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PLOT TO USE THE KINGS COUNTY PURITY LEAGUE AS A TORY TOOL

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False Charges Against Liberals in a Vain Attempt to Hide Conservative Trail of Corruption—A Nomination Day "Sensation" Said to be in the Air-Fowler Alreedy Promising Fat Jobs to His Dupes.

Sussex, N. B., Oct. 18 .- The case of the amounts, the dates and who rece

George W. Fowler and his political as- it. They not only know who sociates in Kings and Albert counties, is whiskey in many parishes, but also took it to those parishes. In the case it was done openly, ca Liberal organizer, E. S. Carter, obtained St proof that a deliberate plot was on foot the train by a county o use the Purity League to discredit Lib-This was done on Saturday eral party workers and advance the in- ber 10, and again by the erests of the Tory candidate. night in the Sussex

terests of the Tory candidate. The plot, as revealed, showed that a blind follower of the Tory party was in-fueed to lay false information upon which a warrant might be issued for the arrest i an innocent person and to force the at-tendance of respectable citizens from the ower end of the county to give evidence. offices of the Tory candidate used by one of its prominent e end of the county to give evidence. poor fellow is named Benjamin Long. ives in Sussex and the well defined re-is that he was induced to go before police magistrate here and swear out Some of the League are strong Con a matter for regret that there is any su information against a party residing St. John charging him with offering ey to voters to refrain from voting. I had no knowledge of this himself could not lay the information, his de state, until he had been coached in blige of Howler & Jonah ion that they are using this

tion for their own purposes. The report is current that the inform tion laid before the magistrate was i tended as a bombshell in the Liber ranks. Fowler's party intended it as tended as a bombshell in the Liberal ranks. Fowler's party intended it as a big scare and would lay the blame of all uture violations of the of Fowler & Jonah.

y that this information, coming after Geo. W. Fowler's trip to in question, and aided in the by the law office of Fowler at for Geo. W. Fo Purity League, proves conclu-the plot was hatched and is d out in the interests of Mr

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HOW THE PLOT WAS KILLED

Here follow extracts from the declarations, made by men of prominence and well known integrity, showing the threats Mayes made in his attempt to blackmail Hon. Mr. Pugsley into buying his dredge at an exorbitant price :

Hon. C. J. Osman, says:

"He (Mayes) stated to me that he wished to sell his dredge to the Government, and would accept \$160,000, and that unless arrangements were made to purchase this dredge before twelve o'clock the next day, he would expose a great scandal in St. John, which would be a serious thing for the Liberal party and for the Minister himself, and urged me, as a friend of Dr. Pugsley's, to interview the Minister and inform him that this exposure would certainly take place if steps were not taken to satisfy him. He also intimated that if the dredge was purchased at the price fixed by him (viz., \$160-000.00), he would be willing to make a handsome donation towards the election campaign fund in St. John."

George McAvity, says:

"That in the month of September last, I met Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, and Mr. Baxter proposed to me that if the Govern-ment would buy Mr. Maves' dredge at a price which I thought was about \$160,000, there would be a rebate for political purposes of \$20,000. I replied to Mr. Baxter that I was through with Mr. Mayes and would have no further transac-tion with him." And Mr. McAvity further says: "Mr. Holt stated to me that if the Government would purchase the dredge at \$153,400, Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits, re-turn all checks and notes and photographs thereof, and give turn all checks and notes and photographs thereof, and give a letter to take no further action; otherwise ne would publis a statement of a damaging nature to the Government and would take the platform himself."

PUGSLEY AND PENDER SURE TO WIN BY IMMENSE MAJORITIES

> **Outlook for Liberal Success in St. John Constituencies Was Never Better Since** the Brightest Days of Mr. Blair-Both **Conservative Candidates Will be Badly** Beaten-Mayes Charges Have Killed All Hope.

Election talk, so far as the St. John constituencies are concerned, has come down to a question of the majorities Hon. William Pugsley and James Pender will have next Monday. The progressive programme of the Lib-eral party and its candidates was good enough in itself to carry St. John city and the city and county in this year of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's undiminished pres-tige. Election talk, so far as the St. John | the advent of the Mayes co ing the city and the city and co the cold shades of opposition is tige. With the minister of public works lead-ing the fight in New Brunswick, with the knowledge of what he has already done for the city and the province, and with the general realization that St. John's it may be said that there was no actual doubt as to the result of the contest as

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great programme of public improvements, it may be said that there was no actual doubt as to the result of the contest as soon as the Liberal convention named will lead to development in port facilities
But in addition to all these things a paign by the Mayes conspiracy. Mayes was given official recognition by Premier Hazen without the slightest hesitation, and no sconer had the Conservative party thus made common, cause with the guilty contractor and his confederates than the guilty contractor and his confederates than the guilty contractor and his confederates than the whole Mayes plot was exposed completely and Mayes was denounced as a blackmailr by Dr. Pugsley and several other witness testimony carries conviction.
Today nobody questions but what the result of the whole Mayes business has been a spit in the Conservative forces over Mayes, and only the partizans still pretend to believe that Mr. Hazen was justified in lending his sanction to the conspiracy.
Work in the wards throughout the city and in the pariahes has shown clearly that many men who are supporters of the Conservative cause will vote the Liberat iteket this time because of the plot against the minister of public works.
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know this, but they have the straightest route magistrate and asked if warrants had been offered. They know who offered it, been issued, had no information to give.

LIBERAL TIDE IS RISING ALL OVER THE PROVINCE

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 18 (Special) .- 1 was to be held, but only two elector A great wave of enthusiasm is sweeping turned up.

over York county, which will certainly Mr. Turgeon will be elected by a large parry the Liberal candidate to victory. Brown's nomination was at first ridiculed St. George, N. B., Oct. 18 (Special).

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John E. Moore, says:

"Mr. Thomson said he had seen Mayes and that unless the dredge was purchased at \$150,000, Mr. Mayes would send to the 'Gleaner' by special messenger, a statement damaging to the Liberal party and would himself take the platform."

F. W. Holt, C. E., says:

"I called upon Mr. McAvity and stated that Mr. Maves wanted to sell the dredge and would take one hundred and wanted to sen the dredge and would take one number and fifty-three thousand four hundred dollars and that if the pur-chase was made Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits and give up all notes and cheques and notes and photographs thereof otherwise Mr. Mayes said he would make public dam-aging statements and take the platform himself."

Percy W. Thomson, says:

"Mayes said he would not sell for less than one hun-dred and fifty thousand dollars, or he would let matters take their course. He said the papers were all ready to serve, and unless he heard from me to the contrary within a few hours, the declaration of the suits would be forwarded by special messenger to Fredericton for filing and published in the 'Gleaner.'" Mr. Thomson also savs: "When I called upon Mr. Moore I stated to him the whole effect of the story

Conservative cause will vote the international ticket this time because of the plot against the minister of public works. Beyond all this, the Liberals on this occasion have the solid support of the great independent vote in St. John whose first interest is to promote the growth and welfare of the winter port. The independent voters see that after Puggley and Pender are elected the work of upbuild ing the port will go steadily forward, and that prosperity will be the result. These voters see that fare Puggley and MacRae without voting against the vital interests of St. John. The Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not only the united strength of the Liberal candidates thus have not allockmail. The ward meetings have never been say complete and in such good working order since 1900, when Hon. A. G. Blair was elected by 1,000 majority. The workers are convinced that they are laboring on the winning side and on every hand are meeting with encouragement. The Liberal candidates are diversised to speak to carry conviction that, in the opinion of an overwhelming majority of the electors, Pugsley, Pender, Progress and Prosperity for St. John go hand in hand.

MORE REASONS WHY CROCKET WILL BE DEFEATED BY BROWN

Fredericton, Oct. 16.—If there is one county in New Brunswick which the Con-servatives felt quite sure of carrying, it was the County of York. This state of affairs lasted until Mr. Brown made his appearance on the secene and he had not been a week on his canvass, before it was evident that a great change had taken place in the attitude of the electors. Ar old campaigner, who has seen many elec-

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