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PUGSLEY SHOULD BE HELD TO ACCOUNT

Widespread Graft Existed in Case of Government Owned Railway in New Brunswick, Says Report of Royal Commission

Minister of Public Works Was an ex-Officio Member

Commission States That Members of Government Were Chief Promoters of the Enterprise—Shortage of Many Thousands

Grave charges, dealing with the alleged misappropriation of public funds to the extent of \$134,000, have been brought against Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works in the Laurier Government; Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie of New Brunswick, and George McAvity, in the report of a New Brunswick Royal Commission, which has just been published.

The commission was appointed early last spring by the Hazen Government to investigate the affairs of the Central Railway, a line something over fifty miles in length, which has been one of the problems of the New Brunswick Government. While the road was under Government control, Mr. Pugsley was an ex-officio director. One million dollars was expended on the road, and a great part of this money cannot be traced. In fact, many of the officers and directors, when on the witness stand before the commission, referred the commissioners to two officers of the railway who had been dead for some time.

The sensational report of the commission has caused consternation in Ottawa, as well as in New Brunswick. It felt that the reply given out by Mr. Pugsley falls far short of covering the case. It is directly charged by the commission that widespread graft existed in connection with the Central Railway, and that the Minister of Public Works should be held strictly to account.

St. John, N. B., April 12.—Early last spring the Hazen government appointed a commission to investigate the affairs of the Central Railway, a line extending from Norton on the Intercolonial to Chipman and thence to Minto in the Queens County coal fields, making a total of between fifty and sixty miles. This road had a complicated history involving numerous construction companies, trust companies, option-holders and successive managements.

It changed hands on different occasions, finally becoming the property of the New Brunswick government. During government control, Hon. William Pugsley, as Attorney-General was an ex-officio director and was one of those having a considerable share in the management. The direct control for several years was under George McAvity, who figured in the Mayes dredging affair, and Senator King.

An Inquiry Ordered
The Hazen government on assuming power decided that the affairs of the

PUGSLEY SAYS HE WILL NOT RESIGN

Montreal, April 12.—Hon. William Pugsley, who returned to Ottawa this morning, says he does not see any reason why he should resign his portfolio because of his alleged misuse of \$134,000 as director of the Central New Brunswick Railway, as revealed by the Royal Commission appointed by the New Brunswick Government to investigate the affairs of that railway.

Central were marked by much looseness and ordered an enquiry. At this investigation it developed that almost one million dollars had been expended by the government, that much of this could not be directly verified as vouchers had not always been kept, and that some of those closely connected with the affairs of the road were afflicted with poor memories.

In New Brunswick the report presented by the commission has not been greeted with such seriousness as its wording might demand because there is a feeling that it is a partisan campaign against a defeated government, and against Pugsley and because the famous Mayes affidavit rather exploded whatever sensations were hitherto concealed. Yet it is directly charged that widespread graft had existed and that Pugsley should be held to account for the expenditures not reported.

The report consists of eighty pages. The commissioners, after setting out the several questions they were asked to investigate, say in conclusion:



BONNETS ON THEIR WAY FROM CHURCH

BRITISH SAILORS LANDED IN PERSIA

Blue Jackets Put Ashore at Bushire to Protect English Residents at Request of Czar

TEND TOWARDS ANGLO INTERFERENCE

London, April 12.—The situation in Persia is gradually developing in the direction of an Anglo-Russian intervention.

British bluejackets were landed from the cruiser Fox at Bushire on Saturday, after a British resident had issued a proclamation setting forth the necessity of the action because of the inability of the local authorities to protect foreigners. It is understood that the landing of bluejackets was sanctioned beforehand by Russia, and it is expected that the latter government will be obliged to take similar measures to protect foreigners at Tabriz and Resht.

BIG LUMBER FIRM FOR HARRISON CITY

Trethewey Bros. of That Place Buy Abbotsford Lumber Co. at Good Price—Canadian Pacific Lumber Co. Deal Off

Vancouver, B. C., April 11.—The Abbotsford Lumber Company has been sold to Trethewey Bros., of Harrison, for \$375,000. The proposed sale of the Canadian Pacific Lumber Co. of Port Moody, which was under option for several months for half a million, has been declared off.



VICTORIA SPENT ENJOYABLE DAY

The Easter Holiday With Beautiful Weather Attracted Thousands to Church and into the Country

EASTER MILLINERY WEIRDLY WONDERFUL

If the gay and festive rabbit who, according to authentic pictures and illustrations, dances over a nest of eggs of many hues on Easter Sunday (totally disregarding the Alliance and its enactments) needed any extra incentive this season he assuredly found it yesterday in the glorious warm sunshine, the spring air and the immense mantle of early green that nature has thrown over the shoulders of Vancouver Island.

As if to especially favor the weirdly wonderful array of spring millinery, the Weather Man clothed himself in his best mood and afforded a day that even pessimists could find small fault with. The residents of Victoria took advantage of it, too. The morning church services in all churches were very well attended and some excellent sermons were delivered. The hats combined all of the attributes of cooking utensils, kitchenware, children's bath tubs, posse plots, small public parks—and then some. There wasn't a "bunnet" in the lot and it is unanimously agreed that the ladies of Victoria have

FELL FROM TRAIN FORTY FEET TO ICE

James Bailey, a Settler, Springs From Train on Bridge Without Looking and Is Badly Injured

Ontario Pioneer Dies
Barrie, Ont., April 12.—Stephen Thomas Priddle, the oldest man in Simcoe County, is dead. He was born in 1802.

Earl Grey to General Booth
London, April 12.—General Booth received a birthday message from Earl Grey wishing him continued health and happiness and adding: "There are many in Canada who are better and happier for your life's work."

TAKING THE LUXURIES NOW

Senate Committee on Finance at Washington Makes Several Changes in House Tariff Bill

ROUGH LUMBER IS LOWER THAN IN DINGLEY

Hard Woods Go on Free List Along With Many Other Things—Increases Necessary to Preserve Symmetry

Washington, April 12.—The Senate committee on Finance, with all members present, met at 10 o'clock today and Chairman Aldrich presented the bill as amended by the majority of the Committee. Many of the revenue-producing features will be reported subsequently, as they are interested with administrative features of the measure which will be adopted later. Senator Aldrich, when requested to make a brief summary of the general character of the changes proposed by the Senate Finance Committee to the House Tariff Bill, furnished the following statement:

Summary of Changes
In the main, the rates in the Tariff Bill as reported from the Senate Committee are lower than those in the bill as it passed the House, the actual number of reductions being about three times the number of increases. Such increases as have been made have been largely rendered necessary to preserve the symmetry of the schedule. A considerable number of articles in common use have been taken from the dutiable list of the House Bill and restored to the free list.

Schedule A
In schedule A (the chemical schedule) the principal changes are in the nature of reductions below the House Bill. One important change is in putting distilled and expressed oils upon the free list.

Schedule B (earths and earthenware) the rates remain largely the same. In the House Bill, by a change in the phraseology from existing law, two colors are raised from 35 to 60 per cent. The Committee has reduced them to the rates of existing law.

Glassware Unchanged
In glass and glassware the rates remain the same as in the House Bill. The Senate Committee restored iron ore to the dutiable list at 25 cents a ton, a reduction of 15 cents a ton from the Dingley rate. The House had made large reductions in this schedule throughout. Nearly all these reductions have been retained by the Senate Committee. In addition to those made by the House, the Senate Committee has quite a large number of other reductions. The Senate Committee has retained the house rate on lead ore of 1 1/2 cents a pound, but has been obliged to raise the rates on lead products throughout, the bill to correspond with this duty on lead ore.

Lumber Reduced
Schedule D (wood and manufactures of wood). The senate has taken the house rate of \$1 a ton on rough lumber, a reduction of a dollar from the Dingley rates. The only important change in this schedule made by the senate committee was the restoration of imported hardwoods to the free list. The senate committee left the sugar schedule as it came from the house, but reduced the house rate on necessities of life, and have pursued this policy in the construction of the bill.

No Change in Fish
Fish remains as it came from the house. The senate has returned cocoa to the free list, believing that an article of such general consumption as a beverage and in all forms of chocolate should no more be made dutiable than tea or coffee. The committee felt that if it was necessary to increase revenue it could be done better on luxuries than on everyday necessities of life, and have pursued this policy in the construction of the bill.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE IN KINRADE CASE

Authorities Promise That Startling Developments Will Come Up at Inquest

Hamilton, Ont., April 12.—The promise is made that the next session of the Kinrade inquest which opens April 22 will develop sensational evidence that may help the police to clear up some of the mystery.
It is said that the Attorney-General's department has had men at work in several parts of the United States gathering up evidence, and that they have secured some that will prove important.

VICTORIA AND THE BIBLE LAW

Rev. T. E. Holling, in Course of Fine Easter Sermon Yesterday Criticized Tendency in City to Disregard Sabbath

THE LESSON OF AN EMPTY GRAVE REVIEWED

Pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church Thinks That West Could Learn Some Lessons From Other Parts

There is no province in Canada that so openly disregards the Lord's Day as does British Columbia was the assertion made by the Rev. T. E. Holling, B.A., pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church, in the course of a strong sermon in support of the Resurrection sermon yesterday morning.

Mr. Holling imposed a severe criticism on the people, Victoria particularly, condemning this city as one of the chief transgressors in the matter. "The subject of the discourse was: 'Lessons from an empty grave,' and the text: 'Come, see the place where the Lord lay.'—Matt. 28:4.
In the course of his remarks Mr. Holling said:
"Benep Warno, of India, in addressing a missionary congress in Toronto a couple of years ago, stated that in one of the villages in North India a missionary was preaching in a bazaar, and after he had closed, a Mohammedan gentleman came up and said: 'You must admit we have one thing you have not, and it is better than anything you have.' The missionary replied: 'I should be pleased to hear what it is.' The Mohammedan gentleman said: 'You know when we go to our Mecca, we find at least a coffin that was once there. It is a lesson in life, which is your Mecca, you find nothing but an empty grave. And the missionary smiled and said: 'That is just the difference, Mahomet is dead, (Continued on Page Two.)

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF TERMINAL ELEVATORS

Delegation Representing the Three Prairie Provinces Will Visit Ottawa Next Week to Interview Government

Winnipeg, Man., April 12.—Next week, a delegation from the inter-provincial council of Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan will visit Ottawa to wait on Sir Richard Cartwright and urge government control of terminal elevators.

The following will represent the three western provinces: Edward F. Frame, Innisfail; George Langley, Maymont; Rodolphe McKendle, Winnipeg. The Manitoba petition is now in the hands of the local executive and bears 15,000 names.

A CARGO OF HORSES FOR VICTORIA

Jebson Liner Ella Being Chartered to Carry About 300 Racers From San Pedro on May 15 for Summer Meet

The steamer Ella, which left Victoria for Panama and Mexican ports, has been chartered on her upward voyage to call at San Pedro and load a cargo of race horses intended for the summer meeting in Victoria. Negotiations were made with Jebson and Osterlander by Robt. F. Leighton, of Los Angeles, for the charter of the Ella, which is to call at San Pedro on May 15 and load a cargo of race horses, probably about 300 in all being shipped.

MOUNT ETNA IS AGAIN IN ERUPTION

Naples, April 17.—Mount Etna is in eruption. A great cloud of smoke is pouring out of the crater and ashes are falling thick on the surrounding country. Considerable apprehension is felt and the progress of the eruption is being watched with anxiety.