

# HOW THE CENTRAL RAILWAY WAS MANAGED OR MISMANAGED BY MR. PUGSLEY THE MASTER MIND OF THE OLD GANG OF POLITICAL TRICKSTERS

Nearly a Million Dollars of the People's Money Tossed About Without Any Special Guardianship and Almost \$135,000 of that Amount Misappropriated — The Report of the Royal Commission Explains Why Several of the Opposition Candidates Had Voted Down a Resolution for Investigation—Opposition Candidates Concurred in Copp's Astonishing Statement "I Do Not Think it is the Duty of Supporters of the Government to go Deeply Into These Things."

Why did Ex-Surveyor General Sweeney, now heading the opposition ticket in Westmorland county, ex-Solicitor General Jones, leading the opposition forces in Carleton County, and Mr. Ryan, the opposition candidate in Albert County, vote against Mr. Hazen's motion for a Royal Commission to investigate the affairs of the Central Railway? And why did Messrs. Tweeddale and Burgess, the opposition candidates in Victoria county, shirk the vote on that occasion? And why did Mr. Copp also vote against an investigation into the affairs of the Central Railway, after having made the remarkable statement that "I do not think it the duty of supporters of the Government to go deeply into these things?"

Findings of Commission  
The findings of the Royal Commission appointed by the Hazen Government immediately after their coming into power in 1909, will supply a pretty good answer to these questions. That commission was composed of the late Sir P. A. Landry and Messrs. F. McDougall and A. L. Teed. Here are some of their findings:

"It is true," says the Commission, "a company was organized, with no other capital, which existed in name only, whose shareholders never attempted to influence its policy. Having everything to gain and nothing to lose, they left the control to the official directors, Messrs. Tweeddale and Burgess, as the government was putting up all the money. The company never performed the functions usually exercised by an incorporated company. It was in fact nothing but a disorganized department of the government of this province, whatever may be claimed for it in theory. The policy of granting government assistance to any company whose shareholders have not on their own account a dollar at stake is unsound, if not vicious."

"On the face of it the motive of the promoters, as stated, was to develop the coal areas of Queen's County. Responsible and respectable men from various parts of the province were obtained to lend their names as directors, and from the fact that \$430,000 of the total \$500,000 authorized capital was to be distributed as founders' shares, we conclude that the interested parties, had visions of ultimate profits, with absolute certainty of no personal loss."

"As shown in the earlier stages of this report, the coal mines failed to materialize. It was found inexpedient to attempt to develop the mines in a large way. Thus at an early stage original visions of profit must have departed and a decision called for as to the abandonment of the expenditure of \$250,000 intended for the coal development. However, it would seem that the prospect of spending large sums of money under cover of the company was too alluring to be resisted. Accordingly a name was adopted, and the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's existence was continued."

No Books of Account  
"It is also clear to your Commissioners that it was never the intention of those controlling the company to keep books of accounts for public information. \* \* \* The misuse made of the money, the fact that the accounts far overran, particularly in the early stages, legitimate expenses, made it imperative that to conceal the truth no uniform system of bookkeeping be adopted. It is claimed that the Barnes Construction Company kept books, which could not be produced; but we are by no means satisfied that they were not destroyed or that they were not intentionally concealed. From the evidence before us, and from a careful study of the bank account and other matters by which we could trace the disbursement of money, we have no hesitation in saying that especial

also settled some outstanding accounts, among others that of Rhodes, Curry & Co. and James Barnes.

"Perhaps the services of a lawyer might fairly be employed in the first named Ottawa visit, re double subsidy, but we think the fee was excessive. So far as the other services of Mr. Copp were concerned, it is not clear to us why a paid officer of the company should not have effected these settlements as effectively and more cheaply than a lawyer could have done. As a matter of fact Mr. McAvity stated in his evidence that Auditor Sharp had adjusted the Barnes' claim. Mr. Copp's evidence shows clearly that he had not prepared himself to do work of any value, and we believed his achievements were according to his preparation."

Reckless Extravagance.  
The report of the Royal Commission is largely made up in exposing scores of cases of reckless extravagance and glaring dishonesty in connection with the expenditures on the Central Railway. It may be necessary to refer to many of these a little further on. In the meantime, however, some idea will be given of the many thousands of dollars that it cost the province to exchange Hon. A. S. White in the provincial government for the master mind of the old gang, the Hon. William Pugsley, and it will be shown conclusively that he is the chief director in the present attempt to restore the old gang to power.

Want An Account  
"We believe the directors of the company, and especially the ex-officio members, Messrs. Pugsley and Tweeddale, are responsible to the province for an accounting. They should be called upon to submit an account showing the expenditure of \$98,799.75, or at least that portion of it supplied by the province."

"We find, putting the most charitable construction on the entire transaction, that \$134,035.35, stated in our recapitulation following statement 'C', given as unaccounted for, was misappropriated and diverted from its proper and legitimate channels. "Considering that the doors were never locked—that nearly one million dollars were tossed about without any special guardianship or any reasonable prospect of anyone being called upon to account, that temptation in its most seductive form was continually in the path of the politicians interested, it is not very difficult to understand how an account even larger than \$134,035.35 might well have been switched from its legitimate course."

"It is clear that Mr. Sharp found a balance to the credit of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company in the Bank of New Brunswick, June 30th, 1904, of \$52,250, and the cash book he made up starts with the same amount on that very day. The first entry is: '1904, June 30th: Government advanced \$52,250.' This total is carried forward, and directly under all other expenditures are, is found in lead pencil: 'Less W. P. \$5,000,' and that \$5,000 is deducted from the total, leaving a balance of \$47,250. Nowhere else in the book is this item of \$5,000 mentioned."

That "W. P. \$5,000 Item"  
Mr. Pugsley has never been able to give any satisfactory explanation with regard to this mysterious "W. P. \$5,000 item."

"Payment to A. B. Copp, \$14,250." Of this amount Mr. Copp was paid \$1,050, July 7th to October 20th, 1905. On March 26th, 1906, he was paid the balance, \$3,750. No voucher or accounts were filed giving the items making up the above amounts. Mr. Copp stated in evidence that he had visited Ottawa once pressing for a settlement of the extra subsidy on the 15th mile section, and once in interviewing Mr. Emmerson in reference to the purchase from the I. C. R. of some old steel bridges; that he had

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A. T. Bessie, St. John.  
Edward Murray, St. John.  
C. Orr, St. John.  
E. F. Roberts, Cody's Station, N. B.  
G. A. Leonard, Cody's Station, N. B.  
J. Myers, St. John, N. B.  
John H. Gargison, New Mills, N. B.  
A. Leprune, New Mills, N. B.  
Gordon R. Dickie, Black Point, N. B.  
George Taylor, Moncton, N. B.  
Canadian Army Service Corps.

The Canadian Army Service Corps has fallen into the luck of the 236th Railway Construction Battalion. The majority of the men enlisting yesterday went with the Service Corps. Lieutenant Laing told The Standard last night that as soon as the eligibles realized the splendid opportunities in the C. A. S. C. there would be a grand rush of recruits.

236th Klitties' Campaign.  
At a meeting of the officers of the Klitties Battalion and a committee of prominent citizens held in the city yesterday it was decided to inaugurate a whirlwind campaign to fill the ranks of the 236th. It was the opinion of those present that in order to get the required result a committee of one hundred citizens be appointed to lend their moral and executive assistance to the undertaking. In conversation with Lieutenant Colonel Guthrie, who was in the city yesterday, The Standard learned that no more recruiting for the 236th Battalion can be carried on in the upper provinces after February 28th. This means that New Brunswick will have to furnish the 600 men to complete the battalion or the unit may lose its identity which is not desired by any person in the province. "The hearty support of every individual in the province is needed to fill the ranks of the 236th Battalion," said Colonel Guthrie.

Arrangements will be made by the committee in charge to hold a recruiting meeting in the different churches throughout the city on Sunday week. Short addresses will be delivered on that occasion. Yesterday Sergeant Whiteneck of the 236th Klitties had a number of carpenters at work in King Square erecting a recruiting station under the stand. This will be occupied by the recruiting officer for the Klitties. On account of the central location it is thought that many men will be reached who before have evaded the recruiting offices on Prince William street. The 115th band will arrive in the city shortly to carry on the work of recruiting by giving musical concerts. Colonel Guthrie left last night for Fredericton.

Entertainment at Grand Bay.  
A very successful concert, pie social and dance was held on Monday night under the auspices of the "Pon-



## It's the Womenfolks who Worry

"ONLY \$780 left after the bills are paid. It will not last long. Then, there's the mortgage. The payments on it must be met, or I'll lose our home. If it were not for the children I could go out to work. But what can I do with them? I will have to do something—but what?"

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Boys of Grand Bay, in the Orange Hall at that place. A good sum was realized, which will be devoted to sending comforts to soldiers and to the orphan children of soldiers. The programme was as follows: Vocal selections, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton; recitation, W. Spencer; solo, Miss Ebbett; reading, Mrs. Hamilton; whistling solo, James Evans; solo, Miss E. Spencer; recitation, Miss Daisy Calvin; duo, Miss Isa Hamm; Master Vio; solo, E. Hamilton; recitation, W. Spencer; solo, Miss E. Spencer; dialogue, "The Little Pitcher," W. M. Charles Stevens acted as chairman and at the conclusion of the programme called on David Hamm

who auctioned off the pies. The evening was rounded off with a dance which lasted until the wee sma' hours and the party wound up a pleasant evening with God Save the King.

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## ENNISKILLEN

Enniskillen, Feb. 12.—The weather of late has been very disagreeable. Friends of Mr. A. J. Bell will be sorry to hear that he is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe. Mr. W. H. Kirkpatrick was in St. John this week on business. Miss Bessie Paterson was calling on Mrs. C. E. Duplisa on Wednesday last.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Frank Sambols is very ill. Friends of Mr. Manson Kirkpatrick will be glad to hear that he is recovering from his recent illness. Mr. G. M. Thorne made a flying trip to Fredericton one day last week. Percy Parsons is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benison Parsons.

## DIED.

PETERS.—At the Public Hospital, on the 13th inst., Mary Ann, daughter of the late Benjamin L. Peters. Funeral from Trinity Church on Thursday, 15th, at 3 o'clock.

NOBLE.—At the Bessey Private Hospital, 845 Beacon street, Boston, February 13, Christopher, eldest son of the late John A. and Elizabeth Hazleton Noble. Notice of funeral later.

LEE.—On Tuesday, 13th inst., at the home of Henry M. Lee, 203 St. George street, West Side, Mary M., daughter of the late George and Catherine Hamm Lee, in the 76th year of her age. Notice of funeral later.

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