THE PROOF OF THE BLACKMAIL PLOT

Here follow extracts from the declarations, made by men Mayes made in his attempt to blackmail Hon. Mr. Pugsley into buying his dredge at an exorbitant price
Hon. C. J. Osman, says: "He (Mayes) stated to me 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 $0^{\prime}$ clock the next day, he would expose a great before twelve o'clock the next day, he would expose a great
scandal in St. John, which would be a serious thing for the scandal in St. John, which would be a serious thing for the
Liberal party and for the Minister himself, and urged me, as
and 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 priee fixed by him (viz, \$160dredge was purchased at the priee fixed by him (viz, \$160-
000.00 ), he would be willing to make a handsome donation towards the election campaign fund in St. John.

George McAvity, says :
"That in the month of September last, I met Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, and Mr. Baxter proposed to me that if the Govern-
ment would buy Mr. Maves' dredge at a orice 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 transac-
tion with him." And Mr. McAvity further says: "Mr. Holt tion with him." And Mr, McAvity further says: Mr. Hoit
stated to me that if the Government would purchase the urn 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

John I. Moore, says:
Mr. Thomson said he had seen Mayes and that unles the dredge was purchased at $\$ 150,000$, -Mr.- Mayes would damaging to the Liberal party and would himself take the platform."
F. W. Holt, C. E., says:
"I called upon Mr. McAvity and stated that Mr. Mave wanted to sell the dredge and would take one hundred and
fiftv-three thousand four hundred dollars and that if the purchase was made Mr. Mayes would withdraw all suits an give up all notes and cheques and notes and photograph hereof otherwise Mr. Mayes said he would make public dam aging statements and tak
Percy W. Thomson, says:
"Mayes said he would not sell for less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or he would let matters tak
their course. He said the papers were all ready to serve and unless he heard from me to the contrar- within a fev hours, the declaration of the suits would be forwarded by special messenger to Fredericton for filing and published in the "Gleaner,'" Mr. Thomson also savs: "When I called upon Mr, Moore I stated to him the whole effect of the stor as detailed bv Mr. Mayes, which was that there would be an
exposure injurious to the Minister and to the party unless the
dredge was bought right away. I had been informed by Mr. Mayes that a payment of two thousand dollars had been made by him to the Minister, and I understood it, was after he became Minister of Public Works."

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, says: "Mr Mayes is a blackmailer, and I am prepared to meet any charges he may make against me.

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