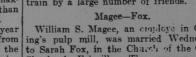
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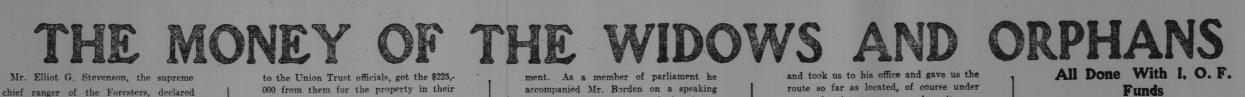




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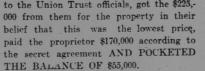






under oath before the Insurance Commission that Fowler and his accomplices had "swindled" the Order. "We have been swindled out of \$55,000," he said, describing one transaction, that notorious double option deal in Kamloops timber lands, and "those who swindled us have got to account for it. We are awaiting the results of this investigation to ascertain who the parties are, aside from Mr. Fowler."

It was this deal in which Mr. Fowler acting as Mr. Stevenson swore, as an agent of the Union Trust Company. secured a personal option on a saw mill and some timber limits in Kamloops for \$170,000, induced the proprietor to give him another bogus option for \$225,000, showed the second option only



How Fowler Used His Position of Member of Parlia-

ment And this is only one of the smaller transactions which Mr. Fowler describes as "perfectly legitimate," and one of the culpable, from a public standpoint in the acted in it solely in his private capacity as a promoter. In the larger deal with those Saskatchewan lands the people of Kings-Albert have a more intimate interest because he traded therein for his private profit upon his public po-sition as their representative in parlia-

secured from him secret information regarding the route of their road. Here is Mr. Fowler's own story of the negotia-tions as written to Mr. Lefurgey, M.P., his partner and subsequent victim in the

The Famous "Dear Lefurgey" Letter

"Dear Lefurgey,-We have succeeded beyond our wildest hopes. We wired D. M. and he met us at the train at Toronto

route so far as located, of course under cover of strictest secrecy, so keep it mum except to Borden, Bennett and yourself. We expect to have a wealthy Englishman named Lister, the head of the Canada Chemical Company, and Colonel Pellatt in the combine with us. We have increased the thing to 200,000 acres. On arriving here we interviewed Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and have every reason to expect the most generous treatment as to terms and price. He said we should get the best that was going. We want to arrange for a meeting there when the party returns to Montreal. Tell Borden and Bennett about the meeting. It will be necessary for at least two of us to go this fall and locate, as it could not be done in the spring, and that is one of the things that must be arranged at the meet-GEORGE W. FOWLER."

Funds

And after getting, as members of parliament, this tip in "strictest secrecy" from one railway corporation and the "most generous treatment as to terms and price" from another, Fowler and his confederates unloaded their property at a profit of \$200,000 upon Mr. Foster and his friends, who subsequently unloaded it on a subsidiary company of the Union Trust at a further profit of \$100,000. And the whole deal was practically financed with Foresters' funds.

If these are "legitimate transactions" it would be interesting to learn Mr. Fowler's idea of what is improper in public or private business.



tour of the West, and learned of a chance for good investment in some lands ad-joining the proposed line of the Canadian Northern railway. As a member of par-liament which has continually to consider railway schemes and which was then con-sidering the Grand Trunk Pacific project he went to Daniel Mann, of the well-known firm of McKenzie & Mann, and secured from him secret information re-

