

(3.) Canada to maintain all that class of services in Newfoundland which falls under the head of Dominion or general services :—

Governor's salary.	Marine and Light Houses.
Customs.	Fisheries.
Excise.	Penitentiaries.
Savings Banks.	Weights and Measures.
Public Works of a Dominion character.	Gas Inspection.
Crown Lands.	Arts, Agriculture and Statistics.
Administration of Justice.	Quarantine and Immigration.
Post Office.	Insurance Inspection.
Steamship Services.	Geological Survey.

(4.) Canada to maintain in regard to steamship services, passenger and mail communication in at least as efficient a manner as at present, as follows :—

Between the mainland and Newfoundland.
“ Newfoundland and Great Britain.
“ “ Labrador.
The coastal steam services east and west.

(5.) In lieu of expenditure on Militia in Newfoundland until such time as Parliament may deem it necessary to introduce a more general militia system, Canada to grant \$40,000 annually towards the maintenance of a police constabulary, the force to be at the disposal of the Dominion Government for use anywhere in Canada in cases of general and serious emergency.

(6.) The fishermen of Newfoundland to participate on equal terms in any bounties to fishermen granted by the Dominion Government.

(7.) Canada to take over at a valuation the SS. *Fionia* now in use for fishery service.

(8.) Newfoundland to be represented in the Senate of Canada by 4 senators and in the House of Commons by 10 representatives.

The Premier of Newfoundland took issue with the financial terms, desiring that the whole of the public debt of the province should be assumed by the Dominion; that the Port aux Basques Railway should be completed, and that the sum of \$650,000 should be allowed for annual expenses of local government.

The total debt of the Province was \$9,116,535, with \$1,456,000 under loan and \$675,000 floating debt. The amount required to complete railway to Port aux Basques is given in the Newfoundland memoranda at \$3,620,000.

The papers laid before Parliament conclude with a cable from Sir Mackenzie Bowell to Sir William Whiteway stating that if Newfoundland adopts Lord Ripon's proposal, terms may be modified by aid from Home Government. If not, Canada can only supplement proposal made to the delegates by agreeing, in addition, to aid in construction of Newfoundland railway from River Exploits to Port aux Basques by a subsidy of \$6,000 a mile and to add \$35,000 additional to yearly allowance.

#### 473. RAILWAY RATES COMMISSION.

The Minister of Railways and Canals appointed a Commission to take evidence in the matter of complaints of “exorbitant and unreasonable passenger and freight rates and of discrimination in both in the Province of Manitoba and the North-west Territories,” preferred by the Legislative Assembly of the North-west Territories, the Central Farmers' Institute and others.

A thorough investigation was held by the Commissioners in the winter of 1894-5, the date of the sittings being made public and witnesses invited to