

PERCY THOMSON GIVES STILL FURTHER PROOF OF GUILT OF MAYES

Affidavit of Mr. Thomson Throws More Light on the Blackmailing Tactics of the Man Who Tried to Ruin Dr. Pugsley--The Threats He Made--He Was in a Hurry, Too.

The circle of evidence that Mayes tried to blackmail Hon. Mr. Pugsley into buying his dredge at an exorbitant price was completed yesterday by an affidavit from Percy W. Thomson.

City and County of Saint John: I, Percy W. Thomson, of the City of Saint John, in the city and county of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick, shipping merchant, do solemnly declare and say--

1. That on the afternoon of October seventh Mr. J. B. M. Baxter called at my office on professional business not in any way connected with Mr. Mayes, and after we had finished our business the question of the Mayes' dredge was brought up. I knew Mr. Baxter was solicitor for Mr. Mayes, and he knew that Mr. Mayes had discussed his story of his dredging troubles with me several times. Mr. Baxter stated that nothing had come of the negotiations with the minister for the sale of the dredge. I said it was too bad to have any trouble, meaning too bad to have an exposure such as Mr. Mayes had previously intimated to me would take place unless the sale was made.

A CONSERVATIVE PAPER DEALS FRANKLY WITH GEORGE E. FOSTER

Now, who is hitting Mr. Foster below the belt? Among his most vigorous critics are The Montreal Star and The Toronto News, both strong supporters of Mr. Borden. Here is what The News said on April 15, 1907--

"The course of the Conservative opposition at Ottawa, in relation to the insurance commission's indictment of Mr. Foster, must have received little consideration before its adoption, or else the political instinct had been completely obscured by mistaken ideas of party loyalty. The defence of Mr. Foster was too great even for a strong government."

"Instead of letting the affair rest with Mr. Foster's statement to the house, the opposition rushed to the rescue of the ex-finance minister, and incidentally made a singularly bad job of it. But the task was an ungracious task, an impossible task. The vehement denunciation of the insurance commission by the same opposition which insisted upon its appointment is a curious illustration of how partisan struggles obscure that clear political vision and presence which are necessary above all to an opposition."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SLIPP AND WOODS LOSING GROUND.

New Jerusalem, Queens Co., N. B., October 17, 1908. To the Editor of The Telegraph--

Sir--I am amused by the letter in the Standard Friday, concerning a story told by Mr. E. H. McAlpine at a North End political meeting.

I must say that the letter could not have been written by a New Jerusalem Conservative, for those who hold the side of politics in this constituency are too broadminded not to enjoy a good story even if told at the expense of their party, and one of their young men.

I must say that the electors of New Jerusalem received a surer when they were asked to elect Slipp and Woods, their two provincial members who they discussed at length the McAlpine story, in fact about the only subject brought up was this and the string of a set of harness at Ben Lomond.

Mr. Woods tried to clear the Hon. Mr. Foster in the eyes of the many Foresters present, but did not succeed very well, for he left them somewhat disappointed in their past high chief ringer and local member.

Mr. Slipp did justice to his name in slipping clear of the road act, the subject of which his speech consisted of the last time he spoke in New Jerusalem. As the meeting broke up more than one of the Slipp and Woods supporters in the provincial division, for those who held the side of politics in this constituency are too broadminded not to enjoy a good story even if told at the expense of their party, and one of their young men.

Yours, A NEW JERUSALEMITE.

MAYES AND BAXTER.

To the Editor of The Telegraph. Sir--I would like to know who these two gentlemen are, viz. Messrs. Gershon Mayes and J. B. M. Baxter. The first gentleman I would like to ask if he is the one who had a bogus claim against the Conservative government for work at Pictou which his own political party would not allow, but he got it through the late Minister of Railways, Mr. A. G. Blair. At the same time, I would mention this Mr. Crockett is having the fight of his life.

'THE SYNDICATE OF THREE'

(Toronto News.)

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MORE THAN \$150 WAS SUBSCRIBED

St. Marys, N. B., Oct. 16, 1908. To the Editor of The Telegraph--

Sir--Please let me, through your valuable paper, thank the citizens of St. John and others from different parts of the province, who have so generously responded to my appeal for the unfortunate man at Durham Bridge.

Mr. A. H. Wetmore has remitted me \$100 (amount received by him up to the 16th inst.), and the fund now amounts to over \$150; in addition to this some have sent amounts directly to me. This will be sufficient for present needs and I trust that some way of making a living will be opened up for the poor fellow.

This subscription list is now closed. Yours faithfully, CRAIG W. NICHOLS.

DR. KIRKPATRICK TO FILL TORY GAP IN VICTORIA--MADAWASKA

Has Less Chance of Winning Than Col. Baker Who Saw His Finish If He Stayed in Fight.

Grand Falls, N. B., Oct. 15--Dr. Kirkpatrick was nominated yesterday by the Conservatives to contest this constituency in place of Colonel Baker, who has withdrawn from the fight. After the nomination, a public meeting was held. H. A. Howell and Provincial Secretary Fleming were billed to speak, but failed to put in an appearance. Ald. Pickett was substituted. The alderman was somewhat shaky throughout, and E. J. Murphy, of St. John, was asked for a number of pointed questions. Mr. Murphy gained the favor of the audience and was warmly applauded.

Little doubt exists in the minds of the electors here that Pius Michael, the Liberal standard bearer, will be returned and that Dr. Kirkpatrick will lose his deposit.

WHO SHOULD REPRESENT THE CITY?

To the Editor of The Telegraph. Sir: If our citizens desire to see the position nature has designed for her they should carefully consider who are capable of superintending the work. If we vote for inexperienced men who are only apprentices in the science of government, we risk our daily bread. If we vote for men of ability and real experience we shall bring plenty to our doors and be doing that which will place work in our hands, ensure us a decent living.

Messrs. Pugsley and Pender are known as workers of the hardest kind; it is well known they are not lazy men. They spring from workers, and as such have both been successful in whatever they undertook to do, and they will not fail us in the serious work they will have to perform if elected.

Very few men are capable of carrying

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Mr. Borden's Dilemma.

The most significant rebuke came from The Daily Star of Montreal. Again and again that friendly journal warned Mr. Borden against the suicidal policy of retaining Mr. Foster as a leader in the party. The view of that life-long advocate of the Conservative cause is expressed in an editorial from its issues of Wednesday, published on another page of The Globe. Its sympathies are plainly with Mr. Borden, but not with the Star nor any other intelligent observer can ignore the utter fatuousness of Mr. Borden's campaign, clamoring as he does, with or without reason, against the wrong-doing of the party. While his own chief parliament advocates and lieutenants in Parliament are damaged beyond redemption. This is indeed the chief disappointment of the present campaign. Mr. Borden, by this rapid descent to the level of the scandal-mongers of his party, has seriously injured his reputation as a possible leader of the Government at any time. These others, Mr. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Bennett, and their ilk, may be defeated, but Mr. Borden will have to bear the burden of their offences, because he has approved of their conduct. And the Montreal Star touches the nerve of the situation when it points out that the Opposition leader, who cannot hold his men in check and keep them uncorrupted, is already discounted as a prospective leader of the Government.

Declared to before me at the City of Saint John, in the County of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick, this sixteenth day of October, A. D. Before me, S. A. M. SKINNER, A Commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

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COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER PREDICTS LIBERAL SWEEP

Hartland, N.B., Oct. 15--James Reid, the well known traveller, was in town today. Mr. Reid lives in Halifax, and speaking to your correspondent today he said that he had not a particle of doubt that Borden would lose his seat there, and he further stated that Liberals in that city were freely offering odds on wagers that Borden would be low man on the Halifax ticket. In the last election Mr. Reid, who is a man of even judgment, accurately foretold the result of the election in this province. Today he was asked to give a forecast and said: "I have been all over the province on a hurried trip, but it is certain that Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent, Northumberland, Westmorland, St. John city and county, Queens-Sunbury, Carleton, and Victoria-Madawaska will ring in victorious. The hardest fought battle," said Mr. Reid, "is that now on in Carleton. I've no doubt of the Conservatives are tremendously in earnest. The doubtful counties are Kings-Albert, York and Charlotte. There are no signs of Liberal spirit in Charlotte; McAlister is gaining ground; and in York Crockett is having the fight of his life."

FACTS FOR ALL FORESTERS SAND 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 8 columns: Age, Old Rate, New Rate, Age, Old Rate, New Rate, Age, Old Rate, New Rate. Shows rates for ages 23 to 30.

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