

ly he left his sickness behind him, and we have been sick ever since.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I will have to go back.

Mr. WELSH. You will, Sir, and take the sickness away. You have the power to do it. Nine years ago my esteemed friend, lately gone, the Hon J. H. Pope, said: Come to the rink, we are going to have a good meeting; the Minister of Finance will be there, and will make a speech. I said I would, and we went. The Minister of Finance walked in, surrounded by a body-guard of Pictonians—good-looking fellows, every one of them. He took his place on the platform, and made a very good speech from his point of view, and I sat near the door so as to be ready to run. The hon. gentleman said—I remember his words well: Gentlemen of Prince Edward Island, give us the National Policy for two years, and I will guarantee you reciprocity. If you do not put a duty on potatoes and oats, the Americans will come down here and drive you out of the country. I jumped up and ran. Mr. Pope said: Do not go yet; but I said: I cannot stand that. As the hon. Minister of Finance has just come in, I will just repeat what I said a moment ago. At our last meeting before the elections, in my county, the Hon. Donald Ferguson got up and read a telegram, purporting to come from the Minister of Finance, dated Amherst, Thursday or Friday, I am not sure which, stating if the men of Queen's county would return the Hon. Donald Ferguson, the Government would build the sub way.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The hon. gentleman will allow me to say that I never sent such a telegram or anything like it. I never made such a statement. I never made any reference to the contingency of the present Government being supported or any pledge if they were supported, in reference to the sub-way whatever.

Mr. WELSH. Quite satisfactory. I did not say you did. I only said that the Hon. Donald Ferguson got up at the meeting and said: "Here is a telegram I got from Sir Charles Tupper, dated Amherst, and saying, if you return the Hon. Donald Ferguson, the Dominion Government will build a sub-way."

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I know Mr. Ferguson well, and I do not hesitate to say that the hon. gentleman is entirely mistaken in his recollection of what Mr. Ferguson said on that occasion. I undertake to say that Mr. Ferguson never read such a telegram or pretended to read such a telegram as the hon. gentlemen has stated.

Mr. WELSH. You were not there. I say it is a good man who can answer for himself in this world. When you come to answer for the sins of your friends, you have more to answer than you think for.

Mr. DAVIN. You will permit me to recall the attention of the Committee to the question before it, whether we shall give two representatives in the Senate to the North-West.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I think, as we are coming back to the subject of the reference to the Committee, and most likely we will have a considerable continuance of this debate, the hon. gentleman had better move that the Committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. DAVIN. Then I move that the Committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. MITCHELL. That is right; do as you are told. Committee rose and reported.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 4th May, 1887.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

ST. JOHN HARBOR.

Mr. ELLIS asked, Is it the intention of the Government to place at the mouth of St. John Harbor during the coming season, a bell-buoy instead of that now there, which is practically unservicable?

Mr. FOSTER. It has already been decided to place a bell-buoy at or near the place occupied by the old one, and tenders for its construction have been asked for.

PUBLIC WHARVES, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Mr. ROBERTSON (King's) asked, Whether the Government has any official in Prince Edward Island to report on the state of the public wharves in that Province, and to attend to repairs on these wharves?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The management of wharves at Prince Edward Island, with that of the other wharves in the Dominion, is through the Department at Ottawa. The resident Agent of the Department in the Maritime Provinces reports, when requested, in the usual way, on the condition of the wharves in this Province, and attends also to such repairs as may be ordered.

FISHING BOUNTY.

Mr. FLYNN asked, Has the bounty money to fishermen in the Maritime Provinces been distributed yet? If not, when will it be?

Mr. FOSTER. Part of the bounty has been distributed, and the remainder is being distributed as rapidly as the cheques can be made out.

SAWDUST IN STREAMS.

Mr. LANDERKIN asked, Is the Act which compels the owners of sawmills to keep sawdust out of streams in force in every county in Ontario? If not in force in every county, what counties are exempt from its operation, and why the discrimination?

Mr. FOSTER. The Act which compels the owners of sawmills to keep sawdust out of streams is enforced in every county in Ontario. The mills on the Ottawa River, near the city of Ottawa, are exempted by Order in Council.

Mr. LANDERKIN. Why?

Mr. FOSTER. The reasons will be found in the Order in Council which made the exemption, and which was based on the report of the commission appointed by the leader of the Mackenzie Administration.

QUEBEC CENTRAL.

Mr. GUAY asked, Whether the Government have taken under consideration, since last year, the question of granting this Session to the Quebec Central Railway Company an additional subsidy to assist them in extending their line from Beauce Junction through the valley of the Chaudière to the Province line, and thence to the line of the International Railway at or near River L'Original in the State of Maine?