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Our Provincial Rights Sacrificed.

The official "Return" of "Minutes and proceedings" of the conference held at Ottawa, in October last, regarding the readjustment of Provincial subsidies, has come to hand. We had occasion at the time to point out how unfairly Prince Edward Island was dealt with in the matter of increased subsidies, as compared with other Provinces, particularly the west.

until the annual population is by the census ascertained to be greater and thereafter the actual population so ascertained to govern.

On page four of the official "Return," it is recorded that this resolution "unanimously" passed. Here was another opportunity for Premier Peters and Mr. Hughes to place on record their protest against this unfair treatment to Prince Edward Island; but they uttered not a word; but voted with the majority.

On this very point the Opposition in our Legislature last session introduced a resolution and the Leader of the Opposition and his colleagues strongly impressed upon the Government the unfavorable results to our Province if a protest were not entered against any such bartering away of our rights. But in the face of all this, our Premier and his friends were dumb. They well knew that the conference resolutions required unanimity to be effectual and this was their opportunity to bring the representatives of the other Provinces to terms.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

House Meets After Vacation.

But Finds Reports Not Ready - Mr. Borden Desires Serious Legislation to Prevent Labor Troubles - But Government Satisfied with Its Own Conciliation Bill.

MR. McINNIS AND THE RAIN-MAKER

Cost \$1,153 for Hatfield - Who Produced No Rain to Speak of - \$58,600 for Gold Commissioners Who Collect \$163,487 Royalty.

N. A. T. COMPANY WANTS DAMAGES

Minister and Members Support the Claim - Cohen Wants Oath of Secrecy With Laurier's Endorsement - To Save Contractors From Suicide.

MR. EMMERSON'S BOGUS SURPLUS

How A Big Moncton Fire Swells the Profits - A Railway Which Keeps Up Its Rolling Stock Without Charge - And Increases Its Earnings by Raising Its Passenger and Freight Rates.

THE TARIFF.

On Government days this week the tariff has been discussed but Mr. Fielding withholds his announcements of corrections until he has passed the unchanged items.

MR. BORDEN AND LABOR QUESTIONS.

On Wednesday, Mr. Borden brought before the House the question of Labor Troubles. He moved a resolution setting forth that "More effective legislative provision should be made for the prevention and settlement of disputes between employers and

workmen, to the end that strikes and lockouts, sometimes resulting in loss of life and always privation and suffering may be prevented." Mr. Borden asked that a committee of nine be appointed to look into these matters and report what further laws are necessary.

LOSS BY STRIKES

In speaking to this motion the Opposition Leader reviewed the Canadian strikes of recent times, showing that in some years as high as 15,000 men were involved and that the loss of time in 1904 amounted to 280,000 working days. In eleven strikes during the last few years the militia was called out at a cost of \$21,298 in one case and lesser sums in others. Sometimes there has been loss of life, more often serious injury, always great suffering, usually involving large communities and interests. For example in the recent coal strikes in the West the whole prairie country endured great privation, suffering and loss.

THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED NOW.

The Opposition Leader did not get much encouragement from the Government side. Mr. Lemieux, Minister of Labor, declared that no more information was wanted, as everything could be found in the Labor Gazette issued by his Department. As for laws, the amendment he was making to the Conciliation Act would be all that was required. It was true that the basis of settlement which his act would provide would not be binding either on the strikers or their employers. It was true also that his act would only apply to labor disputes on works regarded as public utilities. But that was as far as Parliament should go.

HOW THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SETTLES STRIKES.

The debate stands over. It will be shown, as it has already been, by some of the speakers, that a settlement made by Mackenzie King after a strike has gone on for months and both parties are sick and tired of it, is not a sufficient remedy. Long before there was a department of labor strikes were settled or ended at some time and in some way. The Lethbridge strike must have come to an end at length if the department had left it alone. It is easy for Mackenzie King to get the credit of settling a dispute if he waits until the parties have reached a state when they welcome intervention. Anybody can settle the trouble at that stage. What Mr. Borden desires is successful intervention before the strike occurs protecting not only the working men and their employers but the whole community which depends upon the industry concerned.

EMMERSON'S BOGUS SURPLUS

On Wednesday Mr. Emerson laid on the table the annual report of the Railways and Canal Department. Page 66 of this report gives the following statement of gross earnings and expenses of the Intercolonial:

HOW TO MAKE FALSE SURPLUSES.

By charging Capital with the entire cost of replacing old rails with new metal Mr. Emerson escapes altogether the ordinary charges for depreciation of rails, and thus transfers to capital \$250,000 which should regularly have been charged to working expenses.

NOTHING FOR LOCOMOTIVE.

Mr. Emerson's charge for working expenses does not include one dollar for the purchase of locomotives or passenger cars to keep his rolling stock good. He had at the beginning of the year 329 locomotives, and to keep up his

has come to \$6,589,492 and the royalty collected was last year only \$169,487. But the crop of gold commissioners has not been diminished. From Commissioner Senkler, with salary and allowances \$6,500 a year, down to Clerk Bolduc who has only \$2,100, there are twenty men watching the proceedings and collecting the royalties. Their total salaries and living allowances are \$59,800 which leaves \$103,887 for them to hand in to the treasury.

PRESTON'S COMPANY WANTS MORE.

Correspondence brought down on Wednesday shows that the North Atlantic Trading Company which has already received \$300,000 for not sending immigrants to Canada, is making a large demand for damages on account of the cancellation of the contract. Under which for three years and five months longer it was to be allowed one pound sterling per head for all immigrants of the learning class coming to Canada from European Countries. As the immigrants are coming in a little faster since the contract ceased than they did before, this mysterious company finds itself losing about \$100,000 a year, which it could gather in without much effort or outlay beyond the work of counting the passengers.

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS ASSIST THE CLAIMANTS.

In pressing its claim the Company is strongly assisted by the speeches made in Parliament last session by Mr. Oliver and other Ministers and their supporters, and also by the testimony of the chief immigration officers, all of whom have praised the North Atlantic Company and commended the contract. Even in this session after the claim has been made, Manager Cohen of that mysterious company is obtaining assistance from members of Parliament. On Wednesday Mr. Johnston of Cape Breton, on behalf of his Liberal comrade, Mr. Ross of Carleton, asked a series of questions concerning the North Atlantic Company, to which the Minister of the Interior gave answers. The purpose and tendency of these questions and answers was to show that Mr. Cohen's Amsterdam corporation deserved great credit for increasing immigration from the European Continent to this country. Mr. Ross and Mr. Johnston may not be in the employ of the corporation which is seeking a quarter of a million damages, but if they were they would be entitled to heavy fees. So for that matter would Mr. Oliver who is supposed to be the Defendant in the case, but has this been giving valuable services to the Plaintiffs in their action.

DISCLOSURE WOULD CAUSE SUICIDE.

Among the papers brought down is Mr. Cohen's reply to the request for the names of the principal members of his company who have received this \$300,000. Mr. Cohen was kind enough to propose that the names might be shown to the Premier, to Mr. Fielding and to "one Conservative Member of a confidential committee on the condition that each will give a sworn declaration in writing never to mention the names" and that "the Premier takes the full responsibility that their sworn declarations will be kept." This awful secrecy is said by Mr. Cohen to be necessary, because if the names were disclosed "some prominent members of the company would commit suicide." No Conservative has been found so desirous of private information which he cannot use, to take this solemn oath of secrecy and have it endorsed by the Premier. It would be an awful thing if one so pledged should talk in his sleep and thus cause an epidemic of suicide, which might extend far into Canadian official circles.

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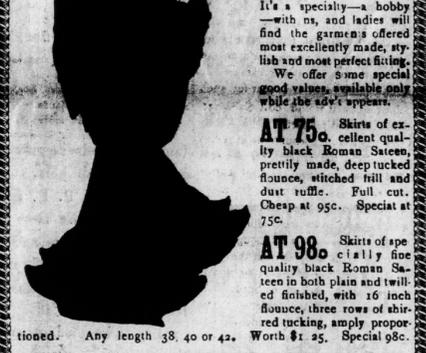
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\$4.15.

\$2.10 Dressing Jackets at \$1.65

This offer takes in two styles. The first is made of Moleton cloth. The colorings are warm and bright—has deep shirred collar trimmed with torcheon lace—full fashioned sleeve with lace trimmed cuff.

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Our only regret lies in this fact, that quantities are limited especially in the larger sizes. However there are probably enough for two or three days.

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