

ANNUAL ANGLICAN ELECTIONS

Vestrymen—Joseph Finley, Edward Bates, G. A. Kimball, W. M. Jarvis, A. T. Thorne, J. A. Secord, R. B. Emerson, Judge Armstrong, T. E. G. Armstrong, R. D. Paterson, Dr. H. G. Wetmore, C. M. Bostwick.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. Wardens—John P. Schofield, Frank B. Starr. Vestrymen—G. Sydney Smith, G. W. Ketchum, W. H. Thorne, W. Z. Earle, T. B. Robinson, F. H. J. Ruel, Judge Barker, J. B. Cudlip, D. T. Walker, C. H. Eason, S. T. Schofield, Robert Casson.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH. Delegates to Synod—T. B. Robinson, G. Sydney Smith, Substitutes—J. Roy Campbell, W. Z. Earle. Delegates to Synod—J. N. Rogers, R. L. Carloss.

TRINITY CHURCH. Church Warden—James H. McAvity and C. P. Clarke. Vestrymen—Thomas Patton, C. E. L. Jarvis, F. J. G. Knowlton, W. S. Fisher, J. A. Seede, I. H. Northrup, James L. Harrison, J. M. Robinson, C. S. E. Robertson, H. R. Sturdee, H. S. Gregory, S. J. Smith.

AT OROMOCTO. Special to The Standard. Oromocto, April 12.—The parishioners of St. John's church, Oromocto, at the annual Easter meeting today, re-elected Henry Wilmet and John W. Gilmore as church wardens, and Wesley Smith as vestry clerk.

IN ST. STEPHEN. Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., April 12.—Easter meetings were held by the Episcopal church here this evening. In Trinity the election of officials was postponed until Monday, April 13th.

The Moncton Elections. Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 12.—The Easter meeting of St. George's church of England was held this evening. The reports submitted were all of a very satisfactory nature. The offertory was the largest in the history of the church, being \$74.40.

ELECTIONS AT CHATHAM. Chatham, N. B., April 12.—The Easter meeting of St. Paul's and St. Mary's congregations was held in St. Mary's school house this morning. Resolutions of condolence were passed on the death of Dr. Joe B. Benson, church warden for many years and of D. G. Smith, formerly of Chatham and for twenty-five years a member of the vestry.

THE WOODSTOCK CHURCH. Woodstock, April 12.—The annual meeting of the parishioners of Christ church was held this afternoon, when the following were elected: Church wardens—F. B. Bull, J. T. A. Dibblee.

PRESS OPINION ON THE CENTRAL RAILWAY REPORT

MR. PUGSEY AND MR. TWEEDIE. (Toronto News.)

Parliament must take cognizance of the charges laid by a New Brunswick Commission against Mr. Tweedie, Lieutenant-Governor of the province, and Mr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, at Ottawa. Substantially, the Commission declares that these two men misused \$134,000 of Provincial money. If the charges can be finally established both should be removed from office.

There is no doubt that for many years New Brunswick was the prey of a group of speculative politicians. Elections were notoriously corrupt. Legislation dealing with the Provincial resources was passed, altered or cancelled as political exigencies demanded, in order to maintain the ascendancy of the group at Fredericton.

No one has done more to commercialize the politics of New Brunswick than Mr. Pugsley. He has been a supreme opportunist, a maker of deals, a trader in professions and principles. Smooth and crafty, bold and skilful, he has neglected no opportunity to serve his own ambitions. As an administrator of Provincial affairs he seems to have been singularly reckless and incompetent. There is no convincing evidence that any man in the Federal department is distinguished either for economy or efficiency.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been unfortunate in the selection of his colleagues. This is not hard to understand. He has chosen his ministers with a single eye to the exigencies of the moment and the immediate interest of party. Mr. Pugsley, one of the most unstable of New Brunswick politicians, is Minister of Public Works. Mr. Ellis, clean-handed, high-minded, devoted to the public interest, relieved in any emergency, has not been permitted to sit in a Liberal Cabinet. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with all his personal distinction and long-continued success, will leave his party a wreck for half a generation.

TIME TO DEMAND HONESTY. (St. John Globe, Liberal.)

Now that the Commissioners have made their report, some gentlemen who are affected claim, or at least it is claimed by their friends, that their reports are in some instances ineffectual, and contain many inaccuracies. Some people will only be too glad to believe that the Commissioners are in error if that fact can be shown. They would be delighted to have the fact established beyond peradventure that those to whom they have given their trust did not violate that trust. They would be glad to have the fact clearly shown to the Commissioners in their final judgment were deeply in error. But this is not shown by reflections on or abuse of the Commissioners, by intimating that they have deliberately misjudged or wrongfully condemned the persons into whose hands the money went. The Commissioners may be in error in some particulars, but if they were it must always be remembered that great limitations were placed upon them by the difficulties which they experienced in securing books, documents, vouchers and receipts; by the defective memories of those who were in the business, and by the certain progress of the financial involutions through which the money disappeared without anyone noting absolutely the fact of its disappearance. It is well to remember that between July 1, 1901, and the time at which the late government went out of power the province paid \$917,844 in cash for bonds in amount of \$1,000,000, and companies included in the investigation, and that, in addition, there had been paid before 1901 the sum of \$17,000 by the province, and \$19,400 by the Dominion, for a total of 255,244 of public money. When the people are told practically that \$134,000 of their money was "switched" from its legitimate course it is time for them to give rein to their desires for honesty.

MR. McAVITY AGAIN. (Montreal Gazette, Con.)

The report of the New Brunswick Royal Commission which inquired into the finances of the Central Railway Company mentions among those responsible for the confusion in the accounts, Mr. George McAvity, who was at one time president and managing director of the company. Mr. Pugsley is also censured in the connection, as having been an ex-officio director. This second business connection of Mr. Pugsley with Mr. McAvity, the first being in the St. John dredging matter, suggests that Sir Wilfrid Laurier recognized a congenial spirit when he asked the ex-Premier of New Brunswick to enter his Cabinet.

NEED OF INVESTIGATION. (London Free Press, Con.)

After what has been discovered in New Brunswick, the need of a thorough investigation of the various bureaus at Ottawa becomes the stronger. The opportunities at the Federal capital are more numerous and larger than at the provincial capitals, and it is scarcely probable that the politicians who are so alert in the provinces are blind to their chances in the big arena.

A RESIGNATION DUE. (Quebec Chronicle, Con.)

These strictures are sweeping enough and clear enough to need little comment, and they point in no uncertain manner to a betrayal of their trust by two Cabinet Ministers in the former New Brunswick Government, Hon. Messrs. Pugsley and Tweedie. Until they are answered or refuted it must be clear to everyone that the former of the gentlemen named is by no means a fit person to hold a position in the Dominion Cabinet. His voluntary resignation under the circumstances is due to his own dignity and self-respect; his enforced resignation, if it should be necessary, is due to the country. If the report can be trusted, his operations in New Brunswick were decidedly not to the advantage of that province.

THEY SHOULD BOTH RESIGN. (Hamilton Herald, Con.)

Dr. Pugsley and his colleagues in the management of the Central Railway are entitled to as complete an investigation as it is possible to make into the affairs of this railway enterprise. But such an investigation is necessary, also, in the public interest, of the Royal Commission appointed by the New Brunswick Government has used its powers to defame prominent Liberal politicians, this fact will redound to the discredit of the Hazen Government. If the findings of the Royal Commission are found to be justified by the facts, then the Minister of Public Works and the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick ought to be compelled to retire from public life as men unworthy of public confidence. In the meantime it would seem fitting that both of these officials should tender their resignations, for it cannot be denied that they are under suspicion.

A SCANDALOUS THING. (Chatham World, Con.)

The Liberal papers are denouncing the Central Railway report as "partisan," "political," etc., but every one of their intelligent readers, who followed the evidence given before the commission, knows that the evidence fully justifies the strictures in the report. It was a scandalous thing from beginning to end, and the people in charge did not account and have not accounted for a large percentage of the public money they got out of the treasury. Work that was contracted for, and paid for with money voted by the Legislature was not done, as everybody knows. The men who managed the plundering operations are not as bad as the miserable creatures who sat in the House and voted them the money.

TROPICAL FRUIT. (Ottawa Citizen, Con.)

The Central Railway Commission's Easter gift to Hon. William Pugsley was the gift of the season. At this writing it appears to have been a particularly fine specimen of southern fruits, oblate spheroidal in shape and of a pale golden yellow color.

AN INVINCIBLE RECORD. (St. John Times, Govt.)

Dr. Pugsley has met the comments of the Conservative press by inviting any further inquiry that might be deemed necessary. The attempt to discredit him as a public man has been so often made by his political enemies that one more or less does not count. But they all fail.

THIS SETTLES IT. (Fredericton Herald, Govt.)

A partisan report by a partisan commission. To give the commission a standing a judge of the Supreme Court was made chairman of it. It would have been better for the judge and better for the Supreme Court if New Brunswick if that gentleman had declined to serve. The report is not one of which any man having judicial training can feel proud. It is not a judgment at all.

MR. HAWKE WAVERS. (Moncton Transcript, Lib.)

The statements given to the public are one-sided, incomplete, and are people are not going to form their conclusions until all the essential facts are disclosed.

MR. PUGSELY'S ORGAN SURPRISED. (The Telegraph, Govt.)

The report, viewed from the political standpoint, is a surprising piece of folly.

PUGSELY IN MORE TROUBLE. (London Free Press, Con.)

Pugsley is in more trouble. The Government Commissioners mixed him up with McAvity in the misappropriation of \$134,000. Another knavish Tory plot, fancy we hear The Globe remarking.

WAIT FOR A PLEDGE. (Toronto News, Ind.)

The opposition should not permit the business of Parliament to go on until the Government gives a pledge to prosecute McAvity, and until Mr. Pugsley satisfactorily disproves the charges of the New Brunswick Commission, or withdraws from the Cabinet.

CONDEMNED BY THE FACTS. (Halifax Herald, Con.)

Such is the manner in which this "Company," mainly it appears under the management of Mr. Pugsley, conducted a business involving nearly a million dollars of public money. Such are the facts found by the Commission, and no condemnation could be stronger than a bare recital of such facts.

NOT SURPRISING. (Moncton Times, Con.)

If, as the Transcript says, the report of the Central Railway Commission has not created any surprise, it is because nothing that the Pugsley crowd might do in the way of crookedness would surprise the people of this province.

PREMIER AND OTHERS BACK TO THEIR WORK. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 12.—Premier Hazen and other members of the Legislature arrived here this evening and tomorrow afternoon the House will resume after the Easter vacation. The Premier stated tonight that it was not decided what member of the Government would accompany the St. John Valley Railway delegation to Ottawa.

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PRISONER'S WIFE AND CHILD IN COURT WHILE COUNSEL PLEADS

"Auntie left me the property in Michigan and California," explained R. Earl Rich, to His Honor Judge Forbes. The alleged millionaire and automobile owner was on trial before His Honor on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences from Frederick S. Ferris, under the Speedy Trials Act. A. A. Wilson, a C. C., appeared for the Crown and Daniel Mullin, K. C., for the prisoner. A plea of not guilty was entered. Little public interest was shown in the case. The case occupied all day, there being three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening.

Mr. Blair's Evidence. Thomas B. Blair, of the Royal Bank, said that on 10th of July last he discounted defendant's note on the strength of Mr. Ferris's endorsement. Another note, dated July 21st, was also discounted. These notes were paid after maturity by Mr. Ferris. W. Tremaine Gard, Jeweller, was the next witness. He told how the public one purchased \$135 worth of goods from him and paid only \$70 for them. He allowed him credit for the balance on the strength of Mr. Ferris's recommendation. Witness said that prisoner appeared to him to be a straightforward in his dealings. Since defendant's return to the city he called on witness and promised to pay the balance when he was able.

Frank Smith, secretary-treasurer of Scovill Bros. Limited, said that defendant was indebted to the Scovill people to the amount of \$17,577 on a note. Mr. Wilson objected on the ground that there was no fraud charged in connection with this transaction. His Honor sustained the objection, but allowed the evidence to be taken under objection. Witness said that prisoner stated that I was able to memorize you also when you discharged me when I was arrested for debt.

Mr. Archibald Duncan, salesman for Computing Scale Company of Canada, said that defendant purchased two scales on July 13th. Witness got the scales back after defendant transferred the business. There was no money paid. Witness said that there was nothing shady about the business whatsoever. Frederick S. Ferris was the next witness. Mr. Ferris told how defendant borrowed the money from him under false pretences.

The prisoner's evidence. The evidence of the prisoner took all afternoon. He repeated the story as already published, going fully into the various sums with which the insurance man had accommodated him. He denied the story that he had negro women in his house, before the arrival of his wife. He gave particulars of the various properties which he was supposed to hold in the Western States. When they were sold, however, the proceeds seemed to have been very small.

When the prisoner was giving his evidence he did not speak out loud enough to suit Mr. Wilson. "Mr. Rich," said that lawyer, "speak out as you would to Mr. Ferris if you were going to do him again."

Rich was very indignant and told Mr. Wilson that he was not going to be insulted even if he was a prisoner. "How dare you answer me back?" asked Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Mullin interposed. He explained that Rich had been seriously ill and had not yet fully recovered. The prisoner told his story with few questions from Mr. Mullin, during the direct examination. When he had finished, the judge told him that now was the time to speak. His Honor suggested that he should memorize Mr. Ferris or Mr. Robertson, his counsel, both present in court as he had been able to do to Mr. Ferris when he borrowed \$35 from him the second day that he knew him.

"Mr. Robertson," said the prisoner, "stated that I was able to memorize you also when you discharged me when I was arrested for debt."

"Yes, that's what he said," added Mr. Mullin.

"If Mr. Robertson thought I was going to wait for him when the case had been set down for eleven, while he danced about the streets he was much mistaken," said His Honor. Cross Examination Finished.

In the evening, Mr. Wilson finished his cross-examination and argument of counsel was heard. It was about eleven o'clock when Mr. Wilson concluded. Mr. Mullin's address taking nearly two hours. Mr. Mullin in the course of his remarks, said that it was not unprofessional to say that his services were given without fee. His Honor considered.

During the evening session, both Mrs. Rich and their child were in court and sat beside the prisoner at the Barrister's table. The child slept on the prisoner's knee while husband and wife, with handkerchiefs to their eyes, cried repeatedly. During Mr. Mullin's argument, Mr. Robertson, who was present in court, rose up and objected to statements made concerning him.

Nickel's Musical Festival!

Concert Orchestra of 12 Members. New Talking Picture Co. "THE COLORED STENOGRAPHER" ANNIE EDWARDS AND EDGAR COURTNAIS. New Pictures: "Life Aboard a French Training Ship," "The Uplifting of Mr. Barker," and "A Chivalrous Beggar."

Charles Hall died this morning after some weeks illness from typhoid fever, aged 40 years. Three boys, Harold, Ray, and John and three girls, Zula, Jennie and Ena, besides the husband survive. Mrs. Washington Lint is a sister and Thomas Hagerman a brother of deceased. Funeral will be held on Wednesday.

AN ENORMOUS ARCH WAS LEFT OVER RIVER

Special to The Standard. Niagara Falls, Ont., April 12.—The only change today in the condition of the river is that, owing to the water receding, an enormous arch has been left extending far down the river. If the present weather continues there is no reason to fear any further serious consequences beyond the enormous damage already wrought.

DEATHS

Special to The Standard. Windsor, N. S., April 12.—Mrs. Hind, widow of Dr. Henry Youle Hind, has passed away after a lengthy illness. She was a lady of the old school, and possessed a strong and charming personality, influencing for good all those with whom she came in contact. She was born at The Manor House, Mill Brook, Hampshire, England. She was in her 89th year, and a daughter of Colonel Duncan Cameron, of the 70th Highlanders and Katherine Baillo, whose father was General Hugh McKay Ballie, of Big House and Skibo in Scotland. Col. Cameron figured prominently in the Peninsular war and also saw service in the battle of Waterloo. He moved to Canada in 1835 with his family and settled at York Mills, Toronto. The remaining members of Mrs. Hind's family are two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Harley, and Miss Margaret Hind and the two sons Rev. D. H. Rector at Sandwick, and Rev. K. C. of St. Stephens, Halifax.

British Ports. Malin Head, April 12.—Passed—Str. Cassandra from St. John, N. B. Foreign Ports. Boston, Mass., April 12.—Arrived Str. Calvin Austin from St. John, N. B. (In tow of tug Underwriter and Orion.) Schr. G. M. Porter (Br) from Bridgewater, N. S.

Antwerp, April 12.—Arrived Str. Montreal from St. John, N. B. and Halifax, N. S. City Island, N. Y., April 12.—Bound south—Schr. Ravola (Br) from St. John, N. B.; Aldine (Br) from St. John, N. B.

Mr. H. H. Mott reached the city on last night's Boston train.

ELECTION CARD

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SAINT JOHN. Ladies and Gentlemen,—I will be a candidate at the coming city election for Alderman-at-Large. My object in running is that I may assist by business methods in making the rate of taxation so that it will be possible to live in St. John with a taxation reduced, not to exceed \$1.50 on the \$100.

I would respectfully ask the support of every wage-earner who has the interest of Job home at heart. I would also ask the influence and support of the business men of our city, for reasons no business man can afford any longer to ignore. How many of you would ever have started business here if your fathers had left you a \$2.00 tax on every hundred and a \$300 mortgage on every \$1,000 worth of real estate as they used, which they did not put on and were powerless to evade?

We have a harbor giving a revenue of \$75,000 a year. We propose to sell it, say, for three millions. If this money is frittered away, or recklessly squandered, we will neither have harbor or revenue, and taxes must jump up again. Are the interests involved not sufficient to stir the citizens from the depths of their souls to energetic action? I have no politics in civic matters. My motives are solely the interests of my native city. I am Respectfully yours, F. L. POTTS.

NEW SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

Montreal, April 12.—It is the influence brought to bear by the advocates of a division in this province and that Superior Court judges will be asked for a short time ago a deputy the Montreal Bar Intervent Prime Minister at Ottawa, time appeared to be the influence of the Minister of Justice, of course, favored the policy in force for many years province of Ontario. As a fact the Prime Minister to treat lawyers that there is a Superior Court judge since, but that a new system was required. The delegation then went, and delivered Sir Wilfrid to the Premier of the province Sir Lomer Gouin in as a what he was going to do at Quebec Premier smiled a and all those present at it were convinced that Sir L be quite as firm in the was in the question of ment of the Provincial sub his Ottawa chieftain declar Provinces had enough m other words that Quebec her coat to suit the cloth position. Sir Wilfrid, how ened and Quebec got an \$500,000, her annual from the federal treasury.

Now it is reported c authority last evening change of view on the pa would be done on or first of May and that the of the three new judges to for Court bench for this be decided upon by the Justice.

It is understood also t tice Delorme will be ch the Joliette district to t Montreal, and that the Jol city will be filled by the of Mr. Dugas, the federal Montclair. Another of the positions, will, no doubt, Mr. Gouin's good advocate of the city, while probably that the Eng minority will get the that the position may go t F. Hubbard, a good a successful occupant of of Crown prosecutor for the district. Then Mr. Justice tment some time during summer, so this will lea other vacancy on the ben district.

Dr. Helen S. Childs, Plain, Mass., announces ment of her daughter, D Childs, to Mr. L. S. W Brockton. The wedding emized in the late sum Maple", Dr. Child's sum the Ossipee mountains, I shire, Dr. Helen Childs 1 ter of the late Dr. Child Fredericton. She has a la in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stee Washington, D. C., on Apr Grand Manan, April 12 12 star fishermen are sailing in this part.

Dr. G. Sawyer's sawmill Manan is cutting 20M feet daily, which is being shipped to the market. Captain J. Guskin is of Lunenburg N. S. with a of salted hake.

The travellers who had son this winter owing to n weather. The Grand Manan ste are now running to St. Ar instrument. The Dufferin creased for this purpose.

Captain Kent, for man resident of Grand Manan, living with his family o S. died on Sunday April burials on Wednesday pool.

A large number of men Grand Manan for the Shores for factory work fishing.

Dr. Johnson, of Grand just returned from a visit in Kings Co. The usual spring revival held by the Baptists. The held an Easter concert at Easter Sunday. The pro carried out chiefly by ch Rev. J. Sweeney, rector at holding daily services at Grand Harbor during the week.

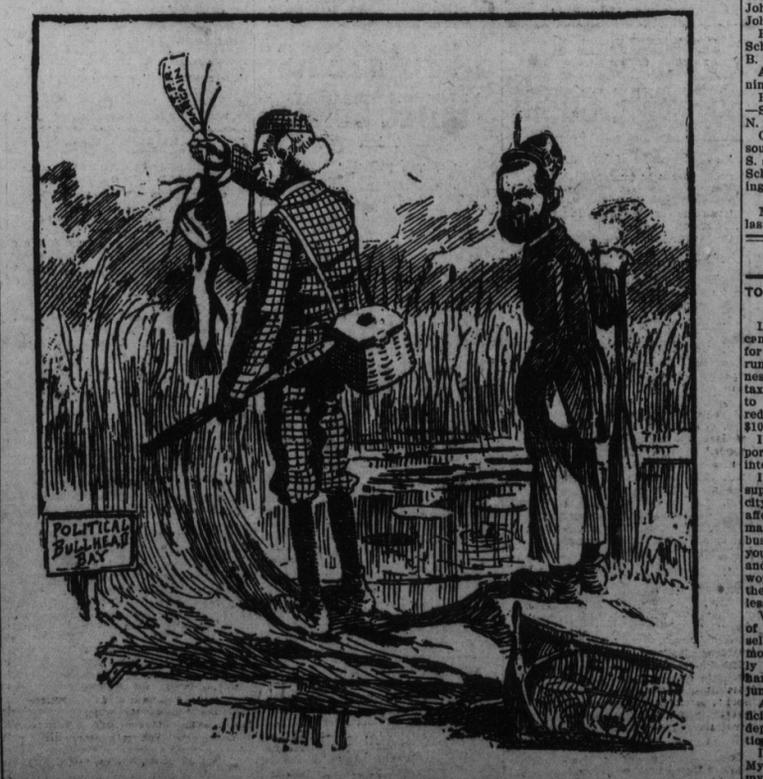
Mr. Guy Payson who has Easter with his parent stock, returned to the city. Mr. D. A. Young, of To the Royal on Wednesday.

Mr. E. Alexander, of C at the Dufferin yesterday. A. Staples, of Frederic the city Monday. Messrs. A. E. Rigby and son, of Fredericton, were a in yesterday.

Mr. H. H. Dryden, of stationer, of the Dufferin. Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, an Fredericton were in the Mr. H. C. Eddy, of Mont gistered at the Royal yest Mr. C. C. Close, of Tor St. John on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrne were at the Royal yester Mr. F. L. Saunders, of Ed in the city on Monday. Mr. Geo. Wilson, of T registered at the Dufferin Misses E. M. McKee an more, of Fredericton, we yesterday.

Reverend of For (Cleveland) Pla Patay—Cudworth! Ple seat over. Rev.—What for? Patay—Didn't you say th in east? Con.—Yes. Patay—Well, I want to side.



—Toronto World.