

PUGSLEY WRECKS THAT AFFIDAVIT MADE THEM PRODUCE ORIGINAL

Minister of Public Works Scores in Bout With Dr. Daniel.

RECORD CLEAR OF ANY CRAFT

Prolonged and Heated Debate in the Commons Yesterday—Resolution for Investigation Lost.

Ottawa, April 15.—Hon. William Pugsley turned upon his detractors in the House of Commons this afternoon, and in a speech which for telling force has seldom been equaled, tore to tatters the notorious Mayes affidavit, exposed the motives which inspired it and the falsity of its charges, and completely vindicated his conduct in connection with the transaction upon which it was based. It was the first round of a battle that promises to be waged at some length and with considerable bitterness, and even the "Conservative" were constrained to admit that so far honours lie with the Minister of Public Works. The motion for an inquiry was defeated by 100 to 50. The Opposition are now pinning their hopes upon the report of the New Brunswick royal commission, the flight over which will in all probability occur next week. This afternoon the Prime Minister intimated that so far as he had read the report of the commission there appeared nothing to warrant the Government interfering, whereupon Mr. Pugsley announced that the Opposition would challenge that position on Monday. Today's session began by Mr. Pugsley taking Mr. Lennox and other members of the Opposition to task for their references to the Commissioner special train. He quickly had Mr. Foster appealing to the chair for protection, and for a time matters looked ugly. The incident ended, however, with an explanation by Mr. Lennox and an embarking comment by Mr. Pugsley that he had anything to do with a special train.

Dr. Pugsley Scores.

There was a brief lull, and Dr. Daniel once again took the floor, and the House by this time being crowded above and below. At the very outset Mr. Pugsley scored by practically compelling Dr. Daniel to table the original Mayes affidavit, which for months has been concealed. Dr. Daniel's observations upon it were of a nature of a series of insinuations rounded off by a motion for a preliminary investigation and a suggestion that the Prime Minister should call upon the Minister of Public Works to resign. Mr. Pugsley began by pointing out that in the affidavit tabled by Dr. Daniel the date had been corrected, and then he launched into a trenchant criticism of the whole sorry business from the beginning. Time and again he had Dr. Daniel on his feet protesting and appealing to the chair against his stinging comments upon the tactics of the Conservative party in New Brunswick, while the House bubbled over with excitement. The affidavit itself he simply performed, proving the falsity of its statements and the malice which inspired it. He appealed to the correspondence to show that there was nothing connected with the transactions affecting upon either Mr. Hyman or himself, and wound up with a strong indictment of the policy of sin and falsehood which had lent itself, both at 6 o'clock and at the conclusion of his speech, Dr. Pugsley received a great ovation from the Liberal members of the House.

Mr. Foster asked if the Premier was yet able to make a statement in respect to the findings of the New Brunswick commission. Sir Wilfrid replied that he had read the report of the commission, and so far as he could see there was nothing in it which would warrant any interference on the part of the Federal Government.

Mr. Foster gave notice that the Opposition would take advantage of the first opportunity to challenge the affidavit of the Prime Minister. He suggested that the matter might be brought up on Monday, and hoped Sir Wilfrid would make an arrangement to that effect.

Sir Wilfrid said he had no objection to this. When the orders of the day were reached and Dr. Daniel of St. John was about to proceed with the discussion of the affidavit, Mr. Pugsley stated that if the member for St. John would produce to the House the original affidavit, he would make no objection to the reading of the whole of it. Dr. Daniel replied that he had no objection to taking that statement from the Minister of Public Works, as it was in his own interests and that of the public. Mr. Pugsley remarked that he had been trying to obtain the original Mayes declaration for months.

The Affidavit. Dr. Daniel then read the affidavit, and at the end reviewed the situation as contained in it, which was briefly that in June, 1905, G. S. Mayes, of St. John, sent in a tender for dredging St. John harbor at 49 cents per cubic yard. This was not accepted, Mayes applied to Mr. Pugsley, then his solicitor, and was referred to G. McCallum.

BANKERS SUSPEND. Luebeck, Germany, April 15.—A local suspension was caused today by the suspension of the banking house of Luckmann and Bohlander, pending the clearing up of the situation, the creditors of the firm have refrained from asking for the appointment of a receiver.

TORONTO MEN ARE RECOMMENDED

For the Position of City Engineer of London.

NO SELECTION MADE YET

But the Aldermen Will Go to the Queen City to Look the Applicants Over.

There was no appointment made last night by the board of works of an assistant city engineer. There are a score or more applications from all over the country—as far east as Fredericton, N. B., and west to Calgary, Alta. After sorting them over, City Engineer Graydon came to the conclusion that Mr. H. Hollingsworth and Mr. Geo. Wright, at present employed as assistants to City Engineer Rust, of Toronto, where the two best qualified for the position. "They have had plenty of the right kind of experience," said Mr. Graydon. "Both of them know municipal work thoroughly, and Mr. Rust tells me that they are excellent men."

Will See the Men. After some discussion it was thought advisable that the committee go to Toronto to interview these men, and get their recommendations first-hand.

It is expected that the committee will go down to Toronto next week, and will see the men in person. "We do not know anything about them. It is very important that we should get the best man in sight."

The other members agreed that these men should be interviewed, and it was recommended that the committee go to Toronto and see them.

If the trip is arranged, the committee will also go to Hamilton, to see the street washer in operation. "We need one badly for this city," said Mr. Graydon. "The committee could see the machine and see the work."

MISSIONARIES KILLED IN ADANA MASSACRE

Constantinople, April 15.—Information received here today from Adana declares that two American missionaries have been killed in the anti-Armenian outbreak in that place.

The report of a massacre at an Asia Minor seaport yesterday was untrue.

FOUR MEN DROWNED

Employees of the Dominion Coal Company Perish in Boating Accident.

Halifax, April 15.—As a result of a boating accident at Dominion No. 8, near Port Morden, yesterday afternoon four men lost their lives by drowning while another eight were injured.

COL. MUNROE RETIRES COL. MEWEN BRIGADIER

Important Changes Affecting the Four Regiments of the First Brigade.

The retirement of Lieut.-Col. J. Munro, of Embro, as commander of the first infantry brigade, comprising the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Regiments, is announced to take place on May 1.

He will be succeeded by Lieut.-Col. R. McEwen, of Brantford, and his present brigadier, Lieut.-Col. R. McKenzie, of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, retires from the command of the regiment next month, in order that he may succeed Lieut.-Col. McEwen.

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Major J. H. McKay becomes senior major, and Capt. P. W. Orr, Strathroy, will in all probability be promoted to the rank of junior major.

FRED COMEE DEAD. Boston, April 15.—The death of Fred R. Comee, assistant manager of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and well known throughout the musical world, was announced today.

TOMORROW—MILDER. FORECAST. Toronto, April 16-8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southeast and south winds; light local rains; mostly fair today and Saturday; a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. Today. Yesterday. London. 21. 21. Max. 21. 21. Victoria. 49. 42. Calgary. 52. 42. Winnipeg. 32. 29. 46. Port Arthur. 28. 18. 42. Fort St. Vrain. 24. 24. 46. Toronto. 42. 26. 46. Ottawa. 36. 26. 46. Montreal. 36. 26. 46. Quebec. 36. 26. 46. Dawson. 12. 24. 46. Vancouver. 27. 24. 46. St. John. 27. 24. 46. Medicine Hat. 20. 24. 46. Regina. 27. 24. 46. St. John. 27. 24. 46. Halifax. 48. 48. WEATHER NOTES. A pronounced area of high pressure covers Ontario, Quebec and the Middle States, while over the Western Provinces and States the pressure is low.

The weather is cool and fair throughout the Dominion, but rain is falling in Michigan and may extend into Western Ontario.

EMPLOYEES BENEFIT.

The passing of the new postoffice act will have quite an effect upon the local post-office staff. Of the whole staff of 85 employees, 52 will be benefited under the new act. It applies to those in the outside department—the letter carriers, mail handlers and box collectors.

It is estimated at the postoffice that 46 outside clerks, mostly letter carriers, will have yearly increase of \$150, while 6 others will benefit to the extent of \$100 a year.

ENGINEERS SELECT A SITE FOR A POWER SUB-STATION

Understood That It Will Be Located On Hamilton Road, Just Outside the City Limits—Commission's Experts and City Electrical Engineer in Conference.

Three engineers of the hydro-electric commission were in the city last night and this morning, and they selected the site for the commission's new sub-station.

It will be located, it is understood, on the Hamilton road, a short distance east of Egerton street, and just outside the city limits.

It appears that the engineers arrived last evening, and at once got into communication with Hon. Adam Beck and Mr. E. I. Sifton, the city's electrical engineer.

Worked All Night. Mr. Sifton was kept working nearly all night securing data for the commission's engineers, and he did not get into bed until 5 o'clock this morning.

It is expected that work will now be rushed on the power line, and that before many weeks the construction of the sub-station will be begun on the Hamilton road.

MUST LIVE UP TO THE BUILDING LAWS

City Engineer Graydon Is Out With a Club After Alleged Evaders.

City Engineer Graydon is out after the citizens who take out building permits and do not live up to the by-law afterwards.

When the application is filled out, the specifications comply with the law but when the places are built they are lacking considerably.

A gentleman who was charged with a breach of the by-law was this morning fined \$25 and costs, and ordered to comply with the law.

"There has been some of this work going on in the city," said Mr. Graydon, "and we are going to put a stop to it. The building by-law must be complied with, and any person who takes out a permit must live up to the law."

RETAIL HARDWARE MEN ARE COMING TO LONDON

Mayor Stevely Notified That the Association Will Meet Here Next Year.

The annual convention of the Canadian Retail Hardware Association will be held in London next year.

In February last Col. Garthshore extended an invitation to the association to meet in London, and this morning Mayor Stevely received word that London will be the favored spot next year.

The convention proper will be held in the board of trade rooms, and the exhibits will be held in the city hall.

There will be between 400 and 450 delegates, and they will be in the city from Tuesday to Saturday.

"This is an important convention, and we are very fortunate in having them come here," said his worship at noon.

DANIEL CLIFFORD DEAD

One of Brantford's Oldest Citizens Has Passed Away.

Brantford, April 15.—Daniel Clifford, one of Brantford's oldest and most respected citizens, passed away last night about 9 o'clock, from heart failure.

Mr. Clifford took his tea at 6 o'clock, and was apparently in his usual health for his advanced years. At one time deceased carried on a very successful furniture store in this city, and also conducted the undertaking business. He gave up active business some years ago, and has lived retired since then. He leaves a widow and son, who have the sympathy of the citizens in their loss.

CIGARETTE SLAUGHTER. Minneapolis, April 15.—With the signing of the anti-cigarette bill by Governor Johnson, the cigarette slaughter sale is on in Minneapolis, and from this time until the final August every dealer of the "independent" variety will aim to get rid of his stock. There will be no standard price. Every dealer will sell at any figure he sees fit.

FATALLY BURNED. Chicago, April 15.—Michael McGarvey was fatally burned in a fire in a working house on West Hyverson street early today. An explosion of gas in McGarvey's room started the fire. Rooms on the second floor ran to the street, and the firemen to place ladders and carry several women and a child were from the third floor. One woman and a child were severely burned but will recover from their injuries.

PATTEN CONTROLS THE PRICE OF GRAIN IN THE OREST CITY

Local Bakers and Others Say Increase Appears Inevitable.

A BOOST ALL ALONG THE LINE

It To Be Expected Unless a Break in the Market Occurs.

Unless Joseph J. Patten, of Chicago, causes efforts to corner the wheat, wheat supply of America, local bakers and confectioners will be forced to raise the price of their products materially. Owing to Mr. Patten's business, flour that two months ago was selling for 50 cents in London, is now bringing \$1.15, and is expected to go still higher. On the Chicago markets it is quoted at \$1.25 for both spring and winter wheat.

The bakers say they have got to do something, and it is likely that they will try and get together and form some plan by which they can adjust matters, however, that there will be no advance in price speedily unless flour and wheat prices stop soaring and return to normal.

What They Say. Following is what a number of bakers and confectioners said to The Advertiser this afternoon in connection with the situation. D. S. Patten Company—"We most certainly expect flour prices to go up at once if the present situation continues unmitigated. We contract for our flour with different makers and have no standard prices at all. We cannot say how soon prices will advance, as that depends entirely on the way the market goes."

John Curran—"I am in hopes that we will not have to raise prices, but if we do, it is only a temporary corner, and the conditions will be normal again."

McCormick Manufacturing Company—"We expect prices to rise, but not unless flour prices become normal."

Brighton Bakery—"We do not intend to raise our prices or reduce our loaves if we can possibly help it. Certainly we will not raise prices, but we do understand how between the millers and the bakers there is a regular trade. There was a time when the bakers flour went up high, but the millers did not raise their prices, and as a result they would gain anything by an agreement. It was a success."

J. Gwalchmai—"If we had anything we will reduce the weight of our loaves to one pound standard, but these loaves have been in the market for some time, and it is only a temporary corner, and the conditions will be normal again."

Miller's Bakery—"We cannot say yet what we will do. It would be a good idea if the bakers were to get together and try and arrange matters, but we have not reduced our loaves or number of tickets yet."

O. J. Bidde—"We hope it will not be necessary to raise flour prices. However, something must be done if the market continues to go up. We have not yet decided on what course to take."

A BIG SENSATION AT JAP CAPITAL

Nine Members of the Diet Arrested Charged With Accepting Bribes From Corporation.

Tokyo, April 15.—A sensation developed here today with the arrest of nine members of the Lower House of the Diet, the nature of the charges being with the Japanese Sugar Corporation, and it is stated that some members of the Upper House are liable to arrest also.

The nine members of the Lower House were taken into custody, and it is stated that some members of the Upper House are liable to arrest also. The members arrested all belong to the Seiyukai, the dominant party in the Diet.

The arrests and the fact that further arrests are to follow have caused considerable commotion in Tokyo political and commercial circles.

THE METROPOLITAN. New York, April 15.—The Metropolitan Handicap, the first of the season's big races, will be worth \$5,000 this year. The Metropolitan will be held at Belmont park at the ten days' meeting which begins Friday, May 12, and continues for 22 days, fixed racing fixtures. Last year there were 28.

Think Lost Ring. A Paris dispatch says a London Chinese was in Paris last night endeavoring to secure the good offices of Chief Felker in recovering a \$240 diamond ring which he claimed was stolen from him. A Paris girl, he alleged, touched him for it, and he did not know it was his. He had departed for her home in Paris. The chief of police was unable to assist the Celestial.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY

Of the Methodist Church Will Be Held in St. Thomas Next Week.

The annual examination of candidates and probationers for the ministry of the Methodist Church in the Ontario conference will be held in Grace Church, St. Thomas, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Rev. J. G. Goring and Rev. A. K. Birks will be the presiding examiners. Twelve candidates will write. Following the examinations of Thursday a public meeting will be held at the same place, and addresses will be given by Rev. J. P. Phipps, Rev. C. P. Wells, B. A., of Grouse Mountain, and Rev. C. P. Wells, B. A., of Grouse Mountain. Successful candidates will be presented to the conference by Rev. A. K. Birks.

TORONTO READY FOR CONTRACTS

A Schedule of Rates Fixed for Large Users of Electric Power.

CITY IN THE COMPETITION. Private Meeting of the City Controllers Fixes Prices for the White Coal.

Toronto, April 15.—Toronto's electrical department is now in a position to talk actual figures to prospective users of electric power. A schedule of prices has been arranged. It is only for large users of power because they are the first the city will be able to serve. They will take the power just as the city receives it from the transmission lines without any reduction or alteration and the city will therefore be in a position to deliver it very shortly after the transmission line is completed. The schedule has been prepared in answer to definite inquiries from large users of power who must know some time ahead. It is the work of Mr. K. L. Aitken, electrical engineer, in consultation with Mr. Alexander Dow, consulting engineer, and was submitted to a special meeting of the board of control yesterday. Hon. Adam Beck was present at this meeting for part of the time.

The flat rate per horsepower per month is as follows: Maximum. Minimum. Flat rate per H. P. Demand Monthly per H. P. In H. P. Bill per month. 400 \$ 245.00 \$ 23.00 500 255.00 23.50 600 265.00 24.00 800 285.00 25.00 1,000 310.00 26.00 1,200 335.00 27.50 1,500 370.00 29.00 2,000 425.00 32.00 According to this schedule a user will contract for any amount of power. He must pay for 500-horsepower at least half of the power he contracts for and his minimum monthly bill will be the rate for that minimum amount. For instance, if a user contracts for 1,000-horsepower, he must use at least 500-horsepower or he will be \$18.20. Any amount used between 500 and 1,000 horsepower will be charged at the rate of \$1.82 per horsepower per month. This schedule of prices will be charged according to the amount of power the user contracts to take. This schedule is as follows: Maximum. Demand. Meter rate per H.P. hour in H.P. Off Peak. On Peak. 300 71-100c 6c 400 65-100c 6c 500 62-100c 6c 600 59-100c 6c 800 58-100c 6c 1,000 56-100c 6c 1,200 55-100c 6c 1,500 54-100c 6c 2,000 53-100c 6c Peak hours are as follows: Oct. 15 to Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1 to Jan. 15, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 to Feb. 15, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16 to March 1, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Conditions of Contract. The conditions attached to the schedules are as follows: Customer may choose either flat rate or meter rates. Rates quoted are net. Horsepower intermediate between quotations to be charged the higher of the two lowest rates and to carry a minimum monthly bill pro rata to such intermediate horsepower. Term of agreement not less than five years, with privilege to customer of changing his monthly guarantee within the limits of this schedule once during the first twelve months, and thereafter at twelve-month intervals. (Continued on Page Eleven.)