

pier for the purpose, I suppose, of accommodating the tunnel, if ever a tunnel is built. In winter when the iceboats cross, this train runs daily from Cape Traverse to Cape Tormentine. It is only about nine or ten miles distant, between Emerald Junction and Cape Traverse, and although running only three times a week, the same staff of employes must remain there. What is the Government going to do with them? They are not going to drive them from Cape Traverse to Tignish to spend their vacation, or to Charlottetown, or anywhere else. They must keep them there, and while they remain there they must be idle. These men are supposed to be idle half the time, and pay their board. As I said before, I do not believe the hon. gentleman is sincere in what he says, and that he is going to take off these trains from the line, that he is going to punish Summerside and Charlottetown just because these two places return four Liberal members. The east end of the Island has as much right to be treated in the same way as the west end, but because it sends two Conservative members here, it is to be left in the enjoyment of what it is entitled to have, and what I am glad to say they are going to have. But I claim the same justice for my side, I claim the same justice for my constituents. My constituents pay their taxes, they are part and parcel of the five million people of this Dominion, and they have a right to be represented, they have a right to their share of the public patronage, they have a right to justice, and I say if they are treated in this way they are not getting justice. Now, I hope and trust that the Minister of Railways will not carry out this scheme, that he is not going to act as the Tzar of Russia, that he will, in his cooler moments, come to the conclusion that if he carries out this scheme the people of Prince Edward Island will be wrongly dealt with. I will be proud to find that perhaps to-morrow, or some other day, we may be told in this House that the old regulations which are required by the people, are to be maintained. Now, if so many hundred thousand dollars have been sunk on the Intercolonial Railway, as has been shown by the hon. member for North Wellington (Mr. McMullen), I suppose there has been some mismanagement somewhere. It has been shown that the country has been called upon to pay money to build railways to compete with Government railways, that public money has been expended to build railways to compete with the people's road. This is an unfair and wrong policy. The question now is what the Government are going to do with respect to the Government railways. Are they going to close them up, and declare that the country is not willing to maintain them? The country is willing to pay for the running of those roads, which have been built by the people. If any other policy is pursued the people will rise up *en masse*. At Charlottetown last Friday a great meeting was held at which resolutions were passed condemning the action of the Government for curtailing the accommodation on the Island railway. I believe a deputation will arrive here in a few days to wait on the Government. I think one gentleman is already here as a deputation from Summerside, with a view to prevent the Government imposing their impositions. But another deputation will come here from Charlottetown to ask the Minister not to take the action proposed, and I may tell him that the monster meeting at Charlotte-

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town was composed of members of both sides of politics, Conservatives as well as Liberals, and I believe every section of the Island was represented. I have before me the resolutions passed at that meeting, and they are worded in the strongest possible language, condemning the action of the Government in the management of the Island road. I suppose the returns quoted by the Minister in regard to the deficiency on the Island Railway are correct. But where are public works in Canada that prove remunerative or pay their working expenses: where is there a canal which is paying to-day? The hon. Minister may have a horse and buggy worth a thousand dollars, but that will not bring a revenue. The Island railway is in the same position. I know the people of Canada have sympathy for the smallest province, the finest, the most prolific province, and the pride of the Dominion, and they do not desire that justice should be withheld from us. I know the Minister of Railways is a man of strong determination, but I tell him that this is an injustice to the people of the province, a part of which I represent in this House. All the people of the Island, including his own supporters, will tell him that he has no right to reduce the accommodation on the Island railway, and that he should not attempt to carry out these new regulations. Even supposing the revenue is not equal to the expenditure, that is no reason why the railway should be closed, and I contend that it will be partially closed by the new regulations. The hon. Minister says there is a line of steamers running between Charlottetown and Summerside. There is no such line running. A boat goes down once a week on Saturday, and there is no regular line between the points named. We have a railway instead of steamer accommodation, but the hon. gentleman proposes to take that railway accommodation from the people. He proposes that the train shall wait all day at Summerside, instead of running to Tignish and back to Summerside in time to meet passengers by the boat from Point du Chêne. There is no reason why the train should not run to Tignish, instead of stopping at Summerside and allowing the train men to walk round the streets enjoying themselves, the people, in the meantime, suffering from want of accommodation. I have been further told that the express between Summerside and Tignish is not to be put on before 1st July. This is a new departure, for we have been in a habit of getting a special train about 1st June. I fail to understand why these new regulations are needed, and the only reason for imposing them appears to be that the people must be punished because they will not send Tory members here. It will be noticed that the county that sends two Tory members has not been meddled with, and the people are to have the same accommodation as before. I do not think they had too much, and I hope they will get more accommodation. I saw in a Prince Edward Island paper, which receives \$1,800 a year from the Government for publishing, I dare say nothing, makes no secret of the statement that this action is taken against the Counties of Queen's and Prince because they are not represented in the Dominion Parliament by Conservatives; but King's would not be meddled with because it was ably represented by two Conservative members. It is difficult for a man with any spirit to stand such a charge as that. Is it possible that we have come to this position, that law-abiding