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HON. C. J. OSMAN SHOWS UP WHOLE MAYES CONSPIRACY AND MAKES PUBLIC MAYES' BLACKMAILING PROPOSALS

OSMAN SUPPORTS THE CHARGE OF BLACKMAIL AGAINST G. S. MAYES

A Letter Which Shows Conclusively the Nature of the Contractor's Plot--Hon. Mr. Pugsley Had Nothing to Fear and Told Mr. Osman Mayes Was Simply a Blackmailer--An Unanswerable Indictment of the Dredge-owner Which Will Sicken All Honest Conservatives.

The letter of Hon. C. J. Osman, printed below, is the final blow to the Mayes conspiracy. In plain language, every sentence of which carries conviction, Mr. Osman, who is known and respected throughout this province, brands Mayes as a man who attempted blackmail and who tried deliberately to create the damnable impression that the money he paid to Hon. Mr. Pugsley for legal services in 1903 was paid two years later when Dr. Pugsley was Minister of Public Works.

ALBERT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Hillsborough, N. B. October 14th, 1908.

To the Editor of The Daily Telegraph, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir--

I notice in your issue of today that my name is mentioned as one to whom Mr. Mayes spoke regarding his dredging troubles. Therefore, perhaps you will permit me to confirm the Minister's statement that I had been approached by Mr. Mayes and further to state that on Tuesday morning of last week I met Mr. Mayes (with whom I have been acquainted a number of years) on King Street, and after an exchange of civilities, he poured into my ear the whole story of his dredging troubles, explaining his association with Mr. McAvity and himself, under which Mr. McAvity was to have some share in the contract, and under which he stated that he had already paid to Mr. McAvity upwards of \$30,000.

He also stated that he had paid certain monies to Hon. Wm. Pugsley, and (I think) mentioned the sum of \$2,500, leading me to suppose that this payment to the Minister was in order to secure his influence in Mr. Mayes' favor in connection with dredging matters. I asked him if he could not get more dredging to do if he desired it, and he replied that he did not wish to do any more dredging, but that he wished to sell his dredge to the Government, and would accept \$160,000, and that unless arrangements were made to purchase this dredge before twelve o'clock the next day, he would expose a rat scandal in St. John, which would be a serious thing for the Liberal party and for the Minister himself, and urged me, as a friend of Dr. Pugsley's, to interview the Minister and inform him that this exposure would certainly take place if steps were not taken to satisfy him.

He also intimated that if the dredge was purchased at the price fixed by him (viz., \$160,000.00), he would be willing to make a handsome donation towards the election campaign fund in St. John.

I showed me photographs of some of the cheques made out in Mr. McAvity's favor and a cheque (I believe) for \$2,500.00 representing monies paid to Dr. Pugsley. He made no mention of the date of this payment, but from the nature of his conversation I supposed he intended me to understand that this payment had been made while Dr. Pugsley was Minister of Public Works, as he certainly called my attention to the fact that such payment would appear very much to the discredit of the Minister if made public.

I felt that the matter was of sufficient import to lay before the Minister, and arranged to meet him at the railway station in St. John upon arrival of his train at noon the same day, when I told him substantially what Mr. Mayes had said to me,

PUGSLEY PRODUCES LETTER WHICH HE WROTE MAYES REBUKING CONTRACTOR FOR DISHONEST PROPOSALS

FOWLER FIGHTS SHY OF CARVELL'S OFFER TO MEET HIM IN JOINT DEBATE

Picks Nomination Day, Knowing His Opponent Has to Be in Woodstock That Day

Carleton County Liberal Candidate Repeats Invitation for the Hero of the Foresters' Fund Land Deal to Meet Him at His Meeting in Sussex Tuesday Night--Tories Seeing Certain Defeat in Kings County Try to Interrupt Liberal Meetings--Morrison Lost in Northumberland.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 15.--This afternoon the following message was received from George W. Fowler by F. B. Carvell, Roxbury, Oct. 15, 1908. F. B. Carvell, Woodstock, N. B.: Your telegram just received. Will be pleased to meet you at Sussex on either Monday afternoon or Wednesday evening, Answer Sussex. (Signed) GEO. W. FOWLER. To which the following reply has been sent: Geo. W. Fowler, Sussex. Telegram received. You must know every candidate must attend his own nomination proceedings, hence after impossibility of meeting you Monday. You stated in your challenge you would meet any Liberal at any time or place. I have made arrangements to speak in your town Tuesday evening next and will be glad to divide the time with you. Answer. (Signed) F. B. CARVELL.

Tories in Despair in Kings Resort to Dirty Tactics. Sussex, Oct. 15.--The reports received from all over Kings County indicate that the Conservatives realize that the tide has turned and the fight is going against them. If strong evidence were needed of this it is furnished by the deliberate attempts to interrupt the meetings of Dr. McAvity.

The paid stumpers of the Tory candidate, George W. Fowler, have shown up at almost every meeting of the Liberal candidate and demanded half the time of the meetings which were called and advertised to be held in his interest.

This organized interruption began at Westfield Monday evening when J. McAvity Price appeared on the scene and asked for a hearing--then knowing that the train's departure limited the duration of the meeting, tried to talk against time.

But the audience would have none of this and shouted for Ora P. King, who this only had twenty minutes--ample time, however, to shatter Mr. Price's misstatements.

Elias Ganong, who is sometimes a preacher, but more of the time a horse trader, started to interrupt Green's speech, but he was not allowed to do so.

In Kings when Dr. McAvity and James McQueen were holding a meeting, George B. Jones and Ganong appeared. The audience remembered the old saying which they heard Mr. Ganong's praise of Fowler, "Birds of a feather flock together." They were too well acquainted with the speaker's career to suit him and some of the interruptions were of a spicy character.

Still Dr. McAvity treated both his Conservative visitors with every courtesy and allowed them to have their say. It was a great meeting for Kings, which while naturally Conservative, gave the Liberals every indication that York will have out such a rousing reception that they were well pleased.

Most disgraceful of all, however, was the scene at Jeffrey's Corner last night when H. D. Price, of Sussex, went to the meeting advertised by the Liberals and that he had exhibited a photograph of a certain cheque for \$2,500 paid to him, and Dr. Pugsley asked me if he told me that it was a payment made about two or three years ago for legal services, and I said "No," and the Minister then said, "All I have to say to you, Mr. Osman, is that Mr. Mayes is a 'blackmailer,' and I am prepared to meet any charges he may make against me."

At the close of Mr. Mayes' conversation with me he said, "This is a very serious matter and situation. Gamey defeated the Ontario Government, and if this thing is not stopped, it might defeat the Government down here." I replied that I could not think it possible that Mr. Mayes would willingly place himself in the same class as the renowned Mr. Gamey, and at this suggestion he "balked" a little. I remain, Yours respectfully, (Signed) C. J. OSMAN.

Minister, at Magnificent Demonstration in Fairville, Completely Wrecks the New Fabric of Scandal.

Second Batch of Conservative "Solemn Declarations" Meet Complete Rebuttal in Ringing Address by Hon. Mr. Pugsley--Plainly Told Mayes in Letter of Impropriety of Proposal Made--Messrs. McKeown, Lowell and W. G. Pugsley Take Part in the Rousing Meeting.

Friday, Oct. 16. The greatest political demonstration ever known in the history of Fairville was accorded to Hon. William Pugsley, who delivered an address in the Orange Hall last evening. Cheering crowds lined the streets to welcome the minister, escorted by the City Cornet band and a torchlight procession, he passed through the village. The hall was filled long before 8 o'clock and Dr. Pugsley's arrival was eagerly awaited. No sooner had he made his appearance at the door than the audience sprang to their feet and, waving their hats, shouted themselves hoarse in a spontaneous greeting.

His further vindication of Dr. Pugsley's honor and integrity as a minister, the crown had been needed it was given in his speech last night. After exposing the tactics of the opposition in juggling with the dates in the now famous "solemn declaration" of G. S. Mayes, the minister led the letter from Hon. C. J. Osman which appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Osman's account of the interview with the dredging contractor in King street was listened to in breathless silence and at the close cried out cheer for "Pugsley" rent the air.

But Dr. Pugsley had not finished. He went on to deal with the alleged "hold-up" which figured so prominently in the letter in Mayes' second "declaration." And Mr. Pugsley read his reply, sent to Mayes two days later, in which the impropriety of the contractor's proposals was pointed out. The content of the reply for the man he was addressing was expressed clearly.

Dr. Pugsley went on to handle Dr. Daniel and his sneers at Courtney Bay in a masterly manner and exposed the Standard's misrepresentations of the finances of the Central Railway. He was cheered to the echo at the close.

James Lowell, M. P., and James Lowell, M. P., also delivered excellent speeches on campaign issues. A prominent feature in Fairville last night was a huge display of the Liberal flag, with the legend "A Vote for Pugsley and Pender is a Vote for St. John." It stood out prominently amid the darkness, with striking effect.

James Lowell in Stirring Speech. James Lowell was the first speaker. He received a most enthusiastic reception. He dealt briefly with the record of the Government since coming into power. He instanced the highway act which it had been confidently prophesied would be productive of so much good in rural communities, and which, instead of being an improvement on the old act, had been proven infinitely worse.

The rate of wages to be paid for work on the roads was fixed under it. A laboring man in the summer could receive no more than \$1 for a day of eight hours. This rate was cut in half for the winter. And yet, Mr. Lowell said, these men got into power largely on the pretence of being friends of the working man.

Of course they had passed what they called a compensation act, but having done so not so favorable to the working man as it appeared on the surface. Compare the rates provided to be paid under the highway act with those fixed by the Liberal party, he said. When that party was in power they inserted in every contract a clause which required that laboring men should receive not less than 45 a day. For a man with one horse the rate was \$2.40 and for a man with two horses \$5. Let the working man contrast these rates and they would have no difficulty in coming to a conclusion as to which party they ought to support. He asked those present to go to the polling booths and poll up the largest majority for the Government ever given in the parish of Lancaster (applause).

Rousing Welcome For the Minister. The minister, on rising, was greeted with a great burst of applause and it was some minutes before he could speak. He said: "I have only half as popular in the parish of Lancaster as my friends Mr. Lowell and Mr. McKeown. I would feel happy to co-operate with a great majority."

A voice: "And, you can feel happy." (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Lowell has referred to the fact that when he spoke to me, having a public building erected in Fairville in which provision should be made for a post office and savings bank. I had made no reply. I do not like to promise things that I am not sure I can provide. When I made a promise I want to feel sure that I can make good so what I told Mr. Lowell was that I recognized the importance of having a public building here and I said I would take the matter up with my colleagues. When the estimates came up I saw that a very handsome amount was put in for the town of Fairville. (Applause.)

At this point Doris Maloney, of Pleasant Point, a little girl, entered the hall, was carried through the densely packed crowd at the doorway and in the aisles and presented to the minister a very handsome bouquet of red roses tied with red ribbon, on behalf of the Young Liberals of Fairville.

The act was recognized by a great outburst of applause. The minister, resuming, said:--I have been at many meetings in Fairville. I was here one time with the late Hon. Mr. Blair when he was minister, but I never saw such a magnificent meeting as there is on this occasion. It shows that on election day the parish of Lancaster is going to roll up a magnificent majority for the Government (applause).

As I was saying when this pleasant interruption occurred, it gave me very great pleasure indeed to provide for the erection of a large public building for Fairville, and the land is now being acquired by the crown and tenders for erecting the structure will be called for very soon.

Breakwater For Lorneville. Another matter of a good deal of importance that Mr. Lowell called my attention to was the necessity of a breakwater at Lorneville. It was pointed out that it was desirable to have a place of refuge for fishermen in case of a storm, and as I found the request a reasonable one I have arranged for the building of a breakwater and have called tenders. The cost will be about \$20,000 and it will be of great value to the people of that district (applause).

The Government has been criticized by our opposition friends for erecting public buildings in small towns and of building wharves and breakwaters in small harbors, but we take the ground that the people in the smaller towns and harbors are as much entitled to receive a share of the public monies as the people in the larger cities like Montreal and others (applause). Some of the larger cities think that the smaller places should not be considered, but it is encouraging the development, the progress and the prosperity of the small places that contributes to the prosperity of the larger places, and we will continue that policy. We are doing what we can to advance the interests of communities generally. Before going to the larger questions at issue it might be expected that I should explain some of the charges that have recently been brought against me. For several weeks past rumors have been circulated that, unless certain things were done, a bombshell would be exploded by certain gentlemen, that would drive me out of politics.

Back of the Mayes Slander Proven. Mr. Gershon S. Mayes, I don't know whether you know him or not. (Voice: "Oh, we know him.") was said to have a secret in his possession that, if it were known, would damn me forever and drive me from public life. Several gentlemen, Mr. John E. Moore and Hon. C. J. Osman, of Albert county, for some time speaker in the local legislature and manager of the Albert Manufacturing Company, a man against whom nothing dishonorable can be said and whose word would be taken before the oath of many people. I am aware of (applause), were told by Mr. Mayes that if I did not settle certain claims and buy his dredge at \$150,000 or \$160,000--varying amounts were mentioned--these dreadful disclosures would be made.

Some few days ago I was met in the station by Hon. Mr. Osman, who told me Mr. Mayes had photographs of certain papers and unless I purchased his dredge before 12 o'clock next day, he would make these disclosures. He told Mr. Osman he had a photograph of a check he had given me for \$2,500. Mr. Osman thinks the amount was, and he led Mr. Osman to believe I gave it after I became minister. Mr. Osman felt that he should tell about the matter so that I should know what to do. I asked Mr. Osman if Mr. Mayes told him the check was given, not when I was minister in the Government, but two years before, while I was acting as Mr. Mayes' counsel and adviser. Mr. Osman replied that he had been led to believe that the check was given to me since I became a member of the Government. I said: "It is clearly a case of blackmail and Mr. Mayes can go ahead with it as fast as he likes."

Reiterates Campaign Fund Statement.

I have said before and I repeat it, Mr. Mayes to the contrary, that Mr. Mayes told me the dredge might be purchased through an agent and it might be so arranged that there could be \$20,000 of a campaign fund in this constituency.

I told Mr. Mayes that my superintendent of dredging would advise me as to what was a fair and reasonable price and I would not pay one dollar beyond that. I further told Mr. Mayes that it was an improper proposal and invited him to leave my office.

Mr. Mayes told Mr. Holt that if his price was paid he would burn the photographs and nothing more would be heard of the matter.

The position which I took was that as your representative and as a minister of the crown, I could not be a party to such a transaction. My superintendent of

dredging said the dredge was worth \$10,000 and I would not pay one dollar more than that.

The Threat in the Baxter Telegram. I see by the newspapers that Mr. Baxter denies making the statement that a \$20,000 rebate would be allowed for political purposes, but Mr. Baxter cannot deny that he sent me a telegram in which he said: "My client impatient at not receiving word from you or inspector-Advise act immediately and wire definite as client insists on prompt decision."

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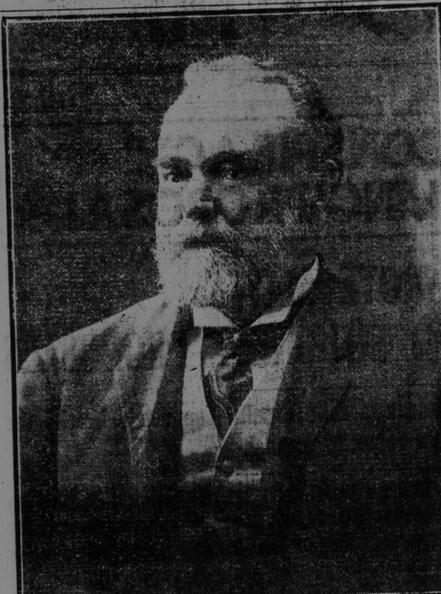
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3,000 LEADING CITIZENS ASKED HON. WM. PUGSLEY TO RUN



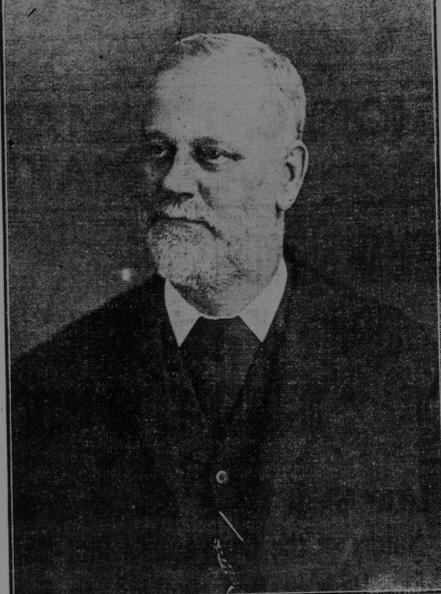
HON. WM. PUGSLEY, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE TELEGRAPH reproduces this morning the large and representative list of citizens of all parties who signed, in April, 1907, the requisition to Hon. William Pugsley in response to which he became a candidate for the city and county of St. John following which acceptance, he was elected by acclamation.

Robert Thomson. Percy W. Thomson. T. Rankine & Sons. James Pender. J. H. Doody. D. J. MacLaughlin. John E. Moore. Joseph T. Knight. A. W. Adams. Henry Hilyard. Alex. B. Holly. Joseph A. Likely. Joseph Fowler. A. O. Skinner. R. J. Armstrong. Geo. A. Knodell. D. P. Barnhill. A. M. Rowan. E. H. McAlpine. A. R. Campbell & Son. John Russell, jr. M. & H. Gallagher. R. Keltie Jones. F. Caherill Jones. Chas. T. Nevins. Troop & Son. C. M. Postwick & Co. S. S. McAvity. Joseph A. Likely. John J. Barry. D. J. Barry. T. H. Bullock. L. G. Crosby. Geo. McAvity. J. Hunter White. Daniel Mullin. J. W. Vanwart. J. & A. McMillan. James Jack. John J. Barry. G. Wetmore Merritt. E. T. Sturdee. M. B. Edwards. R. G. Halsey. T. T. Lantlaim. W. Z. Earle. Robert Allan. J. McDermott. Thomas Walker. J. A. Gregory. George Nixon. George H. Nixon. Frank E. Holman. J. M. Humphrey & Co. R. T. Hayes. J. A. Seeds. C. P. Clarke. J. H. Clarke. S. J. Shanklin, St. Martins. David Magee. Liberal Social Club, Fairville. John O'Brien, secretary. William Hayes. M. J. Gleason. James Garry. James Dowling. Leonard Traiton. Patrick McQuinn, Millford. John Cronin, West End. Chas. Hagearty, Fairville. T. W. Gregory, North End. Edward Goldie, Fairville. William C. McKinnon, Fairville. Walter Whittaker, North End. David O'Keefe, West End. John Gillis, Fairville. Daniel C. Seaton, Fairville. J. D. Purdy. Alex. Wilson. John P. McIntyre. Geo. W. Ketchum. R. A. Roger. James Morgan. Geo. A. Horton. Michael McCarthy. Ed. Stevens. Frank Parks. John McHarg. W. E. Chittick. Herb. Sheppard. John Thomson. John Cairns, jr. John McLean. G. E. Armstrong. Dr. M. L. Macfarlane. R. S. Bonnell. W. G. Kee. W. J. Magee. Wm. H. Pyne. John Wood. Thomas Pyne. Harold Pyne. D. J. Doyle. J. Long. James H. McGivern. M. J. Moran. W. J. Doody. W. H. Atchison. H. W. McDonald. L. A. Carson. T. J. McQuade. Peter Trainor. G. W. Tingley. P. J. Mooney. Andre Cushing & Co. R. C. Elkin. Joseph Allison. Thos. Walker. S. S. Hall. E. L. Rising. Geo. H. Waterbury. H. Horton & Son, Ltd., per G. A. Horton. A. F. Hanington. W. G. Scovill. Thomas Gorman. H. B. Schofield. E. Allan Schofield. F. E. Sayre. Geo. E. Barbour.

List of Those Who Pledged Him Their Votes and Influence and Sent Him to Ottawa in April, 1907--He Has More Than Met Their Expectations Since He Became Minister of Public Works--Men of All Parties Want Him to Go on Building Up the City and Province--The Reasons Leading to the Great Requisition Are Stronger Now Than Ever.

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The requisition presented to Dr. Pugsley was the largest ever known in political life in St. John. The preamble and most of the names are given in the St. John (N.B.), April, 1907. To Honorable William Pugsley: We, the undersigned electors of the city and county of Saint John, hereby request that you will consent to be nominated as a candidate for the seat in parliament for said city and county, now vacant, to support the present government, and pledge you our vote and influence: Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd, per W. H. Barnaby, director. Macaulay Bros. & Co. T. McAvity & Sons. Wm. Thomson & Co. Geo. Robertson. D. Magee's Sons. The Floods Co., Ltd, per Geo. H. Flood. B. R. Macaulay. W. H. Barnaby. T. H. Estabrooks. C. N. Skinner. James Christie, M.D. J. Royden Thomson. E. Lantlaim. J. J. Bullock. O. H. Warwick. Chas. McLaughlin. Alfred Porter. W. C. Cross. Thomas McAvity. Joseph Finley. W. E. Foster. P. J. Mooney. Andre Cushing & Co. R. C. Elkin. Joseph Allison. Thos. Walker. S. S. Hall. E. L. Rising. Geo. H. Waterbury. H. Horton & Son, Ltd., per G. A. Horton. A. F. Hanington. W. G. Scovill. Thomas Gorman. H. B. Schofield. E. Allan Schofield. F. E. Sayre. Geo. E. Barbour.

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THE FAILURE OF A CONSPIRACY
The Mayes sensation has been exploded. The whole dastardly conspiracy now stands revealed.

THE MAYES-BAXTER
Mayes and his lawyer have ruined the Conservative chances in St. John, and the Conservative leaders know it.

THE MAYES-BAXTER (continued)
Mayes' letter was, in effect, a retraction of the most serious charges.

THE MAYES-BAXTER (continued)
These and other awkward questions, and the knowledge that the whole explosion is doing great damage to the Conservative party.

MR. GEORGE McAVITY'S STATEMENT
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there would have been no sensation about it. How singular, then, that the date was changed to 1907, at which time Hon. Mr. Pugsley was a Minister of the Crown.

Was it an error, as Mayes says? In his affidavit he charges that Dr. Pugsley told him, on the occasion of the \$2,000 note transaction, that it would be nice to have a friend at Ottawa, etc. Yet 1905 was two years before Dr. Pugsley thought of going to Ottawa.

This letter quoted above, sent by Mayes to Hon. Mr. Pugsley late yesterday afternoon, strongly resembles the device of a man seeking to escape after being caught in an act.

The rest of the story is very clear. Mayes got a profitable contract for dredging, being the only tenderer. Mr. McAvity was his partner in the enterprise.

What did Mayes want of photographs of the note and the checks? The note had been paid. It was three years old. It represented part payment of Mayes' debt to Mr. Pugsley for legal services.

It is fortunate for the country as a whole that Hon. Mr. Pugsley defied Mayes and his confederates and gave them rope enough to hang themselves.

In St. John, in the province, and throughout Canada, as the truth spread in the wake of the slander, the fair-minded electors will condemn the conspirators.

Now, if Mayes had sworn that he paid Dr. Pugsley \$2,000 in 1905, when Dr. Pugsley had nothing to do with dredging,

these arrangements were of the nature of a partnership and that any money Mr. McAvity received came to him quite legitimately.

Mr. McAvity and his friends have known for some time past that Mayes and his backers were growing desperate and that an explosion of some sort was to be expected.

After examining the election information it has received from all sources, the Toronto Globe says with regard to the result of the contest:

Mr. E. W. Thomson, who is on a political tour through the West for his paper, the Boston Transcript, says in a recent letter, that even the Tories, in private conversation, admit that the Liberal campaign is sweeping through the West.

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In his new "solemn declaration" J. B. M. Baxter denies that he made a payment to Mr. McAvity in which \$20,000 of the dredge price was to figure as a "take-off."

Mr. George McAvity is not the kind of man who buys the silence of men who threaten him. Mayes threatened him. The threats would have caused if Mr. McAvity had paid the price.

Nothing could be clearer now than that the Mayes-Baxter business is proving a boomerang for the Conservatives.

should be litigation between you, I beg to assure you, a matter of perfect indifference to me.

THINGS THAT LOOK BLACK
Read over carefully this telegram which Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, Mayes' lawyer, sent to Hon. Mr. Pugsley on Sept. 30 last:

Client impatient at not receiving word from you or inspector. Quotes your purchase and payment for dredge industry, by Order-in-Council, as sufficient precedent for buying his dredge with complete equipment ready for instant work.

Mr. Pugsley's speech of Tuesday evening last. Later on both Mr. Mayes and Alderman Baxter, his solicitor, spoke to me on several occasions with regard to the purchase of the dredge.

Mr. Pugsley went on to intimate that \$20,000 might be taken off the price for use in the campaign.

Two BLASTING LETTERS
Prof against Mayes accumulates. Today his guilt is made clear and the Conservative party bosses who seized upon his vile allegations in their haste to strike at Hon. William Pugsley, stand condemned along with their blackmailing accomplices.

Mr. Pugsley held up his departmental money in order to compel him to settle with Mr. McAvity.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst., and in reply would remind you that when I informed you of the notice which I had received from Mr. McAvity that he was interested in the moneys coming to you from my department, and had requested me not to pay them over until the matter was adjusted, you admitted that there was an amount coming to him, which you said you were prepared to pay, provided I would allow a further claim which you said you proposed making, and would also buy your dredge.

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HANDSOME DONATION TOWARDS THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND IN ST. JOHN. There again we have the offer of a rake-off for the campaign fund. This was to be \$20,000.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley's letter to Mayes and Mr. Osman's statement concerning the contractor should convince even the Conservative bosses that their man is disgraced and discredited.

DR. DANIEL'S ERROR
Dr. John W. Daniel was this city's representative at Ottawa. He should be the last man in the world to throw cold water upon enterprises for the upbuilding of the Winter Port.

NOTE AND COMMENT
In the classic language of the Hon. Geo. Elias Foster, Mayes wanted Hon. Mr. Pugsley to "turn on the tap."

IS FOWLER DODGING?
A brief glance in the direction of Mr. George W. Fowler. Some weeks ago, when he accepted the Conservative nomination, Mr. Fowler loudly vouched his desire to meet any Liberal from Sir Wilfrid Laurier down to the rank of the double-tracking of the I. C. R. to Norton.

WORK GOING ON
The work of increasing the siding room at the I. C. R. yards is being carried on rapidly with a view to be in readiness for the double-tracking of the I. C. R. to Norton.

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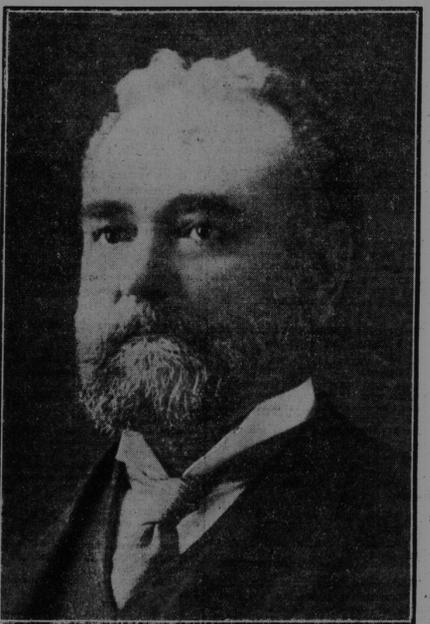
OF THE ASTARDLY BLACKMAILING CONSPIRACY

GEORGE McAVITY COMPLETELY EXPOSES MAYES' ATTEMPT TO "HOLD UP" HIM AND DR. PUGSLEY

MIGHTY DEMONSTRATION BY AROUSED CITIZENS FORETELLS LIB. VICTORY

Mr. McAvity's Solemn Declaration Backed Up by John E. Moore and F. W. Holt, C. E.

In Sledge-hammer Speech Minister of Public Works Reads Letters, Telegrams and Affidavits Showing How Mayes and Others Sought to Get Hush Money Although They Had Nothing But Lies to Tell--Minister Explains That Mayes' Belated Attempt to Alter the Date of the \$2,000 Transaction Reveals the Whole Plot--How Pugsley Defied Them and How They Sought Revenge--A Scathing Answer to Slander Cheered to the Echo--Great Reception for Pender, Logan and Marcell--No Doubt About Liberal Victory Now.



HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY. The Man Who Had the Courage to Resist Blackmail and Who Has Crushed His Opponents.

Wednesday, Oct. 14. This community knows and respects George McAvity. It knows G. S. Mayes. Mr. McAvity yesterday made public a solemn declaration-telling frankly of Mayes' attempts to compel the men he now accuses to buy him off. McAvity's declaration is corroborated by John E. Moore and F. W. Holt, C. E. The statements of Messrs. McAvity, Moore and Holt, which are printed here, will be welcomed by all lovers of honesty, decency, and fair-play. They show at once to what depths Mayes and his backers and political associates have descended. The declarations are as follows:--

Province of New Brunswick, City and County of Saint John. I, George McAvity, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, Merchant, do solemnly declare and say: That I have read over what purports to be a copy of the declaration made by Gerson S. Mayes, published in this morning's press. That in the summer of 1905, Mr. Mayes requested me to become interested with him in the dredging business and I consented to do so. I made several trips to Ottawa in connection with the obtaining of the contracts and spent a great deal of time in connection therewith, both before and after the first contract was awarded being in almost daily consultation with Mr. Mayes until some few months ago, when his conduct became unbearable. His demands were so unreasonable and so I then thought and said to Mr. Baxter so much in the nature of blackmail that I declined to have any further business transactions with him. My business connection with Mr. Mayes is now the subject of an action at law and will be fully dealt with in the Courts. That it is absolutely untrue that I have ever had any conversation with Mr. Mayes respecting any payment to the Hon. Mr. Pugsley as alleged in Mr. Mayes' declaration and I never knew of any payment to Mr. Pugsley in connection with dredging matters and I verily believe that no such payment has ever been made. That the contract given to Mr. Mayes and referred to in his said declaration was awarded by the then minister, the Honorable Mr. Hyman to Mr. Mayes, he being the lowest tender. That in the month of September last, I met Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, who acted for Mr. Mayes in connection with the dredging contract and is Mr. Mayes' close personal friend and adviser at the entrance to the Law Library, Princess street, in the City of Saint John, and at his request I went in to a room off the said Library and Mr. Baxter then and there proposed to me that if the government would buy Mr. Mayes' dredge at a price which I thought was about \$160,000, there would be a rebate for political purposes of \$20,000. I replied to Mr. Baxter that I was through with Mr. Mayes and would have no further transaction with him. That early in the present month of October, Mr. F. W. Holt, civil engineer, called upon me at my office and stated that he came with a view of effecting a settlement of matters between Mr. Mayes and myself and that Mr. Holt was making threats of what he would do to hurt the government if they did not buy his dredge. While I had then firmly made up my mind to have no further business transactions with Mr. Mayes, yet in order to draw Mr. Mayes out and have him committed to a belief as I then did, I then said to Mr. Holt that I was acting at the instance of Mr. Mayes, said that a person making demands of that nature usually had a price and asked him to ascertain what Mr. Mayes' demands really were. A day or two later, Mr. Holt again called upon me and stated that if the Government would purchase the dredge at \$183,400, Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits, return all checks and notes and photographs thereof, and give a letter to take no further action; otherwise he would publish a statement of a damaging nature to the Government and would take the platform himself. I then informed Mr. Holt that I was through with Mr. Mayes, that I was prepared to fight all suits, that there was nothing to conceal as it was a legitimate business transaction on my part and Mr. Mayes would have to take his own course. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act. Declared to at the City of Saint John in the City and County of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick this thirtieth day of October, A. D. 1908. (Sgd) THOMAS P. REGAN, A Commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

JOHN E. MOORE'S STATEMENT.

Province of New Brunswick, City and County of St. John. I, John E. Moore, of the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John and Province of New Brunswick, Lumberman, do solemnly declare and say that on the 7th day of October instant, Mr. Percy W. Thomson called at my office and said that Mr. J. B. M. Baxter had been in to see him about the Mayes dredge, and had requested him to call upon the minister (meaning the Hon. Mr. Pugsley) and myself about the matter. He then asked me if something could not be done to buy the dredge, and said that if \$150,000 was too much they would make an offer of \$125,000, and endeavor to make a deal. I replied that there would be no trouble, as the talk about the minister having been paid anything was all nonsense, as the alleged payment talked about was two years before he was a member of the House of Commons. Mr. Thomson expressed surprise at this and said he understood it was since Mr. Pugsley had become a minister. I further said to Mr. Thomson that apart from all politics, however, I would be willing to buy the dredge at what it was worth, but I would have to have an inspection. Mr. Thomson then left the office, saying he would see Mr. Baxter and see me again, and the next day he telephoned he had not seen Mr. Baxter, but had seen Mr. Mayes and that Mr. Mayes had asked him to see the minister. Mr. Thomson then said that unless the dredge was purchased at \$150,000, Mr. Mayes would send to the "Gleaner" by special messenger, a statement damaging to the Liberal party and would himself take the platform. Mr. Thomson then added that he did not like the business and had only approached me at the request of Mr. Baxter, and that he considered the best thing that he could do was to drop out of it--that he was foolish to have had anything to do with it. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act. Declared to before me at the City of St. John, in the City and County of St. John and Province of New Brunswick this thirtieth day of October, A. D. 1908. (Sgd) S. A. M. SKINNER, A Commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

STATEMENT BY F. W. HOLT, C. E.

Dominion of Canada, Province of New Brunswick, City and County of Saint John. I, Frederick W. Holt, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, Civil Engineer, do solemnly declare and say that on the seventh day of October instant as a result of a conversation which I had with Mr. Gerson S. Mayes and in order if possible to effect a settlement between Mr. Mayes and Mr. George McAvity I called upon Mr. McAvity. I interested myself in the matter purely with a view of effecting a settlement. Subsequently on the ninth day of October I again called upon Mr. McAvity and stated that Mr. Mayes wanted to sell the dredge and would take one hundred and fifty-three thousand four hundred dollars and that if the purchase was made Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits and give up all notes and checks and photographs thereof otherwise Mr. Mayes said he would make public damaging statements and take the platform himself. Mr. McAvity replied that so far as he was concerned he was prepared to fight the suits that there was nothing to conceal and Mr. Mayes would have to take his own course. I reported the result of my interviews to Mr. Mayes and have had nothing further to do with the business and I make this solemn declaration

and he said, "Oh, about \$2,500 or \$3,000." I said "this is too much, but I suppose I will let you have a note for four months for \$2,000." Dr. Pugsley then made the note out and I signed it. He said he felt sure that he would give me good return for it or pay it back."

Another outburst of cheering followed. With the people's opinion in my favor, the minister went on, I am content that you should record your opinion of their slanders on Oct. 28. As our opponents have adopted all over Canada, of resorting to slanders and indulging in falsehoods of every description, I have made a most deliberate and unjust attack upon me. I shall deal only with this matter tonight and shall leave the discharge of the dominion to my friends, Messrs. Marcell and Logan. Both of these gentlemen have a thorough knowledge of public affairs and will, I know, address you in a most interesting and valuable manner. Mr. Marcell occupies the distinguished position of the Hon. Minister of the House of Commons; he enjoys the fortunate position of so far having no candidate opposed to him in his constituency, and he has been good enough to give me some of his valuable time. I am grateful to him for doing this because he is in great debt to you as he had already addressed a large number of meetings during the campaign. Mr. Logan, you all know, is a prominent member of the Dominion Parliament. His presence is also sought in many places, and I am equally thankful to him for doing this because he is in great debt to you as he had already addressed a large number of meetings during the campaign.

For several weeks it has been stated that the Tory leaders were keeping in reserve for me a bombshell, which they intended to explode at the proper time, and I have had repeated intimations to me that unless I satisfied the demands of Mr. Mayes by purchasing his dredge at the price he demanded, he would make an exposure which would have a most damaging effect upon me and upon the Liberal party. It being even said to me that he had photographs prepared of a note which he had given me, and also of the cheque which he had given in payment of the note, as well as of a payment which he had made to Mr. George McAvity in connection with his dredging contracts. I have read in the Standard of this morning what purports to be a copy of a solemn declaration made by Mr. Mayes before Mr. W. H. Harrison, who, by the way, is the secretary of the Conservative Association of this city, which association I believe Alderman J. B. M. Baxter is the president. That declaration was read by Hon. J. D. Hazen, the premier of the province, and therefore upon the leaders of the Conservative party to rest the responsibility for whatever condemnation should attach to those who willfully slander the character of public men, if I shall be able to show you that the statements contained in this declaration are slanders, and also for the attempted blackmailing upon me by Mr. Mayes, if I am able to convince you that there was an attempt at blackmail. As reported in the Standard, Mr. Mayes in this declaration is made to say, and I now quote the exact words:-- "On October 13th, 1907, I received a telephone message from Dr. Pugsley, asking me to call and see him next day, which I did. He said, 'Mr. Mayes I am in a need of money, and it would be nice if you could help me.' I said, 'Doctor, what for? You know that I have paid you some \$1,300 in my second case against Connolly, which you have in a way offered to pay back, because you have said that Mr. Emmerson was so slow in bringing up the matter, and I have no funds.' I am carrying a big load and am paying large amounts to the Bank of Montreal for overdrafts." Just then Mr. George McAvity came in and Dr. Pugsley said that Mr. Mayes' business was getting along so well that a little money would be very acceptable. I agreed stating that I was carrying a big load and that I could not see why Dr. Pugsley should ask me for money. I said, 'What do you want it for, a loan?' 'Well,' said Dr. Pugsley, 'you see it will be nice to have some one who could do something for you while in Ottawa, there was always something to be done and if I could not give him a cheque that I could give him a note for three or four months.' I asked him how much,

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of the declaration which I have just read, you will see that it is drawn with the clear intention of conveying to the public mind that I was a minister at the time Mr. Mayes says that I stated to him "You see it will be nice to have some one who could do something for you while in Ottawa." That there was always something to be done."

Strong Denunciation of Mayes and Hazen. I want now in the strongest manner possible to denounce Mr. Mayes and those who prepared the declaration for him, and Mr. Hazen, who read the declaration at the meeting last night, as most unworthy to move in decent society and among honorable men.

Now what are the facts? In 1905, Mr. Mayes, who solicitor and counsel, I had been for a number of years, having been engaged by him in my important professional work, came to me and stated that he was desirous of tendering for dredging in the harbor of St. John and asked my advice as to associating with him or more business men of the city. Knowing Mr. George McAvity as a prominent business man I suggested that he should see him and perhaps he would become associated with him in the undertaking. From that time on until quite recently, although I knew that Mr. Mayes and Mr. Mayes were associated together in the dredging work, I had no knowledge of what was the arrangement between them. From time to time, and indeed very often, Mr. Mayes consulted me in connection with the work, but in the summer of 1907, when I became a member of parliament and minister, I ceased the practice of law and from that time on I never acted in any way for Mr. Mayes. Mr. Mayes advised with me as his solicitor in connection with the work, but in the summer of 1907, when I became a member of parliament and minister, I ceased the practice of law and from that time on I never acted in any way for Mr. Mayes. Mr. Mayes advised with me as his solicitor and client ceased altogether.

As minister of public works I have been called upon to deal with the subject of Mr. Mayes' contracts and the record will show that I have treated him in all respects as I would treat any other contractor who was entitled to fair consideration and nothing more. A Proposition by Mayes. Let me call your attention to a letter written on the 23rd November, 1907, by Mr. Mayes to me, which is as follows:-- Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Esq., Minister of Public Works, Ottawa. Dear Sir--Permit me to call your attention to the fact that I have not been paid for any work for the last three months. This is entirely due to the appropriation having been exhausted and does not reflect upon anybody. Notwithstanding this, at your request, I have presented this work under my contract just as diligently as if I were receiving the money regularly. I am sure you can understand what a burden this has imposed upon me when you consider the extreme difficulty of getting money from our banks for any purposes. I have a heavy overdraft for which I am paying a heavy rate of interest. Had I so chosen, I could have stopped work altogether and thereby practically stopped my expenditure but the result would have been that the work would not have been advanced to an extent necessary to provide for the opening of the winter port season which it practically is today. Under these circumstances I would suggest that you should cancel my old contract from the date of the last payment under it and substitute a new contract embodying all the work which remained unperformed at that date together with the work since awarded to me and which has recently been surveyed by Messrs. Valiquet and Holt, this work to be at the same schedule as paid to the Dominion Dredging Company, for similar, though in many instances, not so difficult work as we have had the section which contains nearly all the boulders in the vicinity entailing serious breakage and great expense and loss. Besides this, you will find upon inquiry, that before I entered upon my first contract a great portion of the high water work which belonged to it had been removed by the local government dredges. Consequently I have always had an undue proportion of low water work which has added very materially to the difficulties of my work. Trusting that this request may receive your most favorable consideration, I remain, Yours sincerely, G. S. MAYES. To which I replied on the 18th of December, 1907, as follows:-- Dear Sir--I have had under careful consideration your letter of the 23rd ult., asking to be relieved of your contract of the 30th September, 1905, and after consulting with the chief engineer of my department and examining the contract and specifications very carefully, I have come to the conclusion that it will not be possible to comply with your request, and I have therefore to ask that you will proceed as rapidly as possible and complete the work required under said contract. I shall be glad to learn from you how soon you will be able to complete this work, I am, Yours very truly, WILLIAM PUGSLEY, Min. of Public Works. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Esq., St. John, N. B. Mayes defies me in his work, absolutely refuses to dredge in accordance with instructions given in writing and also personally delivered. He stated that he had no power over him, have cancelled all his work until he shows his abjectness, kindly wire as soon as possible. Have wired the chief engineer. In reply to which I wired Mr. Scammell on 12th October, 1907, the following instructions:-- Oct. 12, '07. J. K. Scammell, C.E., St. John, N. B. Your telegram received. Carry out instructions of Chief Engineer. WILLIAM PUGSLEY. Again on the 18th of May, 1908, I received from Mr. Mayes the following telegram:-- May 16, '08. Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Ottawa, Ont. My dredge Beaver has been working nearly three years without being registered. Is there any necessity for registering next week for tendering other works, prefer not to. G. S. MAYES. More Convincing Correspondence. To which I replied on the 18th of that month as follows:-- May 18, '08. G. S. Mayes, Esq., St. John, N. B. Same condition is in all advertisements issued calling for dredging tenders, regret find it impossible to make exception in your case. WILLIAM PUGSLEY. Again in July, 1908, I received from Mr. (Continued on page 6, column.)

If Dr. Pugsley had bought the Mayes dredge, Mayes would have been his "dear friend." But when the Minister of Public Works acted the part of an honest and fearless public servant, when he refused to be "held up," when he turned down the offer of a \$20,000 "campaign contribution" and showed Mayes the door, Mayes made that affidavit which shows the public just what its author is. It has killed Mayes and the Conservative party in St. John.

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SPECIALIST agent of good address in town...
WANTED—A girl for general housework...
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ST. MARTINS FAIR PRIZE WINNERS
St. Martins, Oct. 15.—The St. Martins Agricultural Society held its annual exhibition on Wednesday at the temperance hall. The following is a list of the prizes and prize winners:—

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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES
REXTON
Rexton, N. B., Oct. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. T. G. A. Farley have returned from a pleasant visit to Toronto and other Canadian cities.

THREE FINE MEETINGS IN FIRST PART OF THE PRESENT WEEK—Dr. E. Stone Wiggins Declares for McLean.
Queens-Sunbury is not now counted in the doubtful column, as the outcome of the contest is regarded as certain...

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ARRIVED.
Schr. Isiah K. Stetson (Am.), 27, Hamilton, from South West Harbor, Maine, J. W. Smith, pilot.

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WANTED—Second-class female teacher (one that teaches music preferred) for district No. 4, Chatham Harbor, N. B. District rated poor. Usual salary for full term of 70 weeks for furniture, stationery, etc. No experience required. Write for particulars to Wm. J. Wiggins, 10-14-es-4.

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OBITUARY
Wm. F. Jordan.
William F. Jordan died in Montreal Wednesday. He had been a resident of Montreal for many years in connection with the C. P. R. He was formerly of Woodstock, a son of the late James Jordan and brother of Mrs. D. Truman. He was 61 years of age.

OBITUARY
Mrs. Mary McGuire.
The death of Mary, wife of Anthony McGuire and daughter of the late James McGuire, took place on Tuesday evening at her home at Pleasant Point, Mrs. McGuire was 82 years of age. She had been ill for some time. Her husband and young son, also three brothers, Michael, John and James, and a sister, Mrs. Joseph Ballard.

OBITUARY
Mrs. Alexander McDermott.
Mrs. Joanna McDermott died at her residence, St. James street, on Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. She was a native of this city. Her death is deeply regretted by many friends, by whom she was highly esteemed. Before her marriage she was Miss Cohalan. She is survived by her husband, Alexander McDermott, stevedore, and three sons, Fred of Victoria, Alexander of Vancouver and John of this city, also one daughter, Miss Annie McDermott.

RHODEISLAND HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES
The Rhode Island Hospital offers a 3-year course of training in case of patients in medical, surgical, obstetrical and 9 special departments. 400 patients treated in 1907. Applications are now considered for classes entering in June, 1908, and January and April, 1909. Tuition and money for books and supplies are provided. For further information and circulars, address Miss M. E. Ayer, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R. I.

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BOAT CAPSIZES; HARVEY MAN DROWNS
Freeman White Perished in Sight of Father on Shore, --- Attempt at Rescue Failed.
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WEDDINGS
Morrison—Morrison.
On Monday afternoon at five o'clock, at 13 Garden street, Charles Neil Morrison, of Rosebery (P. E. I.), and Kate James Campbell, of St. John, were united in marriage by Rev. Gordon Dickie.
Logan—Cormor.
The marriage of Miss Louise Cormor, daughter of Mrs. George Cormor, and Robert A. Logan was performed by Rev. Wm. McLellan, on Monday evening at the home of the bride's mother in Pokioke, Me. and Mrs. Logan will reside in North End.
Chilton—Hamm.
In Boston on October 7, Miss Sadie M. Hamm, daughter of Mrs. Julia M. Hamm, of Grand Bay, was united in marriage to Grant Chilton, of Boston. The bride was the newly wedded couple left for a trip to England and will reside in Boston.

WEDDINGS
At the residence of A. H. Chipman, 36 Peter street, Thursday, Mrs. Wickwire, of Kentville (N.S.), and W. N. Dewitt, formerly of this city, were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Shaw.
Wilson—Fraser.
Halifax, Oct. 15.—(Special).—Government House was the scene of a brilliant function this afternoon when Rev. Wm. McLellan, of St. John, officiated, and the pastor of St. Andrew's church in the city, and Miss Annie Chisholm Fraser, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. D. C. Fraser, were married. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. McCardy, of this city, assisted by Rev. W. Ross, pastor of Fort Macleod church, and Rev. J. J. Nelson. It was thirty years ago this month that the governor and Mrs. Fraser were wedded at New Glasgow by the same clergyman in the company with Daniel Melmer, W. F. Tozer, M.D., of Rexton, had the misfortune to come in collision with the train while it was moving along the crossing at Fagan street. His automobile was badly damaged, although, by leaping from the machine, he and Mrs. Melmer escaped unhurt.
Mrs. Edward Melmer, who has been seriously ill, is now able to be out.
Rev. A. D. Archibald returned on Saturday from his session of the Maritime synod, held at Truro.
Robert Darrach, bookkeeper at A. & R. Loggie's, returned home on Monday from a vacation trip to Chipman and St. John. He drove from Harcourt to Chipman and succeeded in bagging twenty-one partridge.
Senator Poirier was in town this week.
Mrs. R. O'Leary and a party of friends have returned from a tour of the northern part of the province.
Burton Flint has returned from the West.
Miss Jennie B. Irving has returned from a visit to Kouchibouguac.

WEDDINGS
Hopewell Hill, Oct. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKeen, of Dorchester, N. B., are spending a few days with the latter's cousin, Mrs. M. M. Tingley.
Miss Florence Irving, of Hillboro, is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. Truman.
Miss Elizabeth Dixon, of Mountville is ill with scarlet fever.
Mrs. Harvey Stevens, of Baltimore, Md., called on her daughter, Mrs. Wm. J. Wiggins, last week at the home of the former's son, Clifford Stevens, of this village.
W. F. Brewster is spending a few days with his family here.

WEDDINGS
FLORENCEVILLE
Florenceville, Oct. 13.—The New Brunswick Telephone Company, C. H. Jamieson, of Florenceville, has transferred their central from the Bank of New Brunswick building to their new office recently completed in the same building.
Miss Julia Jewett, who has been visiting her home here for a few weeks, returned to Monticello on Monday.
Urban Johnson, who has returned from the hospital in Woodstock.
LeBaron L. Moores and wife returned to their former home on Monday after a stay of two years in Vancouver, B. C.

BIRTHS
WILES—At Calhoun, Westmorland Co., Oct. 10.—Mrs. and Honor Wiles, a son, FRASER. In this city, Oct. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Fraser, a son.

MARRIAGES
LAZENBY—AUSTIN—In St. Mary's church on Oct. 9, by Rev. Dr. Raymond, rector, John D. Lazenby to Ellen Austin, both of this city.

DEATHS
MILLET—At St. John, on the 8th inst., Catherine, widow of the late Henry Millet, and daughter of the late Wm. Ryan, leaving one sister and niece to mourn their loss. (Toronto and Boston papers please copy.)
COSTLEY—On the 16th inst., at his father's residence, 25 St. James street, West, Ed. GEORGE M., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Costley, aged 3 years and 3 months. Buried in the cemetery of St. John.
MCGILLICUDDY—In this city after a brief illness, wife of John McGillicuddy, leaving her husband, three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.
MURPHY—On Oct. 12, at the residence of R. C. Ekin, 111 Douglas avenue, Mrs. Purdy, widow of the late Jesse Purdy.
MCDERMOTT—In this city, on Oct. 13, Joseph T., beloved wife of Alex. McDermott, leaving her husband, one daughter and three sons to mourn their loss.

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