

DELIBERATE CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER IS FULLY EXPOSED BY THIS WEEK'S REVELATIONS.

DISGUSTED, LAURIER DISDAINS TO DISCUSS PETTY ISSUES OF "SCANDAL" OF CONSERVATIVES

"My Soul is Turned Toward Greater Events and Questions and it is the Future of the Country I Lay Before You" —Laurier at Montreal

NEW AFFIDAVITS ALSO MEET FLAT DENIALS ENEMIES NEVER DARED TO ACCUSE MINISTER IN HOUSE

Dr. Pugsley in a Practical Address at Campbellton, Says There is a Time and Place to Accuse Him

Is Given a Magnificent Ovation in North Shore Metropolis—Reid Greeted With the Greatest of Enthusiasm

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Oct. 14.—Never in the history of Campbellton has its citizens witnessed such a political demonstration as that tendered to Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works for the Dominion of Canada. On the arrival of the express with Mr. Pugsley's private car, the Citizens' band struck up a lively air. Hundreds of citizens were at the depot and as the honorific minister stepped from the train, he was greeted with rousing cheers which resounded through the length and breadth of the town. He was greeted by a committee in charge of arrangements and many citizens were also on hand to greet the head of the man who in his short term has done so much for Campbellton and Restigouche.

At the other end of the town gathered at the depot and formed in line headed by the Citizens' band and proceeded to the Opera House, where a large number of citizens had gathered to listen to the minister. Liberal leaders' expression of the policy of his party and answer the charges of wrongdoing put forward by the Conservative party. He was greeted by applause.

Crowded to the Doors
The Opera House was crowded to the doors to hear the address. Not only was every seat in the large auditorium filled, but the gallery was packed, every foot of space being occupied.

Dr. Pugsley on rising was greeted with great applause. His talk was purely business like. His arguments were those of dollars and cents, in which every elector of the Dominion could understand and appreciate. In part, he said as follows: Last evening in St. John, we had the pleasure of listening to that popular and eloquent member of the adjoining constituency of Bonaventure, I mean Hon. Charles Marcell, and he had expected to be a speaker at this splendid meeting tonight, but other engagements had prevented him. Mr. Marcell asked him to announce that a Campbellton address on the evening of the 23rd. (Applause).

His Tory Friends
His friend, Mr. Copp, had referred to the fact that Conservative friends have been so kind to say of him (Dr. Pugsley). He did not know if this was true. If it was he forgave them. He forgave them, as in the past, every change of wrong doing on his part, for it had done the Conservative party more injury than himself. There was a proper place to make these charges, a place that no man among the Conservatives dared up to the present time to approach, and after his charges that place was on the floor of parliament, where they would have to substantiate their charges or resign their seats in the House. During his twenty-two years of public life not a man had dared to take this course.

It had been said here that I had been a good friend of this country, but he was no better friend to Restigouche than Restigouche deserved. "This was a grand country, a country which had before it a great future. Its resources were being explored and trade in increasing every year. You have every reason to be proud of your country and its great river and the Bay of Chaleur. It is possible of great development. Some years ago he had visited this section and learned of the resources of the policy of the Conservative party between Campbellton and the headwaters of the St. John, lands that contained large quantities of lumber and suitable for farming, which required only to be opened up.

In his first interview with McAvity he acted voluntarily and of his personal desire to effect a settlement. Mayes knew of his visit, and the second time he saw McAvity, after finding out what Mr. Mayes wanted, he was fully authorized to negotiate on the terms stated.

John E. Moore Affairs
Mr. Moore also emphatically reaffirmed the statement that Mr. Percy W. Thomson had been asked by Baxter to intervene in the dredge business. Mr. Thomson, whose word was good, had told him and others of Baxter's request to avoid political trouble by inducing the minister to purchase a better dredge. Mr. Moore was surprised that Baxter should venture to flatly deny Mr. Thomson's statement and said he would be able to produce unquestionable proof that every assertion in his published affidavit was absolutely correct in every detail, notwithstanding Mr. Baxter's contradiction.

WILMOT FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE

Admits He Has No Chance and Bares Local Members

They Deny Offer of Contribution of \$20,000 to Liberal Fund

Messrs. McAvity, Moore and Holt Emphatically Reaffirm Charges

Former Accusers Now on Defensive—More Sensations Coming

As was generally expected G. S. Mayes sprung a second declaration on the Conservative meeting in the York Theatre assembly room last evening. As was also expected, Alderman Baxter was also delivered of an affidavit. Both of these statements, which are more fully printed elsewhere, denied the statement that Mayes had offered \$20,000 to the Liberal campaign fund as an inducement for the purchase of Mayes' dredge. Mr. Baxter denied that he had asked or induced Percy W. Thomson to approach the Minister in this matter. Mr. Mayes denied that he had authorized F. W. Holt to hold out threats or inducements to Mr. McAvity for the purchase of the dredge.

In addition to the straight denial of the Minister's statements and of the affidavit of George Mayes, F. W. Holt and John E. Moore as published in yesterday's papers, Mr. Mayes' affidavit contained nothing but another version—differing remarkably from the first affidavit—of the alleged conversations with Dr. Pugsley with reference to Mayes' claims on his contract. It contained no reference to the charge of blackmail, though it admitted Mr. Mayes' efforts to sell the dredge, and no reference to his previous declarations regarding the payment of money to the Minister.

Mr. McAvity's Statement
When Mr. Baxter's contradiction of the statement that he had offered Mr. Mayes \$20,000 raked off for the campaign fund if Mayes' dredge was purchased was read to Mr. McAvity last night he emphatically reaffirmed the assertion published in affidavit yesterday. "Mr. Mayes most certainly stated something over \$100,000 as the price of the dredge, not \$100,000 as he now affirms, and most certainly offered to arrange for a rebate of \$20,000 for political purposes if the deal went through. I refused to consider it and said I was through with Mayes, but he left the matter open and as he went away asked me to think it over. I mentioned the matter to the Minister and Moore and others after this occurrence and absolutely sure of the facts."

Referring to Mr. Mayes' assertion that he never authorized Mr. Holt to negotiate for a settlement, Mr. McAvity said that possibly Mr. Holt had acted upon his own initiative when he first came to see him, though this was not the impression Mr. Holt gave him. "But when Mr. Holt told me that Mayes was making the offer of what he would do to hurt the government if they did not buy his dredge, I sent him back to Mayes. I was resolved to have nothing more to do with Mayes, but he wanted to make him commit himself, so I said to Mr. Holt, 'What does he want?' Blackmailers usually have their price. Find out what he wants." Two days later Mr. Holt returned and said with Mr. Mayes' authority that if the government would purchase the dredge for \$100,000, Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits, return all checks and notes and photographs thereof and give a letter to help me further, so long as otherwise he would publish a statement of a damaging nature to the government and would take the platform himself. There is no question that Mr. Holt had seen Mayes and was authorized to negotiate with him, flatly I was through with Mayes, had nothing to fear and would not be blackmailed."

F. W. Holt
Talking to The Sun last night, Mr. Holt reaffirmed the statements in his published affidavit denied by Mayes.

LYNN SHOE STRIKE IS DECLINED OFF

Firms Grant Principal Demands Made by Strike Leaders

FACTORIES RESTART

LYNN, Mass., Oct. 14.—The strike of 15,000 workers which has brought operations in the majority of the Lynn shoe factories practically to a standstill for the past two weeks, was finally declared off today and the men will return to work in all the factories shortly. The Joseph Caut Company, at whose factory the strike started on Sept. 23, has granted the principal demands made by its leaders and has agreed to submit the other differences to arbitration. At the other factories, where the strike was purely sympathetic and has been in force since Oct. 2, the manufacturers will take back all the men who went out. Sixty-seven factories have been affected by the strike and although the number of lasters who went out was only about 1,500, the shutting down of their departments necessitated the suspension of work in so many other departments that about 15,000 operatives were forced into idleness. The strikers have held firm throughout, but there has been no disorder. The principal cause of the original strike at the Caut factory was the employment by the company of girls in the last-making department. There was also some dissatisfaction with the wage scale there. The lasters in the other factories were so thoroughly convinced that the workers at the Caut shop were defending a principle which vitally affected all lasters that a sympathetic strike was called and one after another the factories found themselves without any lasters until sixty-seven shops were involved.

GAGETOWN, N. B. Oct. 14.—Great enthusiasm prevails among the Liberals here. In fact, never before have the Liberals of this county been so enthusiastic and hopeful. On the other hand, the Conservatives are completely discouraged and admit privately that they have no chance whatever. The only question is the size of Colonel McLean's majority.

It is rumored that Mr. Wilmot has become so disheartened that he is anxious to retire, the only reason keeping him from doing so is the effect it would have on the party in other parts of the province. Mr. Wilmot feels the result of the actions of the local members and has been heard to express the belief that their conduct will be to a large extent the cause of his defeat.

In summarizing the whole situation of the Liberals are absolutely confident. But are taking no chances and are determined to give Colonel McLean a rousing majority. On the other hand, the Conservatives have entirely lost heart and plainly show that they are fighting a losing fight.

CHATHAM ASSAULT MAY PROVE FATAL

Neil Black, Aged 60, Was Brutally Beaten—Assaultant Arrested

CHATHAM, N. B., Oct. 14.—One of the most vicious and cowardly assaults that has ever started this community occurred last night shortly before midnight. The victim of the assault, Neil Black, an old man of sixty, lies in a precarious condition with terrible bruises on his body, four cuts on his face, one eye closed up completely, and the other black and blue. One cut extends from the nose through the lip and down along the cheek, and two others are on each side of the temples. The assailant was William Murner, who was found by Officer Coughlan lying on Morrison's Cove. Just how the affair took place no one seems to know, but when the police were summoned Black was found by Officer Coughlan lying unconscious in Black's stoneyard, his face and body covered with blood, where his assailant had used fists and boots upon him. He was conveyed to Thomas Murphy's house and Dr. Leslie summoned. Officer Coughlan learned from some bystanders that Murner had committed the deed and Snowball and is held to have a most bitter tongue. Dr. Leslie, after a short time of the whole affair, Murner was arrested this morning in the police court and was remanded.

White Ross, of Pokemouche, had his right hand amputated in the Thorne's store yesterday. He had hurt it two years ago and lately rheumatism set in so severely that amputation was deemed necessary. Ernest Haley, of West End, fell and broke a bone in his leg last evening in the vicinity of Harry's stoneyard.

PUT UP A VICTIM IN VICTORIA-MADAWASKA

Conservatives Nominated Dr. Kirkpatrick—Ald. Pickett Speaks

GRAND FALLS, N. B., Oct. 14.—Dr. Kirkpatrick was nominated here today by the Conservatives to contest the constituency of Colonel Baker, who has withdrawn from the fight. After the nomination, a public meeting was held. H. A. Powell and Provincial Secretary Fleming were billed to speak, but failed to put in an appearance. Ald. Pickett was substituted. The address was somewhat flimsy throughout, and T. J. Murphy of St. John West, asked him a number of pointed questions. Mr. Murphy lined the favor of the audience and was warmly applauded. Little doubt exists in the minds of the electors here that Pius Michaud, the Liberal standard bearer, will be returned and that Dr. Kirkpatrick will lose his deposit.

HANDICAPPING THE CHILD.
MORRIS, Oct. 14.—A woman's pipe in Berlin broke indignantly against the thoughtlessness of the misguided parents who propose that all the baby born in Germany this year should be "handicapped" in order to counteract Count Zeppelin's airship feat.

RIFLES

WINCHESTER, 22, 30, 303, 32, 33, 35, 38-55, 40-72, 405, 44, 45, 70, 45 90

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A SLUMBERING BABE

Body Found by Mother in the Morning.

WV. Pa., Oct. 7.—Elmer, 14-month-old son of Annie Coleman, died this morning in its kitchen of the mother under the weight of a pig.

ATE OF \$2,000,000

B. C., Oct. 8.—The will of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir was read and disposed of an estate in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 to the more distant, equally amongst five who are named as executor. Governor Dunsmuir is dead.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at their residence, Hardingville, on the 4th instant.

HER.—At Rotheray, Oct. 14, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. A. L. a daughter.

MARRIAGES

EEVES.—At Grafton, N. B., Oct. 14, by Rev. C. T. D., Edward Riddler of M., and Maud Steves of P.

QUARRE.—On Sept. 20th, Mrs. P. O. Quarre, of St. John, and Mr. J. L. Thorne, of Woodstock, N. B.

ILSON.—On Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Central Methodist Church, Brockton, Mass., by the Rev. J. L. Thorne, of St. John, N. B., the marriage of Miss L. J. Wilson, of St. John, N. B., to the wife of Thos. F. Davis.

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In a Happy Vein
Sir Wilfrid was in a happy vein. He had been forty years in politics and he had never seen such a campaign as the present. There was no great principle before the people. It was all scandal, and yet the most malignant Tory could not produce a charge which would cause a Liberal to blush. He briefly discussed the preference and stated his policy of Empire building to be "the unity of the Empire based upon colonial autonomy."

"It is with shame and disgust," said Sir Wilfrid, "that I find the issue of the Conservative leaders. I do not wish to discuss these issues; my soul is turned towards greater events and questions, and it is the future of the country I lay before you."

He felt so sure of his return to power that he felt half as sure of his defeat as he would have had no doubt of the future.

Speeches were also delivered by Hon. Messrs. Fisher and Brodeur.

DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN STEADY EMPLOYMENT

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Associated Charities Held Yesterday

The regular monthly board meeting of the Associated Charities was held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Hall, the secretary, was unprepared to make her usual report. However, the month has been an average one and while a good many sought employment, it was found difficult to secure it.

The main discussion at yesterday's meeting was the fixing of a date for the annual meeting. It was decided to hold the same in the Board of Trade rooms on Thursday, October 29. The usual reports will be presented and the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. The meeting will be addressed by several prominent citizens and the general public will be invited to attend. Papers will be read on different subjects of interest.

MOOSE SEASON HAS OPENED IN MAINE

Fewer Hunters Than Usual are in the Woods Owing to Warm Weather

BANGOR, Me., Oct. 14.—Open time on moose in Maine begins at midnight tonight. Fewer hunters than usual are in the woods, owing to continuous warm weather and to various other causes, among them the national campaign, but it is likely that the last half of November will bring a crowd of city gunners in quest of big game. Hunting conditions are now favorable, enough rain having fallen to relieve the drought, while most of the leaves have fallen.

The season is from October 15 to December 1. Last year 255 moose were shipped from Bangor. The average for the last ten years is 217. According to wardens and hunters, there has been no noticeable decrease in the number of moose in Maine since last year. The old bulls are harder to find than in years past, but under careful protection the young bulls have become rather more numerous.

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