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SUFFICIENTLY DEFINITE.

When Hon. Dr. Pugsley a few weeks ago made his charge of corruption against the Tory party, the Tory organs exclaimed against its indefiniteness, and wanted details.

Mr. Foster went so far as to call it bluff, but the minister of public works in his effective speech at Gagetown has given his opponents some of the details for which they claimed to be thirsting, and his charge can be no longer ignored.

Dr. Pugsley declared during his St. John campaign that a corruption fund of half a million dollars had been raised in Montreal on behalf of the Tory party for the election campaign of 1904, and that \$25,000 had been sent into one New Brunswick constituency to assist the Tory candidate.

At Gagetown, Thursday in response to the invitation of his opponents he enlarged on the latter charge, and his observations are reported as follows:

"In my previous speech I simply stated that \$25,000 had been spent in one New Brunswick constituency. I will supplement this by stating that of this sum \$5,000 was sent into the constituency by telegram on the 24th day of October, 1904, and \$20,000 on the 29th day of October, 1904, and that both of these amounts were wired to the legal partner of the candidate who was contesting that constituency in the Conservative interest. If I should be asked again why I did not prosecute, let me say that these facts were only disclosed a few weeks ago in certain legal proceedings under which the books of a certain bank in Montreal came under investigation. If any man in the Conservative party considers my remarks libellous, and if they are true they are certainly libellous, no plea of privilege will be offered against any suit which may be brought. It will be freely admitted by myself or by any Liberal newspaper proceeded against that the accusations are libellous if true, and subpoenas would at once be issued and proceedings taken to prove to the hilt everything I have said. It seems to me that none can complain that this language is not plain enough."

Here in all conscience is sufficient detail and if the Tory leaders have any self respect left they cannot longer ignore Dr. Pugsley's charge. He names the amounts and dates of the Tory corruption fund sent into a New Brunswick constituency waives all question of privilege, and invites prosecution, if the Tories feel that they have been libelled.

The Tory leaders are up against it, and further silence on their part will be regarded by the public as a confession of guilt.

A GOOD CANDIDATE

The Liberals of Sunbury-Queens have made an excellent choice in their selection of Col. McLean, as their candidate for the House of Commons—a gentleman who has succeeded in achieving a leading place in his profession, who has few superiors as a business man in all Canada, who is honorable, energetic, and influential, and fully equipped for a representative position.

Col. McLean has the advantage of being the unanimous choice of his party in the constituency, and all will unite heartily in his support.

As an organizer, he has proved his effectiveness in political and other fields of activity, and the enthusiasm which his nomination has already aroused augurs well for the success of his campaign.

Nobody has anything but good to say of Mr. R. D. Wilmot, M. P., as a man, but he has not proved a success as a representative, and he stands for a party that is without a definite policy, which was false in its duty to the country when it was in power, and which went out in a whirlwind of corruption and venality.

Mr. Wilmot's narrow majority of 118 in the last contest will be wiped out in the next, and Sunbury-Queens by returning Col. McLean to Parliament will return its former allegiance to Liberalism.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is said that parliament will likely meet Nov. 21.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy thinks opposition to Japanese immigration to Canada is absurd.

This is the 111st time that the local Tory organ has made itself appear silly by reference to the attorney-generalship.

The Minister of Public Works said some things in his Gagetown speech that will make our Tory friends sit up and take notice.

"If I had taken legal action against all the Tories who have been guilty of political corruption in New Brunswick, the jails of the province would not be large enough to hold the guilty."—Dr. Pugsley at Gagetown.

The St. John Telegraph raises the non-resident cry against Col. McLean, although within the past few weeks its party has nominated Mr. Hazen, a non-resident, for Sunbury, and Mr. Slipp, another non-resident, for Queens.

London, Ontario, Conservatives have nominated Major Thomas Beattie for the House of Commons, and the labor candidate is J. D. Jacobs. The Liberals have not yet put a candidate in the field.

Dr. Pugsley thinks that from recent observations of Mr. Foster, he must be picking up a knowledge of poker. At any rate the ex-Minister of Finance knew some kind of a skin game when he made those western land deals.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley is today paying his first visit to Fredericton since his appointment as Minister of Public Works, and his election to Parliament, and he is receiving a very hearty welcome from his numerous friends.

Dr. Pugsley does not seem to think very highly of Mr. Hazen as an arithmetician. A pupil in the sixth grade, the Minister says, would make a better fist at adding up the various items in the provincial debt account. In the legislature, Dr. Pugsley frequently made Mr. Hazen feel silly, by similar well-timed observations.

The Telegraph is distressed at Col. McLean's alleged lack of agricultural knowledge and seeks to prejudice him with the farmers of the united counties, and yet we believe the Colonel would pass quite as successful an examination on agricultural matters as Mr. Hazen, who is considered good enough by the Tories to represent the farmers of Sunbury in the legislature.

Premier Robinson made an excellent speech at Gagetown, and was received with much enthusiasm. His declaration that the local government—every member of it—is in full sympathy with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party was greeted with hearty applause. Mr. Hazen might as well abandon his effort to capture Liberal votes for his Tory combination.

Quebec has two new provincial ministers, Hon. C. R. Devlin, who becomes Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, and Hon. L. A. Taschereau, who takes the portfolio of Public Works. Mr. Devlin, who for some years represented Galway, Ireland in the Imperial House of Commons, has sat for the past year at Ottawa for Nicolet, and will contest that constituency for the legislature, and Mr. Taschereau is the sitting member of that body for Montmorency. Both are able men and their presence in the Gouin administration will greatly strengthen it.

SUNBURY-QUEENS.

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should give names. Mr. Foster, of Toronto, said that I, as attorney-general, should have prosecuted those guilty of corrupt practices down in New Brunswick. Poor fellows, they are complaining now because we have found them out. If I had prosecuted all the Tories that spent money in the last election we would have had all the jails in the province full to overflowing. (Laughter and cheers.) Mr. Foster, who by the way was a college class-mate of mine, told Mr. Kemp that it was all a bluff, and he spelled the word out. Mr. Kemp being a religious man, probably did not know the meaning of the word as well as Mr. Foster, who seems to have acquired a knowledge of the game of poker along with other things. He wants to call the bluff. Well, when a bluff is called, it is not always necessary to lay down all the cards one possesses, and perhaps two will do on this occasion. As he had stated on a previous occasion, the sum of \$25,000 was sent to a single constituency in this province through a Montreal bank for the election of 1904. Of this amount \$20,000 was forwarded on October 24th, 1904, and \$5,000 on October 29th, 1904. The money was wired to the partner of a candidate running in a constituency in this province in the Conservative interest. Let me tell Mr. Foster and Mr. Kemp that this information was disclosed by legal proceedings a short time ago when the books of the bank were examined by a solicitor. He should assure his opponents that if they cared to take proceedings against him for what he had said on this subject that no plea of privilege would be entered in his behalf. On the contrary, the subpoenas would at once issue and they would prove right up to the hilt the charge that \$500,000 was raised by a

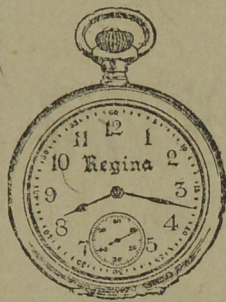
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Montreal circle in 1904 to defeat the Liberals of Canada. He hoped his remarks on this subject would be plain enough to be understood. (Cheers.)

Hon. Dr. Pugsley next dealt with the charge made against the government in connection with the Saskatchewan Land Company and showed it to be utterly without foundation. He also disposed pretty effectively of some fiction, which Mr. S. D. Scott has been sending out from Ottawa insinuating that there had been something crooked in connection with the Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Company. He went quite fully into the matter and showed that Mr. Fielding had seen to it that the interests of the government were amply safeguarded.

Discussing Mr. Borden's policy he said that gentleman appeared to be able to offer something different to every province in exchange for votes. His offer to Premier McBride, to submit British Columbia's claim for better terms from the Dominion, was unworthy of a great statesman. In order to secure votes in British Columbia Mr. Borden was willing to do an injustice to all the other provinces. He would be very much surprised if Mr. Whitney of Ontario remained silent under Mr. Borden's promise made to British Columbia.

In closing his splendid address Hon. Dr. Pugsley promised to do his most to help the Liberals of Sunbury and Queens win a victory. In Col. McLean they had a splendid candidate who would do them honor. In all probability the non-resident canvass would be raised against him by the men who were supporting Mr. Hazen in Sunbury and Mr. Slipp in Queens. Col. McLean has made an honorable record for himself in his profession. He started in life without influential friends or any special advantages and has steadily worked his way up until today there is not a lawyer in the province or indeed in the whole of Canada who stands higher in his profession than Col. McLean. He hoped the electors would rally to his support and send him to Parliament as their representative. (Cheers.)

HON. G. W. ROBINSON.

Premier of New Brunswick, was next called upon, and was accorded a great reception. He spoke for nearly half

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