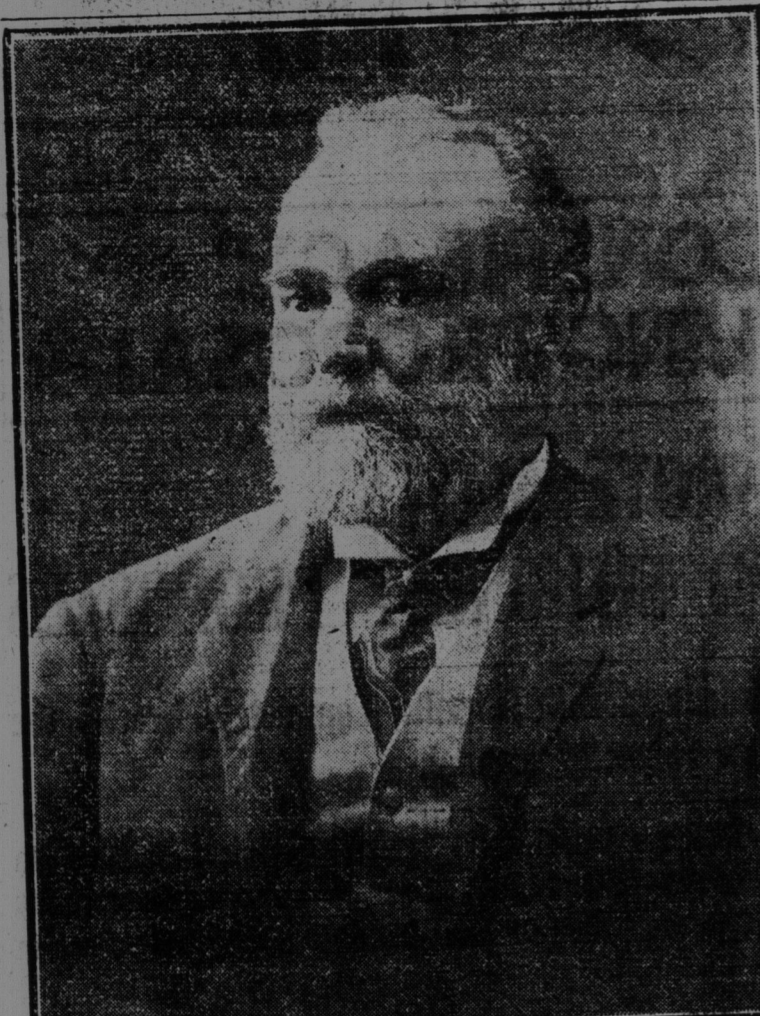




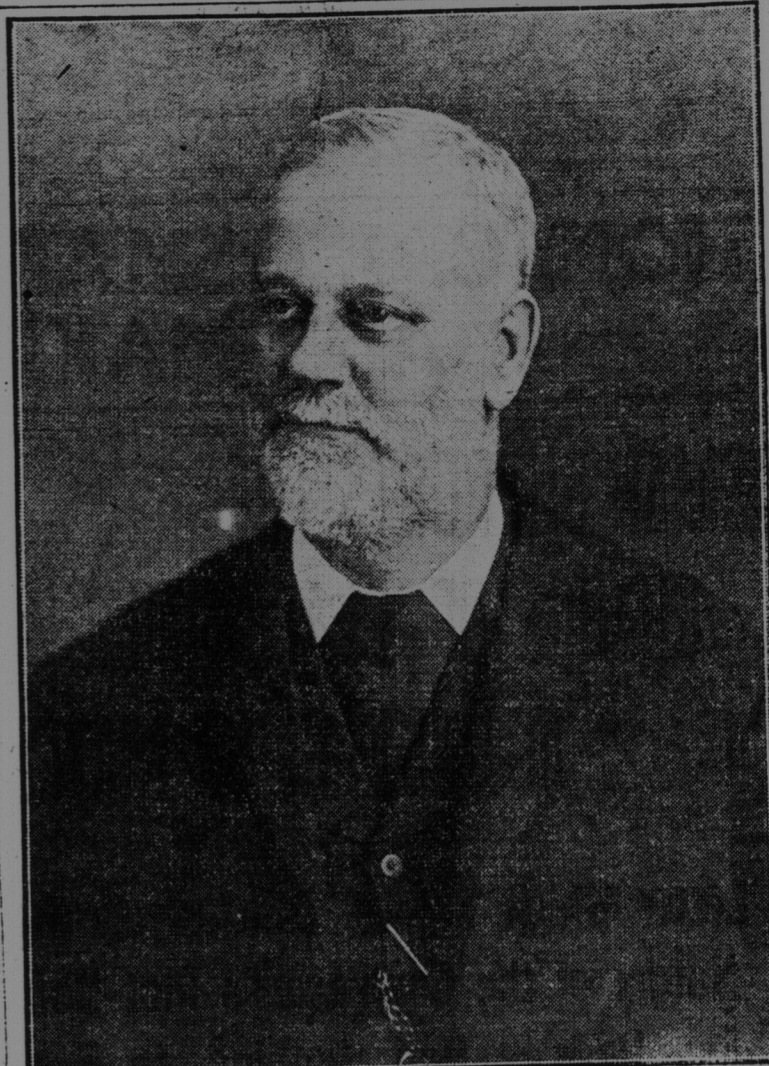
THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 17, 1908

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



HON. WM. PUGSLEY, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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.



JAMES PENDER.

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. The reasons which led this representative array of citizens to ask Dr. Pugsley, on that occasion, to become a candidate, are the very reasons which, today, make it desirable that he should be triumphantly returned to parliament. The citizens who signed the requisition were thinking chiefly of one thing--how to promote the best interests of the city and county. They thoroughly realized that the situation demanded, more than anything else, a strong man at Ottawa who would become an influential member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet. The election of Hon. William Pugsley and his subsequent course at Ottawa met and exceeded the expectations of these citizens in the very fullest degree. In a very short time he became a member of the cabinet with the highly important portfolio of Public Works, and immediately thereafter he began to devote his energy and influence to the upbuilding of the port of St. John and the Province of New Brunswick. No reasonable man will say, today, that the Minister of Public Works has not come fully up to the expectations of every friend of St. John who signed the paper in question. Today, every one of these citizens must see that it is now even more desirable than it ever was that Dr. Pugsley should continue in his present office. Great public works of the most vital importance to both city and province have been undertaken, and are going forward, and this great programme of public improvement must not be interrupted. It is known, of course, that both Liberals and Conservatives of influence in the community signed Dr. Pugsley's requisition, and a great majority of these are supporting him today. There is no party issue which would prevent one of them from giving the Minister of Public Works his hearty support now. Indeed, it must be clear that the best interests of the port and the province demand the election of Dr. Pugsley by a fine majority, such as will express the utmost confidence in and in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government.

Robert Thomson. Percy W. Thomson. T. Rankine & Sons. James Pender. J. H. Doody. D. J. McLaughlin. 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. Caverhill Jones. Chas. T. Nevins. Troop & Son. C. M. Postwick & Co. Dearborn & 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. Lantalam. 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. Haggerty, 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. Andrew 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.

- M. W. Hatfield. A. B. Clifford. Michael J. Coody. J. Crawley. John Condon. T. E. Gowdin. James Ferris. Alex. Nixon. Edward Gorman. Charles Booth. John A. McVane. Fred L. Roderick. Joseph Roderick. William Kirk. Edwin McKay. Robert O'Brien, Sr. Robert O'Brien, jr. N. A. Brophy. W. J. Brophy. Joseph Doherty. Charles E. Marvin. John H. Tonge. William Lambert. James Doyle. George McDermott. James H. Miller. David Fleming. D. M. Cairns. Stirling B. Lordly. John A. Martin. James Daley. Robert Thomas. John A. Buckley. Thomas L. Baxter. G. H. Tapley. J. B. Day. A. S. Pattison. Roland J. Stewart. M. F. Marks. Harold L. Lingley. Leopold L. Atcheson. Samuel J. Auld. Harry Ring. Wm. H. Smith. C. E. Amos. J. Connolly. D. Coram. A. D. Lee. Geo. Fawcett. James L. Clark. John McAndrews. R. R. Lee. Fred Ralston. Wm. R. Lee. Wm. B. Nice. C. W. Goodwin. Charles E. Belyea. Daniel G. Toole. A. Rolston. John C. Leonard. Joseph Wiley. E. W. Toole. Joseph O'Brien. E. R. W. Ingraham. J. H. Brown. E. W. Berry, Fairville. W. S. Hammond. John Wilson. John Beattie. Joseph Howard. Wm. Cooley. R. L. Adams. J. A. Griffith. Thomas C. Olive. T. W. Clark. Beverly Belyea. I. O. Beattie. James Lemon. Chas. W. Christopher. Robert Allan. J. E. McCaffrey. Geo. Cobham. Oscar Ring. Joseph L. Murphy. R. C. Baskin. George Christopher. W. A. Lusangan. John Connor. Robert McIntosh. George Connor. J. H. Clarke. Hiram Nice. R. A. Belyea. Jas. H. Goslin. Samuel Wilson. George V. Beattie. John Trearton. Wm. Harrod. W. J. S. Thompson. R. Retallick. E. McLeod. J. Alfred Ring. Alfred Burley. Chas. H. Koler. Geo. Clark. Edward Lambert. Samuel T. Watters. W. N. Rice. B. A. Olive. A. E. Earle. John E. Trearton. Johnston Short. Thomas Trearton. Fenwick Craft. George Godcoe. George Campbell. Chas. Jennings. Chas. Hayes. H. McLaughlin. George Wiley. W. E. Skillem. Henry R. Thomas. Herbert Green. James M. Clark. George Lee. Wm. H. Rowley. John Nichols. D. W. Moore. John H. Lee. Richard Heffer. William McCavour. Fred R. Titus. J. Fraser Gregory. James S. Gregory. S. E. Elkin. Joseph T. Dunn. R. F. Hann. A. M. Rowan. A. F. Price. Joshua E. Cowan. M. Met. Holly. F. C. Beatty. W. H. Nae. R. S. Orchard. John McCann. D. B. Pidgeon. F. H. Flewelling. J. C. Purdy. Wellington H. Dunham. W. H. Morrell. E. M. Sprague. K. C. Scott. Peter McIntyre. Frank Watson. J. P. Quinn. H. G. Harrison. Joseph Court. R. B. Travis. A. S. Sprague. F. L. Harrison. J. King Kelly. Thomas L. Baxter. G. H. Tapley.

THE REQUISITION TO HON. WM. PUGSLEY

List of Nearly 3,000 Electors Who Pledged Him Their Votes and Influence, Desiring to Build Up St. John--Today They Need Him More Than Ever.

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. Lantlam. J. J. Bullock. O. H. Warwick. Chas. McLaughlin. Alfred Porter. W. C. Cross. Thomas McAvity. Joseph Finley. W. E. Foster. P. J. Mooney. Andrew 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.

Advertisement for ABSORBINE, a medicinal product for various ailments. Text includes 'You Can't Cut Out ABSORBINE' and 'It will take them off harmlessly, and you are the better for it.' Lists ailments like rheumatism, neuralgia, and muscle aches.

Advertisement for SLICKER, a waterproof and protective garment. Text includes 'DO YOU KNOW THE WET WEATHER COMFORT AND PROTECTION afforded by a SLICKER?' and 'Clean-Light Durable'.

- R. Thorne. F. M. Belyea. Geo. I. Springer. Fred C. Dunham. A. T. Watters. Wm. J. Savage. John Sheeha. Daniel Griffin. E. Thorn. W. E. Ross. E. L. Murphy. J. T. Love. John K. Storey. L. H. Cortright. A. C. L. Tapley. S. J. McGowan. G. Fred K. Murphy. Charles R. Racine. B. E. Gallagher. E. J. Armstrong. D. G. Lingley. G. D. Hunter. A. C. L. Tapley. D. H. Betts. Thos. McMinamin. Wm. H. Trearton. Chas. Harper. Wm. Ham. Randolph D. Millen. Charles Millen. W. E. Wood. W. J. Gillard. James McCann. Louis McMenamin. Ed. Carlin. John O'Regan. Morgan Murphy. Patrick McFall. Matthew L. Morris. Wm. H. Toomey. John J. Coughlan. E. T. Simonds. Frederick Selby. Wm. Driscoll. J. Prince. Dan. Duan. E. Hawes. Michael Crilly. James W. Byrne. Wm. Kerry. Robt. J. Robertson. Charles Conway. Wm. J. Hay. John Hamilton. James E. O'Brien. Wm. H. O'Keefe. James D. Driscoll. C. A. Wilkins. Frank McAvine. E. T. Simonds. Dominic Hayes. F. E. Driscoll. Noah J. Lebold. Thomas Mize. J. A. Kelly. D. J. Britt. D. F. Tapley. D. E. Farmer. James B. Brown. James Holly. J. E. Lingley. Wm. H. Shaw. George R. Johnson. W. D. Morrow. James L. Eagles. N. B. Cromwell. Wm. Harrington. C. Robertson. F. R. Fidgeon. A. J. McMillan. James Gault. J. B. Vanwart. Thos. Bizard. C. J. Wason. A. F. Akerley. E. William Leonard. D. H. Nae. W. D. Ellison. F. P. Hammond. J. W. Corkery. J. G. Bradley. G. Allan Johnson. Frederick Leag. Wm. Taylor. W. W. Taylor. Jas. W. Lingley. J. E. Lingley. R. C. Haslett. Geo. Blewett. John S. Vincent. John S. Kiernan. M. Case, M.D. John Hurley. Geo. T. Black. Seth H. Thorne. Judson M. French. John E. Farris. George E. Day. Walter L. Doherty. H. J. C. Murphy. A. C. Mabee. W. A. Beckett. R. J. Belyea. Geo. W. Mullin. James H. Dalton. B. Vanwart. Jas. A. Paterson. Alan McAvity. M. A. Belyea. Isiah W. Holder. Ben. E. Seely. David Courtney. Robt. Crawford. W. A. Steiper. J. H. Holder. Geo. V. Reynolds. Wm. McMillin. H. F. Black. H. H. Colwell. William Dunn. Richard Kiernan. Geo. E. Day. Chas. A. Percie. Geo. E. Roberts. Fred Patterson. Miles D. Mcgregell. R. E. Taylor. G. H. Tapley.





THOUSANDS CHEER PUGSLEY'S TERRIFIC EXPOSURE OF THE ASTARDLY BLACKMAILING CONSPIRACY

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

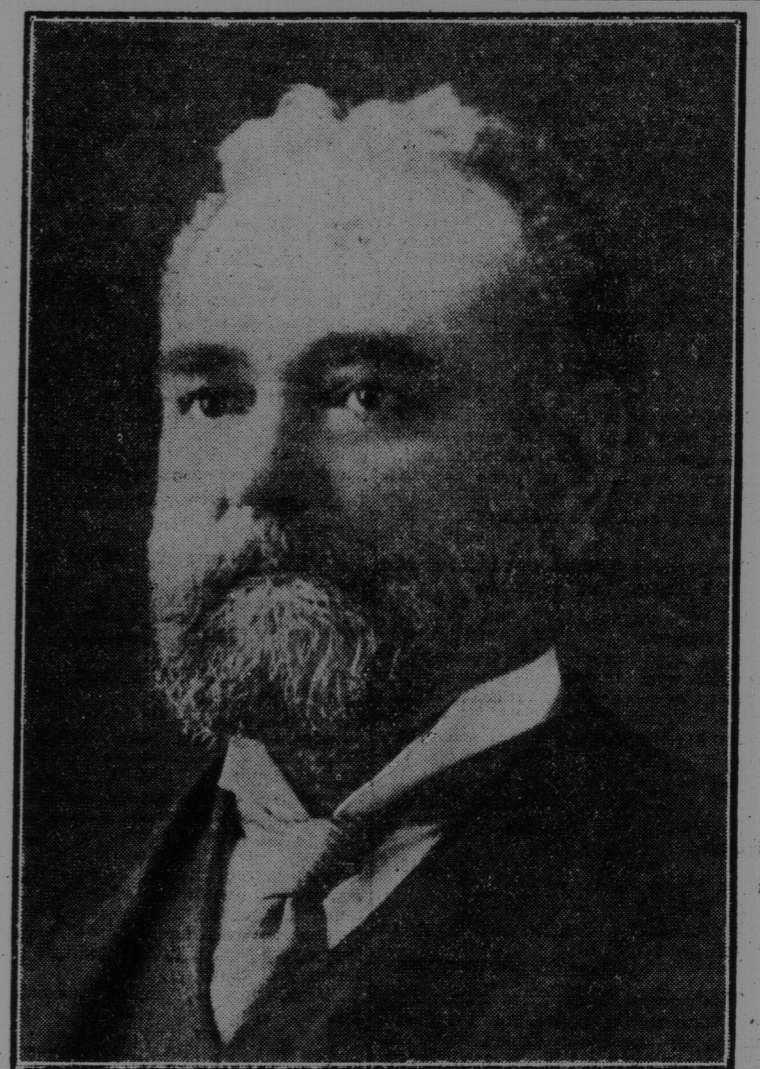
MIGHTY DEMONSTRATION BY AROUSED CITIZENS FORETELLS LIB. VICTORY

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.

GEORGE McAVITY'S DECLARATION. 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.

Wednesday, Oct. 14. There was another burst of applause and the minister stood at the front of the stage for some moments while cheer after cheer arose from the audience.



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

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 Gershon S. Mayes, published in this morning's press.

St. John is going to punish the Conservative party for the most remarkable conspiracy against Hon. William Pugsley and the Liberals. St. John condemns attempts at blackmail and political assassination. It does not intend to permit the Conservative leaders to steal these constituents by means of Mayes, the man who wanted \$10,000 for a \$100,000 dredge.

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."

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, 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.

On the Platform. The following, among many others, occupied seats on the platform: Joseph Bullock, E. J. Armstrong, Geo. A. Knox, Lockhart, E. S. Ritchie, Alit, Elkin, P. Mahoney, Joshua Clawson, E. C. Smith, D. J. McLaughlin, J. A. Likely, George Craigie, Stanley Elkin, E. Sunderland, Fred. Barnhill, Walter Fleming, C. P. Clark, A. D. Barbour, Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington, Geo. L. Barbour, C. B. Allan, H. B. Schofield, R. N. Frith, J. S. Climo, Harold Climo, W. A. Porter, John Morrison, T. M. Burns, Roland Frith, W. H. Barnaby, J. Fraser Gregory, W. M. P. McLaughlin, Geo. B. See, John Bond, Thomas Gorman, John Harvages, Hon. L. P. Farris, Edward Lantlam, John Smith, Michael Mooney, Douglas McArthur, M. Coll, Joseph Finley, James A. Estey, C. K. Cameron, J. D. Seely, John W. Sharp, Dr. James Christie, Boyer, S. Smith, Stewart Fairweather, William Kee, Alexander Corbett, N. B. Smith, George Troop, Allan Rankins, E. B. Schofield, Timothy Dawson, Joshua Clawson, Rev. R. Mathers, Alex. Macaulay, T. C. Burpee, Wm. Robson, J. H. McAvity, Rev. Wm. McMaster, Dr. Gorman, Dr. F. L. Kenney.

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 men unworthy to move in decent society and among honorable men.

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. Gershon S. Mayes and in order 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.

Could Not See the Original. "Now ladies and gentlemen, whether it is a fact that the original declaration was made by Mr. Mayes states the year as 1905 or 1907, I have no knowledge because although I sought today to obtain access to the original declaration I was unable to do so. It may be, however, that Mr. Mayes thought that I would not be able to recall the date of the note, which is not in my possession but presumably in his, and that it would make a most telling indictment against me if he could have it appear that the note was given to me after I became a minister."

More Convincing Correspondence. To which I replied on the 18th of October, 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.

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.

Then, too, if you consider the paragraph 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."

Again in July, 1908, I received from Mr. (Continued on page 6, 2nd column.)





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ELECTORS, VOTE AGAINST BLACKALLING METHODS!

GREATEST DEMONSTRATION EVER ON THE NORTH SHORE ACCORDED DR. PUGSLEY

EXPOSURE OF VILE PLOT STAMPEDES THE CONSERVATIVES

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS CONFIDENT OF LIBERAL GAINS ONTARIO

Campbellton and Dalhousie People Turn Out En Masse to Greet Him.

Shattered Conspiracy of Mayes and Baxter Drives Prominent Men of Their Own Party Into Open Denunciation

Every Conservative Will Meet Opposition of Stiffest Kind, Declares Hon. Mr. Graham

Minister, in Referring to Tory Plots to Destroy Him, Declared That Every Charge Had Rebounded and Injured Their Party and Not Himself—Unbounded Enthusiasm Shows Makes Certain the Election of James Reid By An Enormous Majority.

In a Panic, the Man With the Dredge and His Politico-Legal Adviser, Rush to Platform With More "Solemn Declarations"—Echo of Their Voices Not Yet Stilled When Strongest Reaffirmations Are Made by George McAvity, John E. Moore and F. W. Holt—Everyone Now Concedes Election of Pugsley and Pender by Large Majorities, and the Conservative Plotters Stand Convicted of Gross Slander.

Exposes Fake Stories of Tories and Warmly Defends Dr. Pugsley from the Villainous Attack on Him at St. John—Repeats Warning About More "Sensations" in Type Ready to Be Sprung at Opportune Time in Hope to Stampede Electors—Cheering News from York, Charlottetown and Other Places.

Campbellton, Oct. 14.—Never in the history of Campbellton has its citizens witnessed such a political demonstration as that tendered to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, tonight.

Conservatives had dared, up to the present time, to approach, and utter his charges. That place was on the floor of parliament, where they would have of course their charges or resign their seats in the house. During his twenty-two years of public life not a man had dared to take this course.

Wednesday, Oct. 14. Mayes and Baxter read two more "solemn declarations" last night, but if they read fifty more they could not stampede the decent Conservatives who are leaving their party because of the exposure of the Mayes-Baxter conspiracy against Hon. William Pugsley.

Some Things He Did Not "Solemnly Declare." Mr. Mayes did not tell the audience whether he kept two sets of diaries as he had stated at the enquiry held on the construction of the D. C. Clark wharf. He did not explain why he had certain photographs taken and for what purpose they were to be used.

He offered a lame excuse as to why, in his original affidavit, the attempt was made to fix the \$2,000 note transaction in 1907 at a time when Dr. Pugsley was minister of the crown—when it really occurred two years earlier. He said that when Mr. Hazen, in reading the original affidavit, called out "1907" and looked towards him (Mayes) and that Mr. Hazen repeated after him "1907" and that this occurrence repeated the attention of the Telegraph reporter who sat near the speaker.

Barrie, Ont., Oct. 14.—Speaking here tonight, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of finance, made further reference to the book prepared by a young American journalist in true Montana style, and containing a series of attacks on the National Transcontinental Railway, designed to stampede the country into voting for Tories. The Opera House was crowded, and the minister's statements were cheered to the echo. He said the book was set up in Toronto, and submitted to several leading Conservatives for approval, but not yet circulated.

Liberal side, to Mr. Verville, the Labor candidate. The Conservatives have already declared that they will not bring out a party candidate to oppose Mr. Verville.

At 7:30 another large crowd gathered at the depot, and formed in line, headed by the Citizens' Band and proceeded to the Opera House, where a large number of citizens had gathered to listen to the provincial Liberal leader's exposition of the policy of his party and answer the charges of wronging the Conservative party. He was greeted by applause.

The Opera House was crowded to the doors to hear Dr. Pugsley's address. Not only was every seat in the large auditorium filled but the gallery was packed, every foot of space being occupied. Bunting was tastefully displayed about the building together with mottoes. On the stage was placed a large number of plants and ferns.

It is now clearly seen that Mayes' case is a simple one—that he could not bluff or blackmail Dr. Pugsley into buying his dredge at a grating price. It was the minister sought, in revenge, to run the character of Dr. Pugsley's letter of Tuesday, in which he admitted that the \$2,000 note transaction was in 1905 and not in 1907, completed the wreck of the whole conspiracy and turned it against Mayes, Baxter, and the Conservative party.

Mr. McAvity when told last night of the substance of the declaration made by the Nickel assembly rooms by Mr. Baxter said in a most emphatic way that he and Mr. Baxter at the law library was entirely true and correct, and that he desired unconditionally to recede from it. Mr. Baxter said positively that Mr. Baxter had proposed to him a "rebate," "commission" or "rake off" of \$20,000 provided he would buy the dredge for Mr. Baxter's figures. Mr. McAvity added that Mr. Baxter had talked to him on several occasions about buying a dredge, but he remembered the conversation at the law library because it was there the lawyer made the \$20,000 proposition.

Mr. Moore, when informed last evening of the substance of the declaration made by John E. Moore, Mr. Baxter said Mr. Moore was under some misapprehension in what he (Moore) said in his declaration. He said that he called on Mr. Thomson on legal business, that the Mayes matter came up incidentally, and that he told Mr. Thomson he had never been in contact with the Mayes and Baxter.

Montreal, Oct. 14 (Special).—It looks as if the Conservatives will meet opposition of the stiffest kind. Hon. Mr. Graham, minister of finance, declared tonight that every charge had rebounded and injured their party and not himself.

St. George, N.B., Oct. 14.—(Special).—The annual fair of the Kawawick Agricultural Society was held today under favorable weather conditions and proved very successful. There was a big crowd in attendance and they were greatly pleased with the character of the exhibits shown.

James Reid. Mr. Reid was greeted by a reception which clearly showed the feelings of the large audience. Cheers greeted the popular speaker and he was warmly welcomed by the representative of the county. When order was restored he briefly addressed the meeting as follows:

Ladies and gentlemen: I thank you for the kind reception which you have given me tonight. It is always my greatest pleasure to have you here, and I am glad to see you all. I am again chosen as the Liberal standard bearer, and I feel honored and proud to have you all with me.

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