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TELEPHONE CALLS:

ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1912.

MR. PUGSLEY'S "IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT."

Pugsley was in the habit of regaling the people of John, has fallen off of late, since the Government in the discards. But Mr. Pugsley is nobly trying to keep his hand in under the adverse circumstances. His or-gans would have us believe that he made an "important he stated that it had been the intention of his Government to establish a vast industry at Courtenay Bay for the purpose of building eleven Canadian battleships. It is quite clear, however, that Mr. Pugsley's object in introducing this fairy tale into his remarks, were supported by the same way as his present leader. troducing this fairy tale into his remarks, was merely an ingenious but futile attempt to throw discredit on Mr. Hazen, the Minister of the Naval Service, and to offset

If Mr. Pugsley expects to get away with stuff of this kind he must imagine that the people of St. John and of Canada in general, are in ignorance of the revelations followed their retirement from office. The facts of the case are well known. They were clearly stated by Mr. year as a result of their impracticable naval policy,

battleships as Mr. Pugsley is reported to have said, but for the construction of four cruisers of the "Bristol" type, and six torpedo-boat destroyers. These tenders closed on May 1, 1911, more than five months before the Laurier Government retired from office. There were nine tenders in all. The lowest was the tender of Cammel the armor plating for the ships, the armament and cer-fain supplies that go with warships and which would have considerably augmented the cost

Now, if Mr. Pugsley was so anxious to benefit St John, to give employment to some 3,000 hands and to build a great city on the Eastern shore of Courtenay Bay, when they resigned, allow this tender of Camme Laird and Company to remain in abeyance? There was no question of defeat between June and September. The Government were in power and in full control. Why did Air. Pugsley, usually so generous in public expenditures, hesitate to award the tender and in the end do nothing.
Was that an act of friendship? Was it not "a cruel blow"

Mr. Pugsley knows, and no one better, that the Laurier Government, with all their recklessness, dared not, in the face of the reports of Admiral Kingsmill and other mayal officers, throw away nearly \$15,000,000 of the peo-ple's management. have been obsolete before half the keels were laid. "I have evidence," said Mr. Hazen in the course of

fed, and which I am prepared to give this House at any time, if my statement is challenged, I have evidence that tions, would not have been completed for six years from "the time the contract was awarded, and by the end of "the six years those vessels would have been obsolete, "entirely unfit for the purposes for which they were de-"fore, they did not award the contract for those ships, bank.
"but allowed the matter to stand."

Mr. Pugsley cannot escape responsibility for this gregious blunder by attempting to throw the blame at this late date on Mr. Hazen. The Borden Government had no other course open to them, as honest custodians of the people's money, than to close out the whole transaction and return the deposits. Mr. Hazen also dealt fully with this point. "When the present Government came into power," he said, "and when I, as "Minister of the Naval Service, began to look into that "question and found the facts I have just narrated to this "House, I would have been entirely failing in my duty as "a Minister of the Crown, if I had advised my colleagues "in the Council and the Governor General, to sign a contract for the construction of those ships which by the "time they were completed, would have been obsolete "and valueless for the purpose for which they were in "tended."

St. John lost nothing by the action of Mr. Hazen and the Borden Government. From the reports of the naval strong as a judicious selection of candidates for nomination would have made.

"ST. JOHN GLOBE."

St. John lost nothing by the action of Mr. Hazen and the Borden Government. From the reports of the navai experts which are on file in Ottawa, as Mr. Pugsley well knows, the late Government's naval programme was found wholly impracticable. Neither at St. John nor at any other port in Canada could those ships have been built to be of service to the Dominion or the Empire. If Mr. Pugsley thinks otherwise, why did he not award the contract to Cammel Laird and Company when for five months the authority to take that course, rested antirely in his hands?

Central Railway. In the Budget debate in 1906 Mr. Copp found it necessary to defend the Attorney General, who had been drawing large sums from the Provincial Treasury for legal work, and according to the Official Report of that year had something to say in his own defence.

"As the House rose at six o'clock," says the report "on page 90, "Mr. Copp explained that the money he had "received for legal services, to which reference was made "by the member for Northumberland (Morrison), the "other day, was for assisting in the conduct of several "criminal cases by request of the Attorney General, who "was elsewhere at the time detained on Government "business."

"This was not the only occasion when Mr. Copp was compelled to defend himself from attacks of the Opposi-tion, for getting too close to the Treasury chest of the Province, nor was it the only occasion upon which other members of the House were charged with violation of the Independence of Parliament Act.
In 1904 matters had reach such a stage that Mr. Haz
en moved the following resolution:
"Resolved, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the
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"chair but that it be resolved that in the interests of "good government and of the independence of Members of the Assembly and to avoid the imputation of corrupt "subserviency of Members of the Government of the day "it is necessary in the public interests, that no member of "the Assembly, save and except members of the Executive Council, should directly or indirectly receive public "money as emolument for services on behalf of the Province".

# WHERE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS.

The Times, the other day, professed great indignatio because reference had been made by one of the speak ers at a Government meeting to the defalcation of the late "dealt the city of St. John a cruel blow by refusing to Mr. W. P. Flewelling, Deputy Surveyor General. The death accept the tender of Cammel Laird & Co., for the build of Mr. Flewelling by his own hand, was an occurrence to be greatly deplored, as he was the victim of the pernicious "this frm, and Mr. Hazen returned the money at the be"hest of the Nationalist wing of his party, and I fear that
"this project is dead, at least for the present, with but
"little chance of resurrection, and St. John thus loses an
"industry employing 3,000 hands which would have mean
"the building up a great city on the eastern shore of account, to the extent of \$25,000.

CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT. Fredericton, Oct. 31st, 1899. To the Bank of British North America,

Fredericton, N. B. The Government of New Brunswick will be responsible for any amount up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) which may be at any time over-drawn on the account of W. P. Fleweiling, Deputy Surveyor General and lumber agent.

The Government will also be responsible for any interest on his over-drawn account which may become due at the Bank at the same rate as at the time may be payable by them. This is to be a continuous obligation until re-

(Signed) A. T. DUNN, Surveyor General. (Signed) L. J. TWEEDIE, Receiver General.

Fredericton, N. B., June 1st, 1905.
To the Manager of the Bank of
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Will you please arrange that W. P. Flewelling. Deputy Surveyor General (if necessary) may over-draw his account to an amount not to exceed \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) on account of Game Protec-tion, for which amount and interest thereon, the Government of New Brunswick will be responsible. This to be guarantee of payment of any amount (and interest thereon) which may be advanced to

(Signed) FRANCIS J. SWEENEY

Surveyor General.

The above guarantee is in addition to one at present in force for \$10,000 dated 31st October, 1899.

(Signed) FRANCIS J. SWEENEY,

Fredericton, October 26, 1906.

To the Manager of the Bank of British North America Fredericton, N. B. Please give W. P. Flewelling, Deputy Surveyor General, a further credit of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) for which amount (and any interest thereon which may become due) this department will be

(Signed) FRANCIS J. SWEENEY.

Had the affairs of the Crown Land Department, price signed. I cannot help concluding, therefore, that the late to 1908, been conducted as they have been since, and the "Government, after issuing a call for those tenders, disrevenues honestly collected, there would have been no all obligations. The system under which the depart Mr. Pugsley cannot escape responsibility for this

Probably, the idea of constantly putting this statement in type is founded on the supposition that somebody will believe it. The Globe at no time made such a reference to a Conservative ticket here or elsewhere.

Comment is unnecessary.



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Telegraph March 5th, 1908—Under the Pugsley and Robinson government public funds were disbursed both carelessly and recklessly. The people are asking for economy, but they are asking also that vouchers such as will pass muster be produced, and that honest business methods be followed in every department. The state of the provincial finances will naturally be a subject for impartial and conclusive examination—not a week before election day, but in a proper fashion such as will produce convincing results and full explanations. The provincial debt will be made known. The new government will want the public to know exactly how these matters stand as soon as the facts can be ascertained. It may be that the Central Railway and all expenditures of public money in connection with it will be the subject of enquiry. There is much popular distrust in regard to that enterprise. The road should have been completed with the money spent. The people know that much of the money was obtained through promises which were broken, and they do not know what became of the money.

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MR. PUGSLEY'S SHIFTING POLICY

Daily Telegraph, Feb. 14, 1908.—
Did Hon. Mr. Pugsley ever hear of the Central Railway? Some weeks ago Mr. Carvell made the announcement that within seven days that monument of the financial genius of our provincial politician would be taken over by the new Transcontinental road. The immediate occasion for this statement is now forgotten. The same statement has been made in and out of the legislature by Dr. Pugsley and others, though Mr. Carvell was the first to mention a week as the limit of uncertainty. Soon after Mr. Carvell made this assertion as the limit of uncertainty. Soon after Mr. Carvell made this assertion the legislature was dissolved. It was still confidently asserted by local government leaders that the Central must remain the property of the proving the evident fact that the Central must remain the property of the province until the new legislature meets and deals with any offer which may be made for the \$1,280,000, railway Still the more sanguine, who awaited the arrival of Dr. Pugsley, asserted that he certainly would announce the sale of the road. Instead he talked about borings in Courtenay Bay.

WHAT MR. PUGSLEY COULD NOT

Telegraph, Feb. 15, 1908.—The Min ister of Public Works (Mr. Pugsley was the most reckless of the loca government's spendthrifts in his tim at Fredericton. It is natural that his should now seek to defend his rec ord there. "Hon. Mir. Pugsley's appeal has nothing to divith the Highway Act; it does not refer to the School Book robbery; it does not explain the condition of the provincial finances; it will not prevent the tax-payers from paying interest on bonds issued to pay interest on other bonds; it will not convert the Hon. James Barnes into a great public asset nor the Hon. E. H. Allen into a real provincial secretary; it will not give the people value for their money spent on the Central road, or extend that road to Gibson; it will not restore the money voted for agriculture but spent upon the officials for trayelling expenses; it will not satisfactorily explain to the electors the management of the expenditure in connection with the Provincial Department of Public Works.

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