

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS SHATTERS CONSERVATIVE SLANDER

Author of Story That Hon. Mr. Pugsley Took Money From Dredging Contractor Admits Falsity of Essential Date and Apologizes for Statement.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 13.—Before an audience that packed the opera house tonight, while thousands could not get in, Mr. Pugsley shattered the charges of G. S. Mayes against him, and to cap the climax read a letter of regret from Mayes about the statement that he had paid Mr. Pugsley \$2,000 last October, when he was minister of public works. The letter follows:

"Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Esq., Minister of Public Works, St. John, N. B.,
"Dear Sir,—I notice by this evening's papers that you comment on my affidavit stating that you obtained \$2,000 from me on Oct. 16, 1907. The date should be Oct. 16, 1905, and the sum should be \$2,000. I am entirely a typographical error, which I regret, and have taken the proper steps to have corrected. I remain, yours, etc.,
"G. S. MAYES."

Toronto, Oct. 14.—One of the most sensational and, as the event proves, one of the most slanderous statements made in the course of the present campaign, was contained in an affidavit read by Premier Hazen of New Brunswick at a meeting in St. John on Monday night. He read from a declaration by G. S. Mayes, a contractor, who has been dredging St. John harbor, to the effect that Hon. William Pugsley had on Oct. 15, 1907, sent for him and said: "I am in need of money, and it would be nice if you could help me." At that time Mr. Pugsley was minister of public works, and in control of the very department under which Mr. Mayes' dredge was operating. Mr. Mayes stated that after some conversation, in the course of which Mr. Pugsley said "it will be nice to have some one who could do something for you while in Ottawa," he gave Mr. Pugsley a note for \$2,000.

Had such a transaction taken place it would have been a most infamous one. Mr. Pugsley was sworn in as minister of public works on Aug. 30, 1907, and had taken \$2,000 for his own benefit from a contractor whose work had to pass before him for review there would have been no place for him in public life.

SWORE TO A WRONG DATE.

The fact is that in this affidavit Mayes swore to a wrong date, as he now confesses in a letter to the man he has slandered. He says the error was a typographical one, but Mr. Pugsley was able to show at St. John last night that Premier Hazen declared that he (Mr. Pugsley) had taken the note from Mayes after he became minister of public works. Mr. Pugsley has proved that he took no money from Mayes in 1907. The note was given on Oct. 15, 1905, when Mr. Pugsley was Mayes' lawyer, and had no connection with Dominion politics. Instead of the case being that of a minister of the crown taking what would have been a bribe from a contractor, it is a case of a dispute as to fees between lawyer and client. Mr. Pugsley says: "The note which Mr. Mayes gave me was on account of professional services, for which he owed me a large sum in connection with several matters in which I had been his legal adviser, including the matter of getting the dredge in without duty, and also on account of a suit of Mayes vs. Connolly, and also Mayes' suit against the Government in connection with the long wharf. The statement that I ever suggested any other consideration than professional services is a miserable lie. It is made out of whole cloth; not a word of truth in it. Nothing of the kind ever took place; nothing that could possibly bear that construction. There was never any such thing as a loan. As I have said, that was two years before I ever thought of going to Ottawa."

It remains now for Premier Hazen to admit that when he charged Mr. Pugsley with taking money from a contractor in October, 1907, for doing something for him while in Ottawa, he made a false and utterly unfounded charge against the honor of the Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Pugsley very bluntly states that the whole thing was in effect a blackmailing project, and that he agreed to purchase a dredge belonging to Mayes at an exorbitant price nothing would have been heard of the transactions between Mr. Pugsley and his client in 1905.

That there was no "underhand work" in the department at Ottawa is amply proved by the following dispatch from a correspondent there:

"Mayes asked the department a few weeks ago to buy his dredging outfit for \$154,400. The superintendent of dredging reported that this included an item of \$52,900 for extra parts, etc., which were only fit for scrap, and that the offer could not be considered. Mayes threatened then to make trouble if the contract was not bought, but the department paid no attention to his threats."

CONTRACT WAS QUITE REGULAR.

"The contract referred to in the affidavit was granted according to the regular procedure, on July 29, 1905. The department advertised for tenders for dredging cribs for the wharf extensions in St. John harbor, of tenders were received on Aug. 15, one from Haney & Miller, of Toronto, quoting \$1 25 for loose earth per cubic yard, and \$3 50 for rock, etc., and one from Mayes, quoting 40 cents for earth, and \$3 90 for rock. As there was comparatively little rock excavation Mayes' tender was considerably the lower of the two, it was found, however, that Mayes' dredge was not of Canadian register, and therefore not in compliance with the terms of the advertised tender call. As the department wanted to have the work done as quickly and cheaply as possible it was decided to call for new tenders, throwing the work open to any dredge. Accordingly new tenders were called for on Aug. 21, without the restriction compelling the dredge to be of Canadian register. Tenders were received in September, and the same two tenders put in quotations. Mayes asked this time 55 cents per cubic yard for earth, while Haney & Miller asked \$1. Mayes' tender, being the lowest, was accepted in the regular form. The records show that the whole transaction was in regular and proper form."

In the affidavit of Mayes, as read at St. John last night by Premier Hazen, it is stated that the former's tender was the only one submitted to the department, and it is made to appear that it was accepted offhand by the then minister, Mr. Hyman, without the formality of advertising, and following the usual procedure of the department to insure the work being done at the lowest possible cost. As will be seen by the above, neither of these statements is in accord with the facts.

Afterwards, when it was decided to extend the wharf by 400 feet, Mayes was given the opportunity of continuing the work at the same price as quoted in the accepted tender. He made but slow progress, however, and the department, to expedite the work, called in another contractor to assist, the price paid being the same as that quoted in Mayes' tender. This was another cause of grievance with Mayes, who thought he should be allowed to do the whole work.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 13.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley denounces as a sensational attempt at political blackmail the affidavit by Contractor Mayes, read at last night's Conservative meeting by Premier Hazen. The scheme had as its purpose, Mr. Pugsley declares, the sale of the Mayes dredge to the public works department for \$49,000 more than the department superintendent of dredging said it was worth. Mr. Pugsley says he knew absolutely nothing of the business arrangements between Mr. Mayes and Mr. George McAvity until recently, when an attempt was made to compel him to purchase the dredge under pain of dreadful disclosures. He absolutely refused, however, to be held up. Mr. Pugsley explains the note given him by Mr. Mayes as being on account of professional services rendered in connection with several matters in which he was Mr. Mayes' adviser.

Hears the Charge.

As was explained to Mr. Pugsley, Mayes had said in substance that when he first wanted a dredging contract (Continued on Page Six.)

Jupiter and Venus Were Spooing

A number of local astronomers were keenly interested early this morning in observing the planets Jupiter and Venus, which at that hour were so closely in conjunction that they could be observed together in the field of a telescope.

It only happens once in many years that the two planets come as close together as this. Both were plainly visible close together, Jupiter appearing much the larger and of a fiery reddish color, while Venus was of a beautiful silvery appearance.

His Arm Mangled in a Corn Shredder

Dugald McCallum, of Aldboro, was brought to Victoria Hospital at noon today suffering from very serious injuries, occasioned by his having been caught in a corn shredder while working on the farm of Mr. James P. Allen, of Ekfrid, yesterday afternoon. In some manner, Mr. McCallum's right arm was drawn into the feeder, and before the machine could be stopped, it was terribly crushed and lacerated.

Dr. Walker, of Glencoe, was summoned, and last night amputated the arm at the elbow. McCallum is suffering considerably from shock, but it is believed that he will recover.

FLEET AT RHODES TO CURB TURBULENCE

Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, Oct. 14.—Six British warships from Malta arrived this morning off Rhodes, a Turkish island, in the Mediterranean, off Asia Minor. The fleet which has arrived there is under the command of Vice-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, and was sent from Malta by the British Government to watch events. It is believed that their presence will have a tranquillizing effect on the situation in the Levant.

LOST FOUR FINGERS IN TURNING LATHE

Serious Accident to Mr. Arthur Knowles, of High Street.

Mr. Arthur Knowles, of High street, met with a serious accident this morning while at work on a turning lathe in his shop on Wellington street. Mr. Knowles was turning some wood when his left hand was drawn into the machine, and the four fingers so badly crushed and lacerated that they had to be amputated. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, where the operation was performed by Dr. C. S. Moore.

DOLLAR AND COSTS FOR ASSAULT CASE

Row Over a Girl Is Completed in the Police Court.

In the police court this morning, Andrew Milligan was fined \$1 and \$2 85 costs for assaulting Charles Hawkes, another young man, who is employed in the same shop with him.

The trouble arose about a girl whom Hawkes is alleged to have insulted. Milligan stated that he "went with" the girl, and that he got mad when Hawkes spoke to her as he did, and punished him when both were in the dressing-room.

The magistrate reminded Hawkes that he should not be spoken to by the lady as he did, but could not overlook Milligan's offence.

The case of Andrew Griffin was enlarged for a week, as Griffin has not yet recovered from the recent attempt he made upon his life.

The case of William Adams, charged with non-support by his wife, Annie Adams, was enlarged for a week, and Mr. Adams was allowed bail.

CARTWRIGHT AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Sir Richard Cartwright returned to Ottawa today and will look after departmental affairs for some time to come. He is the only minister who has been at the capital for some time. Sir Richard will speak at South Renfrew in the near future in the interests of the Liberal candidate T. A. Low. He will also address a meeting in Kingston a week before election.

Special Advertiser Bulletin Service—World's Championship Baseball Games.

THE ADVERTISER will furnish bulletins direct to agents from the games of the world's champion players in a series between Chicago and Detroit.

The game to be played at Detroit today will be bulletined at the following places:

J. P. O'MEARA, Grand Opera House, Cigar Store, CONNOR BROS., Richmond and Oxford streets, COHOON & PATTERSON, Maitland and Central avenue, WM. HAYES, Adelaide and Elias streets.

J. H. WILKIE, Ontario and Princess avenue, S. ENSIGN, 993 Dundas street, G. B. DRAKE, Hamilton road and Rectory street.

C. W. SUMMERS, 577 Hamilton road, GEORGE FINNIGAN, 215 Blackfriars street, W. MULLEN, Wilson and Dundas streets, H. COATES, Stanley and Wharmcliffe, A. E. MITCHELL, Askin and Wortley road, THOMAS SHAW, 670 Dundas street.

Watch for The Advertiser's bulletins at the above places.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARMER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 14—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southwest to south winds; fine today and on Thursday; higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Yesterday.

Today.

Max.

Min.

London

Calgary

Winnipeg

Port Arthur

Perry Sound

Toronto

Ottawa

Montreal

Quebec

Father Point

Atlin

Vancouver

NO EXCLUSIVE GAS FRANCHISE SO SAYS THE CITY SOLICITOR

Board of Works Is Going Slow in Regard to the Applications of the Natural Gas Companies—Will Hear Both Sides Before Doing Anything.

At the special meeting of the board of works held last night to consider the matter of granting a franchise to the Western Counties Pipe Line Company for the distribution of natural gas in this city, City Engineer Graydon reported that the city solicitor had stated to him that the franchise held by the City Gas Company in London is not exclusive.

Another Company.

There would, therefore, be nothing to prevent the council from granting the franchise, but Chairman Graydon stated that City Clerk Baker is in receipt of a communication from another concern that wishes to sell gas

to the city, and offers it at 35 cents a thousand, as compared to 40 cents asked by the Western Counties Company.

It was decided to leave the matter over until after the next meeting of the council, when the offer of the new concern will come up for discussion and be referred to the committee for further action.

Good Gas.

Mr. F. G. Rumball was present and stated that in asking for the franchise the Western Counties were confident that they had an inexhaustible supply of natural gas of the highest grade.

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Mayor Thinks Well of Kilworth \$125,000 Will Secure Million Gals.

The Supply Can Be Immediately Increased at the Cost Mentioned.

Mayor Stevely is convinced that there are at least one million gallons of spring water at Kilworth.

"There is easily that quantity of water there," said His Worship this afternoon. "After a careful investigation I am convinced that there is

easily that quantity of water at Kilworth. It can be brought to the city for \$125,000, a very fair price. With that quantity added to our present supply, we would be in better shape than we have been for some time. That amount can be added quickly and would be of great assistance. The commission will meet shortly and discuss the question from all its phases. We will have a scheme ready for submission in January."

Commissioner Darch is also convinced that there are a million gallons of water at Kilworth.

Saunby Case Again Bobs to Surface Application Re Case Up Saturday

Plaintiff Asks That Finding of the Special Referee Be Confirmed.

The long-drawn-out Saunby case will again come up in a local court on Saturday when an application for an order confirming the finding of Special Referee Judge Finkle will be made before Mr. Justice MacMahon at the weekly sitting of the high court for London.

Mr. Joseph Danby Saunby, the plaintiff, was awarded \$2,140 damages against the water commissioners some time ago. The action was brought about by the action of the water commissioners in placing splash boards on the Springbank dam, thereby preventing the water from Mr. Saunby's millrace from running into the river.

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Austria-Hungary Isolated by Powers

Paris, Oct. 14.—A special dispatch from Constantinople states that the German ambassador has declared the Twelfth Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, that Germany would follow the line of conduct adopted by Great Britain regarding the annexation of Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a consequence of the attitude of the powers Austria-Hungary, now stands alone.

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Whisky Case Is Likely to Grow

New developments are expected in the case of H. A. Judge, the Government detective charged with taking liquor upon the Muncie Indian reserve, comes up in the county magistrates' court next week.

Judge is charged with having given Edward Charles, an Indian, some liquor, and arrested the Indian when the latter purchased some liquor himself.

The accused, who is being defended by Mr. J. M. McEvoy, alleges that the trouble he is now in is but an effort on the part of certain Delaware people to persecute him for the part he has

taken in securing evidence re the supplying of liquor to Indians.

It appears that Judge, who is, or at least was, a Scottish Yard detective, was indirectly employed by the Ontario Government to bring to justice those who have in the past, it is alleged, been carrying on a wholesale liquor traffic on the Oneida, Muncie and Chippewa Indian reserves.

Judge, so it is said, appeared in Delaware in the guise of a wealthy young English tourist, and made himself a good fellow all around.

In this way he secured certain evidence of alleged liquor infraction.

The Rev. Dr. McCrae Seriously Hurt

Rev. Dr. McCrae was injured this morning through being kicked by a horse which he was driving. One leg is badly injured and he was also kicked in the anæmen. The full extent of his injuries is not known at present but it is feared that he is badly hurt.

The unfortunate accident was due to the horse taking fright at a passing auto.

Dr. McCrae was thrown out of the rig. He was taken to his home and

Dr. John D. Wilson, of this city, was summoned.

Dr. McCrae is a well known resident of Westminister, where he has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He is very popular among all classes.

The examination of the injuries received by Rev. Dr. McCrae has not been completed, but Dr. Wilson is of the opinion that he is very seriously hurt. His leg is badly bruised and it is feared he is internally injured.

A PROMOTION FOR LT-COL. M'DOUGALL

Rumor Says He Is Slated for Adjutant-General.

A dispatch from Ottawa states that Lieut.-Col. M'Dougall, in command at

Wolsley Barracks, will be appointed adjutant-general on the retirement of Major-General Lake, Inspector and chief of the general staff. Gen. Lake will be succeeded by Adjutant-General Leasard, to whose place Col. M'Dougall will be appointed.

No confirmation of the rumor could be obtained at the barracks this morning. Col. M'Dougall is in Ottawa, where he is attached to the general staff.

He has occasion to leave the base, leaving the fluid boiling over the lamp. When he was away, the shellac overflowed and caught fire.

Mr. Boughner smelled the burning shellac, and rushed to the basement. With pails of water the flames were subdued, and the lamp was extinguished by an overcoat.

The brigade was summoned, but the fire was out when they arrived.

The loss by smoke was estimated at \$200; covered by insurance.

SMALL BLAZE IN RICHMOND ST. STORE

Boughner, the Clothier and Haberdasher, Suffers Loss of About \$200.

Fire did about \$200 damage to the stock of Boughner, the gentlemen's furnisher, on Richmond street, last evening about 9:30 o'clock.

One of the employees was in the basement, melting some shellac over a lamp for the purpose of putting it on the floor.

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NEW SECRETARY OF STATE TALKS TO ELECTORS OF KENT

Hon. Mr. Murphy and the Hon. A. G. MacKay Point Out Fine Record of Laurier Administration to Large Gathering at Chatham.

(By Our Own Man.)

Chatham, Oct. 13.—The opera house was crowded to capacity this evening to hear Hon. Chas. Murphy, secretary of state, and Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Ontario Opposition, on the issues of the Dominion campaign. This was Mr. Murphy's first appearance in Western Ontario, and he more than lived up to the good things said of him in the east. Mr. MacKay was also in good form and delivered a stirring address. Brief speeches were made by Mr. A. B. McCoig, ex-M. P., the Liberal candidate in West Kent, and by Mr. D. A. Gordon, ex-M. P., Liberal nominee in East Kent. There was much enthusiasm in the meeting, and great confidence in the return of the Liberal candidates was expressed.

Mr. Murphy is a fine speaker. Eloquent, with a ready flow of wit, sarcastic and caustic when necessary, apt in allusion, he makes a vivid impression and is a decided addition to the platform strength of the Liberal party. He is a comparatively young man, and a born fighter. Also he possesses the ability to impart the fighting spirit, and last night especially he worked his audience up to a great pitch of enthusiasm as he dis-

posed of the scandal charges of the Opposition. He was particularly effective when dealing with this subject, and gave many examples of the so-called scandals, which were not using used now by the Conservatives because they had been proved to be false. Mr. Murphy regretted the fact that the Conservatives did not deal with live issues, but kept in the scandal cry. He predicted an overwhelming victory for Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Oct. 26.

Hon. A. G. MacKay did not speak at great length, but made a good impression. He dealt with the timber and lands "scandals" very pointedly, and asked Mr. Borden why he did not mention the Robbins irrigation land matter in Medicine Hat when he visited that city, for there the whole transaction was known. He declared that Mr. Borden was afraid to do so.

Mr. H. N. Stevens, of Chatham, presided. On the platform were Hon. Mr. Murphy, Hon. A. G. MacKay, A. B. McCoig, ex-M. P., D. A. Gordon, ex-M. P., Wallaceburg; Col. Martin, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Fleming, Andrew Thompson, Frank Tschirhart, J. S. Black, John Walker, John Northwood, Fred Stone, A. C. Woodland, (Continued on Page Four.)

MANY FLOWING SPRINGS VISITED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

Hobbs' Farm Appears To Be Full of Them—1,000,000 Gallons a Day Apparently Available—Chairman Jones Still Favors High Pressure Scheme.

The water commissioners yesterday made a second tour of inspection west of Springbank, with the object of preparing a scheme to increase the supply.

The party—consisting of Mayor Stevely, Commissioners Darch and Jones, and Engineer Moore—made the trip in autos, and inspected a large area, including the Kilworth springs, Mitchell springs, and those on the Blizard and Hobbs farms.

No decision was arrived at, however, although the Hobbs springs, which have been measured to yield 150,000 gallons daily in the dry season, and it is thought that double that quantity could be developed.

The Kilworth springs, which are three miles from Byron, yield 130,000 gallons daily and are undeveloped. They are situated on the Kilburn and Baker farms.

A short distance away were the Mitchell springs, according to measurement in the dry season flowing 50,000 gallons daily, undeveloped. The water is apparently very good, although slightly softer than that procured at Springbank. The next farm visited was that

Small Boy Was Injured in Runaway

A little pleasure jaunt on the seat of one of Chantler's coal wagons this morning, almost proved a costly experiment to Gordon Jupp, aged 16, of Wellington street.

The wagon was being driven along Simcoe street, near Wellington, when the horse became frightened and ran

away, throwing young Jupp and the driver to the ground.

Jupp was later picked up, and Dr. Davis, who happened along, found that no bones were broken, although the boy insisted that he had been run over by the heavy wagon.

The horse was captured within a short distance from the scene of the accident. Little damage resulted.

Poultry Show on Thanksgiving Day

A well-attended meeting of the London Poultry Association was held last night, at which it was unanimously decided to hold an exhibition of local poultry at Queen's Park on Thanksgiving Day.

The association decided to offer about \$500 in prizes, and there is no doubt that the exhibits to be seen at the fair grounds on Thanksgiving Day will comprise as fine a lot of prize poultry as has ever been seen at one

time in Canada. London men are famous chicken men, and some of the best stock in America is to be found here.

The local pigeon men will be largely represented at the show.

Messrs. McNutter and Oke, of this city, and W. Butterfield, of Windsor, were appointed a committee to take charge of the arrangements and act as judges.

The show will be open to the public both afternoon and evening.

General Lake To Be Here on Monday

Major-General Lake, C. B., C. M. G., Inspector-general of the Canadian militia, will visit London on Monday next to inspect the forces at Wolsley Barracks. He will make his visit in the morning, leaving in the evening for Brantford, where he will inspect the Thirty-eighth Regiment.

Major-General Lake's tenure of office expires shortly, and he will be re-

tired. This will be his last visit to the city in his capacity as Inspector-general.

It has also been ascertained that the detachment of Royal Engineers stationed at Wolsley Barrack will be removed to Toronto at the end of the month, and stationed at Stanley Barracks. The corps is at present in Pettawawa.

Confetti Throwers Were Disappointed

"Waiting at the church" may be an unpleasant pastime, but waiting for a bridal couple with confetti, rice, lemons, and other instruments of torture, and then finding that the young persons have slid out of the city in an automobile, is somewhat worse. This morning about six young ladies and several young men who had nothing on their hands but time, waited for a

bride and groom at the Grand Trunk depot for a long spell just for the purpose of tossing confetti, etc., on the bride's new gown, but the wise couple had gotten out of town with nobody looking, and escaped their friends.

Now there is a laugh going the rounds, but the laughing is not being done by the persons who waited at the station.

of these were revived, but three succumbed to the deadly gases.

No Trace as Yet.

The asylum authorities have heard no word from Stewart Thompson, who escaped from that institution the other day. His relatives have been notified, but so far he has not reached home. It is thought that he is with some farmers, who have not reported the fact as yet.