

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. Toed. Here are some of their findings:

"It is true," says the Commission, "a company was organized, with one 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 ex-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 even attempt to develop the mines in a large way. Thus at an early stage original visions of profit and a declaration 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 new 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 a 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 accounts and other matters by which we could trace the disbursement of money, we have no hesitation in saying that special-

ly during 1902 the moneys used up and liabilities incurred far outstripped any legitimate expenditure that was being made. The difference we believe to have been misappropriated. Otherwise sufficient money would have been on hand to have paid current bills, leaving the government in this respect a clean sheet on taking over the road in 1905."

Govt. Members Should Have Kept
"In ordinary course of business the company's interests and those of the province, from whom it received all its resources, would have been in a business sense antagonistic. Therefore we believe good business demanded that the Provincial Secretary (Tweedie) and the Attorney General (Pugsley) remain outside the company. Then as members of the government they would have been in a position to have seen to it that stipulations safeguarding the provincial treasury were lived up to; as it worked out, by their position in the company as members of the government their influence was paramount, representing, as they did, all the capital invested. By their presence in the House of Assembly, on the other hand, they were able, from their knowledge and control of the company's affairs, to present such statements as were necessary to allay the suspicions of the legislature and conceal from the country the true state of affairs."

Want An Account
"We believe the directors of the company, and especially the ex-officio members, Messrs. Pugsley and Tweedie, 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."

Probably Oldest Man in Province Dead
Special to The Standard.
Richibucto, Feb. 13.—Luke Thibodeau, probably the oldest man in New Brunswick, is dead. Mr. Thibodeau had been in good health until recently. He resided with his son, Frank, at Richibucto Cape.

Was Anaemic For Over a Year
Anæmia, or blood turning to water, is caused by the heart becoming weakened and if the heart becomes weakened it cannot pump the blood as it should. As a result the blood becomes impoverished, and it loses its nourishing qualities. The face becomes pale and thin, and the lips bloodless. There is a weakness, tiredness and loss of weight.
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FOURTEEN MEN DECIDE TO SERVE KING

Whirlwind Campaign to Fill Ranks of 236th to Be Inaugurated at Once.

- HONOR ROLL.**
- George C. Golding, Queens county, N. B.
 - Ernest McFarlane, Fairville, N. B.
 - George Cunningham, St. John, N. B.
 - 216th Bantam Battalion.
 - H. Archer, St. John.
 - 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. Gargton, 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 Kilties' Campaign.
At a meeting of the officers of the Kilties 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 this occasion.
Yesterday Sergeant Whitenecht of the 236th Kilties had a number of carpenters at work in King Square erecting a bandstand. This will be occupied by the recruiting officer for the Kilties. 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 'Pren-



It's the Womenfolks who Worry

"ONLY \$760 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?"

You sir, must realize the coming of that certain day when death or incapacity for work will cut off your present income. The distress of your loved ones if you should be taken—the suffering and humiliation which they might have to face—do you not see it? Do you imagine your wife doesn't see it?

"Exaggerated" you say. Not at all. All around us we see women and children adrift—left destitute because of man's very human tendency to "put off till tomorrow" a responsibility which involves a little self-sacrifice.

Banish this spectre of worry from your home. Make certain that after you are gone your widow will receive—regularly—every month—as long as she lives—a cheque to provide for her every need and to give your children a proper start in life.

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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.

Take No Chances.—Insist on a Remington Typewriter. It's a good machine, a profitable investment and a cash asset. A. Milne Fraser, Jas. A. Little, Mgr., 37 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

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 Eliza, both Hazelton Noble.
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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BUT I HAVE NO CIGARS.

THERE ARE SOME CIGARS I BOUGHT FOR YOU—I'M GOING TO THROW THIS HORRID PIPE OUT IN THE YARD—

BY GOLLY—IF I SMOKED ALL OF THIS—I'D BE ASHAMED TO LOOK A HEAD OF CABBAGE IN THE FACE.

I WONDER WHICH WINDOW SHE THREW ME PIPE OUT OF.

WAR AND OVERCOATS
\$15
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King St.
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Hopkins, who has been
Miss Sarah Watson,
home in Fort Fairfield
of the week.
porter visited friends at
last part of the week.
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this week.
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and arrived home in
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which the evening was
games and story-tell-
those who enjoyed the
of Mrs. Kilburn and
ere Misses Grace, Ger-
al McPhail, Miss Lucy
erothy Olmstead, Miss
Miss Mary Henderson,
Miss Alma Rankine,
Gillett, Miss Carolyn
Margaret Curry, Miss
Mrs. Herbert Dime-
te.
Miss G. Oxbow, was
this week.
Tibbitts spent several
Falls, the past week.
Walker returned to Bos-
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th relatives here.
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at the home of her mo-
the Church of England
A. E. Kuppey on Fri-
occurred in the barber
hitlock on Tuesday, but
action of the firemen
ended with quite slight