he ought to have apthat he was not quite ing it to the conference. taken in his speech onsistent with the e asked to adopt, beolution the attitude rable friend takes is of better terms for ices, ought to have ght not in any way to right, he is not taking day. Because we fin words in his own reenant-Governor, laid the House only a few has precluded himself

irse of Action. ear. Mr. Speaker, that on the very first meetwith the conference ms that British Colcial terms which we o our exceptional posi Il these forth. He also ion of arbitration. Mr. ose to deal with a little

ge in Policy. ake this to be true, and ne history of the appliterms, by the differ ice confederation,] 1887 applications wer every province in the tter terms, of one kind ose applications were ctly to the Dominion d always dealt with by vernment without re nference. But in 1887. have been a change in which these questions ealt with, and from to the present time we eneral readjustment and o be accorded to each en a matter which our the Dominion and the ht proper to refer to a

ference which was held confirmed the prin that there should nent, includin s, and that that general ould be final and un-

that nothing was the recommendation made by that confer recommendations I were desirous, Mr. nging politics into this int out that the govwas in power in 1887 itions were adopted, ought to either have or rejected, was the nd of the premiers that hat conference, I think four of them were I could point this -although it has to do with the matter-but it show ealing with provincia as the suggestion that nts shoudl be permanhat idea emanated not

ent Before Him.

friend had some preor when he submitted ms of British Columbia ice for their approval Prior, then premier of of British Columbia, chairman of the confer-02 made use of these

als but from Conservahe Dominion and in the

lize that without the and good will of the it would be diffiupon the Domin-

referring there to spenot to the general re-

the Premier of British you, sir, were Attor years ago, the positly taken then that Bri-ould only hope to secure nition which she was nces. So that I have no er to the course pursued ble friend when on the -I believe the very first e submitted the case of la to the conference, and them to deal with it as could hardly take this would submit his case ce and ask their recom if those recommendaorable, he would accept i go to the Dominion say, "I have submitted ference, I have come verdict in my favor, to carry that out-t ition I presume that my d would take. That is sition that he would be

onverse True. e true, is the converse against him, if they recommendations as province of British ould hope, then he verdict, and go to the ties and say, "I have ecided only to give the for ten years, I claim ed to a great deal more gnize that they have deal with this queslow come to you and the face of the resoing from that confery honorable friend canion. Surely, for the ty of British Columbia. that position. by Its Action.

tted his claims to the was bound to take

al subsidies should first be disprovincial conferences of this kind. the provinces are interested. All he provinces are members of that famwhich constitute this great Domination of ours; and it is only reasononsulted in matters that affect the mind of our public men ever since 1887. Now, I am not quite sure what my Does he want us to affirm that he was are prepared to do so, because the reords show that that was the position
which he assumed. He says, and he
says very truly, that on the 12th of
October, when the conference was in
joint session, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier oint session, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier and assume a position of that kind. and some of the other federal minister were present, he took the position that

Now, the proceedings of the conference three days before this show that the submitted these special claims to the conference. That will be found, the conference. That will be found, the position now, that having submitted all his data, having submitted the position now, that having submitted all his data, having submitted the position now, that having submitted the position now are doubted to submit the conference, when he presented his memorandum, he argued the case for British Columbia. I am quite sure that their was no case for arbitration. If the Dominion was not bound by the conference, neither was no case for arbitration. If the Dominion was not bound by the conference, when he presented his memorandum, the treatment of the province to be bound by it. He lamented that the conference, when he presented his memorandum, the conference, he argued the cas

of Ontario, did the same thing, my hon, friend clearly submits his memoranda of radia to the conference, and asks the conference to consider this question of special terms to British Columbia.

Then, two or three days after that, the matter having been considered by the conference in the meantime, the Dominion ministers having considered the matter in the meantime, the matter in the meantime, and proper way at arriving at the matter in the meantime, and proper way at arriving at the matter in the meantime, and to the conference of ontail the subject which might appear, or which could possibly at some future time be used against the province of British Columbia in its contest for both the subject which might appear, or which could possibly at some future time be used against the province of British Columbia.

The Case of Dewdney.

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And what do we find with regard to minion to live up to the terms of agree-matter in the meantime, sir wilfrid thousand a year for ten years, is madejuate, and ought not to be accountry? My honorable friend's late minion to live up to the terms of agree-matter in the meantime, from the memoranda of the opening up of new sections of the opening up of new sections of the country is not borne out by the facts.

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And what do we find with reason. The debate was addition to this the Dominion was granted 3,500,000 acres of land in the reason of the ountous district. The Dominion government had not live up to the country is not borne out fight must be kept up for better terms of British Columbia.

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And what do we find with cur hour for release in the country is not borne out fight must be kept up for better terms of British Columbia.

The Premier contended this was not new. It was of the the

such refusal took place.

This is what the Premier of Canada says: "The British Columbia to ome to British Columbia to find out come to British Columbia is situated on the Pacific coast at the extreme west-pose of this conference, after hearing Mr. McBride's arguments in support of his contention.

Now, every gentleman of the legal profession in this House will know that in a court of justice such an attitude would never be tolerated for a moment. And every lay member of this House, n, they are partners in this young Mr. Speaker, will know that in the ordinary business of life the man who has two courses open to him and is usulted in matters that affect the titual interests of all members. And brought face to face with an election between one course and the other, when the interests of other people are concerned, and accepts the one course, Now, I am not quite sure what my he is bound by that election, and cannot asks us to vote for this resolution. he considers to be the worst of it, turn right in submitting the claims of Briish Columbia to the conference? If all, I repudiate its action, nothwithnit the claims of British Columbia, we represent to do so because the

Question of Arbitration.

Now, as to this question of arbitraclaims of British Columbia for tion. When he found that the conferpecial treatment should be referred to ence was unanimous that the question of British Columbia's claims should not erbitration. And in his resolution he makes the statement which I am quite sure on reconsideration he will modify this is the statement which he makes:

"And whereas, in pursuance of the said then proceeded to lay the claims of British Columbia—that is to lay the resolution the said Hon. Richard McBride submitted such memorandum to
the Dominion government setting forth
the claims of British Columbia for
special recognition."

British Columbia asked them to
recommend some substantial grant in
British Columbia's favor. He took two
and yet we find that instead of being a
birden upon the treasury of British that he could not honestly ignore their of the Island. So that, if that be right, Bride submitted the following memor-andum, embodying the claims of Bri-against him; the other premiers were ish Columbia to special and distinctive treatment."

against him; the other premiers were in favor of accepting only the resolution proposed by Mr. Whitney, and the expenses. Now, if a commission or voted upon and carried it by a vote of board of arbitration came out to this so that before, long before, this animated discussion which my honorable friend speaks of, lasting three or four days took place, and at the time that Mr. Whitney, on behalf of the province of Ontario, did the same thing, my hon, friend clearly submits his memorable that the subject which might appear,

minion ministers having considered the matter in the meantime, Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes the following statement with regard to the attitude of the Dominion government upon this question, and I want to call the attention of this House to another statement considered the matter in the meantime, Sir Wilfrid at a final settlement, Opendancy, was receiving for the public treasury some two or three times as much as it pays in the burden which we are bearing, the first reading.

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When constituency, Dewdney, was receiving for the public treasury some two or three times as a final settlement. Occumbla is by means of the another was no reason why British columbia should have been forced to have the profession of the Premier said he asked for an independent of the public treasury, had been the burden which we are bearing, the first reading.

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And I want to call the attention of this House to another statement contained in This Porambile 'to this resolution, and which I believe my honorable friend will modify when his attention friend will modify and fairly schools and public works in some of the members of the Dominion government upon this question, and which I sale will be dead to attent the burden which we are bearing, the b tion, and which I believe my honorable friend will modify when his attention is called to it—he says: "And whereas, the said request for such competent tribunal was refused by the Right. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

here, dealing with the affairs of this province—I do not believe that we cought to conceal our opinions, but that we ought to state boldly and fairly when the effect or what would be the effect or what would be the effect or proceeding upon false lines—which I believe arbi-

And yet my homewalter frequency of the control of the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the responsible of arbitrary under the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the responsible of arbitrary lativity fair when the responsible of arbitrary lativity fair when the responsible of the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the control was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the control was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the control was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity and the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers Lativity fair when the statement was prefused by Sir Williers L

and insist that so far as these special terms were concerned, the Dominion government alone and the Dominion parliament alone should deal with these, or, he could take the other by the anomal deal with this question and the Dominion parliament alone should deal with this question. The very first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustrations. It is claimed that we have passed the words used by the course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a course. I do not care, whether it was a considered in adjourned committee, ency first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The province so the conference almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The province was not conference to the first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The province was not conference to the first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The province was not conference to the first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The province was not conference to the first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The province was not conference to the first sentence almost in my honorable friends report to His Honor the Lebustration. The Province was not conference to simply pursuing the evorest indicated as the conference of the province was not conference to simply pursuing the evorest indicated as the conference of simply pursuing the course of the province was not conference to simply pursuing the course of the province was not conference to simply pursuing the course of the province was not conference to simply pursuing the course of the province was not conference to simply pursuing the course indicated as the conference of simply

The Additional Expense. Before passing away from that questhink for the year 1903 by the county f Kootenay, and by Vancouver Island, and by the other portions of the province, and I found that a comparatively mall section of the province comprised in the county of Kootenay, at the very outheast limit of the province, more or less a wilderness ten or fifteen years ago, was paying into the provincial treasury one-third of the revenue of the province, outside of the subsidies

and other fixed revenue. What This Means.

the Pacific coast at the extreme west-ference, after hearing Mr. McBride's arguments in support of his contention, reached the conclusion that an arbi-tration should take place through as commission, for the purpose of dealing that would present the matter to the Dominion government of subsidies is ad-mitted, then it must be admitted that the Dominion government of the findings of that conference. If this columbia, and in the Dominion government of the findings of that conference. If this columbia, and in the Dominion government of the findings of that conference would resent the matter to the statemen of Canada twenty years ago contained in that address, that this respect to the Dominion government of the findings of that conference. If that a Ottawa rightly belonged here. A vote was taken on the amendment of that conference, if this columbia, and in the Dominion government ought to the proceedings until half past four. The Pr

before the conference on the question of the submission to arbitration. He of comparison. Are we paying in customs of that conference, when he submitted, as he undoubtedly did submit, the case to the conferences, we have no criticism to offer.

Should Be Conferences.

And I must confess that, speaking for myself only, I think treminently proper that readjustments of province that readjustments of province that readjustments of province it all subsidies should first be discussed by provincel conferences on the question. He comparison. Are we paying in customs duties in British Columbia more their government and legislatures, is of comparison. Are we paying in customs duties in British Columbia more their government and legislatures, is the decision you come to."

If that was the position my honor able friend took, then instead of provinces? This is the question; and if we have gone before the conference, then why did he go before the conference, at all, and is not bound by the position taken there, then why did he go before the conference, at all? Was he position taken there, then why did he go before the conference, at all? Was he province of the Jominion to the several provinces for their local purposes and the support of their government and legislatures, is to found in the proposal follows:

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If the three tollows, the

An Opposition Protest.

My honorable friend has not said so, tion, I want to refer to a statement but I ask him now whether or not as which I think was made by the Presonant soon as he heard of the resolution that mier in his speech, that the opening up of new sections of the province casts upon the provincial treasury very heavy burdens, which were not foreseen in 1871. Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is the opening up of new sections of the province against the inclusion of those words? If he has not, I can tell this House he a protest of that kind.

My honorable friend only takes that position when he falls in the conference, and when it is too late to make a protest of that kind.

In concluding he submitted the amendment given above, seconded by not think it is the opening up of new ther that protest will be successful or John Oliver. ections of the province that is hurting not, at all events it can never be said the provincial treasury, because I had in the future that we on this side of occassion two years ago to go very the House have failed to use our best carefully into the public accounts for efforts to prevent something which to see any method by which the leader the purpose of ascertaining the amount might prejudicially effect the interests which has been paid into the treasury of the province of British Columbia.

I think for the very 1902 by the control of the province what was sought. The leader that that gentleman had shown wonders that that gentleman had shown wonders and provide all the information. He province what was sought. The leader that would place him right with the province what was sought.

A Weak Effort.

that is no reason why we should not give my honorable friend credit for the give my honorable friend credit for the fight which he made, based upon the material which he had, compiled as it was largely from the memoranda of his predecessors in office.

I take the stand that in future this lon was granted 3500,000 acres of land.

tice of the findings of that confer- before the conference on the question into the treasury is concerned, is one Dominion to the several provinces for but I am withholding my assent from that the House should be asked to sup-

opinion that it is not a proper way to settle this question of better terms for British Columbia, I do think it my duty to point out to members of this House to point out to members of this House the objections which occur to me to this method of settling the question.

Now, I trust that the government have already protested to Ottawa against the inclusion of those words.

A. E. M'PHILLIPS.

islature to—what shall I say—pat my Columbia was in a special position. honorable friend on the back for what The fact that the Prime Minister of he did at Ottawa last October? It Canada was about to leave for London simply asks this House to confirm his meant that he found it necessary to go

But I do not think that the really strong point in British Columbia's case

The language of the terms of union the columbia terms of union the

the said request for such competent tribunal was refused by the Right. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—ther the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—ther the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—ther the reference to arbitration—ther the reference to arbitration—ther the said request for such competent tribunal was refused by the Right. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to consider the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—ther the reference to arbitration—ther the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—ther the request of British Columbia for a reference to arbitration—ther the letter is set out, which shows that no a reference to arbitration—then the Speaker? What are our claims based Premier of Canada proposes to move grounds, but upon the sound constitution this matter. There were times when grounds, but upon the sound constitution the manners should forget that they letter is set out, which shows that no upon? First, the geographical position in parliament asking His Majesty to tional ground, that after the terms of the members should forget that they such refusal took place.

conference, I reserve to myself the right to say whether I will accept your decisions or not." If he had taken that position, his position would be clearly understood, and he doubtless would not think for a moment of undertaking the serious efforts which he pursued for two or three days.

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In concluding he submitted the amendment given above, seconded by speaking to the subject

proceed along lines within order.

academic one. It does not ask this legislature to approve a course proposed for the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the future; it simply asks the legislature to approve a course proposed to prove that British of the conference he was bound by the stand of Col. Prior, made previously. He while the act required attention. Columbia was in a special position, the fact that the Prime Minister of Canada was about to leave for London meant that he found it necessary to go to England to lay before the home government. Sir Wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it would be well for the conference to the wilfrid had intimated that it necessary that 2,000,000 acres should be set aside. This was not intended to

He took exception to the contention said that British Columbia was led into Conservative party with the muzzle last October to obtain better terms for British Columbia. I am quite sure that when he went into that conference, when he presented his memorandum, he argued the case for British Columbia. I am quite sure that when he presented his memorandum, he argued the case for British Columbia. If the Dominion was not bound by the conference, neither was to be an question to better terms was to be a question to better terms was for British Columbia was led into that there were two courses open to the Premier and that he took choice of whether the subject of better terms was to be a question to better terms was to be a question to the contention at the provincial conference of the opposition that took choice of whether the subject of better terms was to be a question to better terms was to be a question to be the provincial conference or referred to the provincial conf

he has done that, he is entitled to the commendation of his fellows for haved the commendation of his fellows for his fellow the Dominion than that of the province.

It was not to be expected that the had to finally settle the question in distance to put this measure to the test before

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

amendment given above, seconded by to the fact that the Premier was not the subject would be fully discussed. J. H. Hawthornthwaite said this was The Speaker warned the Premier to an important bill. He thought it cal ed for more than a half dozen weak The Premier complimented the leader of the opposition on his speech. He said could not see why the government of the province of British Columbia.

(Applause.)

Mr. Speaker, I think I have said all that I can usefully say upon this resolution. The resolution is at best an academic one. It does not ask this legislature to approve a course proposed

**The I can usefully say upon this resolution is at best an academic one. It does not ask this legislature to approve a course proposed

**The leader of the province in putting forth an argument that would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government should not see why the government should not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government should not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government should not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would not see why the government of the would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would place him right with the province and yet not give offence to the Liberal party at Ottawa. He would place him right with the province what had been done. It was a great that government The Premier said that when he went attention. Education was not at the especially the farmers, he did not think it necessary that 2,000,000 acres should simply asks this House to confirm his actions and to say that he did the proper thing. Now, I have no particular objections to my honorable friend the members of this House can accord to him for the effort which he made last October to obtain better terms for Thitic Columbia. The took exception to the contention of the contention of the set aside. This was not intended to be set aside. This was not intended to a track the beautiful the set aside. This was not intended to a track that the was not intended to a take up this subject of special terms for the conference.

It was conference to ablate the beautiful the set aside. This was not intended to be set aside. This was no intended to benefit only certain classes.

the electorate. It was preposterous to But I do not think that the really strong point in British Columbia's case was presented at all—the point of the change in the fiscal laws since 1871. But that is no reason why we should not that is no reason why we should not as were the older provinces—to be presented to evidence that British Columbia was not in a position to be bound that is no reason why we should not as were the older provinces—to be presented at all—the point of the customs revenues of British Columbia were handed over to the Dominion that there should be readjustment of the direction of

The report on the bill regulating the ing the eight-hour bill for smelters was adopted and given its third read-

The rules were suspended on the mo-

off the voters' list persons who did no