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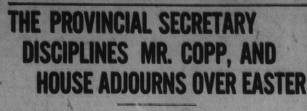
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WILL DR. PUGSLEY RESIGN HIS OFFICE?

The Standard.

Special to The Standard.

The news of the severe condemnation visited by the Royal Commission upon Mr. Pugs-ley has electrified Ottawa. It has come, however, at a moment when the capital is almost bare of politicians. Ministers are scattered and scarcely a dozen members of Parliament are in town. By such politicians as are here the news is canvassed eagerly.

Ottawa, April 8.

What Will Sir Wilfrid do?

Speculation probably concerns itself much more with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's action than with Mr. Pugsley's course. Ottawa already knows Mr. Pugsley, and it is safe to say that the current expectation is that so far as the matter is left to the Minister of Public Works, he will smile and conceive that the trouble ends with his smile. The Premier, however, can hardly be expected to take quite the same view. When Mr. Emmerson's trouble came his resigna-tion was urged with great promptitude. It remains to be seen whether the condemnation of a Royal Commission will rank with difficulties such as those which caused Mr. Emmerson's withdrawal.

Two Schools of Opinion.

On this two schools of opinion can be traced among Liberals. One set hold that Mr. Pugsley's letter of resignation will be presented at Saturday's council meeting and that its acceptance will be announced on Tuesday. The other set takes the Pugsleian view that the whole thing is rather a joke.

Invstigation Endorsed.

Among Conservatives the feeling is that Mr. Pugsley's position is untenable and further, that the demand for an investigation into the Public Works Department receives an exceed-ingly powerful endorsation. The Department for some years has been under a cloud such as that which overhung the Department of Marine and Fisheries prior to the Courtney Com-mission's finding; to have one more minister retire this time under the direct condemnation of a Royal Commission, will greatly increase the suspicion with which it is regarded.

Wants Him There.

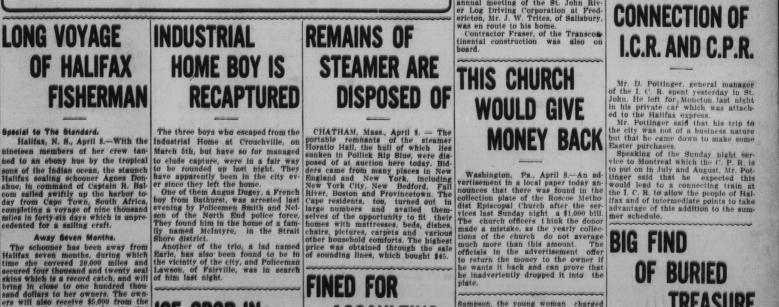
One thing seems fairly certain that Sir Wilfrid Laurier telegraphed this morning to Mr. Pugsley requiring his presence here at the Cabinet Council on Saturday. The impression is growing that Mr. Pugsley's retirement may be announced at its close.

Caused Sensation In Fredericton.

DERAILMENT **Caused Sensation in Predericton.** Fredericton, April 8.—About the corridors of the House there seemed to be quite a gen-eral feeling on the part of members, supporting the Government that the recommendations of the Central Railway inquiry Commission be carried out and that an accounting be de-manded by the Government regarding the \$134,000 found mis-appropriated and that pro-ceedings be taken against Tweedie, Pugsley, McAvity and others forthwith. The report of the Commissioners has caused much sensation here and has been the chief topic of con-versation not only about the House but in the hotels and wherever men meet. An Ottawa despatch to the Gleaner that Pugsley was likely to resign as Minister of Public Works and that it was said Tweedie's resignation as Lieutenant Governor has been demanded made the sensation greater. Dr. Pugsley arrived here at noon from Ottawaj and immediately after his arrival was closeted some time with Lieutenant Governor Tweedie. They have been in close touch ever since the Central Railway Commission's finding and it is believed here that Ottawa report is likely to prove correct.

Hon, Dr, William Pugsley, Dominion Minister of Public Works reached the city last night on the Boston express. Directly, he was en route from Fredericton, where he had diverted his course yesterday morning on his way home from Ottawa. After waiting until Dr. Pugsley had been released from a secluded corner whither he had been drawn to a whispered converse with the Telegraph reporter, The Standard rep-resentative asked the minister his opinion of the report presented to the Provincial Govern-ment by the Central Railway Commission. "I have nothing to say," he said, "except that the report was not founded upon the evidence."

After extending to reporters of the Sun and Telegraph an invitation to come to his house in half an hour, in which The Standard man was not included, the minister went



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