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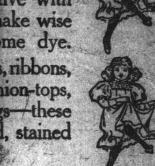


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FLOODS IN THE WESTERN STATES NORTH SHORE DREDGING HALF OF DAYTON UNDER TERRIFIC FIGHTING TRANSACTION EXPOSED

Dr. Pugsley Shows How Present Contractors Forfeited \$3,500 on Old Contract and Were Given a New One by Government at \$50,000 More—Ex-Minister of Public Works Asks Why St. John and Transcontinental Contractors Are Not Paid.

Ottawa, March 25—The ruling of Speaker Sproule on Saturday, March 15, was questioned by Hon. H. R. Emmerson on motion to take up supply. He stated there was no authority for the speaker to have assumed control while the house was in committee or to have ruled that the debate should close. In this he was supported by Hugh Guthrie and Hon. Dr. Puzsley.

"I am informed that such is the case, however," persisted Dr. Pugsley. "There are vast amounts due on the Transcontinental work and these men can't get a dollar. We ought to see that our debts are paid before we proceed to vote money for next year's work."

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bate should close. In this he was supported by Hugh Guthrie and Hon. Dr. Pugaley.

Finance Minister White defended Speaker Sproule's action and argued that he had not attempted to limit British liberty of free speech.

Dr. Pugaley, who followed, frankly stated that the speaker had passed beyond the rules and had sought, without the authority, to curtail speech in parliament. After this the house went into supply at midnight, Hon. Dr. Pugaley called the attention of the minister of finance and the minister of public works to the fact that there were large outstanding accounts due to dredging contractors on the St. John works, and also on the Transcontinental Railway and he asked why some provision had not been made in the supplementary estimates for the payment of these outstanding debts.

While the St. John contractors were opposed to him in their political views, Dr. Pugaley wished to make it clear that the opposition had no desire to hold up the payment for work already done. The manager of an institution that was backing some of these contractors had appealed to him as though the opposition were to blame.

Both Hon. Mr. White and Hon. Mr. Rogers replied that they had heard of no such complaints, and they stated that it was strange that a member of the opposition should have been appealed to in preference to the proper minister.

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The member for St. John also drew attention to a different was losing transaction with regard to the dredging on the Grand Dune flats of the Mirramich Rarady Dune flats of the Mirramich Rarady Dune flats of the Mirramich Rarady appearing transaction with regard to the dredging on the Grand Dune flats of the Mirramich Rarady Dune flats of the Mirramich Rarady Boon of the minister of finance and the reason firm was awarded the contract at an increased figure, which would amount to a difference of nearly \$50,000.

Hon. Mr. Rogers said he was surprised to hear the hon. member refer to the matter the opposition was not sufficient time given to permit of complete the

stricken people of his city.

FIVE THOUSAND DEAD

IN DAYTON FLOOD

Springfield, Ohio, Mar. 25-The Mayor of Dayton in an

appeal made to the mayor of this city reported at 8 o'clock tonight that the water is thirteen feet deep in the Union Station in Dayton and that according to unconfirmed reports, 5,000 lives have been lost and fully 30,000 are homeless.

The Hydraulic, a dam at Pique has gone out and reports, unconfirmed, say that 540 lives have been lost.

Exenia has already sent three carloads of food to that city.

The Springfield officials are now in session and plan to take action for the relief of the flood sufferers.

There is considerable suffering in this city, there being fully 1500 families driven out of their homes. Rumors have been received of loss of life in the villags but these lack confirmation.

The Mayor of Dayton in his appeal asks for food for the

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The rescue boats are unable to get farther from the shore than the throw line will permit. They cannot live in the current.

The Lewistown reservoir broke at 7 o'clock this morning, hurling millions of gallons of water into the swollen Maining. The creat is expected to reach here at 7 o'clock tonight and will send the water several few higher.

John Hadkins and James Hosay, privates of the Ohio National Guard, were drowned while in acts of rescue.

The body of an elderly woman floated down near Wyoming street this afternoon but the current is so swift that it could not be recovered.

Unconfirmed reports say that sixty were drowned along the levees of North Dayton at Sandard Palent on Fire.

Cincinnati Ohio, March 25—A telephone message from Foneton at 9.10 o'clock to inght and Dayton is reported to be on fire.

Many Perished in Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ohio, March 25—Twelve persons are known to have been drowned, sons are known to have been drowned.