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## The Mayes Charges.

What a fearful time our Conservative friends have had cheering themselves hoarse over the Mayes' affidavit! And what a sorry spectacle it has really come to! And what a boomerang it has proven! Briefly put, the facts are that Gershon S Mayes, a St John Contractor who is sometimes on one side of the political fence and occasionally on the other, entered into a partnership arrangement with Mr George McAvity of that city, for the purpose of going into the dredging business. They were awarded certain contracts after fair public competition, in fact have done a great deal of dredging there, and according to Mr Mayes, part of the proceeds were paid to his partner, Mr McAvity, but as this feature of the case is now a matter for the courts, comment is scarcely legitimate. Suffice it to say that McAvity and Mayes had some sort of a disagreement, a falling out, and then Mr Mayes months ago started in to threaten some terrible revelations unless certain demands made by him should be satisfied. In due course these demands were carried to the Minister, Hon Dr Pugsley, who indignantly refused to have any part in the proceedings. Mayes had a dredge "The Beaver," worth perhaps \$100,000 which he wished to sell to the government for \$150,000, and declared not once, but to many persons, that this dredge must be bought, or he would "peach" certain fearful things. Now it must be said in all fairness that when Mayes came to Hon Dr Pugsley and made the suggestion of purchase to him, coupled with the offer of \$20,000 to the Liberal campaign funds, Hon Mr Pugsley opened the door and ordered Mayes out of his office, just what any right thinking man would have done. This so worried poor Mayes that he began to assume a threatening mood, and finally after exhausting all efforts to unload the dredge on the country at a steal of \$50,000 started in to manufacture scandal in the form of election affidavits, a rather uncertain method of warfare, particularly when the facts are so distorted as in the Mayes business. Mayes was an old client of Hon Dr Pugsley, had in fact been in a great deal of litigation, and had always retained Dr Pugsley as his counsel. It happened that in 1905, long before Dr Pugsley ever thought seriously of leaving local politics, Mayes had given him a note for \$2000 on account of legal services. This transaction, a perfectly legitimate one, was seized upon by Dr Pugsley's opponents, and in Mayes' famous affidavit was made to appear as being in the fall of 1907, after Dr Pugsley had become a cabinet minister, and when he and Mayes were of course not associated as counsel and client. This was the dirty aspect of the case and no wonder Dr Pugsley on the public platform has openly denounced Mayes as "an infernal, miserable scoundrel and a miserable liar." This is very strong language, but none too strong to use in a case where blackmail of the most revolting and atrocious character had been persistently attempted.

Hon Wm Pugsley, when Mayes' statement was submitted to him instantly characterized the whole thing as a scheme of blackmail, which had as its purpose the sale of the Mayes dredge to the department of public works for \$49,000 more than the department's superintendent of dredging said the dredge was worth.

"Mr Mayes," said Hon Mr Pugsley, "is an infernal, miserable scoundrel, and a miserable liar."

As was explained to Dr Pugsley, Mayes had said in substance that when he first wanted a dredging contract he approached Dr Pugsley and Dr Pugsley referred him to George McAvity, and that subsequently Mayes and McAvity went to Ottawa where a contract for 400,000 cubic yards of dredging was secured on the understanding that the price was to be 50c per yard of which 50c was to go to Mayes and 5c to McAvity, and that in accordance with this arrangement he afterwards paid McAvity about \$36,000.

Mr Mayes said also that he had given a note for \$2,000 to Dr Pugsley at the request of the latter, who told him that it would be a good thing to have a man at Ottawa who could do something for him.

"What an infernal lie," said Dr Pugsley as this latter statement was read to him. "That was two years before I ever thought of going to Ottawa, as everybody must know."

The Minister of Public Works then proceeded to take up the so-called affidavit in detail and to characterize the part of it relating to himself as wholly false and as revealing a conspiracy that had failed, a conspiracy to blackmail him into buying a dredge for his department at an exorbitant figure, \$49,000 beyond what his experts said it was worth.

"In the first place," he said, "Mayes asked me what man in the city would be likely to go into the enterprise with him and in this connection I mentioned Mr McAvity as a possible investor."

"As to what the business arrangements were between Mr Mayes and Mr McAvity, I knew absolutely nothing until very lately, when an attempt was made to compel me to purchase dredge under pain of dreadful disclosures and I absolutely refused to be held up. When intimations began to come to me that Mr Mayes was making this attempt I then looked into the whole business arrangement that he had with Mr McAvity."

"The note which Mr Mayes gave me was on account of professional services for which he owed me a large sum in connection with several matters in which I had been his legal adviser, including the matter of getting the dredge in without duty and also on account of the suit of Mayes vs Connolly and also Mayes' suit against the government in connection with the Long Wharf."

"The statement that I ever suggested any other consideration than professional services is a miserable lie. It is made out of whole cloth; not a word of truth in it. Nothing of the kind ever took place, nothing that could possibly bear that construction. There was never any suggestion of a loan. As I have said, that was two years before I ever thought of going to Ottawa."

"I refused to be blackmailed. He said if I would buy the dredge that the whole matter could be fixed and that no publicity would be given to the McAvity agreement or to the money which he had paid me, but while I needed a dredge for the harbor, I positively refused to be held up in this manner."

"On the last occasion when he interviewed me he proposed that I should purchase his dredge through Mr McAvity and said he would add \$20,000 to the price which might be used for election purposes, whereupon I immediately asked him to leave my office."

"For some time past I have been hearing that some statement of this matter was to be made to prejudice public opinion and of course it is made now only after an attempt at blackmail proved a failure."

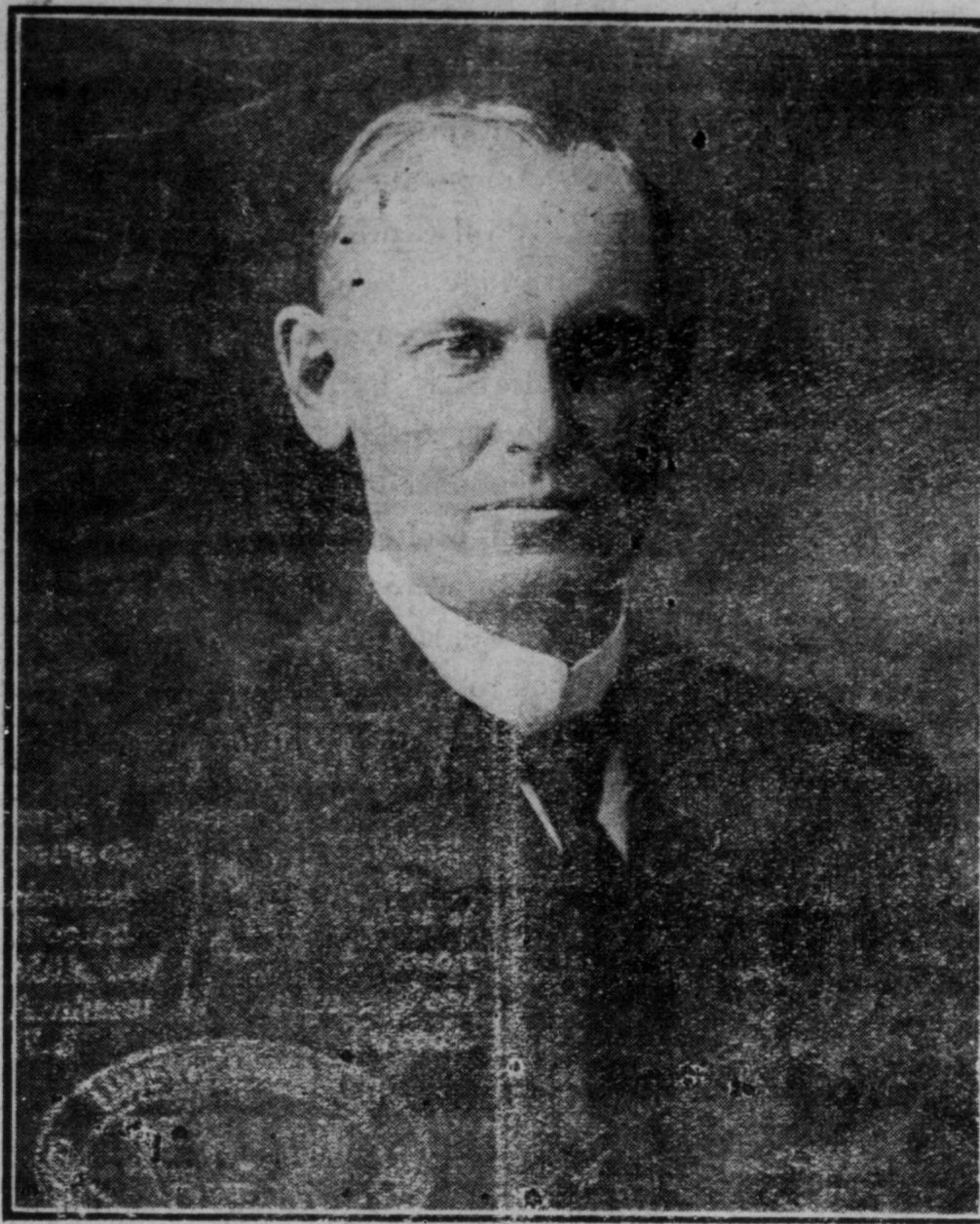
"The man is a scoundrel."

## It's Only a Question of Majority.

The result of the election is simply a case of how big a majority Premier Laurier will secure. Such a contingency as conservative success is out of the question. Reports from all over Canada are tabulated by the Toronto World (Cons) as follows:

	LIBS	CONS	DOUBTFUL
Prince Edward Island	1	1	2
Nova Scotia	14	0	4
New Brunswick	3	3	2
Quebec	50	6	10
Ontario	38	40	10
Manitoba	5	2	3
Saskatchewan	6	2	2
Alberta	4	1	2
British Columbia	4	1	2
Yukon	0	0	1
	128	55	38

Make no mistake, Borden will be beaten. The people will not hand the purse strings of Canada into the control of George E Foster.



## Grand LIBERAL RALLY.

## Graham's Opera House, WOODSTOCK. Nomination Night

Speeches by F. B. Carvell, M. P., Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., and Hon. Harrison A. McKeown, K.C., of St. John. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

## Liberals Will Sweep Province.

James Robinson, ex-M. P., Tells Winnipeg Free Press Pugsley Will Win, and Liberals Will Carry Ten Out of Thirteen New Brunswick Seats.

(Winnipeg Free Press, Oct. 8.)

James Robinson, of Miramichi, N.B., former member of the Dominion house, is a guest at the Royal Alexandra, and leaves with a party of friends for Regina tonight to attend the auction sale of western lands which is to take place there from October 12 to 17.

Mr Robinson, when asked by a reporter in respect to the coming election in New Brunswick, replied that he felt sure that Hon William Pugsley would carry the province for the Laurier government, probably with ten Liberal members to three Conservative.

When asked how he accounted for Premier Hazen's carrying the provincial election, Mr Robinson replied that Premier Hazen did not appeal to the people on party lines.

James Robinson, above quoted, is the well-known North Shore Conservative who represented Northumberland County up to the last general election, when he was defeated by W S Loggie. Mr Robinson is a very excellent judge of political conditions, and his forecast of ten seats for the Liberals in our province is quite in keeping with the general opinion among those who have carefully studied the situation.

## Pleasant Time at Mt Pleasant.

The Hall at Mt Pleasant was filled to overflowing Wednesday night at a big joint meeting, presided over by B R Clark. The speakers in order of turn were W Burton Morgan, Fred C Squiers, Warden Frank R Shaw, Donald Munro M P P, F B Carvell M P and B Frank Smith. All the speakers got a good hearing, and the flow of oratory was kept up until after midnight. While at times the battle waxed warm there was no hitting below the belt, but everything was straight from the shoulder. Although Mt Pleasant is naturally a conservative stronghold the sentiment of the meeting clearly went to Mr Carvell and his friends, who had little trouble in disposing of the arguments of the opposition speakers. Peel is by no means the tory preserve some of the conservatives have boasted about. The Liberals are greatly encouraged and will poll a vote that will surprise the enemy.

## FREE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY IS BEING PUT IN OPERATION.

The free rural mail delivery system which will be such a boon to the farmers of the country is already being put in operation in New Brunswick.

Dr N R Colter, who returned to the city last night, told The Sun of the progress made in Carleton.

The first application received by his department was for a route between Centreville and Upper Knox-ford. This route has been gone over and with only one exception every person on the route eagerly welcomed the new system. The posts for the boxes have been erected and the boxes will be placed on them at the first of next week. As soon as this is done they will be put in use and the establishment of the free delivery system will be an accomplished fact.

There are at present at Florenceville one hundred boxes waiting to be placed in position. Applications have been received for routes from Florenceville to Summerfield and from Florenceville to Connell and these will be established just as soon as the preparations can be made. The stage drivers on all these routes have expressed their willingness to accept the sum per box offered by the department in consideration of the extra work involved.—Sun.

## To Young Voters.

You, young man, who are about to cast your first ballot, are facing a great responsibility.

Hitherto you have possibly enjoyed the benefits of this growing country. Now you are to become an active factor in the government of the nation, assuming the full burden of the duties of citizenship.

Though the privilege to vote comes to you without effort, do not forget that to win it men fought in battle-field and forum, and that to obtain it other men left their homes in foreign lands, severing many ties and starting life anew.

What will you do with your ballot?

It is no light matter for you to decide how you shall let yourself be swayed by whim or prejudice. The whole subject lies before you for calm consideration, and it is your duty to give it this consideration.

With your first vote you ally yourself with a political party. You enroll yourself with the Liberals, who have made this country what it is to-day; who have kept the faith bequeathed to them by our fathers and established a firm standard of sound statesmanship, administering the government through men of proved experience and integrity.

If you make that choice you associate yourself at once with men of achievement, leaders of Canada, and with a party of honorable tradition and performance. You become identified with the advance of civilization and can with proper pride feel that you have helped toward progress.

But if any whim impels you to cast your lot with the opponents of those who have accomplished so much, reflect well before you follow the impulse, for the Conservative party of today has drifted completely away from its former ideals, veering like a weathercock under the influence of untried and visionary leaders who champion politics born of political expediency. Remember that if you assist toward plunging Canada into want, discontent and disorder, destroying both domestic and foreign credit, some of the blame and disgrace will rest upon you.

## Saturday Night.

Remember there will be a grand rally in the Liberal Rooms, Connell Street, Saturday night. There will be several good speakers. Everyone is welcome.

## POLITICAL NOTES.

It's only a question of majority for Carvell. Let us make it a record-breaker!

Well, Mr Flewelling didn't bite after all up in Victoria Co. Dr Clarence Kirkpatrick is to be the victim. So-ry, doctor!

Mr Fowler's bluff was called, and the electors of Kings Albert are going to put the noisy Major on the political shelf.

Pugsley and Pender in St John are going to win in spite of the most dastardly election canard ever sprung. St John knows its friends.

Mr Carvell will practically duplicate the splendid vote he received in 1904, when the town of Woodstock and seven of the eleven parishes gave him majorities.

Mr Smith's friends are very, very disconsolate. Their desperate effort to defeat Mr Carvell has fallen flat and they know it.

Mr Smith is a hard fighter, but he tackled just a little too big a contract.

## KEEP COOL.

So far this has been a campaign fairly free from unpleasant incidents, in fact better than the average. Now that we are entering the homestretch let everyone endeavor to keep cool. There's no need for men to become bad friends simply because they differ in politics. We advise all hands to bridle their tongues, grit and tory alike. The less ill-feeling the better.

## The Immigration Policy.

What the Liberal Party Has Accomplished.

LAST 5 YEARS UNDER CONSERVATIVES.			
1902	....	....	27,868
1903	....	....	29,632
1904	....	....	20,829
1905	....	....	18,790
1906	....	....	16,835
Total			113,984
LAST 5 YEARS UNDER LIBERALS.			
1904	....	....	130,331
1905	....	....	146,266
1906	....	....	186,064
1907	....	....	124,667
1908	....	....	262,469
Total			852,797

Total immigration to Canada January 31st, 1907, to 31st, 1908 1,219,943

British immigration to Canada from January 31st, 1907, to March 31st, 1908 477,720

## Quinlan-McCormac.

Many Woodstock and other provincial people will be interested in learning of the marriage at Seattle on Monday, 5th inst, of Miss Agnes McCormac, daughter of John McCormac Esq of this town, to Mr J Gerald Quinlan of Skagway. The ceremony was performed in the church of "The Lady of Good Help," by the Rev Father John E O'Brien.

Miss McCormac who had spent the past year at her home in Woodstock, left in the latter part of September for the West, to meet her fiancé, who is a very wealthy and popular mining gentleman, formerly of St John, but for the past fifteen years living in Alaska.

The bride received a profusion of beautiful and costly gifts. After a short honeymoon tour in California and other portions of the Coast the happy couple will sail for their future home in Skagway.

## Professional.

Dr A Pierce Crockett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialists of St John, will be at the Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock, Friday, Oct. 16th, where he may be consulted professionally. 3in-40.