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Pugsley The Brazen.

After much manoeuvring on the part of Pugsley, Laurier and their friends in the House of Commons, to prevent a discussion of the report of the Commissioner's investigating the New Brunswick central railway affair, the matter finally came up in Parliament on Thursday last.

It was brought in by Mr. Crothers, one of the opposition members from Ontario, as an amendment to the motion to go into committee of supply. Mr. Crothers motion was to the effect that it was "The duty of Parliament to purge itself from the unfortunate position in which it is placed by the continuance in the Government of a minister of the crown after such serious imputations have been cast upon him."

Through his able and convincing speech, Mr. Crothers constantly kept before his hearers the fact that Mr. Pugsley had been indicted and censured by a duly and properly constituted court, with an eminent judge at its head. He pointed out that this court had brought home to the Minister of Public Works, no less than fifteen grave indictments. Standing on the judgment of this court, citing its censures and indictments against Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Crothers in vigorous terms pointed out the compromising position in which the Government placed themselves by retaining in the Cabinet a minister so besmirched. In his opinion, only one honorable course was open to the Leader of the Government; to purge his Executive of the man against whom such serious imputations had been cast.

In reply to Mr. Crothers speech, Mr. Pugsley, launched forth a tirade of invective. He undertook to impeach the findings of the commission, and made a virulent attack of Judge Landry its chairman. His long speech was most remarkable for its multitude of contradictions. No less than twenty contradictions were piled, one on top of the other. In his splurge, he lost sight of the fact that his company had kept its accounts in a manner so utterly chaotic, that large sums could not be traced, and in his contradictory assertions, he only put himself deeper and deeper in the mire. He had before him the evidence taken by the Commissioners; but did not read from it, although he made a pretence of appealing from the report to this same evidence.

Mr. Crockett, opposition member for York, N. B. followed, and immediately started in to prove the correctness of the Commission's findings by quoting from the evidence. Mr. Crockett's able and exhaustive review of the whole question covered every point of Pugsley's defence and attack. He flatly contradicted from the evidence many of the statements made by Pugsley. Mr. Crockett's exposure left Pugsley without the slightest scintilla of tenable ground. Where the evidence did not flatly contradict Pugsley, it showed that he was simply dodging the issue. Mr. Carvell, who had been counsel for Pugsley before the Commission, was to speak after Crockett, and promised to answer some of the statements made by the latter; but when Mr. Crockett finished Mr. Turgeon, Liberal member for Gloucester N. B., rose to continue the debate. He contributed nothing new to

the discussion, except a declaration of resentment at the attack by Pugsley on Judge Landry. Borden and Foster and other members were to speak on the opposition side; but they were quite content to leave the case as Mr. Crockett put it, since no member of the Government had the temerity to come to the defence. The consequence was that the debate came to a close, and the motion being put, only 90 out of 134 Liberals voted. The Government majority was only 27, the lowest majority this Government has ever had on a want of confidence motion. Four ministers; Borden, Fisher, Murphy and Brodeur, did not vote.

Referring to this debate the St. John Standard says: "The Pugsley debate proceeded logically to the end of Mr. Crockett's speech. Mr. Crothers moved his resolution and supported it on the findings of the Royal Commission. He did not travel outside this report and the strongest conclusions he reached were justified by this finding of the Commissioners."

Mr. Pugsley could not deny that the report justified Mr. Crothers' resolution. He therefore attacked the report itself in a speech of five hours, contradicting many statements of the Commissioners mostly on his own authority, but sometimes by reference to the evidence, which he had with him but did not read.

As Mr Pugsley appealed from the report of the Commission to the evidence, Mr. Crockett went straight to the evidence itself, and compared Mr. Pugsley's statement of the case with the sworn testimony. There was no point in Mr Pugsley's defence or in his attack on the Commissioners which Mr Crockett did not cover in his comprehensive review. The evidence in many cases contradicted Mr Pugsley's statements. In others it showed that the Minister had simply dodged the issue, and in all, according to Mr Crockett's arguments, it supported and justified the verdict and the grave censure.

Mr Carvell, who had acted as counsel for Mr. Pugsley in the inquiry, and who had promised to explain some matters, was to speak next, and it was open to him to show if he could, that Mr. Crockett had not properly interpreted the evidence, of which Mr Carvell had a copy in his possession. At this point the programme was interrupted. Mr Turgeon was asked to intervene, and though no suggestion that he made, added anything to the debate except a defence of Judge Landry, Mr Carvell waited for Mr. Foster. But Mr Foster was satisfied with the case as presented by Mr Crockett, and as yet unanswered. So the vote was taken with the majority of only twenty-seven. Mr Crockett's proof from the evidence that the finding of the court was correct and that Mr Pugsley's statements were mostly incorrect, remain the last argumentative word on the case.

A Washington Senator opposes free lumber on the ground that it would help the Canadian Provinces. "Yes says the Montreal Star." "It would help clear them out of timber. That is all. There would be a great slaughter for a while if the voracious American appetite for lumber were let loose on our forests; and then our forests would be all gone. We would be in the condition of Michigan, where the value of timber has gone up from 25 cents to \$25 a thousand in the lifetime of a single generation. Canada has no need to worry over the American lumber tariff at all. All we need do is to sit tight with our lumber monopoly and watch the value of our property go up."

Judge Landry and His Assaults.

In order to vindicate Mr Pugsley it was found necessary to malign Judge Landry. The Minister proceeded cautiously and with artful insinuation rather than direct statement. This is what he said:—

"I am not here tonight to disparage Mr Justice Landry. I have great respect for the bench but I have more respect for those judges who uphold the dignity and honor of the bench, and I like to see them endeavoring to do that. I like to see them when they go upon the bench, forget that they have been in political life, but I hate to see a judge when a general election is coming on begin to coquet with the great political parties with regard to his becoming a candidate for one of them. It tends to prevent his mind from settling down to that judicial calm which is necessary to enable one to adorn the high position of a judge."

Now read the Toronto Globe's rendering of this insinuation:—"Dr. Pugsley made the statement from his place in the House that this gentleman who masquerades as a judge is found at every election coquetting with the political parties for a nomination in one or the other of the New Brunswick constituencies."

Other statements of the Globe concerning Judge Landry are these:—"The Opposition started out under the assumption that Dr Pugsley was in the prisoner's dock; before the debate had gone far it was Judge Landry who was in that position."

The Minister of Public Works accumulated a mass of proof against the good faith of this report that stamps it as one of the most disgraceful documents to which a Canadian Judge ever attached his name."

"There can be no avoiding the conclusion that Dr Pugsley's political enemies chose a Commission which could be trusted to go any length in endeavoring to blast the character of a political opponent."

The last paragraph of the Globe's tirade is a threat of impeachment or some other punishment. The Globe says:—"The last has not been heard of this disgraceful affair. Dr Pugsley has demonstrated most triumphantly that he picked out the wrong man as the object of their venom. The shaft aimed at him has recoiled on those who speak it. Instead of injuring Dr. Pugsley, this Commission's report has vitally damaged the reputation of Judge Landry, and to that extent it reflects on the judiciary of the Province. The judiciary in this country has always stood high. The interests involved are too serious, too fundamental to a nation's well being, to allow prejudice and partisanship in a Judge to cast discredit on the judiciary of Canada."

These statements of Mr Pugsley and of the chief Liberal organ are printed for the consideration of the people who know the Minister of Public Works and who know Judge Landry. The judge has been nearly twenty years on the bench, and has a reputation which will not suffer from anything that may be said by those whom he finds open to grave censure. Mr Justice Landry has never been even suspected of partisanship since he occupied the bench. He has not coquetted with political parties. He has not sought nomination from any party in any county. He is a just judge and has dealt justly with everybody. He tried his best to find out what Mr Pugsley and his associates did with the money, and the more that he is assailed by the machine at Ottawa, the more Mr Pugsley and his friends who assail him, will suffer in public opinion in this province. St. John Standard.

Seamen In Prison.

Captain Collins Stephenson and crew on the whaling ship "Carrie Knowles," long since thought to have been lost at sea are alive in a Venezuelan prison. An American seaman, who gives the name of Payne, an escaped prisoner in being rescued here at last, made his way to Kingston Jamaica, where he laid before the authorities the astounding story of the seizure of the Carrie Knowles at a Venezuelan port, where she arrived five years ago in distress and the incarceration by the Venezuelans of the Captain and crew. So convinced are the authorities that there is truth in Payne's story that they have taken his statement, and taken steps to speedily and thoroughly investigate the case.

Gold Galore.

Eight millions of dollars in gold has been taken at New York for export to France. The Montreal Gazette notes that the gold store of the United States is being drawn on again for European needs and the process is made easier from the working of the United States national bank law, which, especially as recently amended, encourages the issue of bank notes on the security of bonds deposited with the government and reduced to a minimum the domestic demand for gold money which is the real money, either for circulation or reserve. There is a chance that before very long it may be necessary to bring back at a big price what is now lightly going away. History has a way of repeating itself in money as in other matters.

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LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

The results of the election held in Newfoundland on Saturday last, are not known. It will probably be some days yet before the news from all the constituencies shall be known.

A schooner arrived at Pictou, last week from the Magdalen Islands. She reports having had to sail over 200 miles on account of drift ice, 80 miles further than a summer trip.

The steamer Maurestania arrived at Queenstown Monday morning, beating her own record and all others eastward bound by 24 minutes. She would have done still better had she not been delayed by fog off Fastnet. The liner's time was 4 days, 18 hours, 11 minutes.

One half of the freight of freight shed number 3 of the eastern division of the Boston and Main Railway, and situated on Marginal street, East Boston, was destroyed by fire Saturday causing a loss estimated at \$15,000. The fire was started from an unknown cause and threatened to sweep the water front. The shed was stored for the most part with cotton rags and waste material.

The ceremony of girding the sword of Osman on Mehmed V, the new Sultan in succession to Abdul Hamid, occurred Monday in the Mosque of Ayoub, the only sacred edifice in Constantinople which Christians are not allowed to enter. The function was carried out according to the pre-arranged program and His Majesty drove through Stamboul ahead of an imposing procession.

James Boyle was on Monday sentenced to life imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburg Pa., for kidnapping Billy White. Mrs Boyle received a sentence of 25 years with a fine of \$5,000 and costs. Boyle did not utter a word prior to his sentence. His counsel made a plea for both Boyle and his wife, pleading for leniency, in view of the fact that the boy had been treated with every consideration and care taken not to inflict unnecessary mental anguish upon his parents. Both Boyle and his wife collapsed completely upon hearing their sentences pronounced.

One hundred thousand dollars damage was wrought by fire at Halifax Thursday when seven buildings on the water front of that city were consumed by fire. For four hours the entire fire department aided by the Dartmouth brigade and several hundred soldiers from the Garrison battled with the flames and before they were subdued the premises of E. H. Fuller Co. Hardware dealers, E. W. Fraser, Flour and Feed dealer, Donovan & Brennan, Plumbers, J. Simon, Junk Dealer, G. E. M. Stephens, Clothier, and the Eureka Hotel were consumed. The fire was poorly handled in the first ten minutes and spread rapidly. Before it was finally subdued seven engines and three water-boats were engaged. One fireman, Geo. McGuire, was seriously injured by a falling wall. The insurance will only partially cover premises.

Three Masted Iceberg.

The first three-masted iceberg ever seen in the Atlantic was sighted by the officers of the Anchor Line California, which arrived at New York the other day from Glasgow. The big berg which was called the Lusitania of the Arctic was about 300 feet longer than the fast Canadianer, and presented much more free board. Through a glass an officer said he could see the outlines of a fairly good rig of the format, but the mizen appeared to be stripped of their frosty which his five masts struck terror to the hearts of the timid passengers when it stood out plainly to them after the sudden clearing of a thick fog. The California was steaming at reduced speed through the fog, when the vapor cleared suddenly and the sun's rays on the glinting berg. It was about a mile and a half dead ahead.

No Tips in Finland.

(London Morning Post.) A country where there are no tips and where small services are rendered to the stranger without hope of reward would seem hard to find—yet such a country is Finland. So far the tourist has not appeared in any great number and consequently the commercial spirit which his visits excites has been absent. As an example of this Mr. Aino Malmberg, a Finnish lady who is paying a visit to this country, tells an amusing story. Two English friends whom she had met while over here had been staying with her at her home in the afternoon, and on leaving gave the maid a tip. She was very much astonished and did not know what it meant. Seeing Mrs. Malmberg's son coming downstairs, she ran to him and said: "They gave me money. Did they give you any?" Hearing that they had not done so, she was much surprised. "I can not understand why they should give it to me and not to you, when they know you much better than me," was her perplexed comment on the incident.

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In this city on the 4th inst. Malcolm H. McMillan, son of Hilary and Amelia McMillan aged 18 years. Deceased was of an amiable and exemplary disposition and was much esteemed by all his acquaintances. He was an ardent and popular member of the League of the Cross, and also a member of the Army Medical Corps. Two full sisters and a full brother predeceased him, within the last two or three years. He leaves to mourn, besides his disconsolate parents, four step brothers and two step sisters, all in the United States, and one step sister, Mrs. D. V. Dyle, here. He died fortified by the consolations of our holy religion and strengthened by the last Sacraments. His funeral took place on Thursday morning, from his father's residence, Prince Street to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, and was largely attended. The League of the Cross turned out in a body. A high Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. Pius McDonald, who also officiated at the altar and absolution. The funeral cortege then reformed and proceeded to Prince Street wharf en route to South Shore where interment took place. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. McMillan in their bereavement. The hand of affection has of late been heavily laid upon them. May his soul rest in peace.

At Portage Road, St. Peter's on Sunday 9th inst., after one week's illness of pneumonia, Catherine beloved wife of Andrew Sutherland, in the 40th year of her age, leaving a disconsolate husband and four young children to mourn the loss of a loving and devoted wife and mother. May her soul rest in peace.

The Market Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Butter, Eggs, Flour, Hay, etc.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Statute Execution to me directed, issued out of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature of the Province of Prince Edward Island, on a Judgment wherein Eliza M. Macdonnell was plaintiff and Margaret McKenna and Francis McKenna were defendants, I have taken and seized all the estate, right, title and interest of which the said Margaret McKenna was seized in her life time and of the said Francis McKenna in and to all that tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being on lot or Township Number twenty-nine, in Queen's County, in said Island bounded and described as follows, that is to say:—Commencing on the east side of the Melville Road, at the southwest angle of a farm of one hundred acres of land devised to said Margaret McKenna and Francis McKenna by Felix McKenna, thence running easterly along the westerly boundary of the said one hundred acres of land eighty-seven chains and seventy-five links or to the division line of Township Numbers twenty-nine and thirty, thence south along said division line until it meets the north boundary of land in possession of James Edward McQuaid, thence westerly along McQuaid's northern boundary to the Melville Road aforesaid, and thence along the said road northerly to the place of commencement, containing fifty acres of land a little more or less.

Also all that other tract, piece or parcel of land, situate in said Township Number twenty-nine, being the ten acres mentioned in the last will and testament of Felix McKenna, late of Melville Road aforesaid, bearing date the sixth day of November, 1870, and therein devised to Jerome McKenna, and in the said will described as two acres to be taken twenty chains from Melville Road to have a width of five chains from the boundaries of both farms and to extend back for twenty chains, being the one hundred acres before mentioned.

And I hereby give public notice that I on Tuesday, the seventh day of December, A. D. 1909, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the Law Courts Building, in Charlottetown in Queen's County, aforesaid set up and sell the said property, or as much thereof as shall satisfy the levy marked on said writ, being the sum of five hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-six cents, (\$551.76), and interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on two hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty cents (\$262.60) from the 25th day of February, A. D. 1909, till paid, besides Sheriff's fees and all legal incidental expenses.

GEORGE COOMBS, Sheriff of Queen's County, Sheriff's Office Queen's County, 5th May, A. D. 1909. James A. Macdonnell, Plaintiff's Attorney, May 12, 1909—31

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