

Counsel then addressed the Arbitrators as to the preliminary objection raised as to their jurisdiction over the debts and assets in the 4th schedule!

The Arbitrators reserved judgment until to-morrow.

Adjournment until to-morrow, at 11 A.M.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 1870.

The Arbitrators met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present :—All parties, same as yesterday.

The Arbitrators delivered their judgment upon the point argued yesterday, and made the following order.

[See judgment in the appendix marked A.]

"The Arbitrators having heard Counsel upon the objection raised on behalf of the Government of Quebec, to their jurisdiction over the subject matter of the assets enumerated in Schedule 4 of the B. N. A. Act, 1867, and duly considered the question, are of opinion and do adjudge that the assets so enumerated make part of the property and assets, the division and adjustment whereof has been referred to them under the provisions of the section 142 of the said Act, and that they have, by virtue of the said Act, authority to divide and adjust the same."

Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Ontario, then proposed to go into the argument upon the proposition as to the mode for the division pointed out in the case stated by Quebec, sub-division 3, page 5.

Messrs. Casault and Ritchie, on behalf of Quebec, objected, contending that such would be an exceptional course.

After hearing the Counsel on both sides, as to whether the hearing the argument on that point and a decision thereon at this stage of the arbitration, would or would not expedite the business, the Arbitrators reserved judgment until their next meeting.

The Arbitrators then adjourned until Monday, the 20th, at 11 A.M.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1870.

The Arbitrators met. Present all parties as before.

The Arbitrators declared their opinion that it was not desirable to interfere with the ordinary mode of proceedings in such cases, and that therefore they would not at present hear the argument upon the point raised by Mr. Cameron and objected to by Quebec.