of work completed. When I found out that there was sufficient work done, I had the amount paid. Afterwards when I found out that there had been a disturbance at the work and a disagreement between Mr. Palmer and his workmen, I made up my mind to pay no more money on Mr. Palmer's order; but afterwards I put \$2,000 in a bank, subject to the order of the Government Engineer and Mr. Palmer, for work and materials actually used in the contract. The Government did not cause the work to be delayed, but about the 1st of October the Government Engineer reported that the weather was too stormy to continue the borings, so he was ordered to leave and the work stopped. The Government had nothing to do with Mr. Palmer's financing, and know nothing about the charges that have been preferred by Mr. Palmer; if any person thinks that Senator Howland has violated the independence of Parliament there is a way to have that settled. Ten holes have been bored at a cost of \$6,000, and the Government Engineer thinks that the boring of six or seven more holes will give sufficient information. There are some claims for work and materials provided last summer that have not been settled, and although the Government are not bound to do so, yet payment or a proportional payment will be made to those who put their time and labor into this work.
G. F. O.
March 16, 1893.

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