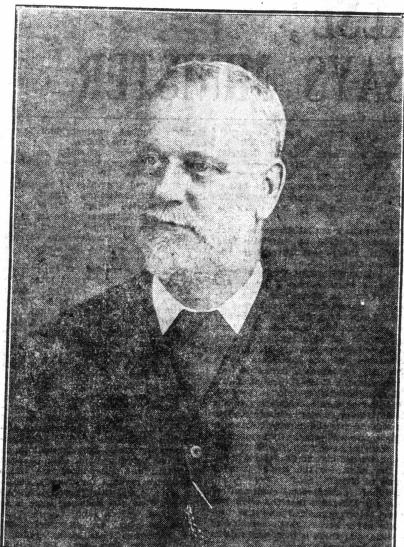
MAYES ADMITS THAT THE ONLY STATEMENT IN HIS AFFIDAVIT REFLECTING ON PUGSLEY WAS AN ERROR



MR. JAMES PENDER

The Next Representative of St. John City In the House of Commons

is a fact that the original declaration made by Mr. Mayes states the year as 1905 or 1907, I have no knowledge, because although I sought today to obtain access to the original declaration I was unable to do so. It may be, however, that Mr. Mayes recall the date of the note, which is not in my possession, but presumably n his, and that it would make a most telling indictment against me if he could have it appear that the note was given to me after I became a minister.

am confirmed in having this susprion from the fact that a short time ago C. J. Osman came to me and told THE IMPRESSION THAT MR. MAYES HAD TOLD HIM IT WAS Then it appears from a statement which Percy W. Thomson MR. MAYES THAT I HAD RECEIV-ED THE NOTE AFTER I BECAME which George McAvity says that F. MR. MAYES. He retained other coun- mell on 12th October, 1907, the follow-W. Holt, C.E., who came to him on sel, and the relationship which had Mr. Mayes' behalf, made that he also for so many years existed between us

Therefore it is difficult for me to Standard newspaper that the date was record will show that I have treated October 15, 1907, is the same date as him in all respects as I would treat contained in the original declaration. any other contractor who was entitled I am further confirmed in this view to fair consideration and nothing from the fact that it seems incredible more. that the printer in setting up the type Let me call your attention to a letshould fall into an error so manifestly ter written on the 23rd November, to my disadvantage, and so change the 1997, by Mr. Mayes to me, which is as date from a time when it would be follows: perfectly proper for me, as the solicitor and counsel for Mr. Mayes, to receive a payment from him on to a date after I became minister, and when it would be most improper for me to

THE INTENTION IS PLAIN.

Then, too, if you consider the paragraph of the declaration which I have just read, you will see that it is drawn with the clear intention of conveying to the public mind that I was a Minister at the time, Mr. Mayes says that I stated to him, "You see it will be nice to have someone who could do something for you while in Ottawa," "that there was always something to

be done." IF I WERE BASE ENOUGH, FALSE ENOUGH, TO MY DUTY AS A MIN-ISTER OF THE CROWN TO ACCEPT MONEY FROM A CONTRACTOR THESE WORDS WOULD BE EN-TIRELY APPLICABLE, BUT THEY ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO A NOTE GIVEN TWO YEARS BEFORE I BECAME A MEMBER OF PARLIA-MENT, AT A TIME WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATURE AND WHEN I HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST THOUGHT OR EXPEC-TATION OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. This falsehood has gone abroad, it has been published undoubtedly all over Canada, and no doubt in every newspaper in the land there will appear the statement that I, while Minister of the Crown, received the sum of \$2,000 from a dredge contractor, while my denial of false dealing will not reach all parts of the country, and no doubt Conservative speakers will be using this as a canvass against the government. Therefore you can see how impossible it is to repair the wrong which has been done me and the government of which I am a member.

INDECENT AND DISHONORABLE.

I want now in the strongest manner possible to denounce Mr. Mayes and those who prepared the declaration for him, and Mr. Hazen who read the declaration at the meeting last night,

as men unworthy to move in decent society and among honorable men. Now, what are the facts? In 1905 Mr. Mayes, whose solicitor and counsel I had been for a number of years, having been engaged by him in very important professional work, came to and stated that he was desirous of tendering for dredging in the Harbor of St. John and asked my advice as to associating with him one or more ousiness men of the city. KNOWING GEORGE MCAVITY AS A PROMIN-ENT BUSINESS MAN I SUGGEST-' ED THAT HE SHOULD SEE HIM AND PERHAPS HE WOULD BE- Resident Engineer Scammell a tele COME ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN gram of that date, as follows: THE UNDERTAKING. From that time on until quite recently, although that he had given me a note for \$2,000. Avity were associated together in the MR. OSMAN WAS UNDER dredging work, I had no knowledge of what was the arrangement between them. From time to time, and indeed GIVEN WHILE I WAS A MINIS- | very often, Mr. Mayes advised with me as his solicitor in regard to matters which arose in connection with the made to John E. Moore, as I am work, BUT IN THE SUMMER OF informed by Mr. Moore, that he was 1907, WHEN I BECAME A MEMBER also GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND BY OF PARLIAMENT AND MINISTER, I CEASED THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND FROM THAT TIME ON I MINISTER; also from a statement | NEVER ACTED IN ANY WAY FOR

received the same information from in the capacity of solicitor and client ceased altogether. As Minister of Public Works I have come to any other conclusion than that been called upon to deal with the subthe statement as contained in the ject of Mr. Mayes' contracts, and the

Ottawa:

Dear sir-Permit me to call your at-

tention to the fact that I have not

been paid for any work for the last

SOME MAYES' LETTERS. November 23,1907. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works.

three months. This is entirely due to the appropriation having been exhausted and does not reflect upon anybody. Notwithstanding this, at your request, I have prosecuted this work under my contract just as diligently as if I were receiving the money regularly. I am sure you can understand what a burden this has imposed upon me when you consider the extreme difficulty of getting money from our banks for any purposes. I have a large overdraft for which I am paying a heavy rate of interest. Had I so chosen, I could under the terms of my contract, have stopped work altogether and thereby practically stopped my expenditure, but the result would have been that the work would not have been advanced to an extent necessary to provide for the opening of the winter port season, which it practically is to-Under these circumstances I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU SHOULD CANCEL MY OLD CON-TRACT FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PAYMENT UNDER IT AND SUBSTITUTE A NEW CONTRACT EMBODYING ALL THE WORK WHICH REMAIN-ED UNPERFORMED AT THAT DATE, together with the work since awarded to me and which has recently been surveyed by Messrs. Valiquet and Holt, this work to be

at the same schedule as paid to the

Dominion Dredging Company, for

similar, though in many instances,

not so difficult work as we have

had the section which contains

nearly all the boulders in that vic-

inity, entailing serious breakage

and great expense and loss. Be-

sides this, you will find upon in-

quiry, that before I entered upon

my first contract a great portion of

the high water work which be-

due proportion of low water work which has added very materially to the difficulties of my work. Trusting that this request may receive your most favorable consideration, I remain. Yours sincerely, To which I replied on the 16th De ember, 1907, as follows:

I have had under careful consideration your letter of the 23rd ult., asking to be relieved of your contract of the 30th September, 1905, and AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF MY DEPARTMENT AND EXAMIN ING THE CONTRACT AND SPECIFICATIONS VERY CARE-FULLY, I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST, and I have therefore to ask that you will proceed as rapidly as possible and complete the work required under said contract. I shall be glad to learn from you how soon you will be able to complete this work. I am,

longed to it had been removed by

the local government dredges. Con-

sequently I have always had an un-

G. S. MAYES.

Yours very truly, WILLIAM PUGSLEY. G. S. Mayes, Esq St. John, N. B.

GUARDING THE PUBLIC INTER-

EST. As further evidence of the fact tha was absolutely independent of Mr. Mayes and sought to guard in every way the public interest, I will go back to October, 1907, when I received from

n. Wm. Pugsley, Min Public Works, Ottawa. Mayes defies me in his work absolutely refuses to dredge in accordance with instructions given in writing and also personally delivered. He stated that he had no power over him have cancelled all his work until he shows his obediency kindly wire as soon as possible. Have wired the Chief En-

J. K. SCAMMETA. ing instructions: Oct. 12, '97.

J. K. Scammell, C. E., St. John, Your telegram received. Carry out instructions of Chief Engineer WILLIAM PUGSLEY. And again on the 16th of May, 1908, received from Mr. Mayes the followng telegram:

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Ottawa, Ont My dredge Beaver has been working nearly three years without being registered. Is there are necessity for registering next week for tendering other works prefer not to.

G. S. MAYES.

To which I replied on the 18th of that month as follows:

May 18. G. S. Mayes, St. John, N. B. Same condition is in all advertisements issued calling for dredging tenders regret find it impossible to make exception in your

WILLIAM PUGSLEY. Again in July, 1908, I received from Mr. Mayes a letter under date of 25th

Hon. William Pugsley, Esq., M.P.,

Minister of Public Works Ottawa: Dear Dr. Pugsley:-I wired you yesterday that my work was completed and now beg to confirm it by letter. So far as the removal of the core was concerned this was great surprise to us all. including your engineers. The plan, dated 1st June last, showed dimensions which were also included in the specifications, calling for the removal of 12,000 yards. It was rather surprising, therefore, when the removal of 3,000 yards completed the job. As it is very evident that another error has been made, perhaps you will be good enough to point out some 9,000 yards for me to do elsewhere. I understand that the Railway Department want the berth at the Ballast wharf cleaned up. If so, I am ready and willing to do the work. I remain, yours truly,

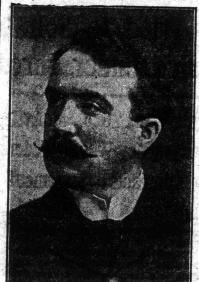
Signed, G. S. MAYES. P. S.-May I call your attention again to the very large amount of money in hold-backs on progress estimates which are now due to me on these accounts. Please have the payment made as soon as possible as I have use for the funds. G. S. M.

Then came a telegram to me under date of 10th August, 1908, as follows:-

Hon. William Pugsley, Ottawa: Have kept crew on dredge await-

Withdraws Offensive Declarations in Letter to Minister --- Pugsley Completely Vindicates Himself Before Record Breaking Audience at Opera House

Eloquent and Forcible Addresses Delivered by Mr. Pender, the Hon. Charles Marcil, and Mr. H. J. Logan of Cumberland



HANCE J. LOGAN.

ing possible word from you as to dredging Ballast wharf berths. It can be done more satisfactorily this time of year as place is badly exposed to fall and winter weather. Can you kindly arrange this now. G. S. MAYES.

To which I replied on the same date as follows:

G. S. Mayes, St. John, N. B.: Regret unable to comply with WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

This correspondence, taken from a mass of letters and telegrams, will like a man who felt that he was under est of the public and not of any indi-

DELIBERATE BLACKMAIL.

I now come to what is, I think, the most serious part of this business, and that is the deliberate attempt made by Mr. Mayes to blackmail me into purchasing his dredge and making a settlement of claims which he profess ed to have against the department. In the month of May last, Mr. Mayes wrote me a letter which contained the following statement:

"I am also willing, if you see fit; to sell my dredge and scows to the government at a reasonable price. As a compensation for the opportunity of which I have been deprived as well as for the great and unforeseen difficulties which I have encountered in their removal, I suggest that you should pay me the second contract prices for rock, viz.: \$19.80 per cubic yard instead of \$5.50 and \$8.60, those under the

first contract." "To that letter I do not appear to have made any reply. Later on both Mr. Mayes and Alderman Baxter, his solicitor, spoke to me on several occasions with regard to peat from house to house vile slanders soon as the G. T. P. was completed to mother and because of her he was able formed me that unless Mr. Mayes could be satisfied in this way the public to the Pacific the opposition find that might hear some things in confection they cannot attack the Liberal plat-

I learned by mail, by telegraph and other means that Mayes and Baxter had endeavored to urge the purchase and I charge these men with bringing of the dredge by enlisting the influence these vile and miserable slanders, and Logan had proved that goods landed a fellow countryman of Laurier? of my friend the Hon. C. J.Osman, Mr. when the electors go to the polls on here were delivered by the C. P. R. and (Cheers for Laurier.) The Liberal Mr. Mayes, you will remember, wanted \$150,000 for the dredge and if the have to say by their votes whether government would pay that sum for they approve of these methods and the it the whole matter would be hushed up. He saw to it that the information reached me that photogrophs had been obtained of his note and checks and he was good enough to say through Mr. Holt that if the purchase was campaign there. nade on his terms that the photographs would be burned and the suit against Mr. McAvity discontinued.

MAYES THREATENS. Later he came to see me personally. He talked in a gentle but threatening manner and referring to his relations with Mc. McAvity suggested that the dredge should be bought. I told him that any claims he might have would be treated on their merits and that I would be willing to purchase the dredge at a reasonable price. He suggested that the purchase should be made through an agent. I told him that my department was desirous of purchasing a dredge, but that this could be done quite satisfactorily without the assistance of an

agent and, moreover, that this purchase if made, would be completed at a price not greater than the actual value of the dredge. As to this price I as head of the department would be governed by the report of my inspector. Mr. Mayes went on to intimate that greater and more prosperous and to country unless they can show why ant one in the history of St. John poli-\$20,000 might be taken off the price for advance your interests in every way there should be a change. What bet- tics.

ise in the campaign. I invited Mr. Mayes to open the door and walk out, which he did." (Cheers and laughter.) Mr. Pugsley then read Mr. Baxter's telegram urging that the dredge be bought, his reply to the telegram, Mr. Teed's letter demanding the return of the \$2,000 and his reply to this-all of which are given separately on page ive of this issue.

After reading the telegram above mentioned, Mr. Pugsley said: "Reading between the lines you can see plainly that Mr. Baxter conveyed to me the intimation that unless the dredge was purchased Mayes would carry out his

WHO USED TEED'S NAME

"My reply was sent to Mr. Teed on Oct. 12th. Mr. Teed, as I know, was out of the city, yet such was the anxiety of Mr. Mayes and his friends to force this affair to a crisis that a writ was issued in Mr. Teed's name, although he was not in the city, and served on me yesterday. It is bad enough to threaten any citizen with blackmail, but if a man comes to me as a Minister of the

crown and asks me to buy a dredge at a price far greater than its value under threats of blackmail I say no act could be more damnable than this. (Hear, hear)'. The penalty of blackmail is the peni entiary, but for such an act there should be a far greater penalty.

I charge Mr. Hazen, the Premier this province, with being a party to this act and with having this knowl edge in his possession and keeping back until this time for his own pur

I charge J. B. M. Baxter, who I understand is president of the Liberal Conservative organization in this city, convince, I think any unprejudiced with being a party to this, for he mind that I, as Minister, did not act knew, as is shown by his telegrams any obligation to Gershon S. Mayes, holding out this threat that it Next turning his attention to Geo. E. and letters, that and I can cheerfully say with regard | might be brought out in the hottest

responsibility and take the consequences, as they have placed theminals must rest the responsibility. Mr. Pugsley then read the affidavits

of Geo. McAvity, John E. Moore and F. W. Holt, given on pages one and two of this issue. He then continued: "Now, ladies and gentlemen, have I not convinced you by this unquestion-

me into buying Mr. Mayes' dredge at a price far beyond its value? These ean, contemptible and disreputable tactics are the most disgraceful ever carried out by any political party. I am sorry that our opponents have fallen so low. It looks as if the leaders of the Conservtive party were willing resort to any trick, to any crime, in order to injure me. I regret to say that they are descend-

ing to the lowest and most slanderous attacks not only on the public plat-All over Canada from the Atlantic

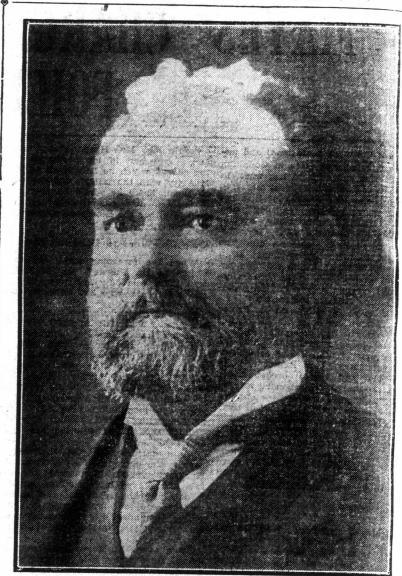
discredit the Liberal party. Now I have laid the facts before you Oct 28 I want them to remember that I. C. R. more quickly than similar ship- leader had indeed brought peace and this is one of the issues and they will ments via Boston and New York. men who use them.

these circumstances and will do your best to look after my interests here. I would also ask you that every man would also ask you that every man prosperity of the country and then who votes for me should also vote for turned to the scandal charges of the my friend, Mr. Pender. I would rathat that he should be elected and I they had sprung last night would prove

stances under which he first went to ting below the belt. Ottawa as St. John's representative.

No member of the opposition could and Mr. Logan was escorted to the and spoke of the pride it had given be found who was man enough to Royal Hotel by the Young Liberals' him to serve in this capacity and to stand up and make definite charges Club with tremendous cheering. On

In closing he said: "I can assure you that if you send my friend, Mr. Bender, and myself to Ottawa you will have two representatives who will do "It's time for a change." This cry is feeling that they had taken part in a all in their power to make St. John an insult to the intelligence of the demonstration that will be an import-



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hat lies within our power." At the close of his speech the burst of thunderous and prolonged applause (Cries of "None," and cheers.) showed clearly that the attempt at blackmail had done more than anything else to insure Dr. Pugsley the Scotia? ("No, no.") warm support and the unswerving loyalty of the electorate of St. John. JAMES PENDER.

James Pender was the next speaker,

when he rose. In opening he referred to the prophecy of Sir Charles Tupper in 1896, captains the stately ship came into that the Liberal policy would ruin the port in splendid condition with the country, and showed instead that these coffers full. What would you think of last twelve years had been the most

to him, as with regard to all other per- part of the campaign in the hope that machine and in striking terms placed Foster, he characterized him as a wind sons who have done business with my I might be injured by it. I charge him before the audience his political and with a cadaverous, long-whiskered with being a party with Mr. Mayes to financial record. Referring to what he tramp because "it is time for a I would be sorry to say that Dr. said that after only a week Foster Daniel and Dr. MacRae, the Conserva- would have been willing to crawl back working men present and challenged tive candidates, are party to this out- to the flesh-pots even through the key- any one to show that the Conserva-

He said that if the manager of a men except establishing Labor day, business concern acted as Mr. Foster putting a tax of \$50 on Chirese. selves in the hands of these men as had acted in regard to the Union was not worth the paper on which it Trust Co. he would be kicked out. was written, and the establishing a Mr. Daniel has said that it was im bureau of labor statistics. Compared possible to use Courtenay Bay for with this he showed that the Liberals terminal purposes, and the Conserva- had given the alien labor law, the \$500 tive paper has questioned his attitude tax on Chinese, the Labor Department, regarding the G. T. P. He claimed the the Labour Gazette, the fair wage polprivilege of changing his mind, and icy; had changed the riot act and the gave as one of the reasons for doing militia law and had put into effect the

able evidence that a wilful, deliberate, ence applies only to goods comso the fact that the British prefer- conciliation ect. In all, he said, Caning through Canadian ports. This lation of any country with the possible would divert enough trade from Am- exception of New Zealand. (Cheers.) erican to Canadian ports to build up St. John and make it the terminus of a great transcontinental railway. At the conclusion of this speech, Mr. der, and urged his nearers to save them back to Ottawa to carry on the Pender was greeted with loud applause great policy of the Liberal party.

H. J. LOGAN.

H. J. Logan was next introduced and was given a most hearty welcome.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY,

The speaker next took up the record give honor to whom honor is due. The I cannot talk longer to you, as you of the Liberal party and showed that country had the same natural rewant to hear the other speakers, and Laurier had brought peace to the sources before 1896 that it had now, besides I must leave tonight for Camp- country by settling the Manitoba school but the men who were in command bellton to lend my assistance in the question and had then brought pros- then did not know how to manage the perity by the improved tariff arrange affairs of the country to bring about I am sorry that I will not be with ments. The Conservatives had said the prosperity it now enjoys. Quebec you more frequently and that I will that the present tariff was simply the has already answered this question not be able to see every elector per- old national policy. He had heard Sir and would give Laurier 55 out of the But I ask that you will remember claring that the tariff would bring ruin to the country. (Laughter).

Charles Tupper, on the contrary, define the asked the people of St. John to stand by the men who made the country.

opposition. The so-called scandal which remain behind than that I should be a boomerang and turn back on their The speaker referred to the circum- not playing the same, they were hitown heads. (Cheers). These men were King.

help in carrying out Laurier's plans on the floors of the House. He de- arriving at the hotel the occupants of

THE PARROT CRY.

ter representative could you find fo St. John than the Hon. Wm. Pugsley Do you want to change Laurier for Borden, that little man from Nova Do you want to exchange Fielding

for Foster? Even the Conservative papers are trying to save Canada from Mr. Foster. He compared Canada to a ship which and he was given a great reception under Foster's command came into

port dismasted, barnacle-covered, with a heavy deficit. After a change of Foster because "it is time for a change?"

Again he compared it to a woman change." (Laughter.)

tives had done anything for laboring He asked what better friends or representatives the working men could have than Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Pent

Continued applause marked the close of Mr. Logan's remarks. HON. CHARLES MARCIL The next speaker was Hon. Charles Turning to the government's policy Marcil, the deputy speaker of the of granting the preference only to House of Commons. In opening his form, but they are sending secret gods arriving through Canadian ports speech, Mr. Marcil said that Providemissaries all over the country to rehe said that this would become law as ence had blessed him with an Irish the Atlantic coast. (Cheers). This pol- to speak to the audience in English. icy was opposed by Cntario mer He denied that the French Canadians chants, and if the Conservatives would supported Laurier because of his race be placed in power they would not and religion, and showed by their poliwith the dredging that I would greatly form, so they are resorting to the grossest slanders in their efforts to member of parliament had objected to traced Laurier's career and referred to bringing goods via St. John because the reluctance with which he took the there were not facilities erough here leadership of the party. Now he said prosperity to the country.

He asked if the electors on Oct. 26th would lay aside party prejudice and

He dwelt on the increwed trade and try great and to vote for Laurier by voting for Pugsley and Pender. After the applause had subsided three cheers were given for Mr. Marcil. This was followed by cheers for Mr. Pugsley, the candidates and the After the meeting closed the barouche

for advancing the greatness of Can- nounced their action as cowardly, the barouche were elevated on the shoulders of the crowd and carried into the building. Prolonged cheers were given for the party and its re-The only cry of the opposition is presentatives and the crowd dispersed,

Bloody

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men last night to come from into the narr taininig the ele "That he pl wound and fe the stains disc staggered to h the woman w fired, grazing time he had c from his bedr there received causing him to third bullet, w

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ST. STEPHEN. Shore Line train on its arrival her the station, Engi to stop in time over the ends of a couple of small was demolished from its base. A C. P engine hauled the engin locomotive was make the start fo

HONG KONG been disastrous and Hai-Ping di are submerged as

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