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## **DETECTIVES MAKE NO HEADWAY** IN THE TRURO ROBBERY; LATER STORIES CONFLICT WITH FIRST

# **REQUESTS FOR BOARDS OF** CONCILIATION

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## ICE REPORTS **CAUSE SOME ANXIETY**

The reports of the dangerous icefields around the Newfoundland coast
and the great damage to ocean liners
resulting thereby, have awakened a
deep interest among many New Brunswick people whose friends are aboard
at the present time.

Mr. James Robertson, of Manchester
Robertson and Allison Ltd., and Mrs.
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Robertson who have been in Europe
for some time, are returning to St.
John on the steamer Victorian, Capt.
Vipond of the Allan Line, which salled
from Liverpool on the 19th.

On board the Allan liner Tunisian
which will reach Montreal today, is
Mrs. Robert Thomson, of St. John.
The Tunisian was badly damaged off
St. John's, but after some repairs was
able to continue her voyage.

Dr. A. Pierce Crocket and Mrs.
Crocket, of St. John, are also in Eu-

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After Mr. Pugsley had been whitewashed by a Government majority of twenty-seven here was a deal of recrimination. The slender majority awoke the anger of the Government and the jeers of the Opposition. Liberalmembers met in caucus, and endorsed a resolution expressing for Mr. Pugsley their undying regard, and their complete satisfaction at the manner in which he had met the charges of the New Brunswick Royal Commission.

THE RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE

All this would be a fine example of loyalty to a party friend if the Minister of Public Works had met the charges. If he had had a reasonable defence which could have thrown any doubt whatever on the findings of the Commission one could not have wondered at the caucus and the resolution of the caucus. But the speech of the Minister was such a weak and helpless performance that no man of any intelligence could be misled by it. Mr. Pugsley made no explanations whatever. He made plenty of statements, most of which were at variance with the sworn testimony of his own friends who appeared as witnesses before the

He said that the Commission was partisan and unfair, but he pointed out no conclusion which departed in any way from the evidence. His statements on the disposition of certain sums of money, notably one of \$39,000, were glaringly false. He included that sum in his "official" list of company expenditures, saying that it was "wrong ully excluded" by the Commission. But he did not and could not tell where it had gone. He suggested that the balance of the railway stock had been paid for by this \$39,000, but there is evidence to prove that only \$500 went for that purpose.

He did not meet the charge that he kept no books. He did not justify his conduct in sitting in the Government councils and managing this sham company at the same time. He failed to give a credible explanation of the shortage of \$134,000. He denied the charge that he had misled the Legislature respecting the cost of the Central Railway, and that he had prepared false records, even though the official Hansard of the Legislature gives the lie to his statement. In every respect the speech of the Minister was a pitiable sample of reckless and irresponsible denial. The report of the Commission stood unshaken when he had finished, and the speech of Mr. Crocket tore the Pugsley defence to shreds and tatters.

The Liberal members of the House of Commons know it. They are, presumably, men of some intelligence, accustomed to weighing testimony. Yet they are willing, for the sake of some party advantage of a visionary and tenuous kind, to deny their convictions, and to express confidence in a man who is discredited as no other Federal politician has been discredited since 1891. It is not in the interest of the country that this Phenomenon of High Finance who keeps no books should be in control of one of the great spending departments of the Dominion. And how can it be in the lasting interest of any party to guard and protect this political chameleon, who adjusts his "opinions" to accord with whatever party may be in power for the time being? No party is under any obligation to such a politician even though he may "carry" a province. Nothing quite so abject as the resolution of the Liberal caucus has been seen in Canada for some time.

# REPORTS SUBMITTED AT ANNUAL MEETING OF N. B. TELEPHONE CO. SHOW BIG INCREASE IN GROS EARNINGS---A. W. M'MACKIN IS SEC'Y-TREASURER

# HEAVY SWELL MAKES PLIGHT OF ALLAN LINER MONGOLIAN IN ICE FIELDS MORE PRECARIOUS

St. John's, Nfid., May 20.—The plight of the Allan Line steamer Mongolian, which has been wedged in the ice pack off the mouth of this harbor since yesterday, was believed to-night to be more precarious than ever, owing to a heavy swell. It was believed, however, that the efforts of the stout sealing steamer Diana to open up a lane between the Mongolian and the narrow harbor opining would be successful by to-morpow morning. That this will be possible was apparently indicated in the release of the coastal steamer Prospero which to-day managed, unassisted, to extricate herself. In case the Mongolian's sides should give any indication of yielding before the tremendous crush of the ice pack, the experience of the five passengers who to-day successfully crossed the uneven ice field between the steamer and the harbor mouth, assured the passengers that a ready and fairly safe avenue of escape lay open them. Tonight they were able to see the lights of the steamer Diana, which had reached to within a mile of the Mongolian, bringing nearer with each revolution of her engines the clear water that would release the Mongolian.

Drifted Away.

Under the impulse of the steady southward trend of the Labrador current, the Mongolian tonight had drifted a considerable distance farther

# **MINISTERS WILL SOON GET AWAY**

# **STRONGEST** ATHLETES TO **MEET TODAY**

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., May 20.— Following the prorogation a scattering of ministers and leaders may be expected.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not made any definite arrangements as to the summer, but will probably take advantage of the long recess to take a real holiday for at least a month.

Mr. R. L. Borden will leave on Saturday on a fishing trip with Mr. Geo. H. Perley, after which he will vist Nova Scotia. On June 18 he will sail for Europe, where he will remain for a couple of months.

Following the usual custom after prorogation, the cabinet will hold a good many sittings to clear up the arrears of business, and then the ministers will commence to scatter. Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Broder will leave for Europe in a couple of days.

FISHERMEN

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OWN PACKERS

Boston, Mass., May 20—The strong-est, fleetest and most agile athletes of eleven of the New England colleges will meet on "Tech" Field tomorrow, in the preliminary events of the annual track and field meet, with the main to must rake and field meet, with the finals coming on Saturday. If the force shown by the individual men in the long prepatory season is maintained in the major events, another Dartmouth victory is anticipated, with the wearers of the green pressed by Bow-doin, Amherst, Technology and Williams. It is expected that the other colleges, Brown, University of Vermont, Trinity Wespeny and Holy Cross, will pick up points which may prove factors in the general result.

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