

PLANT TO USE THE KINGS COUNTY PUGSLEY AND PENDER SURE TO WIN BY IMMENSE MAJORITIES

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 Already Promising Fat Jobs to His Dupes.

Sussex, N. B., Oct. 18.—The case of George W. Fowler and his political associates in Kings and Albert counties, is becoming desperate indeed. Today the Liberal organizer, E. S. Carter, obtained proof that a deliberate plot was on foot to use the Purity League to discredit Liberal party workers and advance the interests of the Tory candidate.

LIBERAL TIDE IS RISING ALL OVER THE PROVINCE

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 18 (Special).—A great wave of enthusiasm is sweeping over York county, which will certainly carry the Liberal candidate to victory. Brown's nomination was at first ridiculed by the Conservatives and they went around boasting of the doom of Crockett, but behold, a change has come over their dreams. They have begun to realize that Crockett is up against a member and hard and his friends are making desperate efforts to stem the rising tide of Liberalism.

"It is with shame and disgust that I find the issue we are to fight upon is this petty scandal cry of the Conservative leaders. I disdain to discuss these issues. My soul is turned toward greater events and questions, and it is the future of the country I lay before you. For myself, I say that I have never used my office for my personal benefit."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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 Government would buy Mr. Mayes' 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 transaction 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, return all checks and notes and photographs thereof, and give a letter to take no further action; otherwise he would publish a statement of a damaging nature to the Government and would take the platform himself."

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. Mayes wanted to sell the dredge and would take one hundred and fifty-three thousand four hundred dollars and that if the purchase 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 damaging statements and take the platform himself."

Percy W. Thomson, says: "Mayes said he would not sell for less than one hundred 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 says: "When I called upon Mr. Moore I stated to him the whole effect of the story as detailed by Mr. Mayes, which was that there would be an exposure injurious to the Minister and to the party unless the dredge was bought right away. I had been informed by Mr. Mayes that a payment of two thousand dollars had been made by him to the Minister, and I understood it was after he became Minister of Public Works."

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, says: "Mr. Mayes is a blackmailer, and I am prepared to meet any charges he may make against me."

The force of these statements, the manner in which they agree, the standing of the men who make them, all point irresistibly to Mayes' guilt.

No wonder the Mayes' plot and Premier Hazen's blunder (or worse) in using it for political purposes, have wrecked the Conservative party here on the eve of election.

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 Liberal party and its candidates was good enough in itself to carry St. John city and the county in the year of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's undiminished prestige.

MORE REASONS WHY CROCKETT WILL BE DEFEATED BY BROWN

Fredericton, Oct. 18.—If there is one county in New Brunswick which the Conservatives felt quite sure of carrying, it was the County of York. This state of affairs lasted until Mr. Brown made his appearance on the scene 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.

"Please turn on the tap."—Hon. George E. Foster.