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there would have been no sensation about it. How singular, then, that the date was changed to 1907, at which time Hon. Mr. Pugsley was a Minister of the Crown and could not properly have had business relations with a dredging contractor!

Was it an error, as Mayes says? In his affidavit he charges that Dr. Pugsley told him, on the occasion of the \$2,000 note transaction, that it would be nice to have a friend at Ottawa, etc. Yet 1905 was two years before Dr. Pugsley thought of going to Ottawa.

This letter quoted above, sent by Mayes to Hon. Mr. Pugsley late yesterday afternoon, strongly resembles the device of a man seeking to escape after being caught in an act.

The rest of the story is very clear. Mayes got a profitable contract for dredging, being the only tenderer. Mr. McAvity was his partner in the enterprise and was entitled to and in time received a percentage of the profits.

It is fortunate for the country as a whole that Hon. Mr. Pugsley defied Mayes and his confederates and gave them rope enough to hang themselves.

MR. GEORGE McAVITY'S STATEMENT
Mr. George McAvity is not the kind of man who buys the silence of men who threaten him.

these arrangements were of the nature of a partnership and that any money Mr. McAvity received came to him quite legitimately.

Mr. McAvity and his friends have known for some time past that Mayes and his backers were growing desperate and that an explosion of some sort was to be expected.

After examining the election information it has received from all sources, the Toronto Globe says with regard to the result of the contest:

Mr. Kendall, of Cape Breton, has been in the habit of sending to The Globe a forecast of the probable result of the Federal elections in Nova Scotia.

Mr. E. W. Thomson, who is on a political tour through the West for his paper, the Boston Transcript, says in a recent letter, that even the Tories, in private conversation, admit that the Liberal campaign is sweeping through the West.

What did Mayes want of photographs of the note and the checks? The note had been paid. It was three years old. It represented part payment of Mayes' debt to Mr. Pugsley for legal services.

These and other awkward questions, and the knowledge that the whole explosion was due to the fact that the Conservative party, Mayes and his lawyer, had been so long as the moral law, but bearing no other resemblance to it, and that of the lawyer being the halting denial of a man on the run.

Nothing could be clearer now than that the Mayes-Baxter business is proving a boomerang for the Conservatives.

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THINGS THAT LOOK BLACK
Read over carefully this telegram which Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, Mayes' lawyer, sent to Hon. Mr. Pugsley on Sept. 30 last:

Client impatient at not receiving word from you or inspector. Quotes your purchase and payment for dredge industry, by Order-in-Council, as sufficient precedent for buying his dredge with complete equipment ready for instant work.

Mr. Pugsley's speech of Tuesday evening last. Later on both Mr. Mayes and Alderman Baxter, his solicitor, spoke to me on several occasions with regard to the purchase of the dredge.

Mr. Pugsley went on to intimate that \$20,000 might be taken off the price for use in the campaign.

How well the Baxter telegram fits in with the other occurrences. How strong the evidence is that the contractor and the lawyer were trying to compel Hon. Mr. Pugsley to buy the dredge at Mayes' figure and with it the contractor's silence.

TWO BLASTING LETTERS
Prof and James accumulates. Today his guilt is made clear and the Conservative party bosses who seized upon his vile allegations in their haste to strike at Hon. William Pugsley, stand condemned along with their blackmailing accomplices.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst., and in reply would remind you that when I informed you of the notice which I had received from Mr. McAvity that he was interested in the moneys coming to you from my department, and had requested me not to pay them over until the matter was adjusted, you admitted that there was an amount coming to you, which you said you were prepared to pay, provided I would allow a further claim which you said you proposed making, and would also buy your dredge.

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HANDSOME DONATION TOWARDS THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND IN ST. JOHN.
There again we have the offer of a rake-off for the campaign fund. This was to be \$20,000. Mayes and his lawyer have said they wanted \$140,000 for the dredge.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley's letter to Mayes and Mr. Osman's statement concerning the contractor should convince even the Conservative bosses that their man is disgraced and discredited and that in common decency the Premier of this province owes Dr. Pugsley and the public both explanation and apology.

DR. DANIEL'S ERROR
Dr. John W. Daniel was this city's representative at Ottawa. He should be the last man in the world to throw cold water upon enterprises for the upbuilding of the Winter Port.

NOTE AND COMMENT
In the classic language of the Hon. Geo. Elias Foster, Mayes wanted Hon. Mr. Pugsley to "turn on the tap."

IS FOWLER DODGING?
A brief glance in the direction of Mr. George W. Fowler. Some weeks ago, when he accepted the Conservative nomination, Mr. Fowler loudly vouched his desire to meet any Liberal from Sir Wilfrid Laurier down to the rank of a private, and debate the questions of the day.

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