## The Dignity of Parliament Compromised BY THE PRESENCE OF WILLIAM PUGSLEY IN THE MINISTRY

 MR. CROTHERS MOVES STRONG RESOLUTION ON CENTRAL RAILWAY COMMISSION REPORT-."THE DUTY OF PARLIAMENT TO PURGE ITSELF FROM THE UNFORTUNATE POSTIION IN WHICH IT IS PLAGED BY THE CONTINUANCE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF A MINISTER OF THE CROWN AFTER SUCH SERIOUS IMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CAST UPON HIM"… PUGSLEY'S DEALINGS IN PROVINCIAL FUNDS AND MR. TWEEDIE TO BE SUBJECTS OF SEPARATE MOTIONS

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Mr, Pugsley's reliance upon typographical errors as a first line of defence is ludicrous date which was corrected immediately. Enthusiastic journalists have called it a lying affidavit and have sputtered over it with a pleasing affectation of anger. But the essential point of the affidavit is that Mr, Pugsley sent Mayes to McAvity, who secured a rake-off of \$35,933. No typographical error ever can change this fact, which is supported by documentary

The existence of typographical errors in the Central Railway Commissioners' report has been an occasion for exultant enthusiasmi In one place $\$ 43,000$ is printed as $\$ 430$,000, but it relates to Founders' Shares in the company which were to be distributed free to the shareholders. There was no money paid by anyone for this stock, and therefore it has nothing whatever to do with the disappearance of $\$ 134,000$ of public money. No one, although full opportunity was afforded, could explain to the Commissioners where that money went Mr. Pugsley had plenty of opportunity. Again and again the inquiry was adjourned by Judge Landry in order to accommodate the Minister. When he came he swore that he had given the Commission everything he knew about the financial affairs of the company, Yet the money has disappeared.

The main duty of Mr, Pugsley, now that he is accused so boldly and with such vigor in the Report, is to find out what became of the $\$ 134,000$ that is missing, rather than to act as a proofreader of one of the unimportant sentences of the Report He might also be goo nough to explain why he informed the Legislature that the company had spent $\$ 180,000$ fo certain purpose when $\$ 140,000$ was the correct figure. He might explain who got the diference of about $\$ 40,000$. He might find a reason why Mr. McAvity, the president, collected $\$ 7,500$ in one year as salary, when he was entitled to no more than $\$ 2,500$. He might give some reasonable and credible explanation of why he got $\$ 5,000$ on the eve of his departure or Europe, and whether or not he repaid that sum to the company, But instead of doing hese really important things he and his defenders pick out typographical errors wholly immaterial, and rely on these as a protective bastion.

Mr, Pugsley says that he would like to see the evidence. He has seen it. He applied cories at the commencement of the inquiry, and his application was granted by Judge Landry, Some instalments were given to Mr. Pugsley himself, the rest to Mr. Carvell, his counsel. Copies of the documents in the case were also handed to Mr. Pugsley's solicitor. The truth is that he is in an ugly situation, and is trying to wriggle out. The endeavor must

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