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Subsidy Question Debated.

The actual business of the Legislative Session began on Thursday afternoon last, when the address in answer to the speech of the Lieut. Governor came up for discussion.

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 the Premier and his fellow delegate to the conference severely to task.

The Leader of the Opposition next pointed out how vast has been the increase of Federal taxation, and how great has been the increase in the cost of education, public works, asylums, etc.

Mr. Mathieson showed that our delegates to the Conference seemed to have wholly lost sight of these facts. They utterly failed to realize the character and extent of the needs of our Province.

It was seen by members of our Legislature last year that Prince Edward Island should be included in the exception in this resolution.

THE MONTAGUE MEETING.

A very large and representative meeting of electors assembled in the hall at Montague on Friday evening last to hear the discussion of the action of our delegates to the interprovincial Conference held at Ottawa in October last.

A number of the electors present were Liberals and they were evidently perfectly satisfied with the exposition that had been given of the important questions under review.

Moved by Mr. P. Koughan, seconded by Mr. Frederick Mellish: Resolved that this meeting of electors of the Third and Fourth districts of Kings County held at Montague ask the Legislature now in session, not to give its consent to any reduction of the per capita subsidy now allowed by law to this Province.

Resolved that the government of this province do present to the government of Canada the claim of this Province for additional subsidy to meet the increased expenditure of this province for education, maintenance of asylums, agriculture and public works.

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STARTLING FREIGHT CHARGES.

None of the Opposition members spoke of secession as necessary or justifiable. But they read from the press and from public speeches delivered in the Province to show that a repeal feeling was growing and that if justice was not done it might assume dangerous proportions.

THE SITUATION IN THIS RESPECT WAS MORE NOTICEABLE BECAUSE ALL THE TRANSPORT AGENCIES CONCERNED ARE UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

It is not necessary to go over the arguments and facts presented. They are pretty well known already to your readers. It is enough to say that the presentation of the case in yesterday's debate marks a distinct stage in the movement toward better things.

MR. BORDEN'S POSITION. If Mr. Borden has his way the matter of the tunnel will be at once taken up. It will be ascertained definitely what the cost will be and how far the project would be an effective remedy for existing conditions.

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THE PREMIER HAS CHANGED.

Mr. Brodeur was extremely conciliatory over the secession paragraphs in the papers. The Guardian's "mend the Union or end it" set him seething terribly.

THE MINISTER'S DEFENCE. As stated above Mr. Brodeur defended his own Department and the Government generally. He declared that the Dominion had done all that could be expected and that there was no real grievance.

THE PURCHASING AGENT. When the refund reached the commission the secretary sent it to Mr. Ogilvie, ordering him to hand it to the accountant.

MR. PRESTON AGAINST CANADA. The Machine Hugger Advertiser South Africa—Now We Shall Hear of a South Atlantic Trading Company. The Great Hyman Mystery.

THE STORY OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL COMMISSION'S PURCHASE OF ENVELOPES FROM MR. O'GORMAN HAS BEEN EXPLAINED ON THE WITNESS STAND BY THAT EMINENT CAMPAIGNER.

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