



The Evening Times



THE WEATHER. Moderate to fresh north easterly winds, fine and cool today and on Wednesday.

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THE PROOF OF THE BLACKMAIL PLOT

Here follow extracts from the declarations, made by men of prominence and well known integrity, showing the threats Mayes made in his attempt to blackmail Hon. Mr. Pugsley into buying his dredge at an exorbitant price:

Hon. C. J. Osman, says:

"He (Mayes) stated to me that he wished to sell his dredge to the Government, and would accept \$160,000, and that unless arrangements were made to purchase this dredge before twelve o'clock the next day, he would expose a great scandal in St. John, which would be a serious thing for the Liberal party and for the Minister himself, and urged me, as a friend of Dr. Pugsley's, to interview the Minister and inform him that this exposure would certainly take place if steps were not taken to satisfy him. He also intimated that if the dredge was purchased at the price fixed by him (viz., \$160,000.00), he would be willing to make a handsome donation towards the election campaign fund in St. John."

George McAvity, says:

"That in the month of September last, I met Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, and Mr. Baxter proposed to me that if the Government would buy Mr. Mayes' dredge at a price which I thought was about \$160,000, there would be a rebate for political purposes of \$20,000. I replied to Mr. Baxter that I was through with Mr. Mayes and would have no further transaction with him." And Mr. McAvity further says: "Mr. Holt stated to me that if the Government would purchase the dredge at \$153,400, Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits, return all checks and notes and photographs thereof, and give a letter to take no further action; otherwise he would publish a statement of a damaging nature to the Government and would take the platform himself."

John E. Moore, says:

"Mr. Thomson said he had seen Mayes and that unless the dredge was purchased at \$150,000, Mr. Mayes would send to the 'Gleaner' by special messenger, a statement damaging to the Liberal party and would himself take the platform."

F. W. Holt, C. E., says:

"I called upon Mr. McAvity and stated that Mr. Mayes wanted to sell the dredge and would take one hundred and fifty-three thousand four hundred dollars and that if the purchase was made Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits and give up all notes and cheques and notes and photographs thereof otherwise Mr. Mayes said he would make public damaging statements and take the platform himself."

Percy W. Thomson, says:

"Mayes said he would not sell for less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or he would let matters take their course. He said the papers were all ready to serve, and unless he heard from me to the contrary within a few hours, the declaration of the suits would be forwarded by special messenger to Fredericton for filing and published in the 'Gleaner.'" Mr. Thomson also says: "When I called upon Mr. Moore I stated to him the whole effect of the story as detailed by Mr. Mayes, which was that there would be an exposure injurious to the Minister and to the party unless the dredge was bought right away. I had been informed by Mr. Mayes that a payment of two thousand dollars had been made by him to the Minister, and I understood it was after he became Minister of Public Works."

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, says: "Mr. Mayes is a blackmailer, and I am prepared to meet any charges he may make against me."

The force of these statements, the manner in which they agree, the standing of the men who make them, all point irresistibly to Mayes' guilt.

No wonder the Mayes' plot and Premier Hazen's blunder (or worse) in using it for political purposes, have wrecked the Conservative party here no the eve of election.

BUSINESS MEN TELL WHY THEY WILL SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES

Pugsley and Pender are the Men for St. John is the Opinion of Prominent Citizens Who Place the City's Welfare Ahead of any Party Bias.

A Times man interviewed several prominent merchants this morning and asked them to express an opinion as to why St. John people should support Hon. Mr. Pugsley and James Pender. The general opinion seemed to be that it was greatly in the interests of harbor development to have two staunch advocates of the claims of this port at Ottawa to continue the work which has been so ably carried on through the instrumentality of the minister of public works.

Pugsley Is the Man

H. B. Schofield, of Schofield Bros., Ltd., in discussing the matter, said: "After digesting all that I could of what has been said and written during this campaign, I have concluded that it is best to eliminate the scandal and slander element entirely from one's judgment. Leaving that out then, I am forced to vote for Pugsley and Pender on both local and federal grounds."

Man could talk to Mr. Morse, of the G. T. P., and hear his description of their development plans at the various lake and Pacific ports (unless he were blinded by political prejudice), he must conclude that if St. John is to share in their Atlantic business, the work MUST BE STARTED AT ONCE. Mr. Morse said that in 1911 they will have a large traffic to go through some Atlantic port. Let us get ready without delay, and how can it be done easier and quicker than by sending Dr. Pugsley to Ottawa with Mr. Pender to support him.

Best For St. John

"It is not a question of politics at all," said H. N. Coates, of the S. Hayward Company. "It is a question of what is best for St. John, and I cannot see why there should be any hesitation in St. John people supporting the minister of public works. He has shown what he can do and he has promised to advance the interests of this port. A prominent Conservative told me yesterday that he intended voting for Dr. Pugsley simply because he considered him the best representative the city could have at Ottawa, and I believe many Conservatives feel the same way about the matter."

Unwise To Change

Mayor Bullock said he thought anyone would recognize that the present government had done a great deal to advance the interests of St. John and it was pledged to do so great deal more. Dr. Pugsley had shown himself an able advocate in looking after the welfare of St. John and in his opinion IT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE TO MAKE ANY CHANGE. He questioned whether a Conservative government would do as much as the Liberal government had done and will do. Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender should be the city's representatives at Ottawa.

Should Be In Line

John Sealy thought the people had given sufficient reasons why they should support the minister of public works and Pender, and he did not know of any reason that could advance to make the case any stronger. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SUSTAINED AND ST. JOHN SHOULD HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN ITS RANKS in order to have the good work continued.

NOMINATION DAY WAS HOT

Woodstock had a Lively Time Yesterday—Fights Were Frequent.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 20. (Special)—There were two nomination days by the two parties last night. The Liberals had the opera house which was crowded to the doors. N. F. Thorne was chairman and the speakers were F. B. Carvell, H. A. McKinnon, W. P. Jones, Couns. John Kinney, E. S. Gillmore, F. B. Shaw and Mr. G. W. Upham.

P. E. I. WILL STAND SOLID FOR LAURIER

Letter from the Island Province Says the Liberals Will Make a Clean Sweep.

A prominent Charlottetown Liberal writing to a friend in St. John says:—"We are certain to elect Prowse and Warburton this time. I have been through the county's agent deal in the past two weeks and the changes are wonderful. We have sixty-five polls in this county, and four years ago our candidates were not represented at fourteen polls. This time we have a complete organization all over the county. Besides Prowse and Warburton last time were in the field, only three weeks. At this time they have been working for two years. So you can see the difficulties we were under the last time; and even with all this we were beaten by only 8 votes. "As for Prince county, I have it on the very best of authority that Richards will beat Lefevre by 200 at least. "As for Kings county, Hughes' election is a foregone conclusion. At this time I cannot see how you N. B. people keep publishing that P. E. I. will return two Liberals only. We will make a clean sweep, or I am very much surprised. I fully expect to wire you the evening of the 20th: P. E. I. stands by Laurier and progress by sending a solid four to Ottawa."

ALL ABOARD FOR THE AERIAL LINE

From Boston to New York by Airship May Soon be a Favorite Excursion Trip.

Boston, Oct. 20.—The giving of a contract yesterday for a dirigible balloon to cost about \$7,000 to Captain Thomas A. Baldwin, builder and inventor of the dirigible balloon recently sold to the United States government marks the first step taken by the Aerial Navigation Company, of which Charles J. Glidden is the leading spirit since the company was incorporated some months ago, for the purpose of operating an aerial freight and passenger line to New York.

Turin, Oct. 20.—The Duke of the Abruzzi has suddenly disappeared from Turin, and a search has failed to locate him. The report has gained circulation that he has left for America, sailing under an assumed name.

MANY KILLED BY TYPHOON

Thursday's Typhoon in China Cost Over 2,000 Lives

Amoy, Oct. 20.—The damage done in Thursday's typhoon was much greater than at first supposed. In Chang Chow 3,000 houses including the Prefecture Yamen were destroyed and 1,100 persons killed. In Lam Cheng, 15 miles west of Chang Chow, 600 houses were destroyed and 1,200 persons were drowned fifteen miles north of Chang Chow, three villages were entirely destroyed in Thursday's storm.

Mr. Baxter's Part In It

MR. BAXTER'S TELEGRAM ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPT. 30TH. 1908. HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, OTTAWA. CLIENT IMPATIENT AT NOT RECEIVING WORD FROM YOU OR INSPECTOR. QUOTES YOUR PURCHASE AND PAYMENT FOR DREDGE INDUSTRY, BY ORDER OF COUNCIL, AS SUFFICIENT PRETEXT FOR BUYING HIS DREDGE WITH COMPLETE EQUIPMENT READY FOR INSTANT WORK AT SMALLER PRICE POINTS OUT THAT FUND FOR PURCHASE IS NOT EXHAUSTED OR ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE SIMILAR BRITISH COLUMBIA PURCHASE. ADVISE ACT IMMEDIATELY AND WIRE DEFINITE AS CLIENT INSISTS ON PROMPT DECISION. JOHN B. M. BAXTER.

SIX KILLED IN PECULIAR WAY

Caboose Filled With Men Hurlled from Work Train by Heavy Cyclone.

Cheyenne, Wis., Oct. 20.—As the result of an unprecedented accident on the Union Pacific at Lone Tree Creek, thirty miles west of Cheyenne last night, six laborers are known to be dead and several others probably met death, while 25 or 30 others were injured, many seriously. A terrific cyclone picked up the caboose of a work train, tore it away from its couplings and carried it over the edge of a fill. It dropped thirty feet with its forty occupants, nearly all of whom were section laborers and terror-stricken men were piled in helpless confusion among the wreckage when it landed.

CHATHAM NEWS

Chatham Curlers Will Challenge for McLellan Cup.

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 20.—(Special)—The funeral of the late James McDonald was held yesterday afternoon and largely attended. The pall bearers were Chas. Gunn, James McLean, Joseph Dickens, Alex. MacKinnon, Robert Walls and George MacFarlane. Rev. J. M. McLean conducted the services.

The funeral of Mrs. James Stothart took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Duke street. There were no pall bearers. Rev. George Wood officiated and interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

The death occurred on Sunday of Miss, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, scarlet fever was the cause of death.

The annual meeting of the curling club was held last evening with a good attendance. Six new members were enrolled and the prospects look bright for a successful season. The officers elected were: President, R. A. Lawler; vice-president, James Nicoll; Chaplain, Rev. George Wood; treasurer, J. R. McKnight; secretary, A. D. McKinnon. Managing committee, R. A. Snowball, F. M. Tweedie, J. D. K. McNaughton, with president and secretary. Challenges will be sent to the Thistles of St. John for a rink contest for the McLellan cup and to the Campbellton for a rink contest for the McCaffrey cup.

Sir Robert Brooks, an English baronet, who has been in the Lubinstac woods with his guide, John Connell, returned today with moose and caribou heads. The latter is the finest specimen ever seen in these parts. Sir Robert was so delighted with his trip that he has made arrangements to return next fall and will bring along his cousin. He goes from Chatham to Newfoundland.

EARTHQUAKES AT MANILA

Manila, Oct. 20.—Two sharp earthquakes were felt here today, followed by a third which was less severe. No damage was done in or about Manila, and as yet no reports have been received from other places on the island. The first shock came at 1:10 a. m., the second at 1:40 a. m., and the third at 3:40.

A CONSERVATIVE PAPER PICKS LIBERALS TO WIN

Predicts Laurier Government Will Have Majority of at Least Fifteen Seats—Government Will be Sustained and St. John Should not be in Opposition—Change of Opinion in West Side—Other Campaign News.

Conservative speakers and others who have been spreading in Eastern Canada the report that the West would be solid for Borden, that there would be a landslide in Ontario, etc., and have also told Western voters that the East would be solid in its opposition to the government have received a severe jolt from the Ottawa Evening Journal, a straight Conservative newspaper. The Journal asked its correspondents all over Canada for forecasts of the possible result. On Saturday last it devoted two pages of space to the publication of the reports thus received and as a result predicts that the Liberals will have a majority of at least 15 in the next house.

This, from a strong Conservative paper, shows how utterly hopeless is the Conservative fight.

Collier's Weekly, in its issue of two weeks ago predicted a Liberal majority of 25 to 32.

Not one independent or honest Conservative paper in Canada has had the temerity to forecast a Conservative victory. St. John voters should remember this. It is not a good time for this port to be in opposition to the government.

The Outlook in West Side

One of the most striking features of the present campaign is the great change in the attitude and sympathies of the people of the West Side. In former elections Liberals have always found the voters across the harbor opposed to them and Conservative majorities have been the usual thing from Guys and Brooks wards. This year, however, things are different and it would not be at all surprising if Hon. William Pugsley and Mr. Pender crossed the harbor with a majority or at least on even terms.

Many things have contributed to this result. First, the splendid Liberal organization in both wards will bring out a large vote than ever before registered. On the other hand the Conservatives are not united, especially as to Dr. MacRae and they will not go to the polls in their usual strength. The slanderous attack upon Dr. Pugsley by G. S. Mayes who himself is not any too popular in St. John west has made many new friends for the minister of public works and has done much to injure the Conservative chances.

Some party bound Conservatives have been heard to say that after the Mayes charges and Mr. Flemming's address of last Friday night, Dr. Pugsley would not dare to appear before a West Side audience. Now it is known that he will speak in Carleton City hall on Friday evening and it will probably be the greatest political gathering the West Side has ever seen. Mr. Pender will also speak and they will certainly get a royal welcome from the men of West End.

A Lively Meeting

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 20. (Special)—There have been stormy meetings in Yorkville in years gone by, but they were cast into oblivion yesterday by the nomination of W. H. Shaw, Liberal, and George E. Foster, Conservative, to contest the riding of North Toronto.

Marnadine Rawlinson, chairman, announced that it was the understanding of the candidates that personalities were to be eliminated from the speeches, but subsequently the unexpected happened and the meeting broke up in general disorder, just at the time when Mr. Shaw was holding forth and Mr. Foster wanted to jump into the limelight.

The trouble arose over a letter produced by Mr. Shaw purporting to contain information relative to commissions alleged to

GOOD TIMES IN CANADA UNDER LIBERAL RULE

Bank Statement for September Shows an Improvement in Every Item Indicative of Business Activity.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 20. (Special)—In every item indicative of business activity, the bank statement for September shows an improvement over the figures for September of last year. The circulation increased by \$5,836,339. Deposits on demand, that is the money on deposit for current business, show an increase of \$7,229,093 over August, while the savings deposit increased by \$2,859,915. The revival in stocks is reflected by an increase of \$1,572,571 on call and short loans in Canada, while the cheapening of money in the United States is probably due to the decrease shown in call and short loans by

the Canadian banks abroad. As compared with August the banks have increased their current loans for carrying on of business in Canada by nearly two millions, while current loans abroad are three millions greater. The banks increased their liabilities by \$8,776,810 and their assets by \$9,294,245 during September.

It is announced that the department of the interior is now ready to issue to the South African veterans warrants for land or cash scrip as those entitled to received them may choose. This applies to the 1,100 veterans applications received and endorsed by the militia department and forwarded to the department of interior.

Mr. Carvell in Town

Frank B. Carvell, of Woodstock, Liberal candidate in Carleton County, who is to meet George W. Fowler in joint debate at Sussex, the latter's home town tonight, came in today's Montreal train.

Asked how things looked in Carleton, Mr. Carvell replied with enthusiasm "splendid," and added "from every section of the county comes most satisfactory reports."

When it was suggested that the nomination proceedings had been somewhat lively, Mr. Carvell evidently felt more than satisfied with the outcome as he added laughingly, "they were a little that way."

A number of Mr. Carvell's friends accompanied him from Woodstock, among the number W. B. Morgan, a student at Queen's University, who has been campaigning for Mr. Carvell, said that he reports to hand from all over the county indicated a victory by more than 20.

Co-pa a Winner in Digby

Digby, N. S., Oct. 19.—The best political meeting ever held in Digby took place in the Oddfellows Hall this afternoon immediately after the official nomination of J. A. S. Copp, Liberal candidate, and Clarence Jameson, town clerk, as Conservative candidate. The hall was crowded with a representative gathering of voters from all over the county as well as many ladies from the town and elsewhere.

H. L. Dennison presided and admirably filled the duties of chairman. Besides the chairman and the candidates, Major Daley, president of the Liberal association, and Dr. J. E. Jones, president of the Conservative association, were on the platform. The candidates, however, being the only speakers. Both were allowed one hour each for their main address and fifteen minutes each for reply.

Mr. Copp made an excellent speech and was loudly cheered by the audience, at least three-quarters of whom were evidently in favor of the present government and especially in favor of his faithful representative in Digby, who has done more for this county than any man previously elected for many years.

Mr. Jameson also made a good speech and was cheered by the Conservatives who were there. There is no question of Mr. Copp being elected, the only argument heard is the size of the majority. Mr. Copp immediately left for Sandy Cove, a drive of twenty miles on Digby Neck. There he held another successful meeting tonight which was largely attended and at which he made another excellent speech.

TIME'S TRANSFORMATION

"Woodman, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough!" Was written of an oak— But it's a chestnut now.

PUGSLEY, PENDER TO THE WINTER PORT