## The Aews.

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#### THE NEW BRUNSWICK SITUA-TION

Even those whom candor compels to admit that the reaction against the Mayes "scandal" would increase the Liberal majority in this constituency, still profess to believe that elsewhere throughout the province the effect of the sensation will be more heavily felt

Look back a bit! Is the force of this sensation anything like as sharp and as widespread as the effect of Mr. Blair's resignation within a few days of the polling date in 1904? Do you remember the excited and jubilan yells which went up from the Conservative press and platform and the genuine dismay that settled then over the Liberal camp? And yet in spite of the fact that the man who a few months before could twist New arms against the government, charging scandal and what not; in spite of the fact also that every newspaper of prominence in the province supported him in his position, New Brunswick went Liberal.

Is it reasonable to assume that a under present conditions on Liberal has since elected a Liberal by acclama-

Two Conservative seats which the Liberals are as sure of winning as anything political can be sure, are Kings-Albert and Queens-Sunbury.

In the former in 1904 George Fowler had the assistance of a large campaign fund. His public record was clean and he had in his favor this Blair sensation dailies which circulated most largely in that constituency. Today he is not financially in a position to win votes by corruption and has against him the terrible weight of the Insurance Commission's exposures and the influence of the papers which helped to elect

him before. In Queens-Sunbury in 1904 Dr. Hay was nominated within a few weeks of polling day, was taken sick in the cover one-half of the constituency or able by persistent efforts to secure for awarding of dredging contracts. vices and important public works tendered in June for 50 cents per cubic greatly needed and greatly appreci- yard" ated. In both these constituencies the odds are heavily in favor of the Liberal candidates.

In the three remaining ridings, St. John City, Charlotte and York, the dredging and \$8.99 for rock. fight has been on more even terms. But whatever may have been the chances a week ago St. John City to- instance of Mr. George McAvity. day may be safely put in the Liberal column. Not only has the recent scandal failed to touch Mr. Pender even indirectly but it is rebounding with telling force against his opponent to whom people heretofore gave credit for more decency and honesty than he has shown by lending his countenance to this dispicable style of warfare.

In York and Charlotte he is a bold man who would predict victory at this stage either way, but it is unmistakably evident that in both constituencies Liberal prospects are better than they were four years ago, and in both the Liberal candidates and their friends are supremely confident. That New Brunswick will give a

absolutely certain; that the majority five) is more than probable, and a clean sweep for Laurier is not beyond the bounds of political possibility.

### WHISPERERS

there has been corruption on the part ly and inevitably accepted. of the government, is there no more

try would be saved this flood of slur Mayes' words the Minister had used and slander if a solitary member of the "his position to hold up the man who opposition would stand up in his place had earned the money in order that a in the House and definitely charge a middleman should exact his satisfac-Minister of the Crown with any one of tion." This hold up, Mr. Mayes says the offenses which are now being made took place on the 21st August, 1908. by vague and indefinite insinuation. The following letter from Dr. Pugsdoubt that one such charge sustained by the evidence, would be more damation that can be printed, and all the rhetoric of condemnation that can be uttered.

That, moveover, would be a respectable way of convicting a corrupt gov-There man meets man in There the man preferring

method? Why they have deliberately dredge. The impropriety of your made the present campaign a camposal, which I told you I could not paign of slander rather than a cam- possibly entertain, did not seem to impaign of charges fearless, frankly press you as it ought to have done. and definitely made and demanding an is not difficult to discover.

tered with perfect safety and can never be met by denial. Smoke is harder to fight than fire. For instance. f Mr. J. D. Hazen as a representative of the people in the federal parliament had risen in his place and charged the Minister of Public Works with having extorted two thousand dollars from government contractor and with having held up the pay of the same contractor at the behest of a middlerian, he would not have been permitted to retire with his present shameful silence. He would there have been forced to acknowledge his mistake or prove the truth of his assertion. Fur- Minister of Public Works. thermore, Dr. Pugsley could then have nailed the lie on the spot instead of being compelled to endure the slander

of the Conservative press of the Do-A slander campaign is but the expedient of a hard pressed opposition. An opposition of honest and fearless men could convict and condemn a dishonest nite charges delivered on the floor of

BORDEN'S REVISED PLATFORM

the House.

Mr. R. L. Borden, following the ex-Brunswick about his thumb was openly ample of the illustrious marbyr Mayes has issued a revised edition of his memorable Halifax platform. The new manifesto-like Maves' second affidavit-is more remarkable for what it emits than for what it contains Among the main planks in his first platform constituency whose Liberalism stood Senate Reform and National Telegraphs clamation - the two great parties up under that shock is in danger today? and Telephones. And the other planks are lined up for the contest And is it unreasonable to calculate are promises of things which the Libgains, particularly in view of the fact are doing now-Civil Service Reform, preme Canadian of this generationthat one of the seats which went Con- Honest Government, Electoral Re- Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Ragarding the exservative by over 700 majority in 1904 form, National Port Equipment, and tent of his majority there is, of course, him is to have the Laurier policies carried along by a green hand.

### MR. MAYES AND HE FACTS

Just a brief and final summary of the Mayes' affidavits-two editions and and the support of the four St. John a pressing need for more-and the preven facts with which the charges therein have collided to the painful discredit of the accuser and his counillor and collaborator, Alderman Bax-

(1) First there was the memorable slatement that it was "on October 15th. 1907," that he paid Dr. Pugsley at Dr. Pugsley's request the sum of \$2,000. This was a charge that as Minister of Public Works, Dr. Pugsley had remidst of the campaign, was unable to ceived a large sum of money from a contractor doing business with his department-a charge utterly cuinous to to fulfil more than a small fraction of his reputation, if true. BUT THE his political engagements, yet he cut Mr. Wilmot's majority down by one- ISSUEL, MR. MAYES WAS FORCED half. In this contest Mr. Wilmot has TO ADMIT THAT THIS WAS NOT against him an able, resourceful, inde- TRUE, that the date of his payment fatigable campaigner, who has been in to Dr. Pugsley for legal services was the field for over a year, who has car three years before the date specified, ried on one of the most vigorous and two years before Dr. Pugsley had effective canvasses ever made in the anything to do with federal politics combined counties, and who has been or any influence whatever in the the constituency improved mail ser- (2) Mr. Mayes declared that "I had

The records of the Public Works De partment show that MR. MAYES' FIRST TENDER WAS NOT 50 CENTS BUT FORTY-NINE CENTS for soft (3) He declares that in making his

second tender he bid 55 cents at the Mr. Mayes omits here to state that in tendering at the rate of 55 cents for soft dredging in his second tender he tendered at the rate of \$8.60 for rock; THAT IS, WHILE HE RAISED HIS PRICE FOR SOFT DREDGING SIX CENTS HE REDUCED HIS PRICE FOR ROCK EXCAVATION BY THIRTY CENTS. It was one of Mr. Mayes' complaints that there was a large amount of rock to be excavated under this contract, and he received The most the Conservatives really he would have received had his first

tender been accepted, it is probable that considering the whole work there was very little difference in the end between the two tenders. While crediting Mr. McAvity with the suggestion Liberal majority may be set down as that he should raise the price for soft dredging, Mr. Mayes does not say who will be larger than it is now (eight to told him to reduce the price for rock. (4) Mr. Mayes also declares that "my tender was the only tender received both times." RECORDS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SHOW

THAT MR. MAYES HAD A COM-PETITOR IN BOTH CASES. In the Island promises to divide its allegiance. Decent men hate slander, and even first instance Messrs. Haney & Miller Taking these figures the following is the excitement of a rolltical campaign tendered at the rate of \$1.25 for loose does not destroy that hatred. Respect- dredging and \$3.50 for rock. In the secable men of both political parties are ond instance they tendered at the rate Nova Scotia.......14 able men of both political parties are of \$1 for loose dredging or nearly New Brunswick ... 14

New Brunswick ... 19 a sed by the opposition in the present double the rate of Mr. Mayes' tender, contest. Granting for the moment that which, being the lowest, was natural-

(6) Mr. Mayes also states that Dr. decent and dignified way of securing Pugsley used his position as Minister Saskatchewan. effective and adequate punishment for of Public Works to hold up payments Alberta. . . . justly due him until Mr. McAvity had British Columbia. . 2 It is a well-known fact that the coun-received his share. To quote Mr. ley to Mr. Mayes, dated the 24th of August, 1908, effectivly and definitely

ST. JOHN, N. B., Aug. 24th, 1908. G. S. Mayes, St. John: Dear Sir-I am in receipt of your of the 22nd instant, and in reply would remind you that when I informed you of the notice which I had received its policies and the inspiring personfrom Mr. McAvity that he was interested in the moneys coming to you as it deserves. the charge accepts responsibility for from my department and had requestfurnishing proof and standa diable to ed me not to pay them over until the of large public policy or of political as the fair figure instead? the punishment of public disgrace in the event of failure. That was the way the Liberal opposition played th way the Liberal opposition played the same.

Inat there, was an amount coming to him, which you said you were prepared to pay, provided I would allow ation in the marking of their ballots. It is but fair to ask why the present a further claim which you said you They know what plans and policies the opposition have chosen the underhand proposed making, and would buy your

AS YOU IN YOUR LETTER DENY equally definite answer? The answer ANY INDEBTEDNESS TO MR. Mca charge made upon the floor of the TERVENE IN THE MATTER, AND AVITY, I DO NOT PROPOSE TO IN-House must be sustained, a slander SHALL GIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR pronounce judgment, as well as upon uttered outside the House in carefully THE PAYMENT TO YOU OF THE the worth of Laurier and the merits

THE NEWS is published every week but evade responsibility may be ut- BY THE ACCOUNTANT OF MY DE- ernment that they do not approve these dealt with on its merits. Whether or his great work? not you owe Mr. McAvity or have overpaid him, or whether or not there shall be litigation between you is, I beg to assure you, a matter of perfect indifference to me.

Yours truly, (Signed WILLIAM PUGSLEY. This throws into the discard practically every statement made in Mr. Mayes' first affidavit-certainly every statement at all reflecting upon His second affidavit was nothing

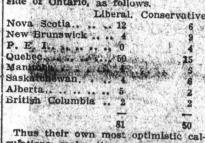
nore than a recapitulation at greater length of the accusation that the Minister had interfered in Mr. McAvity's gan admits that Sir Wilfrid Laurier behalf in reference to the payment of the money to Mr. Mayes and a bald denial of the charge that he had of public man there stands a black mark fered the Minister personally and through envoys a rake-off of \$20,000 for government in a single session. No political purposes if his demand for amount of slander will condemn a man the purchase of his dredge at an expolitical purposes if his demand for or a government in the minds of hon- orbitant figure were complied with. est and reasonable men, when the men And on this point there stands against who utter the slander absolutely re-fuse to accept responsibility by def-solemn declaration of Hon. William full disproof or will be followed by solemn declaration of Hon. William full disproof or will be followed by Pugsley, Hon. C. J. Osman, Mr. Geo. McAvity, Mr. John E. Moore, Mr. F. W. Holt and Mr. Percy Thomson.

> Yet the Conservative party is still of Mr. Mayes for their political advantage.

THE FIELD AND THE PROSPECT With only two breaks in their ranks -one Liberal in Quebec and one independent, anti-Borden, Conserva-

which are gropped in his second are tive in Ontario elected by acwhich will culminate next Monday in erals have already accomplished or another notable triumph for the su-Free Rural Mail Delivery, for instance. much difference of opinion, but of his Taking Mr. Borden at his word, all success there is not, in the mind of the people have to gain by electing any reasonable Canadian a shadow of doubt.

Of course there is the usual amount of opposite prediction, largely for tactical purposes. The more confident Conservatives, in the effort to figure majority for themselves claim six seats in Nova Scotia, nine in New Brunswick, all four in P. E. I., fifteen Quebec, six in Manitoba, six in Saskatchewan, two in Alberta and two of the four seats in British Columbia, where polling will take place Oct. 26elections being deferred in the other three and in the Yukon. This would make the standing of the parties outside of Ontario, as follows,



culations make it necessary for the Conservatives to count upon 32 majority in Ontario for a hare lead, leaving saids the three deferred election in British Columbia and one in he Yukon, which will probably go with the successful party. There 86 seats in Ontarie and, even if their claims in the other provinces were correct they would have to win 57 out of these in order to get a majority of one in the next parliament. The Conservative press outside of

ntario easily makes up the deficiency by recklessly claiming a majority of from 40 to 60 in that province, allowing the Liberals only a baker's dozen of seats where they now hold 39. But those Conservative papers which know the situation in Ontario, The Toronto Telegram and Toronto World, for instance, claim only 24 and 26 majority respectively in that province. Thus upon their own calculation the

Conservatives are unhorsed before the

contestants clash. And even this calculation is made hope for in Nova Scotia is three or four seats. None of them has any expectation of carrying a majority in New Brunswick. Liberals in Ontario and Manitoba claim an even break. In Saskatchewan and Alberta the odds, since the recent provincial elections, are vastly in favor of the Liberals. In Quebec the most the Conservatives can carry is 13, and well-informed Liberals are betting that this will be cut down to ten. In Ontario The Toronto Globe stakes its national reputation that the present Conservative majority of 8 will not be more than 18 and will probably

a more nearly correct forecast: Liberal. Conservative P. E. I.. .. .. 2 Quebec.. ... 52 Ontario.. .. .. .....34 Manitoba.. .. .. 5

132 85 So that, conceding slight possible gains in Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia, the Liberal majority stands 47 outside of the deferred not rather have bid 95c.?

But whether the majority be 8-as the analysed Conservative figures ad- were simply that tenders were reg.1mit-or 80 as is quite possible, there is larly called for, that two bids were no manner of doubt in the mind of made and that Mayes' bid was 45c. the any reasonable Canadian that there lower. The government could have will be a Liberal majority-that the done nothing else but award the con-Liberal government, on its record and tract to him. ality of its leader will be sustained, fixed the fair price for the work is

Minister of Public Works has under way-the development of St. John as a national port, the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the absorption

PARTMENT. If you have eny further things; or will they give the Minister claim on the department it will be a strong mandate to go ahead with

LAURIER LEADS

The Conservative Standard affirms that "if the Laurier government should be sustained Dr. Pugsley would be out of the government before two months." The Standard, of course, professes to believe that Mr. Mayes' unsupport ed and already discredited and discharacter or business methods of the proved charges against Dr. Pugsley are true, and being true, admits that they would bar him from the Laurier cabi-

> In other words, the Conservative or will permit the presence of no man in his ministry against whose honor as a -a single disproven charge of the slightest breach of public trust.

And this is a fact, proved by his twelve years' record as Premier of Canada. He has stated more than once that any charge against the honor prompt retirement. If Dr. Pugsley is guilty of the offenses charged he cannot, as the Standard admits and as he himself has affirmed, remain in Laurendeavoring to exploit these affidavits ler's cabinet. Two months would be an over-long estimate of the length of his stay if he had accepted money from a contractor of his department of had held up a contractor's just dues in

the interests of a "middleman." Even those who would like to be lieve Dr. Pugsley guilty cannot convict him on the evidence offered-evidence which in the eyes of all unprejudiced folk has splendidly justified him and confounded his slanderers. And even those who may desire to suspect his integrity in this business cannot deny that, aside from this, his election is eminently in the interest of the port of St. John. In the circumstances, is it not safe and sensible to leave it to

#### MAYES AND MCAVITY

Abandoning, as apparently dispreven any charge against the Minister in the Mayes affidavits, the local Conservative organ falls back upon the busi-ness relations between Mr. Mayes and George McAvity as the "real issue." The Globe takes similar ground Acquitting Dr. Pugsley of any share in the transaction in which 'Mr. Mayes claims he paid Mr. McAvity ten per cent, of his proceeds on a dredging contract, and admitting that "It would be unreasonable as regards Mr. Hy-

man (Minister of Public Works at the time of the transaction) to assume that he knew of the arrangement," the Globe contends that the "important matter is that the Dominion of graft. Only by the permission of a Canada is out over thirty-five thousand dollars upon the Mayes dredging contract, and that, apparently, somebody ought to pay that sum of money back to the Dominion treasury." The Globe bases its contention upon the fact that Mr. Mayes' first tender was ifty cents, arguing that this was herefore a fair price and that anything over and above that amount subsequently paid was an unfair profit.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Mayes' first er was forty-nine cents for loose earth dredging and \$8.90 for rock, and another tender was received from the firm of Haney & Miller for \$1.25 for loose dredging and \$3.50 for rock. All these tenders were specifically limited to Canadian registered dredges. After the tenders were opened it was learned that Mayes' dredge could not qualify under these terms. It was an American machine, never registered under the Canadian shipping regulations. In the circumstances the Public Works Department might quite regularly have accepted the Haney & Miller tender, but considering the bid of those contractors too high and wishing to invite more competition, the department called for new tenders, without the Cana-

dian limitation. In the meantime Mr. Mayes had asked Mr. McAvity to go in with him, perhaps believing that he might stand better chance as the alleged partner of so prominent a Liberal. Mr. Mc-Avity, having found out that Mayes' much profit they can make than how more and is worth no more than other mands that The Globe should return to

the people what they willingly pay. In this there is nothing improper, othing irregular, nothing nearly so city to pay \$40,000 or more for lots

The only ground for charge of impropriety is the suspicion that Mr. Mc-Avity was able, through his political influence, to ascertain what the figures of the other tenders were and so to know that he and Mayes could safely bid higher. But the only other bid among these second tenders was another from Haney and Miller for \$1 per yard, and if Mr. McAvity had known this as is intimated, is it likely he would have advised Mayes to bid only 55 cents? If he were the grafter his opponents make him out would he elections. And it's more apt to be Mayes would have won the contract He and

just the same. The facts before the government

The contention that Mayes' first bid And, in the absence of any issues Miller's first bid of \$1.35 not be taken man deny that it is good business?

Theoretically, of course, any man with goods or labor to sell should sell at the lowest price he can figure, alowing a living profit. If he is selling of the Intercolonial branch lines, the to the government, which represents improvement of rivers and harbors still further. But, unfortunately, this things upon which they are asked to rived. Laborers, business men, manumillennial condition has not yet arperhaps public opinion will rise to a level which will demand that any profit a man makes over and above his living expenses shall be turned into a common fund. And when that day comes the public will demand not only the comparatively small profit of ten per cent which Mr. McAvity received for his investment of business acumen but the surplus profit which Mr. Mayes made-a quarter of a million or there abouts.

#### THE WORTH OF THE WORD OF ALIAR

No elector can possibly personally brought against the government during the present campaign. The ac-As a consequence an entire party has forgotten its best traditions and with one consent has given itself to the creation of a veritable deluge of slur and slander. Obviously it is impossible for the individual elector to sift the evidence, to determine the truth and the untruth, to reach an intelligent

verdict. No honest citizen desires by his vote bad as the Conservative orators protrouble to investigate the truth of the there won't be any Last Bite." become any one's fool.

The citizen's common-sense must Real Thing, so long he had worn the save him. He must seek to determine Lion's Skin, came to the scratch. the amount of truth in Conservative judge by that which is known.

Vague rumors of wrong-doing at Otta- off, and there stood the Ass. wa, more or less plausible evidence of corruption in remote places, has char- Creatures laughed and laughed. And a physician requested permission to acterized much of the scandal talk up the Ass went away, 'way Back and sat till the present week. But with the Down. Monday evening meeting charges becitizen had an opportunity to judge

his own common-sense. We know now that these belated confessions of a self-accused and impeni tent Conservative grafter were made because a Liberal Minister of the crown would not become a party to lie could the charge even remotely affect Dr. Pugsley or the Liberal administration, and yet the local Conser vative party headed by J. D. Hazer and heeled by A. W. MacRae. made this trumped-up accusation of a moral weakling the substance of their most damning charge against the government. Is it unfair to conclude that every scandal promulgated by the Conservative campaigners has a similar origin and possesses Just the same

quality of untruthfulness? believe that men who have honesty and fairness will be prone to believe easily the charges made by men who could place Mr. G. S. Mayes in the chief seat on a poliwith the authority of Conservative the worth of that authority by the manner. ruthfulness of the charges he can indidates and the Liberal party?

## PREMIER HAZEN ON TRIAL

It is quite characteristic of Mr. J. D.

Hazen that, having made himself the eager medium for charges, ruinous if only competitor previously had tendered at \$1.25, advised Mayes to bid ponent, he has vanished from sight and which higher—an action with which no hearing. In dramatically making public malice, unworthy of himself or his tractors as a rule figure rather on how er without making any effort to investigate their truth or falsity, Mr. last week. two cents for a paper which costs no their accusation. Yet through this Had he taken this course he would not servant with a trust to keep. have published the accusations as they were formulated for his use; perhaps

he would never have published them at "The charges," says The Globe,

"This episode at St. John may be regarded as a fitting culmination of the campaign of slander that has been waged so generally and so persistently against the government. When a selfconfessed grafter put in the form of an affidavit a string of accusations against the Minister of Public Works temptation to make a theatrical use of them proved too strong for Premier Hazen, and he is now face to face with the necessity of either convicting Dr. Pugsley of infamous practices in the administration of his department or admitting that he pubchosen words which insinuate wrong, AMOUNT FOUND TO BE DUE YOU of his ministry. Will they tell the govwhich the market will now Some day when he resolved to do so he should time? which the market will pay. Some day have been careful to avoid all appear- Think it over.

ance of slander. Retribution was not long in overtaking him after his offense against propriety and decency was committed. THE ASS IN THE LION'S SKIN

who put on the Skin of a Lion. Also

e tuned his Bray in imitation of the Lion's Roar. Then he went To and Fro seeking what he might devour, and giving Timid Creatures an Awful Scare. "How Fierce he looks," they said. "And Hark to his Awful Roar." So the Ass had a High Old Time, and waxed Fat and Sassy. He began to think that he was the Real Goods. One trouble—and cure you. investigate every charge that will be day he went into a Forest where Creatures lived called Foresters who had stored their Frovisions in a Cave nothing to help me, I saw in the papers knowledged policy of the Conservative guarded by a lean and solemn Fox. what good Gin Pills were doing. I got leaders is to throw an abundance of And the Ass in the Lion's Skin made a sample box and they did me so much mud in the hope that some will stick. up a Game with the Fox and they two Looted the Cave. And when the Foresters saw their Provisions gone and their Wives and Children hungering they cried aloud, but the Ass shook his Lion's Mane and Reared at them and they were Afraid.

Once upon a Time there was an Ass

So they sent for a Bulldog who was a Friend of theirs and he came quickly. But the Ass went away into the Country and was gone Several Days. When to condone corruption. If the Laurier fight. "But," said the Ass in the Lion's he was found the Bulldog dared him to administration has been one-half as Skin, "I only fight on Sundays between claim, it becomes every honest man to Right," said the Bulldog." "And," conmark his ballot accordingly. But, on tinued the Ass in a Terrible Voice, "I the other hand, no self-respecting man never fight unless I am allowed the can retain his self-respect and allow First Bite and the Last Bite, and both himself to be made the tool of men Upper and Lower Holts." "All Right," who depend upon his credulity, who said the Bulldog, "any Old Thing goes. believe that he will never take the I want to fight you, that's all. And charges they make. The honest man | So after a While the Ass, knowing would be honest but he is unwilling to that he could not run as fast as the Bulldog and half believing he was the

Ard first he roared in a Fierce and slander in general by the amount of Terrible woice and shook his Awful truth in Conservative slander in par- Mane. But the Bulldog didn't Scare. ticular. It is manifestly fair to Instead he grabbed the Bogus Lion by the Scruff of the Neck and was pro-The citizen of St. John has a very ceeding to shake the Wind out of him, good opportunity to apply that test. When, suddenly, the Lion's Skin came And the Foresters and all the other

Moral:-That if you keep your Bluff came local and specific. The St. John up long enough, it's bound to be Called. Also that George Fowler made a very the value of Conservative slander with Serious Mistake in not getting Sore Throat before Frank Carvell came.

CASTORIA.

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## THE LAST YELP SILENCED

The Kind You Have Always Bought

The only feature of the Mayes' slander not utterly disproved as a result of the documentary evidence and the sworn statements of reputable men submitted by the Minister in support of his personal word, is the charge that George McAvity used his influence with SUFFRAGE CONVENTION the Public Work Department to secure for Mayes a dredging contract under improper conditions and at an extortionate price and received therefor a "rake-off" of 10 per cent., amounting tical platform and could regard his in all to about \$36,000. And even this deceitful document as fair evidence is discredited, not only by the proven against the good name of a public man. falsity of every other of Mayes' as-Obviously it is impossible for any sertions, but also by his own admisman to investigate every charge made sion in a letter to the Minister, written last December, that he secured his leaders; he must form his estimate of first contract in a perfectly regular

But notwithstanding this and the vestigate. Has the local attempt at fact that, whether the arrangement slander convinced any man that local between Mayes and McAvity were pro-Conservative leaders would hesitate to per or not, Dr. Pugsley is in no way use a lie to injure the Liberal can- implicated as he had no knowledge of it and, at the time it was made-two years before he entered federal poli- ings the National Association has ever ics-had no authority nor influence in the awarding of dredging contracts, the Minister is determined in the public interest to have a full investigation into the matter. To this he pledg- urate a "poster campaign." An effort ed himself in his speech at Carleton

little. The Globe, for instance, charges Hazen assumed full responsibility for As the case stands now the Mayes' slanders have not only been fully reweek's storm of declared and sworn futed and their points turned against papers sold for one cent. The differ-ence goes into the pockets of The word either in substantiation of his Globe's shareholders, but nobody de- charges or in apology for their slander. ent to his public duty in the face of Strongly condemning his conduct in pressure very hard to resist. In private this regard, The Toronto Globe points life he was a close personal friend of out that Mr. Hazen cannot plead that Mr. McAvity and legal adviser during there was any difficulty in finding out many years for Mr. Mayes. But as open to criticism, for instance, as Mr. whether the charges were true or false; soon as he became Minister the per-Frank Hatheway's effort to force the Dr. Pugsley was in St. John at the sonal element in their relations disaptime, and Mr. Hazen could easily have peared. From that time his attitude in notified him of what he intended to do. Public matters was that of a public

Froves that time and again he was are reported wrecked off Gold Belch urged by both to favor them in ways on the Curry County Coast, Whether he deemed improper and that in every any lives have been lost cannot be asinstance he refused. When both Mr. certained, all telephone communication "were made at a public meeting on Mayes and Mr. McAvity pressed him to the south being shut off. The Os-Monday night, and they created a to cancel the first dredging contract at prey carried a crew of four men and nsation, not merely in St. John, the 55c. rate and allow them to finish the Enterprise three. The Osprey also where Dr. Pugsley is a candidate for that work under the 90c. rate allowed carried three passengers. re-election, but all over the Dominion by Mr. Mayes' second contract—a re-On Tuesday night he put before the quest which he might easily and depublic at a similar meeting his de- fensively have granted—he refused fense. So far as it goes it seems to When they both wanted the vigilance be complete and irrefutable, and it of the local Public Works engineerscertainly has had the effect of putting which they considered unfair-relaxed, Mr. Hazen on his trial. Some of his he refused. When Mayes wanted the charges are unquestionably erroneous, work of dredging the I. C. R. berth at and it is only fair at this stage to as- a higher rate than the Dominion sume that the others are equally so. Dredging Co. offered, he refused. When Of course there will be further revelations, for which the public can now Mayes' payments until Mayes had settled with him, he refused. When Mayes offered a large contribution to the Liberal campaign fund if his dredge were purchased by the government at an exorbitant price and made threats of "scandal" otherwise, he refused. And so on. Throughout the whole business his attitude has been that of an honorable public man determined to do his duty in the public nterests.

If he were the dishenest man his oponents declare, is it likely he would have let these chances slip to please his friends and profit himself at the lished baseless accusations. For the public expense? If he vere in any position in which he finds rimself he way interested in these contracts or is entirely to blame. The contest in were industred by other than high St. John did not involve his personal public considerations, is it likely that or party interests in the Legislative he would have refused to raise the Assembly of New Brunswick. He was price paid under these contracts, to under no obligation to interfere, and make conditions easier from time to

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see the body. After confirming the suspicions that the woman's body was made rigid by suspended animation, the woman was removed from the coffin, placed in bed and revived. While her heart is weak, it is believed that Mrs. Chapman will recover.

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BUFFALO, Oct. 21-The closing day of the 40th annual convention of the National Women Suffrage Association finds the routine work cleared up and the delegates well pleased with what is conceded to have been one of the most instructive and successful gatherhad. The delegates will carry home with them to every state in the union thousands of large posters printed in heavy black type with which to inaugwill be made before election to place one or more of these posters at every election booth in the country, or as close to them as the law allows. The posters give the names of states and foreign countries in which women are entitled to cast a ballot, followed by the querry, "Are women of this state less entitled to a vote?" and the word "Why" in type several inches high. This morning's session opened with reports of state presidents.

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