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SEVEN PITTSBURG ALDERMEN AND TWO BANKERS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF CORRUPTION

Smoky City, Which Has Been the Home of Graft, Amazed by the Arrest of Nine Prominent Citizens — Voters League Behind the Prosecutions

Pittsburg, Dec. 22—Following the sensational arrests here last night of seven councilmen and two bankers on charges of alleged corruption in conducting the public affairs of this city, it is intimated today that even more startling developments will transpire today or tomorrow.

In the meantime the people of Pittsburg are surprise almost beyond description at the suddenness of the arrest of the nine men who are well known.

During the night the nine defendants and their attorneys and friends held a number of conferences, while the officials of the Voters' League, who worked up the charges against the defendants, together with their attorneys and officials also held a meeting at which, it is said, plans were perfected for the arrest of other men alleged to be implicated in the bribery scandal.

Attorney A. Leo Weil, president of the Voters' League, stated today: "This is the beginning. The end is not yet."

Following are the men accused: Councilmen William Brand, John F. Klein, J. C. Wasson, T.O . Atkinson, Jacob Soffel, W. F. Malaney and Hugh Ferguson. Former President W. W. Ramsay and former Cashier A. A. Vilsack, of the German National Bank are also accused.

Information against all the seven members of the council, charges them with conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery. An additional information against Brand, Wasson and Klein charges them with bribery and corrupt solicitation.

From Brand, Wasson and Klein, bail for $30,000 was demanded. The bail for the other members of the council was fixed at $15,000 each.

The information against Ramsey and Vilsack charges them with giving Klein $1,700 as a bribe.

While all the defendants were taken by surprise when arrested last evening, each secured the necessary bail which, in the aggregate, amounted to $176,000.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22—Following the arrest of seven of the most prominent members of the Pittsburg city council, charged with bribery and other corrupt practices in connection with establishing a city depository, came the apprehension late last night of W. W. Ramsay, president, and A. A. Vilsack, cashier of the German National Bank on the same charges.

They immediately gave bail and were released.

Charles A. Fagan, vice-president of the bank, in a statement issued early today, announced that the directors immediately on hearing of the charges against the officers mentioned, had ordered their discharge from the institution. The bank the statement added, was in no way affected.

All the information was sworn to by Tensard Dewolf, secretary of the Voters' League, and formerly a political writer on a local paper.

Robert Wilson, superintendent of the Municipal League of Scranton, Pa., is described "as the man behind the gun," Mr. Wilson assisted by a corps of private detectives, which he brought to this city from Scranton, gathered the evidence against the defendants. It is explained that for this reason the entire matter was investigated without the least publicity. The Pittsburg police were not consulted until yesterday, when it was desired to make the arrests. Then Mayor Guthrie, Director of Public Safety Lang, Supt. of Police McQuaide and other city officials met in the Public Safety building, where Mr. Wilson, his detectives and members of the Voters' League laid the evidence before them. Previously some of the best known attorneys in the city had been consulted, and pronounced the evidence sufficient to cause the arrests. Immediately Mayor Guthrie ordered the arrests and the private detectives, accompanied by city detectives, rounded up all the defendants.

Mr. Wilson says the Voters' League is back of the prosecutions, and it is the intention to make Pittsburg as clean as Scranton is today. In making Scranton so, Mr. Wilson said, prominent men committed suicide or were sent to the penitentiary for long terms.

Concerning the case against Ramsay and Vilsack, of the German National Bank, Attorney Charles A. Fagan, vice-president of the bank, issued the following statement:

"On Saturday last, after banking hours, the attention of the board of directors was directed by the National Bank examiner to the fact that a charge had been made of the imporper use of money to secure the selection of the German National Bank as one of the city depositories. This information came as a great surprise to the members of the board. It was deemed advisable, however, pending a proper investigation, to secure the resignations of Mr. Ramsay, the president, and Mr. Vilsack, the cashier, they being the officials affected by the charge. This was done."

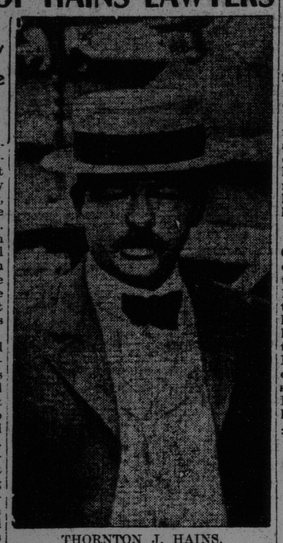
The seven councilmen, it is alleged, "did wickedly, corruptly conspire with each other and with divers person unknown, to secure the passage, by corrupt and unlawful means, and by bribery of the members of the select and common councils of Pittsburg, ordinances and resolutions designating the depositories of the city. Bridge ordinances, bond ordinances for freeing bridges between Pittsburg and Allegheny, recently consolidated, an ordinance for additional filter beds for the new filtration plant; Heberton street railway ordinance; a resolution to have a portion of Fourth Avenue paved with wood blocks and others pending before councils."

All the councilmen are candidates for re-election at the next election in February.

The councilmen and bankers will be given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Brady at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. In the meantime the greatest secrecy is being maintained by the voters' league regarding the case. Mr. Wilson declines to disclose anything additional to that which developed last night, merely saying that something "might drop" today, certainly tomorrow, of much interest.

MRS. ANNIS WAS COACHED IS BELIEF OF HAINS LAWYERS

They Think She Was Carefully Rehearsed in the Story She Told on the Stand.



THORNTON J. HAINS.

Flushing, Dec. 22—Lawyers for Thornton Jenkins Hains, assert today that every effort will be put forth to shatter that part of Mrs. Helene E. Annis testimony that the defendant beckoned his brother, and the two men went to the float where Captain Hains shot and killed Wm. E. Annis as he was making a landing with his boat. This evidence Hains counsel declare, was suggested to Mrs. Annis in order that her testimony might bring the defendant within the meaning of the statute that there must be some overt act to show that he induced or procured his brother to commit the crime.

"Mrs. Annis must have been coached in this part of her testimony," said Joseph Shay, associate counsel in the Hains case today. "We have an idea who told her to say this, and we will bring it out before the trial is over. We intend to subpoena District Attorney Darrin and Special Prosecutor White as witnesses. It is a strange thing that she did not recall this beckoning episode or speak of it to any one until last week. The telling of this episode would have been entrusted to another witness, but it was known that Mrs. Annis would not be subjected to such a rigorous cross-examination as another witness would be."

The defence hope to develop that from the position in which Mr. Annis was standing she could not have seen her husband make the landing, and at the same time see Thornton Hains beckon his brother. District Attorney Darrin may recall Mrs. Annis to the stand.

Counsel for the state declared again today that Mrs. Claudia Hains was not within the jurisdiction of this court, and that she would not be called as a witness. Morrill L. Downs, a Bayside Yacht Club member, was the first witness today. He was at the club house, on the piazza, when the shooting took place. He said he had hurried to the float and asked "who did the shooting and have they got him?" Some people replied that they had and that the defendant said "stand back, this is a job for the police." The defendant had a cocked revolver in his hand. I then said, "Have you searched him to see if he is armed further. The captain stepped forward and I put my hands on his shoulder and the defendant said, "No, this is a matter for the police." I then said to the defendant, "Who are you?" and he said, "I am Captain Hains, son of General Hains of the regular army." Then the real Captain Hains broke in and said "I am Captain Hains, and he is my brother." I then said that this was a gentlemen's club, and we cannot allow strangers to be armed. The defendant asked his brother if he should give it up. Mr. Downs said that Thornton Hains then broke his revolver and handed him the weapon, after which the defendant took off his holster and belt, which he wore around his waist, and turned that over. The examination of Mr. Downs developed little interest.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22—(Special)—The only distinguishing feature of the dealings in the stock market today was the active buying of Montreal Power, which went up to 109. General trading was dull and narrow. Dominion Steel preferred was easier at 69, and Pacific was firmer at 175. Other features were Crown Reserve 269, and Ogilvie 113 1-2.

Boston steamer Calvin Austin is due to arrive at 6.30 o'clock this evening.

A. B. PUGSLEY SUES GEORGE W. FOWLER FOR ACCOUNTING AND PROFITS IN LAND DEAL

Sussex Hotel Man Says He Invested $200 for a Share in the Famous Fowler-Pope-Lefurgey-Bennett Syndicate and That Although the Syndicate Made Big Profits He Got Nothing.

The case of A. B. Pugsley vs. George W. Fowler and Rufus H. Pope, was taken up in the Equity Court this morning before Chief Justice Barker. A. W. MacRae, K. C., and Amon A. Wilson represented the plaintiff, and W. B. Jonah, law partner of Geo. W. Fowler, and M. G. Teed were attorneys for the defendant.

The petition of the plaintiff alleged that he met Fowler in the St. John railway station in 1902, and the defendant asked him to contribute to a fund to purchase options on tracts of land in the Northwest territories, comprising 217,000 acres from the Canadian Pacific Railway. For $200 Fowler informed Pugsley that he would be entitled to one-thirtieth interest in the profits derived from the sale of the land. The plaintiff thereupon authorized Fowler and Pope to draw upon him for $200. In November 1902 the plaintiff received a draft for $200 from the Bank of New Brunswick, drawn by Fowler, and endorsed by Pope. When the draft come due in 40 days it was renewed and duly accepted by the plaintiff. H. H. Parlee was the attorney for Fowler and Pope in the transaction. On March 30, 1903, the plaintiff received, from Geo. W. Fowler a letter dated Ottawa, and reading as follows:

"Hold yourself in readiness to give up $2,000 to hold up your corner in the land deal, for we must have the money. We must fight for our life, as Griffin, the land commissioner, is trying to turn us down, and we have to put up the stuff. The sale is not through yet, but is a good thing financially if we get it through, and if we get the money we can outwit Griffin."

The telegram received on April 14 from Fowler at Cookshire, Que., where he was consulting with Pope, was as follows:

"$3,000 is absolutely necessary to hold your corner in the land deal. Will I draw?"

Among the names of the men concerned in the syndicate were A. A. Lefurgey, ex-M. P. for P. E. I., and A. F. Bennett, ex-M. P. for Ontario. George Parker, S. H. Townsend and H. H. Parlee were Sussex men interested. It was admitted that the lands were sold for $900,000, the profits being $143,000, and $55,000 in stock in the Great West Land Co.

The petition of the defendants in reply denied that the number of acres was ever mentioned by Fowler to Pugsley, and asserted that the $200 paid by Pugsley was for examining and locating lands in the west.

The plaintiff, who is proprietor of the Depot Hotel at Sussex, sues for one-thirtieth of the profits.

Mr. Pugsley testified: In early November 1902, in St. John depot, he met Fowler, who was waiting for western train. He said he was associated with Rufus H. Pope in land deal in the northwest. He would like to have him interested in the deal, as it would be very profitable. He said it was 217,000 acres, the 17,000 was a private transaction between Pope and himself, the remainder to the syndicate. $2.50 per acre was the buying price. He said he could have 1-30 interest in the deal and expected the usual amount for promotion of the deal. He asked $200 per share. $3,000 or $5,000 would be sure profit. Fowler said in answer to his query that it would not be necessary to possess a certificate, the draft would 2—Pugs.

train west then and he departed for Penobsquis. Fowler told him he could include three of his Sussex friends in the deal and named the men, Messrs. Parlee, Townsend and Parker. When the draft came he accepted it. He received a letter in the following March from Ottawa but made no reply. A few days later Fowler came home and visited him. Afterwards saw him in the railway station and told him (Fowler) that he received the letter.

Next day a telegram arrived asking $3,000. It was dated Cookshire, Que. He consulted with his solicitor but did not take any action. In summer or autumn of 1903 Fowler came home, having heard that the deal had gone through. He asked Fowler where he stood in the transaction. Fowler replied that he did not answer the letter or telegram. Eventually Fowler said Pugsley would not lose anything. At the end of the year the defendant was again spoken to by the plaintiff. Fowler told Pugsley he should not expect anything as he did not "flash up." He asked Fowler for his bill for services and Fowler requested his contra account.

In the winter of 1905-06 plaintiff wrote Fowler a letter to Ottawa asking for contra-account and also a statement concerning all other business dealings but got no reply. On another occasion he asked for his bill and he promised to come to visit him. He entered the hotel but did not touch on the subject. Fowler finally declared that he had a case pending against him in the courts which might ruin him. He said the money asked in the wire was $2,000, not $3,000. He asked the plaintiff if he had requested H. H. Parlee, barrister, to obtain a settlement for $300. To this the plaintiff replied in the negative.

Cross-examined by Mr. Teed, he would swear that it was 217,000 acres and he had heard it before the sitting of the insurance commission. Fowler told him he and Pope had obtained the option and not that they were dickering for it. Nothing was said about requiring the $200 for examination of the lands. Fowler did not state when he secured the option.

He expected to receive a statement and pay his proportionate share in the payment of the lands to the C. P. R. He inferred that he was to be called upon when the syndicate needed money. He declined to contribute when the amount was changed from $2,000 to $3,000. He did not tell Fowler that he would lose the $200 and drop from the scheme rather than become further involved. Fowler did not tell the witness he would not lose anything in reply to what about the money he (Pugsley) paid in.

First information of the sale of the land by the syndicate he heard before the insurance commission and revelations by the inquiry furnished details of the transfer. The time was in June or July 1903 that he heard Fowler and his associates had made big profits. Fowler and he had other transactions but in their various transactions the defendant had never mentioned crediting the plaintiff with $200 in his bill. Fowler never rendered his account for professional services.

In consultation with his solicitor about the discrepancy between $2,000 and $3,000, he arrived at the conclusion that the scheme was a fraud. Fowler did not explain in the depot to the plaintiff why the three principal shares were sub-divided into tenths aggregating thirty-thirtieths in all.

At half-past one court adjourned until 2.30 when Mr. Teed resumed his cross-examination.

LIVED WITH COFFIN FOR TWENTY YEARS

Rhode Island Recluse Will Be Buried in Casket He Built.

North Kingston, R. I., Dec. 22—Paul S. Hendricks, aged 90 years, an eccentric recluse, who lived a few miles out of the village, died today and tomorrow will be placed in the white pine coffin which twenty years ago he had built for himself and has since kept locked up in a room next that in which he lived.

No undertaker will attend his funeral, in accordance with his wishes, and the service will be private.

Mr. Hendricks was born in this town, and had been a thrifty farmer throughout his life, acquiring a competency. His wife died many years ago, and he at once made plans for his own death and burial, personally supervising the construction of his coffin.

BRIDE AND GROOM WERE BOTH FINED

Chatham, Dec. 22—(Special)—William Mahaney and his bride, formerly Mrs. Roselle McCarthy, who broke quarantine two weeks ago, in order to get married, were released from quarantine this morning, and were before Magistrate Connors on a charge of breaking quarantine regulations. Each was fined $40. Mahaney could not pay his fine, and becoming a little gay, was sent back to the jail and will serve his time out at Newcastle.

Scarlet fever is very prevalent in Selkirk, Scot.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Ontario Clothes Pin Manufacturer Wants to Locate in the Capital and Asks Concessions.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22—(Special)—Mayor Chestnut is in receipt of a communication from Robert Richards, of Arnprior, Ontario, enquiring as to what inducements the city will hold out to secure the establishment of a clothespin factory here. He is now established at Arnprior, but he claims there is difficulty to obtain the necessary hardwood at satisfactory prices. He claims to be the inventor of the best clothes pin machine in the world, and to keep his factory running constantly, he would require at least one million feet of beech, birch and maple. He wants a bonus from the city and stock subscriptions to the amount of $15,000. No action has yet been taken in regard to the communication.

The semi-annual conference between the school inspectors and Chief Supt. Inch is going on at the education office her today.

Turkeys were scarce in the local market this morning at twenty-four cents per pound.

Colin Williams, of the firm of Hitchcock and Williams, London, who visited this city two years ago, has presented each member of the Fredericton Tourist Association with a brace of English pheasants.

James Farrell has, out of the fund left by late Rev. Father McDevitt, distributed Christmas boxes to the Indians of this vicinity.

SEES GREAT FUTURE FOR CANADA BEEVES

The Range is Unexcelled—Grass Lands Are Unrivaled in Any Other Section of the West.

(Anaconda, Montana Standard.)

John Q. Clifford, for the past 12 years foreman of the V. P. ranch, in Madison valley, was in Butte yesterday, having just returned from a visit to the Northwest territory, where he is interested in cattle growing on the Maple Creek country. Mr. Clifford is most favorably impressed with the possibilities the Northwest affords, and to a Standard reporter he stated that he would resign his position on the Madison valley ranch, now owned by the Madison Land and Cattle company, and go into business on his own account.

"There are unlimited possibilities in the Northwest, especially for a young man," he said. "The country is not unlike Montana was 30 years ago, when there was a carpet of grass everywhere and not a fence or a shep to bee seen on any of the ranges. It is an ideal location for a cattle ranch and, as I have an opportunity of going into the business, I think I will do so.

During the hard winter of a few years ago there was loss of livestock — some of the stockowners lost nearly all of their holdings, but these were for the greater part tender-footed cattle which had been brought into the country and which had not been acclimated. The nesters and those ranchmen who are in a position to care for their cattle and feed and pasture them during the winter season are the only ones who have any business with the stock. They can probably carry them through the winter in good shape, for a haystack is an invaluable aid to a stockman all the time.

"Steer cattle can make good on any range. They can live where a horse can, and a horse will keep alive and thrive where a jack rabbit will stare to death. Horses can paw through two feet of snow and make good, provided the grass is there. Steer stock can do the same, but they root instead of pawing, and for that reason the loss among this class of stock is light. Our cattle were in fine shape this season, and all of the Montanans shipped to market made a pretty good profit despite the duty. The run of cattle from the Montana range is practically over, but they are still sending Canadian cattle to Chicago, 400 head being received last week, the top price being $5.75 for 1,400-pound steers. These animals were taken north when they were yearlings and allowed to mature on the Canadian grasses.

MARINE OFFICIAL CLEARED OF CHARGE OF RECEIVING $3,000 AS RAKE-OFF ON BILL

Charge Made by Banker Von Felson Against Mr. Boudreau Falls to the Ground—Some One Got the Money But It Was Not a Marine Department Official.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22 (Special)—In the marine enquiry this morning the checks connected with the Van Felson story of having paid Bourdeau $3,000 were traced. While it was established that in June 1905 three cheques of $1,000 had been cashed the dates were a considerable time after Van Felson alleged that he paid the money to Boudreau. The former swore positively that the payment was before June 6th, and his accountant, Lawrence, said it was before that date that he saw Boudreau there.

This morning Chas. Harwood, teller of the Quebec Bank, testified that on June 19th, 1905, a check of $1,000 payable by the People's Bank went through his bank. L. R. Gaucher, of the Bank Nationale, swore that on June 16th, two checks of $1,000 each payable by the People's Bank, went through. Thus three checks of $1,000 each are accounted for.

"Supposing that these checks are the ones referred to in Van Felson's evidence," said Judge Cassels, the whole charge against Bourdeau falls to the ground."

"Van Felson and Lawrence swore positively that it was before June 6th. These entries show that the checks in the case were paid on the 16th. I am not here to investigate who got the money, unless it was an official of the department."

Mr. Watson said all the other banks had been communicated with and had no record of the transaction.

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As result of the evidence and the judge's remarks it would appear as though Boudreau escapes from the charge.

THE ELECTION PROTESTS

Judge McLeod Decides That They Were Not Filed in Time and Orders Them Stricken Out.

Judge McLeod delivered judgment today in the matter of the protests against the election of Hon. William Pugsley, Dr. D. H. McAlister, O. S. Crocket and Dr. J. W. Daniel. His honor took the ground that the petitions had not been filed in time and the protests were ordered stricken from the files. The deposits made by the petitioners will be returned.

YOUNG MINER KILLED AT SPRINGHILL MINE

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 22—(Special)—Arthur Schurman was called to Springhill Mines last night because of the death by accident there of his sister's son, Melvin Weatherby. The deceased, who is a miner, was coming out of the pit at 2.30 yesterday afternoon and, when nearing the top, the box, in some unaccountable manner, started back. The boom of the roof struck Weatherby's head with such violence that it was completely crushed, death being instantaneous. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weatherby, of Springhill, was 21 years of age and married with a child 3 months old. Three brothers and one sister survive him.

A sad feature of the affair is that another brother was accidentally drowned at Glace Bay two years ago. Coroner Dr. Murray is holding an inquest today. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

Rev. S. William and Stephen Schurman, well known Baptist clergymen, are uncles of the deceased.

A ROYAL LOVE MATCH

(Cassell's Saturday Journal.)

If ever there was a love affair in court, camp, or grove, it surely was that of the Crown Prince of Germany. It was a love match from the first to last, and quite in the manner of the melodrama, the alliance was looked upon askance by the "great father." The girl who had won the heart of Germany's young hopeful was not wealthy, and had little to recommend her, save her simple ways and bearing. The young lovers had to resort to scheming to obtain their meetings. Cecelia would visit friends in a certain old castle, and there young Wilhelm would appear, and the two by day would motor through the quiet country lanes, and at evening stroll hand-in-hand beneath the great trees of the deer park. It is doubtful if in all the courts of Europe there are a more domestic—and happier—couple than the German Crown Prince and his wife."

WISE RED MEN

Duluth News-Tribune.

William Hanley, a well-known Duluth cruiser and timberman, tells a good story of Indians and the importance of personal publicity to a redskin. Hanley was in charge of a big drive on the St. Croix River, and in the vicinity of Taylor's Falls, a big jam occurred. Among the drivers were half a dozen Indians. They were good men on the river and held up their end with the white men. One day while inspecting the jam Hanley passed the six Indians. In a spirit of good nature he hailed the Indians and said:

"Break that jam, boys, and I'll put your names in the paper."

"Ugh!", responded one after a pause. "Six Indians dead in paper, but we no see it."

Secretary of State Root has signed an arbitration treaty with Mr. Pardo, the minister from Peru. The treaty follows the lines of those negotiated by the United States state department with various European countries.

Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

THE STARR TROPHY GOES TO MONCTON

But Railway Town Hockeyists Must Play the Amherst Ramblers and the Charlottetown Team Before It Becomes Their Property.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22—(Special)—The Starr trophy goes to Moncton. This is the decision reached by Premier Murray and R. T. MacIlreith, trustees of the famous piece of silverware. It goes in name only, however, that team having to defend it against the Ramblers and Victorias before it finally becomes their possession. The trustees have had several meetings during the last week, and the decision reached today was the result of much deliberation and consultation.

Finally Moncton has been notified that it is to receive challenges for the trophy from eligible teams, the qualified teams being the Ramblers, of Amherst, and the Victorias, of Charlottetown. The Ramblers, it is understood, are to issue the first challenge and the trustees have set January 12th as the date before which the game between the winners of the Nova Scotia League and Moncton must be played. This date has been selected on account of the breathing spell the Ramblers will have in the Senior Hockey League, series of games. The members of the teams must be satisfactory to the M. P. A.A. A. In selecting the players for the sake of uniformity, the three months' residence clause, adopted last year, will be insisted upon—that is Moncton, Amherst and Charlottetown teams must have been resident in their respective town three months prior to January 1st., 1909.

As stated before the trophy will remain in Halifax till its subsequent fate is determined.

POLITICS IN COLORADO

(Chicago News.)

Women, as is well known, vote at all elections in Colorado on equal terms with men. They are now participating actively in the campaign, which is pretty hot as compared with conditions elsewhere. Here is a typical account of a woman's political meeting reported in Greeley, Col., for the Rocky Mountain News: "The Democratic women's rally held here this afternoon was a huge success. Standing room was at a premium.

"Ellis Meredith touched on a number of subjects, including the Republican colonial policy and the proposed banking law. She scored unmercifully the Republican attitude in regard to the army and navy and said that every woman in the country should vote the Democratic ticket if only for this reason. She said: 'We have a better use for our sons in these days than sending them to war.'

"Helen Ring Robinson made a great hit with her eulogy of Senator Clayton and gave a long and impressive list of charges against the present state regime. A cross youngster had been disputing the floor with her during her entire speech and at the close of her talk she made a dash into the audience, secured the child and bearing him up in front instructed him how to cheer for Bryan."

PERSONALS

Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, will arrive here tomorrow afternoon to attend the inquiry into the Central Railway.

Guy Johnston, of the C. P. R. freight department traveling staff, came in on the Boston train today.

Tralee, Ireland, guardians have dealt the manufacturers of Irish slates a very severe blow by accepting the tender of an English firm to supply a cheap grade of Welsh slate for the roofing of laborers' cottages.

CENTRAL RAILWAY ENQUIRY WAS RESUMED THIS MORNING

The Central Railway Commission resumed its enquiry this morning at 10.15 o'clock. Commissioner Teed was absent.

A. P. Barnhill, K. C., representing the old commission, stated to the court that if the statement of accounts as submitted was considered incomplete, he would be ready to furnish any further particulars he could.

Asked by Mr. McDougall as to the money received by the firm of Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, Mr. Barnhill said that the total amount was $200, which appeared in the statement furnished.

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Barnhill to look up several items about which the commissioners were not clear.

James Barnes was called to the stand. He said at the time he had the contract for building the 15-mile section from Minto to Chipman, the James Barnes Construction Co. was formed, with Messrs. Whitehead, Frederick Thompson, Willard Kitchen and Mr. Barbour, C. E. The contract he had received was for $117,000. Asked if he not conducted negotiations with Mr. Wheaton, a lower tenderer, to get out of the way, witness said he had not conducted negotiations directly, but through Thomas Bell, of St. John. The consideration paid to Wheaton was $5,000.

Witness could not say that the other members of the company knew what was being done, though he thought they knew negotiations were being conducted. Members of the company knew of the matter later, and the construction of the line was proceeded with. The payment was made on his own note, the funds coming out of the company.

Mr. Powell—"I see some papers that look very much like kite flying, as if you were accommodating members of the company at that time. I see that on May 2, 1904, you charged the company with a draft for $1,026.15. How do you explain that? There are drafts here for $1,026.15, $3,600, $2,620 and $1,127."

Witness said he could not explain the items. He was in the habit of raising money in order to finance the company's affairs and he supposed these drafts were for some such matter.

Mr. Powell asked if outside of 15 per cent extras, force, material and contract estimates, he had ever received anything more.

Witness did not think so.

Mr. Powell—"Don't you know that in the case of every estimate you got negotiable paper from Mr. Pugsley or some one in the company?"

Witness—"Not at the time."

Mr. Barnes said in answer to further questions that he did receive it some time afterwards.

He did not know that these notes were renewed at face, or that at one time there was $160,000 charged against the company by the People's Bank of Fredericton.

Mr. Powell got quite vehement in pressing the witness about advances he claimed he had made the company. Witness could not explain them, other than that they were for financing at the time.

Witness said Mr. Copp had examined the accounts when the company was wound up, and he had accepted the settlement made though he at first demurred. As a general thing, he said he destroyed his cheques and drafts at the end of the year. He also said he had not found his books.

There had never been a settlement of the affairs of the company.

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ITALIANS ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF MURDER TODAY

Murderers of "Paddy" Green Were Arraigned at Andover and Remanded Until Next Tuesday—Inquest at Plaster Rock Tonight.

Andover, Dec. 22—(Special)—The two Italians, Tony Arofha and Lean Speigl, in charge of Chief of Police Foster, were brought down from Plaster Rock by train this morning and taken before Neil McQuarrie, the police magistrate, and remanded until Dec. 29. A change in plans was decided on at the last minute, and the preliminary hearing was deferred, as witnesses will be wanted at Plaster Rock the inquest this evening.

A. Panarsky, the Jew, who was with Green when he was shot, swore out an information before the magistrate against the prisoners on the charge of murder. Arofha, the smaller of the two men, is incapacitated from the intense cold, and it is possible that he may lose one foot or [illegible] of his toes. Speigel, who is accused of the murder, is also badly frozen.