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P. E. Island's Claims.

BY SENATOR FERGUSON IN THE CHURCH, ON JULY 2.

The Hon. Mr. Ferguson said: At this late hour I will content myself with congratulating this convention on the excellent nominations you have made, and the great unanimity which prevails among you, and I will add a word on the claims of this Province as referred to by Hon. Mr. Peters in his address to the electors. That gentleman says that I opposed, in the Senate, his proposition to submit the Island claims to arbitration. This statement is only partially true. The claims which Mr. Peters mentioned in his letter to Mr. Davies were (1st) regarding winter communication; (2nd) on account of the excessive Federal expenditure on public works on the mainland, which is the foundation of our railway claim; (3rd), a refund of the pension paid to the widow of the Hon. E. Whelan. His proposition was that all these claims should be referred to three arbitrators with the understanding that no P. E. Islander should be named as one of them. Here is what I said in the Senate regarding this proposal:

"I do not find any fault with the manner in which the Provincial Premier proposed to deal with some of these questions. His proposition in his letter to Mr. Davies is that all the claims between the Province and the Dominion should be submitted to arbitration; that three men should be named, one by the Province and one by the Dominion and the third to be selected in some other manner, and that these three should have power to go into all the questions, and that their report, while not absolutely binding, should be a basis for future action. In my capacity as a member of this House I want to protest against the Premier's proposal to refer the matter of railway construction in P. E. Island to any arbitration whatever."

Mr. Peters makes the extraordinary suggestion in connection with this subject that no person belonging to P. E. Island should be one of the three arbitrators. I do object to the Premier's proposition that this part of what he calls the claims of the Province in the matter of the construction of railways should be referred to arbitration at all. I contend that that subject should be dealt with in regard to P. E. Island, precisely as it has been dealt with in regard to every Province of Canada."

While opposing strongly the submission of our railway claim to any arbitration, and while opposing just as strongly Mr. Peters' object scheme to exclude all Islanders from acting in the matter, I was particularly careful not to find fault with a fair arbitration over such questions as non-filing of winter communication. That I was right in these matters is now evident from the fact that Mr. Peters says, in his manifesto, that he does not now propose to refer the railway question to arbitration. My remarks in the Senate, coupled with those of Messrs McDonald and Martin in the Commons, showed him that the ignominious surrender he proposed would not be acceptable, and he now turns round and declares that the surrender is not to be made. Sir Louis Davies, after having forwarded Mr. Peters' letter to the Governor in Council for favorable consideration, denied in the Commons that it had been proposed to submit the railway matter to arbitration at all. The people of P. E. Island have a right to have the truth told them, and I am mistaken if the Liberal party will gain by the misstatements of [their] leaders. When I saw the statement in the Lieutenant Governor's speech about the bridge over the Hillsborough and the alleged progress in settling our claims against the Dominion, I brought the matter up in the Senate. Just as I expected I found that the Peters Government were at their old work of deception. The Secretary of State replied as follows:

"The usual contribution in building bridges that are used by railways has been 15 per cent of the cost. I know of no reason why a different rule should prevail in this particular case."

That is if the bridge costs \$500,000 the Dominion would pay \$75,000 and the Island \$425,000! What a bonanza for the Island! It also comes out that Mr. Peters' letter to Mr. Davies, dated the 8th of April, had not been sent to Council for

seven weeks and would not probably have been sent only for my motion in the Senate. Sir Oliver Mowat said, in the Senate, that the Government has not agreed to arbitrate on any of the claims of P. E. Island. Therefore Mr. Peters' assertion that the question of pressing these claims is to be the principal issue in the present contest is entitled to no respect whatever. In 1893, Mr. Peters went to the people with this declaration:

"What do you think a victory of the Liberal party in Canada would mean to us? It would mean to us that this Province which for years has been denied fair play would receive it. Not many years ago all the great leaders of the Liberal party met together at the Quebec Conference. You all remember how they agreed upon the scheme which, if carried, would give to this province a largely increased subsidy. When the great change comes we will receive justice."

Well the great change has come. But what will you say when I tell you that Sir Oliver Mowat, who was President of the Quebec Conference, declared in the Senate this session that the resolutions of that conference "although very good resolutions at the time they were passed have become impracticable and valueless as a basis for a final and unalterable settlement of the amounts to be yearly paid by the Dominion to the several provinces." The hope of additional subsidy from the present Grit Government has vanished into the air.

During the last session of Parliament lavish votes were made and others attempted for public works in all the other provinces. But beyond a paltry vote for a survey for the Belfast Railway, which is not accompanied by any assurance that the road will ever be built, and while cold water has been thrown on the bridge, not a dollar has been granted for a railway in P. E. Island. If there was any intention to give us justice a move would have been made this year, as an election was coming on. This is just what might have been expected. The Island's share has been given in the way of a personal plan to the Premier. I do not find fault with an Island lawyer being chosen as counsel in the Behring Sea arbitration. I would be proud of Mr. Peters' appointment if he were not Premier at the same time and the acceptance of a personal favor was not plainly against the interests of the province. It is only the old story of the Fishery Award in 1877-78. The Attorney General gets the oysters and P. E. Island gets the shell. Ap- p- p- p-

"In Sickness and in Health." Man and Wife Join Hands in Pleading the Great South American Nervine King of Cures for Stomach Trouble and Nerves. Mr. Peters makes the extraordinary suggestion in connection with this subject that no person belonging to P. E. Island should be one of the three arbitrators. I do object to the Premier's proposition that this part of what he calls the claims of the Province in the matter of the construction of railways should be referred to arbitration at all. I contend that that subject should be dealt with in regard to P. E. Island, precisely as it has been dealt with in regard to every Province of Canada."

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man who asks the people to give him a new lease of power, while he stands ready to sacrifice and give up those rights for which the people of Prince Edward Island have been contending for years. In his manifesto, Mr. Peters says that "the arbitration proposition is not intended to include any question as to railway extensions in the province now under consideration." So that, if there should be an arbitration, and the claims of the province finally and forever settled before the construction of the proposed branch railways of the province was undertaken, the Dominion government could then exercise its own discretion as to the building of these branches, and the people might be left to their fate. A brilliant policy indeed! Should we not rather designate it a humbugging policy. And yet Mr. Peters hopes to deceive the electors by such political clap-trap. Does he imagine that they are lacking in discernment and common sense, or that they cannot see through the schemes with which he is trying to delude them.—Journal.

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A Liberal's Opinion.

A prominent Liberal writing over his own signature in one of the city dailies, makes some pertinent suggestions on the financial condition of the province. We here quote some of his remarks: "The great question to be grappled with is, can the affairs of the country be managed in such a way as without impairing the efficiency of the public service the expenditure can be kept within the revenue." The Stock Farm has cost the province on the average \$1,000 a year to run it. Close it up and save that to the Province. Then sell the farm and put the proceeds at interest. That would give \$500 more. Sell Government House property. That would realize \$40,000—invest this and we would have \$2,000 of an income. Why should it not be sold? Besides this addition to income we would save \$1,500 of an annual expenditure. It has cost as that and more every year the Peters' government has been in power. We could take \$100 from each supervisor's grant and the balance would be ample. There are 35 supervisor's districts. That would be a total saving of \$3,500. When the income tax was first imposed it was stated by Mr. Peters that \$8,000 would be derived from it. We should insist that part of the assessment should be carried out to the letter. Last year we only got \$4,900 from that source. The Rocky Point Ferry should be submitted to public competition. I understand that one of the ferry boat officials has offered to run that ferry at \$1,000 less than the government has been paying. Why not adopt a system that will save \$1,000 to the country? The tenders for the East and West River service show that the officers of the Southport were ready to run the self same boats for over \$2,000 less than it cost the government to operate the service. That shows that the cost of every ferry could be reduced under a system of public competition. There is no doubt that \$3000 could be saved on the ferry from Charlottetown to Southport. The land tax bears unequally in different sections. The Port Augustus and other districts expect their proper share. Level up the tax paid by the farmers throughout the province and you will add at least \$5,000 to your revenue. The probate office as at present managed is unsatisfactory. The work should be done by the Judges of the Supreme Court, they are well paid and have plenty of leisure time to do the probate court business. Or if we continue the probate Judge as at present, then pay him a salary and let the fees go to the revenue. If half the fees of the fees, enacted by that office be true, the Judge might get a liberal salary and at the same time the province might get \$1000 added to revenue and so we might go on. He then gives a detailed account of the items in which a large saving could be made and in conclusion says: It is idle therefore to listen to the apology for the Peters government that they have not the best they could. They have not, and for that reason the people of this country are not satisfied and they want a leader that will do better in the future than has been done in the past. The proper and in fact the only course for the people is to pledge their candidates. Then the people will have some guarantee that your burden of public debt will not continue to be rolling up as it has been in the past.

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Liberalism.

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On the same subject the St. John Sun comments as follows: "The election campaign now in progress in the island province is being carried on with more than usual vigour by both political parties. On the one side is the Peters' government with an abundance of the sinews of war at its command. On the other is the Liberal Conservative opposition, more solidly united than for many years, and with a strong array of able candidates in the field. The elections will take place on the 21st inst. Judged by its record the Peters' government is no longer worthy of public confidence. In six years it has increased the debt of the province by \$350,000, or by \$52,000 when Premier Peters' took charge of the finances, is now over \$400,000. And this increase has been effected in spite of the large amount squeezed out of the people by direct taxation. Extravagance, corruption and broken pledges have marked the government's career, and to-day the Province is face to face with grave financial difficulties. The Conservatives stand pledged to raise the Island from the terrible condition into which it has been plunged by the Peters' government; and their platform, as laid down in the manifesto of Hon. Daniel Gordon, the Leader of the Opposition, is one that must impress every honest Island elector not blinded by party prejudice. Mr. Gordon promises, in the event of the defeat of the present administration, to reduce the provincial executive from nine to seven; to stop the expenditure of public money in excess of legislative appropriations; to reform the present jury system, and the administration of the surrogate and probate courts; to abolish the office of Commissioner of Public Lands and assign the duties to the Attorney General; to radically change the administration of the Public Works Department; to equalize the present unjust system of taxation; in short to safeguard and husband the resources of the province by every legitimate means that can be devised, promoting economy in every department and keeping taxation down to the lowest possible limit. Mr. Gordon's arrangement of the government is clear and concise."

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