

THE COMPANY HE KEEPS.

Mr. Lefurgey's Interesting Story of the Western Land Deals with His Friends Pope and Fowler, Whom Mr. Borden has Taken to His Bosom.

Contrary to all expectations, confidence, and we thought even Mr. Borden has been induced to everything was going on smoothly. Mr. Lefurgey understood the situation of Mr. Rufus Pope that "there were not to be more in the Eastern Townships. It than ten in the syndicate, and was not part of the original that whoever were in it would plan for the leader of the party come in on equal shares." When to visit the townships at this the negotiations for sale to Mr. time, and he appears to have. Foster and his friends were on, been induced to do so only by at an advance of one dollar an acre, or \$200,000 profit, Mr. Lefurgey's authority over the record of the negotiations, "absolutely," Mr. Pope. It may be useful, as he put it, that "he would therefore, here to recall the Pope and Fowler and Bennett," story of the land deal which and with a Mr. Peuchen, who bids for fame, so that we may had come in with them. That be quite clear about what man- is where he was wrong. "Mr. ner of man it is in whose rehab- Pope and Mr. Fowler were act- ilitation Mr. Borden takes so ing for us, they had full charge of the transfer. The option had been taken from the C.P.R. in their names; they had been con- ducting the affairs right straight along, and the final protection of our interests we left to them. I was always rely- ing upon them."

The story will, perhaps, be best told in the language of Mr. Lefurgey, M. P., transcribed in the report of the Insurance Commission, beginning at page 2,502:

"The story is simply that while in the west some few years ago with Mr. Pope and Mr. Fowler and Mr. Bennett, we conceived the idea that land speculation in the west was a good thing, that we would take up a number of acres, and form a syndicate and buy a certain number of acres from the C.P.R. when we came east. Mr. Pope and Mr. Fowler arranged to get an option on some lands from the C.P.R., which they did, and went west and selected these lands. At that time I only knew that Mr. Bennett, Mr. Pope, Mr. Fowler and myself were in the deal, although we presumed there were some ten to be interested, I did not know who they were. We took up these lands, and we held them for some time, and Mr. Pope and Mr. Fowler, acting as our agents, were trying to negotiate a sale. We bought the lands for \$3.50 an acre and we sold them for \$4.50 an acre, which I considered was a very low figure, and I was opposed at the time to selling the lands to the (purchasers) company, as I knew they would be much more valuable if we had them ourselves."

THE "KEEP IT MUM" LETTER.

While the early negotiations were going on, Mr. Lefurgey received a letter from Mr. Fowler which read: "Dear Lefurgey: We have succeeded beyond our wildest hopes. We wired D. M. (Dan Mann) and he met us at the train, Toronto, and took us to his office and gave us the route (of the Canadian Northern) as far as located, of course under cover of the strictest secrecy, to keep it mum except to Borden, Bennett and yourself." (Here it is proper to remark that Mr. Lefurgey says he did not tell Mr. Borden, and Mr. Borden disclaimed all knowledge of the transaction.) Then followed the visit to Montreal, the interview with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, the ar- acre, the intervention of the C.P.R. land agent, who wanted to raise the price to \$5 an acre, and the final purchase at \$3.50, following which Mr. Fowler wrote Mr. Lefurgey "Well, old man, I think we have struck a pretty good thing, and you people ought to erect a monument to the memory of Pope and myself for what we have done in your behalf. There will be a meeting called to confirm any selling arrangements. Until that it is not necessary, Pope and I, as the executive, will attend to all arrangements until it comes to the final closing of the bargain."

Mr. Lefurgey was not satisfied with this arrangement, but could not get a meeting. "Mr. Pope and Mr. Fowler had our

MADE A BIG HAUL.

Mr. Lefurgey, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Peucha paid in \$6,000 apiece. That is all the actual money that was paid in. The rest of the payments were made to the C.P.R. out of money raised by discounting notes with which Messrs. McKenzie and Mann favored Messrs. Pope and Fowler. Out of their own means these gentlemen paid nothing. But when it came to a distribution of the \$200,000 profits, they calmly announced that Mr. Bennett, who had paid \$6,000 in real money, was to have a one-tenth share; Mr. Lefurgey who had paid \$6,000, a one-tenth share; and Mr. Peuchen, who had paid \$6,000, a one-tenth share. The other seven-tenths were to go to Messrs. Fowler and Pope, who had paid in none of their own money, but who had carried the thing along on the favor of Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann and the money of Bennett, Lefurgey and Peuchen, all of whom thought the whole five were in the thing on the same basis. In addition and to show there were no hard feelings, Pope and Fowler sent in a bill for \$20,000 for their services. Mr. Lefurgey, on his investment of \$6,000 actual money, was given a profit of about \$12,000. The same applied to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Peuchen. The rest of the \$200,000, say \$164,000, Mr. Lefurgey "presumes," went to Mr. Pope and Mr. Fowler, who put in nothing but their friendship with Mackenzie and Mann, and their ability to keep their confiding associates from a knowledge of what they were doing.

Mr. Borden may think a visit to the Townships will serve to galvanize the hero of this transaction into political prominence. If he does he is badly astray. If he could find it in his heart to tell the Conservatives of the Townships to be quit of Mr. Pope and look out for new leaders it would be of some use, but that he would not do, and Mr. Pope will lord it over Mr. Borden's Townships meetings just as Mr. Foster lorded it over his meetings in Nova Scotia and Mr. Fowler lorded it over his meeting in St. John.

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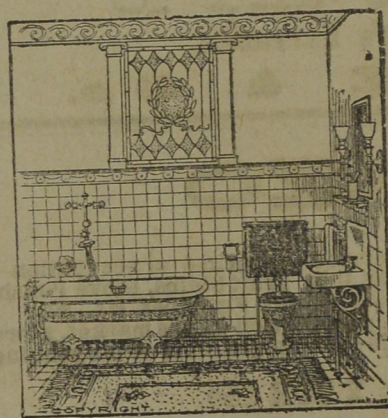
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