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SOME HEAVY BALANCES AGAINST DR. PUGSLEY

Amounts He Owed Province at Various Times Placed Before Legislature

Largest Overdraft Was Nearly \$8,000—Sent Check for Something Over \$4,000 to Square Account About Date of Recent Provincial Election—Claims \$3,670 for Services is Due Him—May Have to Pay Interest to Province—Other News of the House.

Fredericton, N. B., May 11.—The house met at 3 p.m. The act to amend the probate courts act was read a third time. Several bills passed their second reading. The report of the standing committee was presented by Hon. Mr. McLeod, recommending a number of private bills.

In answer to Mr. Sprout's inquiry regarding the circumstances connected with Hon. Wm. Pugsley's overdraft of \$4,331.64, Hon. Mr. Fleming said the overdraft of the amount stated as it appeared on Oct. 31st, 1907, was not an advance for overdraft for that particular amount. It was a balance of overdraft account running for several years and amounting to different sums at different times. He then submitted the account of Hon. Wm. Pugsley with the province from January, 1901, to the time that the advance was repaid in full. The balances due the province by Hon. Wm. Pugsley at the end of each fiscal year were as follows: Oct. 31, 1901, \$2,183.93; 1902, \$1,748.54; 1903, \$6,227.01; 1904, \$1,214.64; 1905, \$7,030.64; 1906, \$6,005.64; 1907, \$4,331.64.

This amount was repaid by cheques dated Feb. 27, 1908, and it passed to the credit of the province March following. No interest had ever been paid on this overdraft by Hon. Wm. Pugsley but the deputy receiver general was making the interest account from the daily balances and when the same was completed it would be submitted to the house.

In answer to Mr. Currie's question as to the amount at credit of the road tax fund in Restigouche, Hon. Mr. Morrissey said the secretary of the Restigouche reported to the department of public works April 2, 1908, that he had on hand on March 1 last \$1,965.09 to the credit of the road tax fund.

Hon. Mr. Fleming, replying to Mr. McKewen's question as to a bill for professional services submitted by Hon. Mr. Pugsley, said that the bill for \$3,670 was submitted in unsettled account against the province for professional services, the amount being \$3,670. He then gave the items.

Mr. Munro enquired if the government had been informed as to irregularities in the polling booth at Arthurton in Victoria county and as to whether or not the sitting member for Victoria, Mr. Tweeddale, was present at the poll in question. Mr. Munro applied for leave of absence one week for Mr. Smith.

Hon. Mr. McLeod presented a petition from the town of Marsden for amendments to its incorporation act and introduced acts to authorize the city of Fredericton to establish a gold mine for the University of N. B. to aid the Hart Boot and Shoe Co., and to issue debentures.

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BLOODY BATTLE BETWEEN C.P.R. STRIKERS AND POLICE

Eight Men Injured and Two of Them Likely Fatally

Owen Sound Mob Attack Fifty Specials From Toronto With Lumps of Coal as Missiles—Deputies Reply with Bullets—Four Casualties On Each Side—Settlement Reached

(Special to The Telegraph.) Owen Sound, May 11.—Four men, seriously wounded, by being struck on the head with lumps of coal, three men suffering from gun wounds and one unmercifully beaten over the head with clubs and kicked were the casualties that occurred in a battle between strikers and fifty constables sent up from Toronto by the Canadian Pacific railway this morning. The trouble began when it was learned that during the night the company had brought up fifty special service men. There was an immediate rush for the yards, and in a few minutes nearly 1,000 people, including strikers, sympathizers and spectators, swarmed over the docks. The first move of the company was to begin operations on the steamer Dundee loaded with grain at Elevator B. No sooner had the men gone into the hold than the crowd made a rush. The constables used their clubs freely but were forced back and a torrent of coal was rained on them. One of them was caught after he had struck down one of the crowd.

Fired at Mob. At this juncture a constable came up and deliberately fired at the men. Another constable opened fire promiscuously on the crowd, who stood their ground, and dropped coal on the retreating constables' heads. At the east end of the sheds another battle was in progress. The mob forced the constables stationed at the foot of George street to retreat to the east end of the slip. Here on a small bridge they caught John McIntosh, one of the strikers, and five men began to club him viciously. After he had been knocked down he was kicked unmercifully about the head and face.

The specials, who came up from Toronto, were accompanied by General Superintendent Osborne and Divisional Superintendent Nelson. Provincial Detective Rogers also came up, under the direction of the provincial government, to act, if possible, as intermediary in securing a settlement.

Report of Foul Murder of Prince Edward Island Man. Moncton, N. B., May 11.—Passengers from Prince Edward Island this afternoon give currency to a report of a foul murder, which was committed at Miscouche, near Summerside, Sunday night. On account of the cable between the island and the mainland being broken, no news can be obtained from the island by wire. This morning the body of a young man named McMullan, son of Daniel McMullan, a farmer at Miscouche, was found on the railway track at Miscouche by the section men. The story runs that young McMullan on Sunday night was seeing a young lady home when a shot fired from bushes and McMullan fell dead. H. R. Pickett, the well known Montreal island today says the story of the murder is true enough, but he was only able to learn very meagre details from the station agent at Miscouche. The story is that young McMullan was going home with a girl with whom another young man had been keeping company or was infatuated with. Who fired the fatal shot is a mystery. The tragedy occurred after dark in a lonely part of the road. Young McMullan's father formerly lived at Carleton Place, but has been residing at Miscouche about ten years. The name of the young lady with whom the man was at the time the fatal shot was fired has not been learned nor the name of the party suspected. The affair has created a great sensation at Summerside.

Two Men Nearly Drowned at Bayfield. Sackville, May 11.—A. L. Fullerton, who for several years has been a member of the intercolonial staff here has been appointed station master at Memramook. A double drowning tragedy was narrowly averted at Bayfield on Saturday afternoon when a small dory containing two young men, Albert Whittle and George Martin, was swamped in Dobson's Cove. The young men were rescued with considerable difficulty. Martin was taken from the water when sinking for the third time and when brought ashore was in a critical condition. Both young men were brought around all right.

Gov. Fraser Advises Canadians in Boston to Become Americans. Boston, Mass., May 11.—Before a large and representative audience of Canadian-born citizens of the United States, members and guests of the Intercolonial Club, Lieutenant-Governor D. C. Fraser, of Nova Scotia, spoke tonight in the club's new hall in Roxbury. The governor's remarks for the most part were informal and extemporaneous. He dwelt at length on one of the rules of the organization, that every member should become an American citizen. He urged the Canadian-born men who were not citizens of the country to become citizens. In doing this, he said, they would not be denying "dear old Canada."

Coroner Gives Jury Questions. Coroner Kenney asked the jury to consider the following questions: 1—Was the car going too fast? 2—Did the motorman employ every means in his power? 3—Were the brakes efficient and was the fender a proper appliance? Outside of the case he wished to call the attention of the jury to the fact that the gangs on cars were not sounded on some of the dangerous crossings in Carleton. The jury retired at 11 o'clock and were some time in reaching the verdict.