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Subsidy Question Debated.

The actual business of the Leg. Armed with this mandate from the islative Session began on Thurs- Legislature our delegates went to day afternoon last, when the address in answer to the speech the amazament of everyone, our of the Lieut. Governor came up delegates agreed to the amendment for discussion. The most import- of resolution C. by striking out ant paragraph in the speech was Prince Edward Island and insertthat referring to the interprovin- ing "Saskatchewan and Alberta." cial conference held at Ottawa in It will therefore be seen that October last, and the proposed in- while our delegates voted to safecreased subsidies thereat agreed upon. It is quite natural, therefore, that the principal debate on at the same time voted to ren the address in reply should be on this safeguard from Prince Edthis important question. Dr. Warburton was the mover of the address and the seconder was Mr. the conference of 1906 failed to Arsenault.

When the mover and seconder had concluded their remarks, Mr. Mathieson, Leader of the Opposition, rose and delivered a most

powerful speech in which he took A very large and representative the Premier and his fellow delemeeting of electors assembled in gate to the conference severely to task. He pointed out the serious- the hall at Montague on Friday the most densely populated Provevening last to hear the discussion ness and gravity of the consequences for Prince Edward Island, that were involved in the ar- the interprovincial Conference high as are paid in the West, the rangement of these subsidies. Regarding the specific subsidy for It is estimated that there were for years to the protest of Western government and legislation, ar. fully three hundred people at the members against oppressive railranged on a general plan, relative meeting. The best of order preto all the Provinces, at the Con- vailed and everything passed off take notice.

satisfactorily. A. C. McDonald, THE GOVERNMENT DOES IT. ference of 1887, at which we were Esq., was voted to the chair. The The situation in this respect not represented, the rule seemed to have been as near as possible question of the Provincial sub was more noticeable because all to multiply by three. As a mat. si dies and other matters in dispute the transport agencies concerned ter of fact the increase of \$70,000, between our Province and the are under government control we are scheduled to receive under Federal Government were fully The excessive rates are Governthis head, is a little higher than and ably discussed. and the dis- ment rates. The Government railsome and a little lower than cussion was most attentively list- ways on the Island are connected solution in the shape of a mainland others and below the average of ened to by the large audience. in a kind of way by Government terminus in his own County, while the all the Provinces taken collective- The speakers were John A. Ma- steamships. Each makes its own Port was alright. ly. It would be absurd to apply thieson, Esq., Leader of the Op- local rate and the organization is a per capita test to this subsidy, position, Messre. Murdock Mc under the control of two different because the lower our population Kinnon, M. L. A., A. P. Prowse, departments. The result shows the higher the rate would be per M. L. A., W. A. O. Morson, M. L. that Government ownership, as The machinery of Gov. A., W. E. Bentley and James worked out in Prince Edward Is- did not get much attention from Cab ernment for 150,000 people would McIsaac. As at the former meetnot cost so very much more than ings of this kind the questions at issue were fully threshed out, and for 100,000. dian private monopoly on secord. The Leader of the Opposition supporters of the Government A STEP IN ADVANCE next pointed out how vast has were asked to take part in the disbeen the increase of Federal tax. cussion; but no one responded. It is not necessary to go over ation, and how great has been the A number of the electors present the arguments and facts presented. increase in the cost of education, were Liberals and they were evi. They are pretty well known alpublic works, asylums, etc. The dently perfectly satisfied with the ready to your readers. It is enough to say that the presentaexposition that had been given of treasury of Canada overflows with the important questions under tion of the case in yesterday's money paid into it by the people ; debate marks a distinct stage in but these same people have not review; for when a resolution in enough money to carry on the line with the arguments advanced the movement toward better various departments of the Pro. was proposed it passed unanimous. things. Members from Untario vincial Governments; consequent. ly. Mr. John G. Scrimgeour be-Nova Scotia and New Brunswick joined in the protest against exly it is proposed to increase the ing called upon to address the isting conditions The Leader of subsidies. In our Province, the meeting, said that he did not wish the Opposition took hold of the to say anything more than moves cost of education, public works. question in a statesmanlike way vote of thanks to the gentlemen asylums, etc., has increased \$120,declaring emphatically that the 000 a year. While these increases who had come there to discuss are going on, we are compelled to these important questions. His time had come to determine a pay ever increasing taxes into the motion was seconded and unanim- policy respecting the rights and Federal treasury. Of the Dom. ously carried. The following reclaims of the Island province. Who ever may maintain that justice has inion surplus !at the end of last solution was unanimously passed : been done to the Island, Mr. Moved by Mr. P. Koughan, seyear, we contributed no less than Borden takes the square position conded by Mr. Frederick Mellish : \$248,000, or \$38,000 more than that the terms of compact have Resolved that this meeting of the Province received from the not been fulfilled, and that there Federal treasury altogether. This electors of the Third and Fourth is a distinct liability. Moreover. Province contributed last year to districts of Kings County held at he declared that the Government the Federal Treasury the sum of Montague ask the Legislature itself has admitted default. \$1,500,000 and got back less than now in session, not to give its consent to any reduction of the half that amount. MR. BORDEN'S POSITION. Mr. Mathieson showed that our per capita subsidy now allowed If Mr. Borden has his way the delegates to the Conference seem- by law to this Province. matter of the tunnel will be at ed to have wholly lost sight of Resolved that the government once taken up. It will be ascerthese facts. They utterly failed of this province do present to the tained definitely what the cost to realize the character and ex. government of Canada the claim will be and how far the project tent of the needs of our Pro- of this Province for additional would be an effective remedy for vince. They cartainly should subsidy to meet the increased exexisting conditions. But Mr. Borhave put in a claim for at least penditure of this province for den would not wait for the tunnel \$120,000 additional per year, education, maintenance of asylums before rendering some measure of Ontario obtains for education, agriculture and public works." justice. He would improve and inpublic works, asylums etc an in. And further resolved that crease the facilities for winter traffic. creasn of \$629,000, and Quebec special claim be presented for ad- Especially would be relieve the pres will receive an increase of \$475. ditional consideration and recorent distress by cutting down freight 000 per year and these amounts nition on account of the special charges to a summer basis. Mr. will be sugmented according as conditions existing in this pro-Borden sees no reason why a govtheir populations increase. While vince and the non-fulfilment of ernment should pretend to be helre these provinces will thus profit by the terms of Union." less to redress a wrong when a large part of it is caused by its own ex-After a hearty vote of thanks the increase in per capital allowcessive freight rates. While observ. ance Prince Edward Island will had been tendered the chairman

losing any of our per capita harm done as Mr. Lefurgey came famous letter of 1891 declaring that court, and te allowance, and ensure to us its on later with an exceedingly the tunnel abould be undertaken if London d reception on our maximum pop- forcible speech. Mr. McLean it were reasonably feasible was read companied further pressed home the arguulation, without any reduction consequence of loss of population. ments and statements and there Accordingly our Legislature last is no doubt that a stronger imssion had our Province included pression was made upon the in the exception, so that the re-House than at any previous desolution then read ; "The popula- bate.

tion as ascertained by the last STARTLING FREIGHT decennial census to govern except CHARGES. as to British Columbia, Manitoba

None of the Opposition memand Prince Edward Island etc." bers spoke of secession as necessary or justifiable. But they read the conference. But to to show that a repeal feeling was not done it might assume danger. ous proportions. Perhaps the greatest impression was produced by the exact and circumstantial guard, Manitoba, British Columbia skatchewan and Alberta, they as to the excessive freight charges Fielding did twenty years ag imposed upon Prince Edward Is, he was then the Leader of bia land traffic in the winter season. in the Province. ward Island. This is one of the Until the facts were brought out matters in which our delegates to in this discussion no one had an protect the interests of Prince Ed-

ward Island. Parliament to condemn unanim-

unfairness and tyranny. When

it was shown that the people in one of our oldest settled districts. that Government supporters in Prince ince of Canada, were paying of the action of our delegates to freight rates more than twice as held at Ottawa in October last, members who have been listening

THE HERALD Edward Island should be included mitted that his ruling was wrong THE PREMIER HAS CHANGED, that the landlord of the building scin the exception in this resolution. and that Mr. Lefurgey had a Sir Wilfrid might indeed have cupied in Ottaws by the Comm This would sufeguard us from prior right. Still there was no had something to say. His own was one of the witnesses in the the tannel should be undertaken if London during the campaign used. It was shown that and disc during eleven years he had done did not take tack with him. othing to advance that enterprise. O'Gorman, as everybody knows is another of the London campaigners Such surveys as he had obtained inlicated that the scheme was prac- under indictment.

ticable. But the Premier has been O'GORMAN AFTER PATRONgrowing bysterical over Transcontinentals for which neither time nor Senator Cox could wait, while Prince Edward Island was expected to have down to its work Mr infinite patience.

About the time that the Transcided to do som , bu

AGE.

Mr. Brodeur was extremely cen- Board. from the press and from public sorious over the secession paragraphs name would be just as well left out of speeches delivered in the Province in the papers. The Guardian's the public accounts, be found a young "mend the Union or end it" set him clerk named Manro, ergaged him growing and that if justice was soolding terribly. 'As remarked and took the name of the Munro above. Mr. Fielding was not there, Commission Company, N.x. Mr bat Mr. Brodeur was reminded that O'Gorman went to his old friend and if the doctrine of repeal has been associate, R bert Reid, and asked preached in Prince Edward I land him for business. those who did it had an example in Reid straightway so ke to Mr statements made by all three Op- the Finance Minister. No Island Ogilvie, an exceedingly accommodatposition speakers from the Island, newspaper bas gone so far as Mr. ng offlial, who had been appointed Fielding did twenty years ago, and ng agent for the and who has bought about a third o

million dollars worth of supplies THE MINISTER'S DEFENCE for the Transcontinental. At the re-As stated above Mr. Bradenr defend quest of his employers Mr Ogilvie des how intolerable the situation ed his own Department and the Governresponded helpfully, telling Mr. was. There is enough justice in Dominion had done all that could be O'Gorman that the commission want ed envelopes and would pay him expected and that there was no real ously, or almost so, the policy and grievance. The Minister even went so \$1.75 per 1000 for one size with pro The Montague Meeting. administration which permits such far as to suggest that party politics had portionale prices for larger. most to do with the demands of the

FORTY PER CENT TOO HIGH. Island Members. He did not even withdraw his imputation when shown Edward Island were equally emphatic. per cent, above the regular price at which a Toronto firm was already

FROM OTHER PROVINCES selling the same goods to another de One of the speakers from other Prov nces was Dr. Barr, Conservative Memper for Dufferin, Ontario, who declared Ogilvie swears that he considered the emphatically that the whole Country rice low. This goes to show the would be bound to support any outlay the government made a neculia that might be necessary to redeem the boice of a purchasing agent, seeing way tariffs began to sit up and good faith of the Dominion. Mr. Fowhat the firm which did the worl ler of Mew Branswick spoke in the

same sense. He for one did not blame actually refused to accept more than \$1 25 for envelopes for which Mr the Island Members for their repeated rotests and hoped that they would Ozilvie was determined to pay \$1.75 lift their voice every year and every

FARMED OUT. day if necessary until justice was done Mr. O'Gorman took the contract Mr Carvell of New Brunswick also spoke to Barber & Ellis, of Toronto, who sympathetically. The Nova Scotla conapplied envelopes of various kinds. tributers to the debate were Mr. Mc-Donald of Picton and Mr. Chisholm rendering account at Mr. Oullvie's of Antigonish. The latter offered a prices, the bill amounting to \$391.00 This sum the officers at O'Gorman' request, sent to Barber & Ellis. Member for Pictou insisted that his own Shortly afterwards the fi m returned

\$87 to the commission, stating that SIR WILFRID AFTERWARD. the goods could be supplied for that As Mr. Brodeur was the only Minister much less. That is to say they had to speak and the tunnel was not a mat-Department, that enterprise been paid \$391 for \$304 worth o



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get nothing. More than that we and suitably acknowledged the stand to lose \$5,000 a year forth- meeting adjourned. with and to lose more and more with each passing decade. This danger was pointed out last year

The whole matter rests upon resolution C. of the conference of 1902. This resolution reads as ject of the tunnel and other Prince excuses and apologies for his leaders.

follows. "The population as ascer- Edward Island questions was a the main defence was put up by the tained by the last decennial census rather notable discussion. The Minister of Marine. Mr. Brodeur to govern except as to British case for the Island Province was was the only minister who took soff-

these provinces the population to who made the formal motion for in the House during the whole disbe taken to be that upon which correspondence in order to bring cussion. Sir Wilfrid was gone quite eminent campaigner. Ittakes thi under the respective Statutes and up the question. Mr Lefurgey early in the evening, some time be_ form :

ed to govern.

Legislature last year that Prince afterward when the Speaker ad- empty ministerial benches.

P. E. Island's Case.

Ottawa, Feb. 18, 1907.

work. Mr. O'Gorman called on the land traffic, is two or three times inet Ministers. The Premier was the firm and demanded this \$87 for him. more oppressive than any Cana- man to speak on this subject after his self, and he still claims that the encouraging note of sixteen years ago money sent back to the government As he and most of his colleagues left properly belongs to him. The pur-

the Chamber his present attitude could not be guessed. But some light chasing agent seems to think so too. for be still insists that the larger was thrown on it twelve hours afterwards when the Premier met a St. John price is the one the government delegation asking for harbour improveshould have paid. ments. Then the Premier told them THE PMRCHASING AGENT that he had been asked to construct a tunnel to Prince Edward Island. He mentioned a possible cost which was about double the highest estimate given and spoke of the project as one that could not be taken seriously.



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Company. The Great Hy-

Ottawa, Feb 16, 1907.

d uble. plained on the witness stand by that

under the respective Statutes and terms of Union in that behalf the annual payments now made to them respectively by the Domin-ion are fixed until the actual pop-ulation is by the census ascertain-ed to be greater and thereafter the actual population so ascertain-tested the fipor until he was directly concerned for an the den-the actual population so ascertain-

the actual population so ascertain- tested the floor until he was Public Works was not in the Cham- campaign organization. The brother settlement, it does not sell to the ad to govern." It was seen by members of our Lefurgey had his vindication At the end there was an array of Lefus benches, and was not in the Chair. Mr. It was seen by members of our Lefurgey had his vindication At the end there was an array of Lefus benches. Lefurgey had his vindication At the end there was an array of Lefus benches. Lefus

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When the refund reached the for the construction of a Transcon ommission the secretary sent it to tinental railway, the government pro-Mr. Ogilvie, ordering him to hand it ceeds on the same principle. In to the accountant. Mr. Ogilvie did place of paying for the railway and ber & Elis and asked them to supply pany to pay for the greater part and Repairing, Cleaning and Making of Clothing not do so. He sent it back to Bar- owning it, or else leaving the com. more envelopes. He swears that this to own it, the government pays fo was not done for the purpose of con- the road and hands over the prop cealing the transaction, but the erty and profits to private parties. The chief plank in the working reader can form his own conclusions At all events the country has saved platform of the Laurier ministry is

\$87 on a \$304 account in spite of the government of the people by the Campaigner O'Gorman or Purchasing ministers for the benefit of the Agent Ogilvie or anyone else con middlemen.

cerned in the original contract. As CONFIRMED BY THE AUDITOR. Mr. Ogilvie's porchases amount to The auditor-general has made the one thousand times \$304, and as he late discovery that the North Atlantic justifies a price which even the con. Trading Company has been receiving \$5 a head on European emigrants with tractor declared to be one-third too out proper vouchers or evidence that the high, we may suppose that he is an money was due. Vouchers for money plying the same principle over the expended are simply statements made whole field his operations. But by agents of the alleged company. cer there is no sign of any \$87,00 re tified by former Deputy Minister Smart funds on the other \$300 000 pur- and Mr Cohen, both of whom are officers of the contractor. The auditor chases. In the next few years the and Others-Criticised by to'al purchases for the commission further states that claims have been the Premier and Con- will run up to many millions, and if made by the concern for immigrants the same percentageof rake-off is that the accounting is irregular and the handed out to the O'Gorman and liability doubtful. These strictures, are other middlemen, who have organized evidently the result of last year's in-

themselves into commission firms for vestigation. As the country has already the purpose of selling goods to the paid \$300,000 to these unknown friends of Mr Preston and the Department of Transcontinental, there will be mil the Interior, the vigilance is rather lions for the go-between. tardy. Undoubtedly nearly the whole of this money was wasted and stolen, GRAFT JUSTIFIED. as we have a statement of Lord Strath-

The alarming feature of the transcons that the immigrants for whom the action is the purchasing agent's justi- bonus was paid would have come in fication of his original bargain and any case, if they really have come. payment, and his sworn declaration WHERE ARE THEY?

Qu-Appelle, spoke strongly, in favor of that be finds it better to buy from the proposition. Mr. Borden also sup Unfortunately the minister of agriccommissioners and middlemen than ulture, who has just taken a census of ported the principle, though he held direct from the dealers. He insisted the Northwest, has not been able to that the closer union would be reached that concerns like Barber & Eliis find the people. Mr. Fisher admits by gradual development rather than would not sell direct to the customer a shortrge of 75,000, which is rather by any immediate process. Sir Wilfrid

would not sell direct to the customer or if they did they charged higher the Trading Company to bring. The grievance to be remedied. He contended prices than the middlemen handling admission came reluctantly, but the further that no close organization was their goods would make. Yet figures show that the real loss is double possible without free trade within the South Atlantic Trading O'Gorman swore that Barber & E lis Mr. Fisher's estimate. We had a cer- Empire, which view was opposed both told him they refunded the money tain population in the West five year's by Mr. Borden and Col. Hughes. It because the lower price was the one ago. We have a certain natural in- is in fact opposed to previous uttercertain other departments of the crease. We had a large migration ances of Sir Wilfrid himself. The only westward from the older provinces. Opposition speaker besides the premier government were paying them for the There is an influx of homesteaders from was Mr. Devlin, member for Nicolet,

same goods furnished direct. But it the United States. Year after year the lately Home Rule member for Galway has been trequently shown that this government has boasted of the number in the Imperial Parliament. He of government prefers to deal with the of settlers from each of these classes course vigorously opposed Imperialism middlemen even when the cost is Now comes the day of accounting, when in any form. AMENDING THE AMENDMENTS. all these boasts have to be marked

down to bargain figures. Mr. Fisher is, Mr. Fielding has amended his revised tariff by bringing in a list of 116 changes THE WORLD FOR THE MIDDLE not quite sure whether to say that the immigrants for whom so large a price in the original schedules. All these has been paid have gone away again or except passibly four which are doubt except passibly four which are doubt-

never came at all. In either case the ful, are in the direction of higher taxacountry has lost this money except the tion. The tariff as it now stands will part that may be distributed among undonhtedly take more money out of the silent partners the people than the one which it replaces. Whether it is more highly IMPERIAL UNION.

On Monday Col. Sam Hughes pro-protective is a disputed question, but posed a resolution declaring that a full there is no doubt that it represents high

partnership union of the Empire was er taxation. In general it might be desirable. The motion was brought in said and proved that the tariff of to-day

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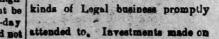
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