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Judge Forbes Cared by Fernhill Cemetery—Elks Present Pin
to W. S. Jewett and Chair to A. M. Phillips—Rev. Jas.
Crisp Remembered—Presentation to Rev. Dr. Stewart.

Hon. J. G. Forbes, president of the Fernhill Cemetery Company, was very much surprised yesterday afternoon to receive a call from the employees of the company and to receive from them a handsome gold headed cane and an address. The cane is inscribed "To President Mr. Justice Forbes, by Employees Fernhill Cemetery, 1908." The address is as follows:

To His Honor Judge Forbes, President of the Fernhill Cemetery:
Honorable Sir: We, the undersigned employees of the Fernhill Cemetery, of which you are president, respectfully beg to offer to you as a small token of our respect and esteem, this walking stick. And we trust that it will always support you in time of need, and ever remind you, that your kind consideration and ever mindful of your many kind words and actions in their behalf. And we do most sincerely hope and trust that the Supreme President above will ever shower down upon you and yours, those inestimable gifts, which he alone can give—health, happiness and prosperity. And many years hence when this life's scenes are drawing to a close may this token again remind you, that your kind consideration will ever be respected and appreciated by the employees of the Fernhill Cemetery.

(Signed)
M. CALLAGHAN,
T. MULLETT,
J. HARDY,
J. S. CLAYTON,
W. SCOTT,
D. PATTERSON,
E. A. CLAYTON, Clerk,
J. P. CLAYTON, Supt.

During the morning, Judge Forbes sent fine turkey to each of the employees. At a meeting of the St. John Lodge of Elks last night in their rooms in Charlotte street, some forty or fifty members gathered to assist in a presentation to the popular secretary of the lodge, Walter S. Jewett.

Dr. W. A. Christie, exalted ruler, presided, and presented to Mr. Jewett a very fine diamond pin, accompanied by an address.

Mr. Jewett warmly expressed his thanks for the good words said and for the magnificent gift.

The lodge also sent to the home of A. M. Phillips, one of the members who has been ill, a handsome Morris chair.

A number of the young friends of Rev. James Crisp, of Zion church, called at the parsonage last evening and presented to him a handsome Morris chair, accompanied by the following address:

"My Dear Mr. Crisp: On behalf of the Sunshine Band of the Sunday school, we wish to present to you a token in the form of a Morris chair, hoping it will be a favorite spot for rest in idle moments. As to the value of our gift, we hope you will accept it, not for its value, but as an appreciation of the band for you, for faithful service both to the church and school. We wish you the complete of every season, with a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

In reply Rev. Mr. Crisp said: Your presence here this evening is a great sur-

Do Children Need Alcohol?

Ask your doctor how often he prescribes an alcoholic stimulant for children. He will probably say, "Very, very rarely." Ask him how often he prescribes a tonic for them. He will probably answer, "Very, very frequently." Then ask him about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla as a tonic for the young.

HON. WM. PUGSLEY GIVES
EVIDENCE IN CENTRAL
RAILWAY INVESTIGATION

Minister of Public Works Was on the
Stand Yesterday Afternoon and Gave
a Full and Free Explanation of All
the Transactions—Session Was an
Interesting One.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley was a witness before the Central Railway commission yesterday afternoon. Mr. Powell, counsel for the commission, did not show a disposition to call him and Mr. Pugsley practically volunteered his testimony.

There were several interesting passages between Mr. Powell and the minister of public works, the latter insisting on getting full explanation, in reply to questions put by Mr. Powell, despite interruptions. The inquiry was resumed at 2:45 p. m. While awaiting the arrival of Dr. Pugsley, who was delayed on account of the C. P. R. train being two hours late, Mr. Powell asked the commissioners if they required any further explanation of the statement of accounts he had submitted. Judge Landry replied that while there were few explanations as to details it would hardly be possible to recall Mr. McAvity to go over the items unless Mr. Powell felt himself called on to do so. Many of the items would hardly be admissible in a court of law. There were a number of checks with no vouchers for them.

Mr. Powell said he would consult Mr. Bennett as to what course to adopt. Mr. Powell put in evidence the deed from the Central Railway to the N. B. Coal & Railway Company dated Aug. 18, 1903, transferring the first named company's interests. It was signed by C. N. Skinner as president and H. J. Fowler as secretary for the Central Railway and acknowledged with the certificate of registration attached.

Mr. Powell, commenting on Mr. Skinner's name appearing, said it was a most remarkable business. Judge Landry—"The other day when Mr. Skinner was here he hardly knew who was president or vice-president and said he acted more as solicitor to the company. Now he signs the deed."

At this point Dr. Pugsley arrived and at his request Mr. Bennett was called. Dr. Pugsley, referring to a note of \$11,500, asked Mr. Bennett if it was correct that it was paid out of the subsidy.

Mr. Bennett replied that payments were made to the People's Bank by virtue of an assignment. The balance of the subsidy amounting to \$24,500 was also paid to the bank.

Dr. Pugsley asked if there was a balance of indebtedness of \$24,500 after the government acquired the road. Mr. Bennett replied that there was and that the balance would have to be paid in any case.

Dr. Pugsley then asked for a memorandum of instructions which he said had been filed showing how this balance of \$24,500 which was paid to the bank had been arrived at.

Mr. Powell said the memorandum had not been put in evidence. Dr. Pugsley replied that he was aware of that but the memorandum had been filed with the bank and he was not sure if it would be found either among Mr. Bennett's or Mr. Baber's as a memorandum to show how Mr. Bennett was wanted in paying the \$24,500.

After some delay the memorandum was found among Mr. Bennett's papers and put in evidence after being identified by him as his authority for paying the money to the People's Bank.

Mr. Powell asked if Mr. Bennett received the paper from Dr. Pugsley. There was no order-in-council for it.

Dr. Pugsley pointed out that as attorney general he had drawn up the document. Mr. Bennett replied that he had signed it but merely a legal statement giving the result of previous orders in council.

Dr. Pugsley asked if Mr. Powell said he had signed the paper as a memorandum to show how the government acted. He had no doubt he was fully satisfied as to his authority before paying the money to the People's Bank.

Dr. Pugsley—"All the facts contained in the memorandum appear elsewhere in order in council."

Mr. Powell was pressing Mr. Bennett as to whether a note of \$11,500 for the purchase of the road, etc., was paid out of the subsidy when Dr. Pugsley interrupted with the remark that if Mr. Powell would give Mr. Bennett a chance he would prove from his papers that no part was paid out of the subsidy.

Mr. Bennett, after a search, submitted a statement showing payments by him of \$77,000 of subsidy. The item of \$11,500 was not included in the statement.

Mr. Powell called attention to an item of \$12,000 in the statement, which Dr. Pugsley had mentioned in the course of his being read as paid to the bank in reduction of the company's liability. That was only an inference, he said, which was being drawn.

Dr. Pugsley, after a search among the records, turned up the petition of the company for payment of the subsidy with the notification that they assigned all payments to the bank. The bank's receipt for \$12,000 was attached.

Dr. Pugsley—"I noticed, Mr. Powell, that you were reported in the press as having made a statement at the last session that I had said in the legislature on May 4, 1902, that \$60,000 had been paid on account of the Central Railway. I understood you read from the synoptic report, but there must be some mistake. I have before me a memorandum to council dated Jan. 3, 1903, signed by Mr. Evans, in which \$47,500 is given as the amount paid up to date."

Mr. Powell, after turning up the report from which he had read on the previous occasion, said that it stated that Dr. Pugsley, in reply to Mr. Evans, said that the amount paid on account of the Central was \$60,000.

Dr. Pugsley asked to see the book and at once remarked "the date is May, 1903, that makes a vast difference."

Mr. Powell—"That was only in the newspapers. I am not responsible for their reports."

Dr. Pugsley—"I went broadcast over Judge Landry—"I remember remarking at the time that the synoptic report might not have been correct."

Dr. Pugsley then rose from his place, remarking that he understood Mr. Powell wished to call him as a witness."

Mr. Powell—"I have no desire to call Dr. Pugsley."

Dr. Pugsley replied that he was never eager to give evidence and returned to his seat. If he was not to be called, he said, he desired an opportunity of making

MINISTER TALKS
OF PUBLIC
WORKS

Dr. Pugsley Announces That
Some Temporary Retrenchment
Will Be Necessary But
Works Will All Be Pushed.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, arrived from Ottawa Wednesday to spend Christmas at home and will remain here until after the holidays. Speaking to a Telegraph reporter last evening concerning matters within the scope of his department Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that a material curtailment in the expenditure for public works would be necessary owing to the decision of the revenue and the necessity for keeping expenditures well within the public income. In New Brunswick as elsewhere he said, a number of public works would have to be over until another year. These were still to be regarded as important and necessary, and would in no sense be abandoned or merely postponed. The Partridge Island wharf and the drill hall would come under this head. In the case of the drill hall the expropriation of the requisite land was under way and would go forward and he hoped the wharf would be built a year hence.

There would be no delay, however, the minister said, with regard to public works for which tenders have already been called. In view of the great importance of keeping down the expenditures until the revenue increased, the government, he said, felt that the people generally would approve of the temporary retrenchment and would exercise patience in regard to the various public works which might be delayed.

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