

PUGSLEY PRODUCES LETTER WHICH HE WROTE MAYES REBUKING CONTRACTOR FOR DISHONEST PROPOSALS

(Continued from page 1.) men have treated me. They have uttered vile slanders throughout the country to poison the people against me, but I am amazed that such men as the Conservative party leaders could allow such false statements to be circulated.

You can see, he continued, how, in 1905, it would be proper for me as Mr. Mayes' representative to accept the money, but in October, 1907, after I had become minister of public works, it would have been a most improper thing for me to accept any money from a dredging contractor for advising him about his contracts or in any way taking him to his bosom as the instrument to destroy me, they have made a great mistake, for the people will hardly believe his statements in view of the evidence against him.

I will not go over at any great length the statements Mr. Mayes sets out with so much detail in his second solemn declaration. He refers to several expressions which he says he has copied from his diary. He even professes to give the hour and even the minute at which they took place. Gentlemen, I have had a long experience in the courts of justice of this country and I never wanted to put in the witness box a man who kept a diary. (Laughter.) I am always suspicious of the truth of a man who adopts such methods.

On enquiry, I find that in the department records of 1905 Mr. Mayes sets out with so much detail in his second solemn declaration. He refers to several expressions which he says he has copied from his diary. He even professes to give the hour and even the minute at which they took place. Gentlemen, I have had a long experience in the courts of justice of this country and I never wanted to put in the witness box a man who kept a diary. (Laughter.) I am always suspicious of the truth of a man who adopts such methods.

There were two tenders received on this occasion. Mr. Mayes tendered at fifty-five cents, so I am informed, and Haynes & Miller, a large firm of contractors in Toronto, tendered at \$1. Very properly the contract went to Mr. Mayes as the lowest. He would have the people believe that the figures he sent in were changed. My information is that Mr. Mayes was absolutely untrue. Mr. George McAvity and Mr. Mayes were together as contractors, in fact I recommended Mr. McAvity to Mr. Mayes as a man of standing and business ability, and I suppose, after consulting together, they put in a tender at fifty-five cents.

I never knew what arrangement had been made between them until Mr. Mayes, finding that neither he nor Mr. McAvity, for Mr. McAvity was a man of standing and business ability, and I suppose, after consulting together, they put in a tender at fifty-five cents.

Unqualified Denial. I observe that he says I held up money which was due him until he had paid Mr. McAvity. I want to give that statement an unqualified denial. Mr. McAvity never even notified me that money was owing to him until July of this year. On Aug. 22 I received word from Mr. McAvity in reference to this money asking if it could not be retained. I may say that when the department was asked to effect a settlement. When I saw Mr. Mayes I informed him of the notice which had been sent to the department and asked him if there could not be a settlement of the differences between him and Mr. McAvity.

On August 22 he wrote me the letter which appears in his declaration to the effect that I was using my position to hold him up.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst., and in reply would remind you that when I informed you of the notice which I had received from Mr. McAvity that he was interested in the money coming to you from my department and had requested me not to pay

them over until the matter was adjusted, you admitted that there was an amount coming to him, which you said you were prepared to pay, provided I would allow a further claim which you said you proposed making, and would also buy your dredge. The impropriety of your proposal, which I told you I could not possibly entertain, did not seem to impress you as it ought to have done.

As you in your letter deny any indebtedness to Mr. McAvity, I do not propose to intervene in the matter, and shall give instructions for the payment to you of the amount found to be due you by the account of my department. If you have any further claim on the department it will be dealt with on its merits. Whether or not you owe Mr. McAvity or have overpaid him, or whether or not there should be litigation between you, I beg to assure you, a matter of perfect indifference to me.

Yours truly, (Signed) WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

Yet this is the man, gentlemen, who comes out and affirms that I delayed payment on account of the work which he did so (loud cheer). I produce this letter as evidence that within two days I replied that I would give directions for payment and did so (loud cheer). The city council have now come to me in a state of helplessness to ask me to put the Fielding at the berths because Mr. Mayes would not complete his work (cheer).

I will not talk longer on this subject. I was going to say a painful subject, but it is not painful to me, gentlemen, but to the men who endeavor to destroy me (much cheering). I know of no constituency more truth loving than the men of St. John, and they will not stand for men who strike below the belt or tolerate threats to hold up a minister of the crown to depart from his duty. I can rely that they will resent such dastardly conduct, and that as a result of what these men have done will roll up for me a majority far greater than was anticipated (prolonged cheering).

Minister Issues Defi to Mayes. While I have been a minister of the crown, I have been faithful to the people of Canada. Mr. Mayes has unfolded the correspondence and I defy him to show that I have showed him a favor or conferred a benefit which it was not in the proper public interest to do. I defy anyone to produce a letter or telegram or to find anything in my conduct showing that I was under an obligation to G. S. Mayes or George McAvity. I treated them as contractors, which they were, and as if they were strangers to the department over which I have the honor to preside. I will rest well on this subject longer. I felt the great honor which was done me when I received the portfolio of minister of public works. I felt that I could do much for St. John. But I made no promises. All I said was that I was going to Ottawa to become a colleague of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whose hope it is to see the trade of this great dominion flow through Canadian channels to Canadian ports.

St. John Great and Prosperous City. I felt that this policy were carried out it must make St. John a great and prosperous city, one of the greatest on the Atlantic coast. I realized that before long the British preference would be limited to goods coming only through Canadian ports. This clause is in the tariff legislation and will come into force automatically in 1911. The G.T.P. will then be completed with an all Canadian route and there will be no bonding privileges as with the C.P.R. The vast traffic which now goes through Boston, Portland and New York will flow through St. John. It has been sought to carry this policy into effect. France has been granted an intermediate tariff, but will benefit only if goods are shipped direct through ports of the Dominion having received appropriations amounting to more than \$1,000,000 and to St. John having been voted \$750,000 since he became minister. Dr. Pugsley passed on to refer to the visit of the officials of the G.T.P. and to the successful bargains which had been made in Courtenay Bay. The expense of dredging and building wharves, he said, would not be larger than the government would be warranted in under-

HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOTS

ST. JOHN CITY AND COUNTY.

1 ALEXANDER W. MACRAE of the City of Saint John, Barrister-at-Law

2 WILLIAM PUGSLEY of the City of Saint John, Barrister-at-Law

ST. JOHN CITY.

1 JOHN WATERHOUSE DANIEL of the City of Saint John, Physician

2 JAMES PENDER of the City of Saint John, Manufacturer

lacking to obtain Canadian trade through Canadian ports.

Daniel's Short-sighted Policy. I notice, Dr. Pugsley continued, that Dr. Daniel last night said that no doubt he would carry on work in Courtenay Bay until the G.T.P. was built and the traffic would see him and says: "Why, my boy, comes to see him and says: 'Why, my boy, what are you going to do with a great crop, but what are you going to do with it, you have no barns?' The farmer replies: 'I'll build my barns after I've harvested my crop.'" (much laughter).

(Can you imagine, gentlemen, anything more absurd? The G.T.P. has already 650 miles of track open, an army of men are rushing the work and the road will be completed in two or three years to the seaboard, and Dr. Daniel actually wants to build my barns after I've harvested my crop?)"

Dr. Daniel says it will cost \$4,000,000 to build wharves in Courtenay Bay. Well, gentlemen, then you want to elect Pugsley to get it for you (much laughter and cheering). The government is spending \$5,000,000 at Port Arthur and Fort William on the western shores of Lake Superior, and if it should cost \$4,000,000 to build wharves in Courtenay Bay, it would say that the government can afford to do it if it should cost \$4,000,000. If it is the high protective tariff of the Conservative government were created, it would reduce the revenues and then \$4,000,000 would be a mighty big sum.

It is the vigorous and progressive administration of the Liberal government that has enabled the country to develop its foreign trade from \$230,000,000 to the enormous total of \$830,000,000, and has enormous total of \$830,000,000 to \$97,000,000. If that policy is continued it will be possible to still further carry on our public works.

In closing, Dr. Pugsley expressed his thanks for the magnificent demonstration which he had been received. He said that he had never seen anything to equal that in place of the size of Fairville. He was sure, from the great enthusiasm shown, that the electors would cast their ballots in his favor and that a great Liberal victory would result in increasing the development and happiness of Canada. A storm of cheers and applause, which continued for some minutes, was given the minister as he resumed his seat. Hon. H. A. McKeown in a biting speech called upon the audience to rally

strongly around the minister of public works and, by returning him with a triumphant majority, endorse the policy of the Liberal government which has meant so much for Canada. When he rose there was a loud outburst of cheering and his speech was frequently interrupted by a hearty applause.

Slander Campaign Of the Conservatives. He first dwelt briefly on the importance of the contest and paid a high tribute to the worth of Hon. Mr. Pugsley. He contrasted the record of the minister with that of those who had secured office by making promises which were forgotten as soon as they reached Ottawa. Hon. Mr. Pugsley had done his duty by his country but deep down in his heart there was a very warm spot for St. John city and county. Those men, the speaker continued, who were sent to parliament expected to have the honor of those who voted for them in as high estimation as the minister's own. It was expected that the people would be a very warm spot for St. John city and county. Those men, the speaker continued, who were sent to parliament expected to have the honor of those who voted for them in as high estimation as the minister's own. It was expected that the people would be a very warm spot for St. John city and county.

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should be shouldered through good and evil report. But there are 2000 young men here who will cast their first ballot on Oct. 20 and to them I say vote for the party which, under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has done so much for Canada. (Great applause.)

Central Railway Misrepresentation. As Hon. Mr. McKeown resumed his seat the minister of public works government with the Standard. This referred to the finances of the Central railway and for ship though the local issue, had been introduced into this campaign with the manifest intention of hurting him. In this article it was said that \$102,000 the money was unaccounted for. It further stated that he (Hon. Mr. Pugsley) claimed to have accounted for \$30,000. He did not, he knew all about the workings of the Central railway. Still he knew a good deal. He noticed in looking over the statement made by the auditor that no statement was taken of monies paid to James Barnes till the work was taken off his hands. Mr. Barnes had taken the contract to build the road but, finding unworkable, he had asked the government to take the work off his hands, which they did, agreeing to pay him the actual cost of work already done, together with the percentage usually paid to contractors.

Neither was any account taken by the auditor of monies paid out after the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company took possession. He had, he said, seen a statement of some paid out by Mr. Evans for \$100,000 and \$80,000 and these two items more than accounts for the \$102,000 unaccounted for. He had done more in speaking of the matter at all but it showed to what tactics the Conservatives were reduced. (Applause.)

W. G. Pugsley Contrasts Parties. The chairman then called upon W. G. Pugsley who, in a good speech, spoke on the record of the present government with the encouragement of trade. He instanced the work which was being done to render the ports safer for shipping and which had resulted in making it cheaper by two cents a bushel for farmers of the western states to ship their grain through Montreal than Boston, Philadelphia or New York.

The speaker also went into the immigration policies of the two parties showing that the Liberals had done more in the twelve years they had been in power than the Conservatives had ever been able or willing to do. Mr. Pugsley concluded by asking those present to work to the end that the government would be more strongly sustained than ever.

The meeting broke up with hearty cheers for the king and the candidates. W. F. Barnhill presided during the evening and opened the meeting with a brief speech.

FOWLER FIGHTS SHY OF CARVELL'S OFFER (Continued from page 1.) made by Mr. Hazen who is now at the head of the Provincial government, and the manner in which these promises have been kept. Mr. Hazen has so thoroughly identified himself with the Opposition in Dominion politics, that it is only fair to make them responsible for his utterances.

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Millville, York Co., Oct. 12—A very enthusiastic meeting of electors favorable to the Liberal government was held here in the Forester's Hall on the evening of the 10th inst. A number came from the outlying districts to meet with the resident prominent men in the ranks of the Liberal party.

A flourishing "Liberal Club" was formed with the following as officers: President, Dr. J. G. Owens; vice-president, Josiah Hallett; secretary, William Veysey.

Committees appointed for the following places: Millville—J. Herbert Hay, Rev. J. H. Puddington, W. A. Hay, Elmer Fleming, James Hallett, Josiah Hallett, Frank Maple Ridge—Henry Blaney, Fred Blaney, William Lockard, James Blaney, William Blaney, D. Reid, John Blaney, Howland Ridge—Cromwell Greenlay, Al. Whitlock, D. Greenlaw, Geo. McEde, Maplewood—William Hawkins, Smith, Wilnos McPherson, George Newell, Hawkins Corner—Robert Hallett, Richard Evans, Obadiah Hillman, Robert Johnston.

These committees will look after the interests of the Liberal candidate, N. V. Brown, and will give him a majority at this poll on Oct. 20. A committee was appointed to confer with the Conservative party here and ask them to refrain from the use of liquor at the poll on the day of election. Rev. J. H. Puddington, the energetic and popular pastor of the United Baptist church here, moved the following resolution with a few remarks, which were heartily endorsed by the meeting: "Whereas the Liberal Government has in peace, and whereas our leader, the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is recognized in the British nation, and in fact, the whole world, as an able and far-seeing statesman, and can be rightly claimed as Canada's brightest premier, we, the Liberals of Millville, N. B., do wish to place ourselves on record as being heartily in accord with the present administration at Ottawa.

"Therefore resolved that as an election is called for on Oct. 20, we will do all possible to carry our banner to victory in the person of our candidate, N. V. Brown, a man of bright and honest motives who will add one more to our contingent of loyal Liberals.

"Further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. William Pugsley and Nelson W. Brown." The meeting is to be followed by several more before polling day, and judging from the feeling of confidence which prevailed in the crowd, in the outcome no doubt exists of Mr. Brown's election by a good majority.

FACTS FOR ALL FORESTERS AND GEO. W. FOWLER

The increase in cold cash they have to pay in consequence of an investigation following GEORGE W. FOWLER'S famous (and infamous) connection with Foresters Funds and his \$55,000 "rake off." What the Foresters are compelled to pay for the first time this month of October or else lose the protection for their wives and families:

Table with columns: Old Rate, New Rate, Age, Old Rate, New Rate. Rows show rates for ages 31 to 39.

FORESTERS OF KINGS-ALBERT WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?