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THE TUNNEL QUESTION.
Able and convincing speech by Mr. John McLean, M. P.

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Mr. McLean.—In rising to address this House for the first time, I do so with a great deal of diffidence, especially as the subject under discussion is one of very great interest to the county I represent in this House as well as to the Island from which I come. When the hon. member for Queen's, P. E. I. (Mr. Davies) made his speech the other day, in asking for the papers in connection with the tunnel between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, I listened to him very attentively, and I was very much pleased with the speech he made on that occasion. I think he laid the matter before this House in a very plain, reasonable and modest way, from a Prince Edward Island standpoint, and if there was any fault at all to be found with his speech, it was that he did not put the case of Prince Edward Island as strongly as he might have done, or as strongly as I believe he would have been justified in doing. The figures he used on that occasion regarding the amounts contributed by Prince Edward Island to the general revenue of the Dominion, I think, were underneath rather than above the mark. I may say that that hon. gentleman, speaking at that time, simply took the amount contributed by Prince Edward Island to the revenue from Customs duties, I notice, in looking over the blue books, that the hon. member for Queen's did not take into consideration the amount contributed to the Dominion treasury from Excise, which amount I find is \$185,000. I think he gave the amount contributed from Customs correctly as \$4.60 per head of the population, or for a population of 125,000, the sum of \$575,000. But he seems to have omitted the amount contributed from Excise, which is \$1.48 per head, or \$185,000. Adding these two amounts together, I find that the people of Prince Edward Island contribute as much per head as do the rest of the Dominion, they contribute to the general revenue, from Customs and Excise, the sum of \$760,000. The remarks I would have made in this House at that time, had I spoken on this subject, would have been quite different from what they will be to-night. I was very much surprised to find that the opposition to this measure, as soon as it was moved, came from the hon. member from Centre Toronto (Mr. Cockburn). Sir, I believe that figures were never taken from the blue books which did a province more

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than the figures used by that hon. gentleman did to the province of Prince Edward Island. I think it would be unreasonable for me, if I were attempting to-night to make a speech on the temperance question, to go to the blue books and say that the city of Toronto from which that hon. gentleman comes was the most drunken city in the Dominion of Canada. I have never been in the city of Toronto, but I could go to the blue books and I could prove to this House just as conclusively as that hon. gentleman proved that Prince Edward Island had only contributed the sum of \$400,000 to the Dominion, taking the blue books as they now stand, that the city of Toronto consumes more liquor per head of the population than does any other part of the Dominion. I find on referring to the blue books that the city of Toronto pays a duty on spirits of \$801,341; on malt liquors, \$8,056; on wine, \$155,076, which sums together amount to \$895,983. Now, I do not quote these figures to show that the people of Toronto are addicted to the use of spirituous and malt liquors more than any other part of the Dominion, but I want to show that if I took the blue books and gave the city of Toronto credit for drinking the amount of produced in it, I should be pursuing an argument on the same lines as the hon. member for Centre Toronto the other night, when he showed that the city of Toronto paid more duty into the Government than the whole of the Maritime Provinces together. I want to show this House that duty was paid in Toronto on liquor that the people of Toronto never drank. The liquor was scattered over the whole Dominion and the parties who consumed it paid not only the duty on the liquor, but they paid the cost of manufacturing it, they paid the profits of the wholesale dealer and the retail dealer; therefore I claim that every province that imported any of that liquor from the city of Toronto, contributed to the revenue of this country just in proportion to what they drank. If I were to show from these figures—and the figures I have quoted will show it—that for each man woman and child in Toronto, they consumed 10 gallons of spirituous liquor and 24 gallons of malt liquor, that would not be correctly stating the fact. I do not claim that it is so, and for that reason I want to show this House how ridiculous it

is for any hon. gentleman to go to the blue books and try to prove that a province, because it does not contribute directly to the revenue, is therefore, a drag upon the rest of the Dominion. Taking the blue books and referring to the Province of Ontario in another way, I think I can show this House that the Province of Ontario does not stand in that proud position, that the hon. gentleman would lead this House to believe. I have taken the population of the Province of Ontario, the value of the imports, the value per head of the imports, the value of the exports, the value per head of the exports, the Customs duties, and the Excise duty, and the amount contributed per head in each province.

Province	Population	Value of Imports	Value of Exports	Customs Duties	Excise Duties	Amount Contributed
Ontario	1,200,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000
Quebec	1,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$80,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$16,000,000
Atlantic	500,000	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000
Prince Edward Island	125,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000

Average value imports per head \$83.33

Average value exports per head \$83.33

Average Customs duty per head \$1.66

Average Excise duty per head \$1.66

P. E. I. import estimated at \$2,685,000

do exports do 2,303,750

do Customs duties, estimated at 575,000

P. E. I. Excise duties, estimated at 185,000

Now, I want to show by these figures how unfair it is to go to the blue books and take this mode of calculation. Every hon. gentleman in this House knows that the reason why British Columbia is credited with \$15.25 per head, is because the goods that come to British Columbia are imported there directly, instead of being imported to other provinces and redistributed.

To show how ridiculous these figures are when taken from the blue books, and not explained to the House, I may say that in 1889-90, the years these figures are taken, Prince Edward Island imported only \$585,559; whereas in 1872 or 1873, when these figures were taken, Prince Edward Island came into the Dominion, she imported \$1,801,935, or over three times as much as she is credited with importing last year. I quote these figures to show how ridiculous is the position that the hon. gentleman from Centre Toronto wished to put Prince Edward Island in, by the figures he quoted the other night. I leave it to himself, and I give him these figures, and I think that I can safely say that he will not find a false figure in the lot, even if they are taken from the blue books, and he must have seen them all. I thought when we came to submit the question of the tunnel to this House, whatever other province we might find opposed to the project, it would not be the province of Ontario. I have taken the trouble to prepare some figures to show the House how much Prince Edward Island

Of flour, we imported the value of \$335,000; of farm implements, and I believe this is far below the mark, \$150,000; organs and sewing machines, \$20,000; pianos, \$10,000 of waggons, I have the amount down as \$30,000, but to my astonishment when I made enquiries from some of the manufacturers, I found that a friend of mine in Summerside, Mr. McKee, himself imported last year from one Ontario manufacturer, waggons to the amount of \$26,000, and of other goods from that province to the extent of \$44,000. I find that I am actually far below the correct figures in those I have given. It is, however, difficult to arrive at really satisfactory figures with respect to the trade between the Island and the mainland, but undoubtedly the total imports from Ontario amount to \$955,000. I claim that if we were looking for favors for the Island with respect to the tunnel scheme we could appeal to Ontario, and I will attempt to show the House the grounds on which we could do so. The Province of Nova Scotia exchanges goods with the Island almost to the value of what she receives; New Brunswick does the same. In the case of Quebec this is not done to the same extent, but she exchanges goods largely with the Island. But to Ontario we contribute yearly \$100,000 more than we export from the Island to all countries outside the Dominion. According to the blue books, Prince Edward Island in 1889-90 exported to countries outside of the Dominion products to the value of \$887,755, while we imported from Ontario goods to the value of \$955,000. Ontario differs from any other province in respect to Prince Edward Island, in that Ontario scarcely buys one dollar's worth of Island produce, whereas

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