

PINDER'S DEALINGS WITH THE PUBLIC TREASURY

Local Government Organ Makes Damaging Charges Against One of the Party Candidates in York---Accuses Him of a Deliberate Breach of Trust and Says He Passed a Bogus Check on the Govt.

(Editorial from Gleaner, February 13th, 1914.)

Mr. Pinder continued to pay his respects to the Gleaner and to its managing director. A man of susceptibilities like Mr. Pinder would much prefer after all that has been said with truth of his connection with the public business, to keep silent for some time to come; but not so with Mr. Pinder. He is a bold operator who works in absolute defiance of all recognized ethical having to do with honorable dealings in public affairs. He has already been charged with a deliberate breach of trust in his connection with his unfortunate Southampton Railway operations, a breach of trust that would bring a blush of shame to almost any other man when the facts and conditions were exposed as they have been. He has been charged with taking Government property for his own use and deliberately refusing to pay for it, trading upon his position as a member of the Legislature to avoid a process for enforcement of payment of a debt that any other would be subjected to. He stands charged with passing into the Government a cheque that is to this day valueless and worthless; he is further charged with abusing his position and influence as a member for York to take the personal advantage which continued non-payment of his stumpage dues gives him at the expense of the Province. He is charged with many other practices equally as grave, which go to make up probably by far the most compromising record of any man in the public life in this Province. His only reply is misrepresentation of others in their private capacity. Listen to this as an instance: The Gleaner, against which he now cherishes bitter enmity, is said by him to have withheld stock certificates of this business in his favor amounting to \$500. What an absurdity, and to what extremes is a man driven, when he is driven to seek refuge in such absurdities. If James K. Pinder has not the stock certificates and has not in his possession paid drafts representing \$500, is not that ample evidence that he is not entitled to the certificates and has no just claim to the possession of the stock? To all those who have ever had any dealings with Mr. Pinder, it will be unnecessary to say that he did not of course pay any cash down for any stock he ever agreed to purchase. His methods would admittedly be notes or drafts. Where are the paid drafts representing the stock? The drafts he gave are lying unpaid and dishonored in the office of the Gleaner. By what order of procedure, or on what business principle would Mr. Pinder be entitled to a stock certificate with unpaid and dishonored notes as the only security? And now therefore that he has been absurd enough to introduce personal matters into a discussion which had to do only with his record as a public man, he has himself by these personal references led it to be brought out that in his private dealings he is as unreliable, as untruthful and as indecent as he has been shown to be in his capacity as a representative of this county in his dealings with the public business. Yet this is the man who is asking the electors of York to endorse a candidate who he can use to back him up in any further dealings he may even yet fancy he can have with the public treasury.

COL. McLEOD ACCUSES MR. PINDER OF TREACHERY

Says He Was Knifed at the Temperance Vale Poll at the Last Election---What Mr. John Young May Expect on the 24th Inst.---Federal Member Describes Mr. Pinder's Style of "Independence."

The following is the Gleaner's report of a speech delivered at the County Court House on February 12th, 1914, by Colonel H. F. McLeod, then as now, Conservative M. P. for York:

Ever since he was 19 years old he had always been out in the fight at every election in this County, and had always given Mr. Pinder loyal support. On the other hand, MR. PINDER HAD NOT ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL in his support of him (McLeod), AND NO FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THIS FACT WAS NEEDED THAN THE VOTE IN THE LAST GENERAL PROVINCIAL ELECTION AT TEMPERANCE VALE, where Mr. Pinder and his friends had carved his (McLeod's) name off 40 votes.

Regarding the convention at which Mr. Guthrie was nominated, Hon. Mr. McLeod said there was no doubt that the feeling of THE CONVENTION HAD BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF MR. GUTHRIE. The method pursued in conducting the convention had been entirely in accord with the wishes and desires expressed by Mr. Thomas, who had acted as chairman, and it was upon motion of one of Mr. Thomas' supporters, after Mr. Thomas had said that he preferred the selection to be made in that way, that it was decided to make the selection in open convention.

PINDER'S INDEPENDENCE.

Mr. Pinder was trying to praise the Government to an extent and at the same time play the part of an independent man; MR. PINDER'S INDEPENDENCE HAD ALWAYS ASSERTED ITSELF AT A TIME WHEN HE WAS LOOKING TO SERVE SOME PERSONAL ENDS, and felt he could play the "independent" game to make things come his way. It was the first time that Mr. Pinder in his long political career had ever made such an alliance, and it could be construed as nothing more nor less than a desperate man who felt he was making his stand in the last ditch. In this connection he wished to CONTRAST THE STANDS TAKEN BY HIMSELF AND MR. PINDER IN MATTERS IN WHICH THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE WAS AFFECTED, and let the people judge for themselves whether he or Mr. Pinder was the person deserving of the support of the temperance people and of the friends of the cause of temperance.

In 1900, when the Government which had been formed by Hon. Mr. Hazen came into office, one of the first things the members for York were asked to do was to name a police commission to be appointed by the Government for the City of Fredericton, the enforcement of the Scott Act in this city to be one of the functions of the Commission. MR. PINDER NAMED THREE MEN, FOR COMMISSIONERS AT THE DICTATES OF THE LIQUOR INTERESTS OF THE CITY; but Hon. Mr. Hazen, who was then Premier, said he would hold up the matter until he (McLeod) came back, being away at the time.

HOW ECONOMY WAS PRACTICED.

Average annual expenditure during last five years of the old Government..... \$ 322,000.00
Total for five years..... 1,610,000.00
Average annual expenditure of the present Government for the past five years..... \$1,508,870.01

Expenditure for Five Years Under Present Administration.

1912..... \$1,409,019.38
1913..... 1,446,962.54
1914..... 1,493,774.23
1915..... 1,626,633.86
1916..... 1,568,454.67

Total for five years..... \$7,544,880.08

Total increase under present government..... \$2,930,162.88
Average increase per year..... 586,032.57

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OPPOSITION CANDIDATES NOW IN THE FIELD

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Westmorland.

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C. M. Legere.

Francis J. Sweeney.

Kings.

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Dr. George N. Pearson.
Fred E. Sharpe.

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Walter E. Foster.
Allison F. Bentley.

Sunbury.

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David Mercereau.

Victoria.

J. P. Tweeddale.
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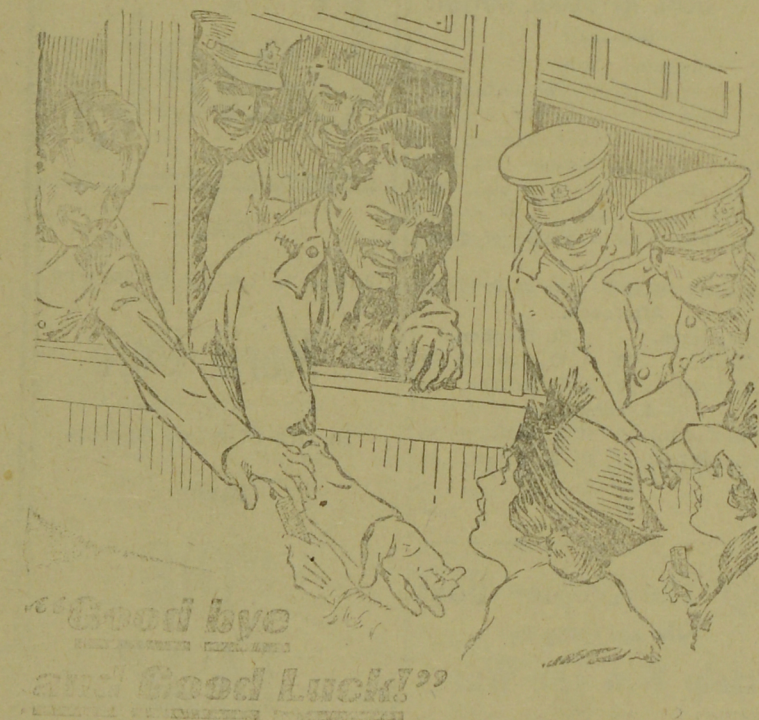
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