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THE OTHER SIDE.

The press controlled by Mr. Pugsley and Mr. McAvity, do not think so highly of Mr. Mayes as when he was the medium through which sums of \$36,000 or \$2,000 could be obtained. On the other hand the former and the present ministers of finance who personally know Mr. Mayes give another account of him.

Mr. Fielding follows Mr. Pugsley at some distance in arguing down Mr. Mayes' affidavit. But concerning the man himself Mr. Fielding speaks as follows from personal knowledge:—

"Much has been said about Mr. Mayes. I believe gentlemen who have spoken on this side, with the exception of the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Pugsley), have said that they do not know Mr. Mayes. I do know Mr. Mayes. I have known him for a number of years. And I wish to say that I never knew anything, nor do I now know anything, against the character or reputation of Mr. Mayes."

Following is Mr. Foster's testimony:—
"I do not know whether the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Clark) personally knows Mr. Mayes or not. But any one can easily see that unless there is a personal knowledge, it is quite possible to do a very great wrong to a private citizen who is not able to defend himself on the floor of the House, and to do it under the shadow of the privilege of a member of Parliament. Therefore I take the very first opportunity of saying that I know Mr. Mayes very well, I have known Mr. Mayes for a long period of years, and I know nothing to the discredit of Mr. Mayes."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—Not even this?

Mr. Foster.—I know nothing to the discredit of Mr. Mayes. If you take Mr. Mayes as a citizen, I think he is just as reputable, has just as good character, and stands just as high as the Minister of Public Works, and I am not saying anything to the disparagement of the Minister of Public Works in saying that. Mr. Mayes is a business man who, on the streets of St. John or on the streets of any other city, enjoys a credit as good and his word is as good as the credit or the word of the Minister of Public Works, and in saying that I am not saying anything to the discredit of the Minister of Public Works. Mr. Mayes is a self-made man, he has conquered hard circumstances, he has made a place for himself, he has made a certain patrimony for himself, and I have yet to find the first man who can point to Mr. Mayes and accuse him of dishonest or dishonorable action in the accumulation of that patrimony. Now I take this opportunity of saying these things because of what I think are the unfounded aspersions that have been made upon his character, made by some gentlemen who confessedly do not personally know him, and therefore have no knowledge upon which they can go."

TAKE THE GLOBE'S ADVICE.

The Toronto Globe some time ago expressed the opinion that the McAvity case ought to be investigated by Parliament. The chief Government organ was probably surprised to find the Government and Mr. Pugsley blocking investigation, and is rather unfortunate in its apology for this course. Then it finds a new way out and offers this recommendation:—

"But there is a simpler way of getting at the facts of this case, a way which it is not necessary for any member to affirm his belief in the truth of the Mayes insinuations—for they are not charges. The Public Accounts Committee has full power to call for every document relating to the contract for dredging the harbor of St. John, N. B. It has power to examine Mayes, McAvity, Dr. Pugsley, or anyone else that it chooses, under oath. Why has the Opposition failed to avail itself of this power? Is it afraid that under examination this precious 'scandal' would vanish like the dew of morning?"

The Opposition has had some experience with public accounts committees, and with the Globe party friends in them. Will the Government organ or its friends at Ottawa guarantee that an inquiry in that committee will not be obstructed by Mr. Pugsley and his associates? It is pretty safe to say that the moment evidence touching the McAvity deal or the payment to Mr. Pugsley began to be troublesome, they would find some reason to shut it out. One can already foresee some of the objections: "The Committee has before it only one year's accounts. This evidence refers to something that happened before or after the fiscal year."

"This was a private affair between McAvity and Mr. Mayes. It does not concern this committee what they do with their own money."

"This was a private affair between Mr. Mayes and Mr. Pugsley. It does not concern this committee how much Mr. Mayes pays Mr. Pugsley."

"All this committee has to do is to investigate payments by the Government in one particular year. Rule out all payments in any other year, and all payments by other parties at any time."

These objections can be easily foreseen. They would not be new.

But it would be a good idea to bring the matter up in the Public Accounts Committee and carry it as far as it will go.

ELECTRICITY ON THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.

While the Grand Trunk Pacific Company has charted rights which give authority to run trains propelled by steam power over its whole system, the proposition brought forward by Mr. Burchill is not for that reason unusual. The Transcontinental Commissioners will be operating the Western section as fast as the contractor proceeds until all ready to be handed over. There may be some difficulty to test electric power on the

New Brunswick end while it is in the hands of the board. In any case the Government at Ottawa should be in a position to dictate almost any terms in the interest of the country to a company which has already made default in many ways and is sure to make other failures.

Outside of the Niagara district, there is no part of the Continent where electric power would have a better chance on the railways than in Northern New Brunswick. Mr. Burchill mentioned the Grand Trunk Pacific. Mr. Hazen added the International, a railway which as yet, at least, is not inter-Provincial, and which should be easier to control from New Brunswick than a transcontinental system. The Canada Eastern section of the Intercolonial and a considerable stretch of the C. P. R. are nearer to Grand Falls than are some parts of the Transcontinental.

Evidently there should be ample opportunity to test this system for ordinary traffic on standard railways.

THE LICENSE QUESTION.

Tomorrow's vote on the question of license or no license in four wards of this city is a new and interesting local option proceeding. The decision of the majority will be effective and immediate legislation. Whatever may be the ultimate consequences of the vote on the policy of the city as a whole in respect to the liquor traffic, the question now raised is to be settled by the wards concerned, each for itself. Voters will say whether they wish the sale of liquor to be stopped in their own ward. No doubt many will vote for the close of the saloon in their neighborhood, who would not be ready to prohibit the sale at hotels or in the business sections of the city. But if all the contested wards go dry, something new one-third of the retail liquor establishments in St. John will be closed. No doubt a part of the trade will be transferred to the remaining saloons. If liquor were a necessity of life the whole would be transferred and a change of location and concentration of traffic would be the principal result. But the demand for liquor is increased and sometimes created by its proximity, and it is believed that many men drink because the bar is near them, who will not follow it to another part of the town. The contest on this issue has been conducted with moderation of language on both sides so far as there is record. It would be natural if men who have long carried on the trade in these wards with the sanction of the law, and the implied consent of the community, would feel anxious over the destruction of their business, especially when their neighbor over the ward line will not only be left undisturbed but will gain something out of the change. But the law and the natural right of the people in the districts chiefly affected, give them the responsibility to determine this matter in the interest of the whole population concerned. Whatever the result may be it will be unsatisfactory to have it determined by a small proportion of the qualified voters. It is an issue of sufficient importance to call out a large vote.

A PENALTY FOR THE ROBBED.

The Premier is responsible for the plea that the McAvity scandal cannot be referred to a committee for inquiry because the charge is made by a confessed boodler. The charge is not made by a confessed boodler. The boodler in the case would be the man who demanded, received and retains the boodle.

But if Mr. Mayes were a guilty accomplice his evidence would be good. It might require corroboration by cheques and other documents, but it would certainly be the duty of the authorities to avail themselves of all the evidence in order to get at the facts.

When the Government keeps toll-takers at all the gates leading to public contracts, it is not surprising that some contractors pay toll rather than go out of business.

The toll-taker would be greatly encouraged to hold up contractors if he is assured that the evidence of the man held up will not be taken against him and the Government.

Sir Wilfrid's excuse adds insult to injury.

THE WEEKLY STANDARD.

Some delay has occurred in providing the equipment for The Standard weekly edition. It is expected that the first number will be printed on Wednesday of this week.

The world is small after all. A few days ago it did not seem that the constitutional and administrative trouble in Turkey had much direct concern to Canadians. Now we have the news that the disturbances include the massacre of Armenians at several points, and an attack upon missionaries of the American Board at the city of Adana. Among these latter are said to be three Canadians. One is Mr. Chambers, a leading member of the missionary colony. The others are Mr. McCollum and his wife. These were attending a missionary conference at Adana and became exposed to the attack of Moslem soldiers and others, though heretofore they lived on good terms with the Mohammedan population. One report says that Mr. Chambers has been heard from since the massacre, but this is not quite certain.

That old fashioned Liberal Journal, the Montreal Witness, makes short work of the plea that the Central Railway report has no interest at Ottawa, because it is not connected with Mr. Pugsley's functions as a minister of the Federal Government. The Witness says:—

"A man cannot be crooked in New Brunswick and straight at Ottawa. Sir Wilfrid has found in other connections that sort of thing does not work. It is therefore to be hoped that Mr. Pugsley will be able to show that anything compromising to him in the report 'in question is without foundation.'"

Traveller—"Here Policeman stop that man. He's running off with \$36—what does he not belong to him?"
Policeman—"Did you give it to him?"
Traveller—"I had to. He held me up."
Policeman—"Then you are an accomplice, a self-confessed highwayman. Your word is no good."
Traveller—"But I can prove what I say."
Policeman—"You'll never get a chance to while I'm here."

The Woodstock Sentinel which is intimately associated with Mr. Carvell, says: "As to the judgeship, let us assure our readers that Mr. Carvell has already refused two judgeships, and adds that 'when it becomes necessary to make another decision he will probably pursue the same course.' Unless these rejected judgeships were County Court affairs, they must be the positions afterwards offered to Judge Gregory and Judge White."

The so-called "Citizens' Ticket" has not been heard from for several days. This is about the day that the telegraph might be expected to bring its men out with a new and special set of promises. They may offer exemptions from taxation or some other inducement which they never intend to give.

But won't they tell us whether they propose to sell the city's harbor property for a million and a half?

A Canadian Rhodes scholar has become the champion heavyweight boxer of Oxford and Cambridge. Now let us hear from the Peace and Arbitration department.

It is clear that no form of charge will induce Mr. Pugsley to consent to an inquiry. The truth must be suppressed at all hazards.

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PERSONAL

Hon. F. J. Sweeney, M. P., passed through the city Saturday night on his way from Fredericton to Moncton.

Mr. Roland Norman, of Moncton, left on the midnight Halifax express Saturday.

Dr. Arnold, of Welsford, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. A. H. Hanington came in from Fredericton at noon Saturday.

Mr. R. O'Brien came in on the Boston train Saturday.

Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P., passed through the city Saturday en route to his home in Sackville.

Mr. J. A. Murray, M. P., passed through the city Saturday, on his way to Victoria.

Judge Landry passed through the city Saturday en route to Dorchester.

Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, of Washington, D. C., Mr. W. F. Bodwin and wife, of Baddeck, N. B., arrived in the city Saturday on the Halifax express and registered at the Royal.

They left for Boston that evening.

Mr. A. G. Edgcombe and Miss Gladys Edgcombe, of St. John, N. B., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Settle, 450 Mount Stephen avenue, Westmount—Montreal Star.

Hon. L. P. Harris, chief Commissioner of Police on the line of the National Transcontinental Railway, was registered at the Royal on Saturday. He reports all quiet on the line of construction.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill returned to the city on Saturday at noon.

Mr. C. J. Dempster, the recently appointed local superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and his bride, formerly Miss Lloyd Treen, of Sydney, C. B., have returned to St. John and are present making their home at the Lansdowne House.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Regan and young son left Saturday evening on a two months' trip to the Southern States.

Mr. William Patterson, of Cranston avenue, has undergone a successful operation for appendicitis and was resting comfortably Saturday.

J. H. O'Neil came to the city from Fredericton Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell returned Saturday from a visit to Boston.

Mr. P. D. Murphy, of Montreal, is at the Victoria.

Mr. D. A. Morrison, of Amherst, was at the Royal on Saturday.

Mr. A. M. Leger, of Shediac, was registered at the Dufferin Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Blundell, of Montreal, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. H. F. Fraser, of Boston, was at the Dufferin Saturday.

Mr. T. M. Anderson, of Campbellton, is at the Victoria.

Dr. B. N. Keith, of Harvey, was in the city on Saturday.

Mr. M. O'Leary, of Minto, is in the city.

Miss W. Claire Strickland, of Halifax, is at the Dufferin.

Mr. Geo. J. McQuarrie, of New Glasgow, is registered at the Royal.

Mr. Jas. B. Brown, of Moncton, was at the Victoria on Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Lamothe, of Montreal, was at the Royal Saturday.

Hon. John Morley and wife, of Miramichi, are at the Royal.

Mr. S. Elder, of Toronto, is at the Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Archibald and family, of Macan, N. S., were in the city Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Walsh, press agent of the Eastern Steamship Company, came down on the Governor Cobb Saturday.

Mr. Thos. J. Flood, Mrs. Flood and daughter were passengers on the Governor Cobb on Saturday.

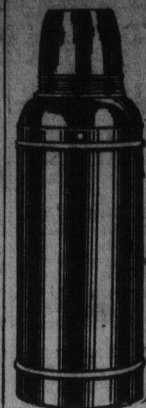
Dr. Murray MacLaren returned on Saturday evening from Fredericton.

He had been in the capital in the interests of the Medical Association as regards the medical bill now before the House.

Mr. I. J. Olive, inspector of bulls returned from Nova Scotia on Saturday.

Miss Alice Dysart returned on Saturday evening to Fredericton after visiting Miss M. L. Beatty here.

Mr. H. W. McIntyre, who has been in the employ of the O. H. Warwick concern for a number of years, has severed his connection with that firm and today takes up the duties of a position with the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company.



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ST. JOHN MAN GOING TO WINNIPEG

Mr. Harold Dobson left on Saturday evening's Montreal train for Winnipeg, where he assumes the management of Mr. T. H. Estabrooks' business.

Mr. Dobson's fellow members of the head office here made his departure the occasion of a striking testimony to his popularity among them. It took the form of a handsome gold watch and fob. Mr. H. Sullivan, in presenting the gift, on behalf of the office staff, spoke feelingly of the friendly relations which had existed between Mr. Dobson and themselves during their association, and expressed their hopes for Mr. Dobson's continued welfare and success. A substantial purse came to Mr. Dobson from the firm.

"G" Company of the 2nd Regiment loses an efficient member by Mr. Dobson's removal. On Saturday Mr. H. J. Smith presented to the ex-sergeant a handsome signet ring, given on the company's behalf.

Mr. Dobson will be much missed from the summer-time activities on the Victoria grounds. He has taken part in the running and jumping events for the Algonquin Club during several occasions.

His many friends of this city will learn with pleasure of the success of Mr. George Kierstead in winning the Premier's honor for oratory at Acadia College, Wolfville, N. S. Wins Oratorical Blue Ribbon.

In a contest which took place on Friday last Mr. Kierstead was adjudged the winner of the prize for oratory annually competed for by members of the junior class at the university, of which Mr. Kierstead is this year a member. He is a son of Mr. E. C. Kierstead of this city, and is a cousin of Dr. W. C. Kierstead of the University of New Brunswick. The prize he has won is a much coveted honor at the Baptist institution.

Mr. Kierstead has won distinction in this line before, having been for two years a member of the Acadia debating team, which recently won a contest with the St. Francis Xavier College team of Antigonish.

During last summer he supplied the pulpit of Victoria St. Baptist church and has been heard in all the Baptist churches of this city. His success is the more gratifying in view of his proposed ministerial career.

FIRM BANKRUPT.

Chilliothe, O., April 16.—Following the rise in grain prices, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed by the Marfield Milling Company of this city today.

The company was controlled by Edwin H. Ferguson, of Louisville, Kentucky. No assets or liabilities are given.

SULTAN GIVES \$10,000

Constantinople, April 16.—Owing to the hostility of the police commissaries, the Minister of Police has resigned. The Sultan gave \$10,000 for distribution among the Hodjas, in recognition for their part in restoring the religious and civil law of the Moslems.

THOS. RICKARD.

Special to The Standard, N. B., April 18.—Word has been received here of the death in New York of Thomas Rickard, a well known resident of Gibson, who had gone to New York for an operation for internal trouble. The remains will be brought home for burial.

DEATHS

Miles.—In this city on April 15, Fred Dunbar Miles, in the 34th year of his age, leaving a wife and two children.

Funeral on Tuesday, 20th, from his late residence 127 Douglas Avenue, at 2 p. m. Service private.

Milligan.—In this city on the 16th inst., after a short illness, Samuel Welsh Milligan, eldest son of the late Robert and Jeannie Milligan.

Funeral from the family residence, 123 Hazen street, on Monday at 2.30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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Dated this thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1909.
ARTHUR W. SHARP, Chairman.
URIAH DRAKE.
TIMOTHY T. LANTULUM.
HARTLEY C. LANWART.
JOHN ROSS, Assessors of Taxes.

Extracts from "The St. John City Assessment Law of 1892."

"Sec. 112. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the Real Estate, Personal Estate, and the Income of any person who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice, and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof, as the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 133. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement, under oath, within the time hereinbefore required; nor shall the Common Council in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided."

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(Signed), HON. JOHN MORRISSEY, Public Works Department, Fredericton, N. B.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Ottawa, April 16.—In the House today the Agricultural Fertilizers Bill made some progress and stood over.

The bill to establish a Department of External Affairs was put through after a brief debate.

