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### Pugsley's Gagetown Speech.

After a few graceful introductory remarks, with reference to his pleasure in revisiting the beauty spot of the province, the Minister referred to his recent appointment as Minister of Public Works, as a call to more work which came at the time when he thought he had earned a rest after twenty-two years of long and arduous labors in public life, but which he could not refuse. For a large portion of his career he had occupied a somewhat prominent position and had been subject to many attacks, which he expected to be continued in the future. He had felt that he had come to a time when he could retire to the ease of private life; but Sir Wilfrid Laurier's call to a position in which he could do great work for the Liberal party in the province of New Brunswick, and for Canada, came to him with such force that he could not refuse. He had been called to the leadership of the New Brunswick Liberals and he would do his duty as such to the very best of his capacity, and with the confident expectation that with the honest and earnest support of the party, would lead them to victory. They would perhaps feel that he was there to discuss Dominion issues, but Dominion and provincial affairs were at present so closely allied that he felt it his duty first to consider some provincial questions which were in the public eye, and particularly to give answer to the violent and unwarranted attacks made upon himself which, if true, would make him utterly unfit for the position he held.

#### ATTACKS ANSWERED.

On a platform with Mr Hazen a few days ago, Mr Morrissey, an Opposition member for Northumberland, said that the provincial treasury had been plundered by the ex-Army-General to the amount of \$48,000 in the last six years. He was glad the charge had been made publicly, so that it could be met publicly and placed before the jury of his countrymen by whose verdict he would cheerfully abide. When a similar charge to this was preferred against him in the legislature the amount named was only \$41,000, but seven thousand more or less was of small importance to the gentlemen of the opposition. That amount included all the payments he had received for his services for ten years back, even before he was a member of the legislature or of the government. It extended back to the time when he was carrying on the case of the Eastern extension claim for the province against the Dominion, which resulted in the addition of \$283,000 to the provincial treasury.

It included all his sessional indemnities, all his salary as attorney-general, all the expenses in connection with the collection of succession duties, all travelling expenses and office contingencies. It even took in payments made to other counsel employed in cases on behalf of the province. When this charge had been made against him on the floor of the House he had challenged the opposition to point out one improper item in this amount and they had been dumb. He had asked them to appoint a reputable barrister of the province, he would appoint another, and the two could appoint a third, as a commission to go over the whole account and if any improper item was found he would give a bond guaranteeing to refund it. They had refused to take this course, they were fully aware of the circumstances and, yet Mr Hazen allows his associates to go on the platform and repeat those exploded charges. He thought that public men were entitled to fairer treatment than this.

He had also been accused of charging up to the province his private telegraph bills to a considerable amount. That had also been fully explained in the legislature. Repeating the explanation to the audience, he pointed out that many of the telegrams which came to him as minister were charged up in a lump sum by the telegraph company, and it was his custom at the end of every quarter to go over the bill and separate the telegrams which referred to his private affairs from those which concerned the public business. But once when he was absent and his office management was in the hands of clerks this had been neglected and a considerable amount of private business telegrams had been charged to the government account. He discovered this error himself, called the attention of the auditor general to it and sent him a check for the amount. Mr Hazen was very well aware of this, and yet opposition speakers referred to this, as something very improper, which was wholly unwarranted.

Referring to Mr Hazen's speech in Bathurst a few days ago, in which he claimed that provincial politics were not being run, as far as the opposition were concerned, on federal lines, the minister claimed that this position was hypocritical and unfair. All over the province, he said, the opposition was really the Conservative party, and if Mr Hazen and his friends ever got into power they would certainly use all their influence against the Liberals in the federal field.

#### HAZEN'S DECEIT.

Dr Pugsley then took up Mr Hazen's remarkable financial statement made in that Bathurst speech, which is the same statement that had been circulated over the province in a yellow covered pamphlet prepared, he presumed, by the opposition organizer. In this statement Mr Hazen has summarized the public debt as follows:

Bonded debt (shown by auditor general's report, page 6).....	\$1,841,710.19
Increase in bonded liability during present year:	
International Railway bonds.....	\$ 630,000
St John Valley bonds.....	1,950,000
New highway bridges bds.....	884,200
Central Railway, etc., bonds.....	330,000
Deduct nebulous St. J. Valley.....	1,950,000
Ovedraft at Bank of B. N. A., 14th February, 1907.....	\$1,043,158.08
Treasury bills afloat.....	556,872.53
Insurance company deposits.....	90,000.00
Equity court deposits.....	47,227.22
International Railway bds previously guaranteed.....	250,000.00
International Railway sub-for sixty miles....	150,000.00
	\$5,824,108.02

The enormous debt thus manufactured by the opposition leader was declared to be due to the criminal mismanagement of the government. This, Dr Pugsley considered a direct charge against himself. He was there responsible and he accepted that responsibility. But what were the facts? A more incorrect, nay, a more deliberately false statement was never made by a public man. By a gross juggling of figures, which could not be unintentional, Mr Hazen had added to the debt \$2,152,945.06. The Sun, he said, had been kind enough to acquit Mr Hazen of intentional falsification and had attributed it rather to mistake. "But," said the Minister, "with what I know of the matter, with a full sense of my

responsibility, I charge Mr Hazen with deliberately and wilfully making a false statement with the purpose of deceiving the electors."

Analyzing Mr Hazen's financial statement, Dr Pugsley showed that one amount of \$556,872.53 had been repeated three times, once in the total bond issue, once in the overdraft due to the Bank of British North America, and once separately as outstanding treasury bills. The error in this one item was therefore \$1,113,745.06.

Another amount, \$250,000 Central railway bonds had been included twice, once in the total bond issue and once separately.

The amount of \$58,000 for bonds redeemed after the 31st October, 1906, also figured twice in the calculation, once by itself and once in the amount due the Bank of B. N. A.

Again, Mr Hazen had placed the amount of bond liability for permanent bridges authorized at the last session at the sum of \$884,200, but as he must have known the amount of debentures authorized by the legislature for this was \$350,000. It was fully explained to the legislature at the time that it was expected that the balance for permanent bridges would be paid out of current revenue as occasion arose, as the speaker knew at the time that the provincial revenue would soon be increased \$130,000 a year by the increased subsidies and would be capable of meeting this demand. So that in this item Mr Hazen made a further mistake, a mistake that was utterly inexcusable.

Another item in Mr Hazen's statement was "Central Railway, etc., \$330,000" the evident intention being to convey the impression that the greater part of the amount was incurred in respect to the Central Railway. This was far from correct, as \$197,000 of the amount was for the purpose of paying indebtedness on other public works by the issue of debentures. This item was already included in the Bank of British North America overdraft, so that this amount had also been counted twice, making the total amount of Mr Hazen's error the enormous sum of \$2,152,945.06.

"It requires a great deal of charity," said the Minister, "to imagine that Mr Hazen did this by a mistake.

All these figures are included in the Auditor General's report, and the details concerning every item have been brought down in the legislature in answer to enquiries made by the leader of the opposition and his followers. It is impossible to believe that Mr Hazen had done this innocently. If he has, then I suggest that instead of hiring an accountant as he has promised to do after he becomes premier, to investigate the provincial finances, he should get somebody now to explain to him the common rules of arithmetic. A boy in the sixth grade of the public schools would make a more correct estimate than Mr Hazen has."

#### THE ST JOHN VALLEY ROUTE.

Continuing, the Minister spoke of Mr Hazen's reference to the St John Valley Railway as "nebulous." The opposition, he said, had been placed in a difficult situation in this matter. They didn't want to support the policy and they dare not oppose it. The scheme was by no means nebulous. It had as its basis the strong fact that the magnificent St John valley, from Westfield to Centreville, a district not excelled in Canada or in the world, was without railway accommodation. As soon as it became known that the G. T. P. Engineers selected the Central route for the new transcontinental railway, he, being premier at the time, felt it his duty to take some steps to secure to the St John Valley its rights for adequate railway transportation. With this in mind, he had communicated with Mackenzie & Mann, builders of the Canadian Northern Railway, and asked them to look into the matter. They replied that if their engineers would recommend the route and if the province would guarantee their 4 per cent fifty-year bonds to the amount of \$15,000 a mile they would undertake the work. The Legislature, to his gratification supported this proposition, whereupon Mackenzie & Mann sent their engineers over the route, who reported favorably regarding the traffic possibilities, but declared the road such as was needed with a grade of five-tenths of 1 per cent, would cost at least \$40,000 a mile. In consequence, Mackenzie & Mann had said that they could not undertake such a heavy work with a bond issue of only \$15,000

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