

Speech
O. A. C. McDonald, M. P., on the question of branch railways, delivered in the House of Commons on June 25th, 1897.

(From Hansard.)
In case it might be taken for granted that my silence meant the approval of this item for the lease of the Drummond Railway, I think it my duty, in justice to myself and the province from which I come, to say that I am entirely opposed to any such grant, particularly in view of the fact that for sixteen sessions in this Parliament I argued on the party I supported the construction of certain branch lines in the province of Prince Edward Island. After a number of years of insistence and great patience, I succeeded in getting them to approve of the policy I advocated and to commit themselves to the construction of certain lines of railway in that province which would entail an expenditure of about one million dollars on the Dominion. The Conservative party, when it went out of power, was committed to that expenditure, at the rate of about \$250,000 a year, until the branches were completed. Not only was the Conservative party committed to that expenditure, but my hon. friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Sir Louis Davies) and my hon. friends on the part of the hon. gentleman who has a seat in the Cabinet as the representative of Prince Edward Island, a great lack of interest in that province, or a very small amount of influence on his part with his colleagues, while the Government are committed to the expenditure of millions of dollars throughout the length and breadth of this country, the claims of Prince Edward Island should have been entirely overlooked. We find that in the various railway subsidies which the Government have brought forward, in not one of which Prince Edward Island has any interest, there is to be expended over the length and breadth of this Dominion, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, about \$7,000,000. That is the total which will have to be paid in railway subsidies in the various lines to which they are granted are completed. The Government are committed to an expenditure of between three million and four million dollars on the Crown's Nest Pass. They are committed to an expenditure on the Drummond line of about \$1,500,000, and which may be repeated for ninety-nine years if the Government could have their own way, as intimated to us by the Minister of Railways. We are further committed to an expenditure for rolling stock in connection with this same line amounting to \$1,000,000. And the Government have asked Parliament for a vote of between \$18,000 and \$19,000 to pay for the expenses of running the Bale des Chaleurs Railway, which they had not the authority of law nor any other reason except their own political exigencies, for entering into. Besides this they had committed themselves to an annual expenditure of \$210,000 on the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal, which city has already three roads connecting with the Intercolonial Railway, and were only prevented from incurring this extravagant outlay by the refusal of Parliament to consent to it. They are committed also to a very large expenditure on the Victoria Bridge at Montreal, in the interests of the Grand Trunk Railway, amounting to some \$300,000. I find that the Government have undertaken to provide for the construction of 346 miles of railway in Nova Scotia, twenty-six and a half miles in New Brunswick, 123 miles in the province of Quebec, besides an additional expenditure of \$962,672; 18 1/4 miles in Ontario, amounting altogether to 677 miles in these provinces, exclusive of 330 miles in British Columbia, making a total of over 1000 miles of railway in these different provinces. And notwithstanding the fact that the little province of Prince Edward Island has to contribute to the construction of all these works, her claims to consideration are entirely overlooked. The plea was made by the Government in favor of the expenditure of public money for the construction of a public building in a certain county in Nova Scotia, in the interest of the Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Fielding, that it had not hitherto benefited by the expenditure of any portion of public money for such purposes. On that very ground, we could much more forcibly appeal for a fair share in the distribution of these moneys. We are called upon to pay taxes for the construction of lines of railway and all the other public works of Canada, and surely we ought to have these branch lines built in our province to connect with our present system, which, I beg to remind the House, the people of our province have built for themselves entirely at their own cost, for if that money had not been expended in the construction of the Prince Edward Island Railway, we would be entitled to the interest on the amount it cost, which would go towards meeting the expenses of the province. I therefore contend, and always have contended, that we owe nothing to the people of Canada for the construction of the Prince Edward Island Railway, and if we should get anything towards the construction of branch lines, that would be the first expenditure in the shape of railway construction for which we might be indebted to the people of Canada. Under these circumstances, I deem it my duty to object, in the strongest way possible, to the expenditure of this vast amount of money in the other provinces while our province is overlooked. I intended to have said something on this matter before, but I waited from day to day in the hope that my hon. friend the Minister of Marine would have been able to induce his colleagues to have put an item in the estimates which would at least have carried out as good an arrangement for the construction of these branch lines as their predecessors in office had committed themselves to. I regret, however, that the hon. gentleman seems to have been quite overruled by his colleagues and unable to induce them to place an amount in the estimates for this purpose.

Five cases of small-pox have been discovered at Point St. Charles, Montreal.

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