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## HON. WM. PUGSLEY TALKS OF FUTURE PLANS

**Ex-Minister of Public Works Gives out Interesting Interview--Will Give Close Attention to His Parliamentary Duties During Coming Session--Will Take up Practice of Law in St. John in the Spring --Hazen May not be Returned Unopposed in St. John**

(St. John Telegraph.)

Hon. William Pugsley, late minister of public works, was interviewed by a Telegraph reporter at his home here on Saturday evening and told something of his plans for the immediate future, also discussing political matters of interest to the constituency which he will represent in the Dominion parliament.

When asked regarding his own plans Dr. Pugsley said:

"My intention is to make my home in St. John, but I do not intend to resume the practice of my profession for a short time at least, until I have had some rest which I feel that I require, and to which I am fairly entitled after many years of very hard work. I am associated with the counsel assisting Col. McLean in the recount proceedings in Queens-Sunbury, but I am doing it more as his friend than as his lawyer. I leave for Montreal tomorrow evening, but I may return to Fredericton to take part in the next session of the recount on Thursday. My parliamentary duties necessarily will occupy considerable time during the coming winter, and next spring I will settle down to professional work."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley was asked if, in the event of Dr. Daniel retiring as the representative of the city and county, give the new minister of marine and fisheries a seat, Mr. Hazen was likely to be opposed.

"As to that, I cannot tell you," he said, "because that is a matter which must necessarily be left with the Liberal party in the constituency. Personally, under ordinary circumstances, I should be disposed to recommend that there should be no opposition. I have not forgotten that the Conservatives did not oppose me when I was taken into the cabinet in 1907, but allowed me to be returned without an election, feeling, no doubt, that such a course would strengthen my hands at Ottawa and enable me better to advance the interests of the city."

**PEOPLE MUST KNOW.**

"In the case of the minister of marine and fisheries, however, I find that there are many people of the same opinion as myself, that it is most unfortunate that the prime minister should have apparently made such a complete surrender to the Nationalist party of Quebec, led by Mr. Bourassa, whose principles and teachings are so utterly opposed to the views of the great majority of the people of this Loyalist city of St. John as well as to those of the vast majority of the people of all Canada. The inclusion in his cabinet of Messrs. Nantel, Monk and Pelletier has come as a great shock to Conservatives as well as Liberals. During the recent campaign I said emphatically that all signs indicated that there was an alliance between

Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa, but my suggestion was indignantly repudiated by many Conservatives in St. John. I am sure these men would not have supported the Conservative candidates if they had believed for a moment that to do so was supporting a party whose leader would include in his cabinet men who are committed to the repeal of the naval bill, and especially that part of it which provides that in case of war the Canadian government shall have the power to place the vessels of the Canadian navy under the control of the British admiralty to take their part in the defence of the empire.

"It seems to me that before the people of St. John can properly be asked to determine whether or not they should allow the minister of marine and fisheries to be elected by acclamation they are entitled to have a distinct pronouncement as to the policy of the government on the naval question."

**THE COURTENAY BAY WORK.**

Asked if he thought it likely that the proposed harbor work in Courtenay Bay and on the west side would be carried on by the new government, Hon. Dr. Pugsley said:

"That, of course, is quite impossible for me to say. It is fitting, perhaps, that I should point out to the people of St. John the situation with respect to the proposed improvements as it existed when the Liberal government retired from office. The plans for the development of Courtenay Bay were prepared after very careful consideration and tenders were called for the dredging of a channel 500 feet wide, extending from the main channel entrance into Courtenay Bay to give a depth of 32 feet at low tide, also dredging out a basin in Courtenay Bay to the same depth, extending from the proposed ship's berths on the western side to the site of the proposed dry dock and ship repairing plant on the east side. The tenders also called for the building of a very substantial breakwater 3,800 feet in length, and the building of wharves to provide accommodation for four ocean steamers."

"In order to secure the construction of a dry dock of the first class, and providing an up-to-date ship repairing plant, it was deemed advisable to also require the tenderers for the harbor work to build such dry dock and ship repairing plant under the terms of the Dry Docks' Subsidies Act of 1910."

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## THE NATIONALISTS AND THE BORDEN CABINET

(Continued from page four.) "gifts of money" to local committees rather than to Mr. Pelletier, who had started in to do the organizing. Fancy having to boom as Minister the man who sued him for election debts. And let it not be forgotten that, arising out of that same law suit, there is still unsettled the question as to which of the two, Mr. Borden or Sir Hugh Graham, told the truth about a matter over which they flatly contradicted each other. If the Cabinet had been made especially to spite Sir Hugh, the work could hardly have been more effectively done. Five men in it with whom he and his paper are or have been at odds, and not one in it whom he specially tried to put in. That must hurt.

The worst of it is that it was very evidently on the demand of the Nationalists that the thing was done. It would have been all right to take in Mr. Forget and Mr. Casgrain, both rivals of Mr. Monk, if the Nationalist interest had not insisted upon supporters of Mr. Monk, not rivals. Those who fought with "the means of making a hot fight," think this a wholly unnecessary concession to the men who, although they were reckless in the expenditure of eloquence, could have done nothing without the money Mr. Borden elects for the Nationalist eloquence and the Toronto money for the Church party in Quebec, with Messrs. Hughes and Rogers to watch them. After all, somebody had to have the word, and if Sir William Mackenzie, Mr. Flavelle, Mr. Lash, Mr. McInnes, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Cochran and Col. Hughes carried it over the others; if Armand Lavergne looked more dangerous to Mr. Borden than Mr. Forget or Sir Hugh Graham, or the Toronto Telegram, he cannot be blamed for deciding the best he knew how.

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**UNTRUTHFUL REPORTS.**

Hon. Dr. Pugsley was considerably amused when shown a despatch from Ottawa in Saturday's Standard, headed "Monk Will Put Stop to Any Graft," and stating in effect that the new minister of public works would hold up certain contracts. The late minister pointed out the discrepancy in the article, it being said in the first paragraph that contracts "let in the dying hours of the late government will be held up by the orders of P. D. Monk," while in the second paragraph the statement was made that "these jobs, about thirty in number and including the Courtenay Bay work, etc., were put through, but not finally awarded, owing to Earl Grey's disapproval of the course."

"I fail to understand," said Dr. Pugsley, "how a contract can be let and yet not 'finally awarded.' The public cannot complain of the new minister making a thorough investigation as to any contract whether or not it was actually let by the late government or was left to the consideration of the new government. The people will complain, however, if the minister, in taking up his proposed investigation should simply make a general order holding up all the public works for which parliament has voted money, and which the late government dealt with in the regular way by granting the contract as was done, almost invariably, to the lowest tenderer."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley left for Montreal last evening by the C.P.R.

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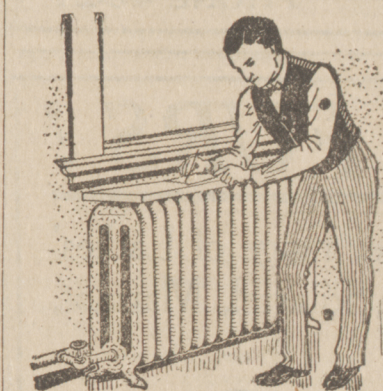
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