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FREDERICK, N. S., October 4th, 1907.

W. I. FENTON, Esq., Managing Director, Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Association, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:—I acknowledge receipt of your cheque for \$5,000.00, in settlement of loss in recent fire, under policy in your Company, No. 1075.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the promptness and fairness with which you settled said claim, and to say that among six companies in which we were insured, your cheque was the first to reach us.

And further you may use this letter if you wish.

Yours truly,
THE MARITIME MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED,
J. McF. FRASER, Secretary, Treasurer and Manufacturing Director

WOODSTOCK, N. B., January 25th, 1907.

S. J. PARSONS, Esq., Agent Atlantic Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Company's cheque on Bank B. N. A. for the full amount of my claim for damages by the fire of January 6th, 1907.

I placed the claim in your hands on the 22nd, and have the Company's cheque on the 26th, so have to thank your company for this prompt response and for their courteous treatment. I shall place other insurance with you as soon as it can be arranged.

I feel both safe and satisfied in dealing with the Atlantic Mutual.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) A. W. BROWN.

LONDONBERY, N. S., December 15th, 1906.

To ATLANTIC MUTUAL FIRE:

Received from the Atlantic Mutual Fire Association the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars, in full settlement of my claim against the Association.

I can acknowledge the promptness of this settlement, having been paid my claim within three days of my loss.

Yours truly,
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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

(As will be seen by the date of this letter it should have been published before the election; but it contains matters of such paramount importance as should receive consideration at any time. This letter also contains some prognostications regarding the contest, and it will be interesting to read these after the event.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 17th, 1908.

The Department of Public Works some time since, qualified for a place beside the Department of Marine, on the score of "Lack of Conscience." If the Royal Commission could have examined the dredging contract, and ascertain the "rakes-off," the now familiar description of the Marine Department would have had a wider application.

ST. JOHN DREDGING SCANDAL.

All sides of the story of the St. John dredging rake-off have been heard. The Minister of Public Works has made four speeches about it, and has doubtless made the best case possible. Let us cut out everything that the Minister and his friends excuse or explain away, and leave only the admitted facts. Contractor Mayes, in June, 1905, tendered for St. John Harbor work at 50 cents per yard. He was the only tenderer, but the contract was not awarded to him. There was no middleman or rake-off. Tenderers were again asked, and this time Mr. Mayes consulted Attorney-General Pugsley.

FIVE CENTS A YARD FOR THE MIDDLEMAN.

Mr. Pugsley advised him to go to Mr. George McAvity, who is one of the party managers in St. John, and whose firms have enjoyed the party patronage. Mr. McAvity made an appointment to meet Mr. Mayes at Ottawa on the last day for receiving tenders. They met, and McAvity asked Mayes what he proposed to do. Mayes mentioned his last tender price of 50 cents, and was asked to make it five cents higher and give the five cents to McAvity. Mayes asked McAvity to invest some money in the dredge, but the proposal was declined, and he yielding. To his surprise McAvity produced a formal agreement setting forth that he was to have all that was received over 50 cents a yard. The only consideration mentioned was that the party manager should assist Mayes in getting more contracts.

That clause was added when Mayes complained that the agreement was one-sided. Mr. McAvity saw Mr. Hyman first, and then the two saw him. Mr. Mayes added the five cents and tendered at 55 cents. This was the lowest tender, and he was informed the next day that he would have the contract.

\$35,933 WAS THE RAKE-OFF.

Mayes bought the dredge without help from McAvity, and went to work. He began paying the rake-off in January, 1906, with a cheque for \$2,000, and made ten payments down to November, 1907. The whole amounted to \$35,933. Then Mr. Mayes refused to pay more rake-off and trouble began. So far there is no dispute. The cheques are in evidence, payments are not denied, and the middleman does not claim that he gave any other return than his influence in getting Mayes the contract. And then the department itself gives out the statement that the transaction was regular, inasmuch as Mayes was the lowest tenderer, and clearly entitled to the contract. And so the question comes, why should the contractor have to pay ten per cent. of his earnings to a middleman in order to get a contract to which he is entitled?

WHERE PUGSLEY COMES IN.

This is all admitted. But it is stated by Mayes that when he stopped paying the rake-off his own pay was held up. This was after Mr. Pugsley was the Minister, and when Mayes went to the Minister to delay, he was asked by Dr. Pugsley whether he had settled with Mr. Avity. The Minister admits that he spoke to the contractor of Mr. Avity's claim, but says that he did not know exactly what it was. But Mayes avers that he told the Minister that it was "nothing," and he also declares that the Minister told him he did not want to know the particulars, but advised him to pay Mr. Avity so that things would run smoothly. It is at least clear that the Minister's course greatly assisted the middleman in making his collections.

NO DEFENCE.

So there you are. There is a good deal of abuse of Mr. Mayes, but as there is abuse of Mr. Ames, of Mr. Fyfe, Mr. Courtenay and Mr. B. Z.; of ex-premier Martin; of Mr. Gagey; of Rev. Dr. Pringle; and of every public and private person who exposes graft. But the damaging fact stands out that the dredging contract was bid to the extent of ten per cent by the go-between. From the head of the department there is not even an expression of regret, a hint of disapproval, or a suggestion that he does not intend to keep up the rake-off practice.

THE MINISTER'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE.

The Minister of Public Works has many more things to explain. There is his own over-draft on the Provincial Treasury when he was Minister, averaging for years over \$7,000, on which no interest was paid, while the public account, showed no trace of the transactions. There was the "suspense account" of his colleague in office, who returned to the treasury, without interest, \$13,000 withdrawn from the Department of Crown Lands. How easy it all is shown by Hon. J. D. Hazen, Premier of the Province, who says that when he took office he had the following conversation with the Deputy Receiver-General, Mr. Babbitt:

DRAW MONEY AS THEY WANT IT.

As Mr. Babbitt was leaving me, I said, "I suppose at the end of each month you send the members cheques for their salaries?" "No," he said, "not under the system that prevails." I said, "No, that is not the system at all." "I said, "What is the system?" "The system," he replied, "is for members of the Government to come into my office and draw money as they want it." It is charged up to those members, and at the end of the year there is a distribution made to the different services to which the amount shall be charged. I said, "There must be some limitation to that." "There is none," he said. I said, "Mr. Babbitt, I have been a Minister of the Crown for one day. Supposing tomorrow morning I walk into your office and ask for a cheque for a thousand dollars?" "Mr. Babbitt said, "Under the system prevailing I would give it to you—I would have to do it."

LAURIER'S LOFTY SOUL.

"I disdain to discuss those issues; my soul is turned towards greater events and questions," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier the other day in the Eastern Townships in reference to the scandals that are accumulating against his administration. This lofty disdain is not well timed. The Premier should know that his first and greatest duty is to give the people honest government. He cannot ignore the exposures of timber and land graft, of the numerous cases of rake-off, amounting on the whole to millions. These could be side-tracked or suppressed by a majority in the house, but they are now before the people and must be considered.

NOT TORY SCANDALS.

Again and again it is pointed out that these charges are not made by one party. The Royal Commission was made by three Liberals. Dr. Pringle is a Liberal. Ex-premier Martin is a Liberal. Baginewoods is a high officer of the Trans-continental. Thomas Murray is a former Liberal member of parliament. Judge Cassin is an appointee of the present government. The Auditor-General is one of Sir Wilfrid's appointments. Chief Justice Anderson was appointed by the Mackenzie Government. What

THE PROSPECT.

The country has taken notice, and the Laurier Administration is fairly on the run. The Premier is personally assisting in the organization of Quebec, where his colleagues are greatly discredited, and a strong French-Canadian opposition has come to the front. Montreal City which went four to one for the government in 1904, showed in the Provincial Election what it will do on the 26th. For the first time since 1896, a conservative is likely to be elected in Quebec City, and throughout the Province there is a remarkable change. In Ontario the government does not even hope for one-third of the seats, and is not likely to carry one in four. At least seven ridings will not have government candidates. A Conservative majority is conceded in Manitoba, British Columbia, and New Brunswick, though the government had the whole of the British Columbia delegation, seven to three in Manitoba, and eight to five in New Brunswick—Nova Scotia which gave the government a solid eighteen in 1904, is expected to divide even, while Prince Edward Island is likely to send a "solid four" Conservatives.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

A. J. Adamson, late M. P. hero, of the Saskatchewan land deal, and of certain timber limit operations, has ceased to be a candidate. Mr. Fraser, associate with Mr. Burrows in many timber deals, has withdrawn his candidature. The government candidate in London, Ontario, has retired, and the contest will be between the Conservative and labor candidate. So disappears Liberalism in Mr. Hymans' old constituency. The government candidate has been withdrawn in Missouche, Montreal. The Toronto Globe gives an estimate conceding Ontario to the Conservatives by 32 to 34. It also concedes to the opposition a majority of seats in New Brunswick, which is now Liberal, by 8 to 5.

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LIVER COMPLAINT.

The chief office of the liver is the secretion of bile, which is the natural regulator of the bowels.

Whenever the liver becomes deranged, and the bile ducts clogged, liver complaint is produced, and is manifested by the presence of constipation, pain under the right shoulder, yellow complexion, yellow eyes, itchy coated tongue and headache, heartburn, jaundice, poor stomach, water brash, oedema of the stomach, etc.

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