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PROVINCIAL CLAIMS.

The provincial ministers who met at Quebec a few weeks ago and agreed to resolutions claiming additional subsidies from the Dominion government for purposes of local government in the various provinces, presented their findings to the federal government at Ottawa, Tuesday, Premier (Parent of Quebec and Premier Ross of Ontario speaking in support of the proposals.

Sir Wilfrid, in reply for the government, spoke briefly of the importance of the resolutions, which would receive the careful consideration of the government. It is understood that the premier hinted that it might be necessary to have the B. N. A. act changed before the terms of the resolution could be carried out.

The resolutions which received the unanimous support of all the provinces, after reciting the financial terms under which they entered the Confederation, and pointing out that these amounts are now inadequate for meeting the increased cost of government, demand that the amounts be increased so that the provinces will receive the following additions:

New Brunswick.....	\$137,885
Nova Scotia.....	177,679
P. E. Island.....	66,000
Ontario.....	789,484
Quebec.....	599,868
Manitoba.....	211,952
British Columbia.....	176,987

The provincial ministers also request that the federal government undertake to bear the expense of administering the criminal law of Canada in the various provinces, and to award to each province for that purpose an amount not exceeding twenty cents per head of the population.

The demands of the provincial ministers are reasonable and should be favorably received. The revenue of Canada has more than quadrupled since confederation and is constantly increasing, while the revenue of most of the provinces has not kept pace with the expenditure necessary to maintain efficiently the public services, and cannot be materially increased unless there is resort to direct taxation, a method distasteful to the people.

A DEMAND OF JOURNALISM.

Some time in the near future the colleges of Canada will be compelled to furnish in their curriculum means for young men gaining knowledge of journalism during their college course. Almost every other specialty is provided for in the higher institutions of learning. We have law, medical, theological, engineering and various other courses, but no provision for the young men seeking to fit themselves for the profession of journalism, a calling which in point of influence and importance ranks second to none, not even the sacred ministry, for well conducted newspapers wield a power for good and reach much larger bodies of people than even the pulpit.

The journalists of today are mostly those who have mastered their profession in the hard school of experience, many of them starting with only an ordinary education. Those who have enjoyed the privilege of a liberal education have an advantage over their less fortunate brethren, but how much better both classes would be equipped for the work had they possessed the advantage of special training before taking up the practical work of their profession.

There is evidence that journalism is not to be neglected by the colleges in the future. The new principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Rev. Dr. Gordon,

speaking on the subject to a journalist the other day, said that he would always try to have some time for the gentlemen of the press. He was an ardent believer in the press, and the wider and clearer (its views were given—providing its utterances were based on candor and truth—the better and purer would be public thought.

The question as to how universities can best aid young men who had journalism in view, Dr. Gordon said, was pressing on him for solution. Journalism, to his mind one of the most powerful of all civilizing forces, had too long been overlooked. We have been providing special courses for other professions, why not for journalists? I intend to put my mind to this matter and I am hoping Queen's may shape a special course for training pressmen."

RAILWAY PROPOSALS.

There are three propositions for trans-continental railways before the people of Canada, and the coming session of parliament will doubtless be largely occupied with consideration of these great enterprises. The Grand Trunk Pacific company, the Great Northern, engineered by MacKenzie and Mann, and the Trans-Canada scheme backed mostly by Quebec capitalists, are the corporations seeking public and parliamentary favor, and all three will no doubt have powerful lobbies at work.

The Quebec company are endeavoring to interest the people of the lower provinces in their scheme, putting forward the promise that the eastern terminus of the line will be in the Maritime Provinces. With this condition attached the promoters are visiting St. John and Halifax, and are communicating with various public bodies.

Besides all these schemes is the proposition that the Intercolonial railway should be extended across the continent, a plan that has the endorsement of gentlemen high up in authority, and which it is believed will eventually be accomplished.

The adhesion of the Maritime Provinces should be given to no trans-continental railway scheme unless it is specially provided that the eastern outlet should be at some point on the Atlantic seaboard within Canada, and any company seeking government assistance shall be distinctly told that no more Canadian money will be contributed to building up foreign ports.

Sydney, N. S., which in six years has developed from a sleepy country town of some 2000 people, to a live, progressive city of 12,000 population, has assessable property amounting to \$7,000,000. The city's debt is over \$700,000, incurred by the construction of public works, etc., as follows: water works \$328,701.43, sewers \$111,684.66, sidewalks \$13,930.22, new schools \$59,987.94, town hall \$20,034.92, fire department \$20,920.15, land near court house \$5,000, site for Dom. Iron and Steel Co. \$35,000.

The absence of Mr. Croker and the Tammany wigwag from control of New York civic affairs does not seem to have completely obliterated dishonest methods. It has been discovered that an extensive robbery of the finances has been carried on by reduction of assessments, officials receiving important financial concessions for the favor. Several arrests have been made and some of those implicated have confessed to their dishonesty.

The attendance of delegates at the Farmer's and Dairymen's Association now in session at Woodstock is not up to the average, and this fact may influence the promoters to return to their former plan of holding the annual meeting of the association in this city, the most central point in the province.

Rapped the Scotchmen.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The Scottish curlers on Sunday paid a visit to Niagara Falls. During their absence Rev. Dr. Milligan in Old St. Andrew's church referred to the trip as follows: "I hope that it is not true that the

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Scottish curlers have gone on a Sunday jaunt to Niagara Falls. If they have gone they should be ashamed of themselves, and if there is a minister along with them the matter is still worse. The fight to keep Sunday free from the secularities of the world is hard enough now, and these friends who come from the old land, all Scotchmen, should not make things harder by setting an example which too many are so willing to follow. As a Scotchman I feel it my duty to protest. I had hoped for and expected better than the spectacle of Scotchmen with a minister at their head on a Sunday jaunt to Niagara Falls."

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