

DESERTING THE SHIP.

Prominent Conservatives Condemn Mayes-Baxter Hazet Plot and will Vote Liberal

ST. JOHN, Oct. 14.—(Special)—The effect of the Mayes scandal boomerang is making itself felt in a manner which greatly disturbs some of the leaders of the Conservative Party who were mixed up in the plot. They are painfully agitated over the fact that a large number of their friends have openly declared that in the present campaign they will support the Liberal ticket, and will do their utmost to secure the election of Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender, in order to make it plain that they do not approve of such "covert" and unscrupulous tactics have been made.

The latest to join the ranks in support of the Liberal candidates are Dr. Silas Alward and Mr. Geo. McArthur.

Dr. Alward has, during the past few weeks appeared on the public platform in the interests of Dr. McRae and Dr. Daniel, and has stumped in Queens for Mr. Wilmot, but it was stated this morning that he had informed his friends of his intention of no longer working in the Conservative interests, because he could not consent to support a party which would resort to such methods as were adopted by the Conservative leaders.

Dr. Alward was, of course unwilling to publicly advertise his change of attitude, but when spoken to this morning, did not deny that he had decided to come out in favor of the Liberal nominees.

The statement which had been heard, was repeated to him, and he did not contradict it.

Mr. McArthur, it has been known, has supported Dr. Pugsley, but being a Conservative, felt that he owed some duty to his party, and was working in the interests of Dr. Dan-

iel as well. In the Opera house last night Mr. McArthur openly declared that from now on he would work for the whole Liberal ticket.

Mr. McArthur was asked about this today. "You can say for me," said he, "that I am voting for men, not party. Any decent man would be ashamed of what the Conservatives have done."

"I think it was a most dishonorable act, and I am sure there are a great many like myself who oppose such a campaign."

"If Mr. Mayes was in a deal with McArthur, it would be right for him to keep his mouth shut about it."

"I think that what has been done is very dishonorable. I'm sure lots of decent men will be sore over the turn things have taken."

Among those who volunteered to go on the platform last evening was Mr. Arthur Thorne, brother of W. H. Thorne, head of the Conservative organization, whom there has been in the past no more staunch Conservative in St. John.

Many other Conservative workers were also seated behind the speakers, indicating by their presence that they have no sympathy with the slander campaign now being conducted and prefer the policy of the Liberal government.

There are a large number of others, who, because of the Mayes' affair are unwilling to continue their support of the Conservative party, and these although not advertising their change of attitude, will be heard from at the polls.

It is noticeable that this morning a lot of Conservative leaders are hustling around town trying to whip into line some of those who may have been seriously offended by their malicious attack.

DASTARDLY WORK

The rascality of the Tory campaign is evidenced by the effort made to destroy Dr. Pugsley through the instrumentality of their tool Mr. G. S. Mayes.

The boasted "bombshell," however, has been most effectively exploded, and its fragments have hit and seriously maimed the men who thought to injure the Minister of Public Works, and through him, the Laurier government.

The evidence published elsewhere in this paper today, discloses the rascality of the Tory leaders in St. John, in their attempted blackmail of Dr. Pugsley, in their offer of \$20,000 for the Liberal campaign fund if the conditions Mayes imposed were agreed to.

Perhaps one of the most damnable features of the whole affair was Mayes swearing to having received a note from Dr. Pugsley in Oct. 1907, for alleged services the Minister might be able to render the dredging contractor, as a member of the government, when as a matter of fact the note was given by Mayes in Oct. 1905, nearly two years before Dr. Pugsley entered the federal ministry, and was for legal services rendered Mayes himself, after permitting the affidavit to be published with the figures 1907, has been constrained to admit that the note was given in 1905, but with the information based on his affidavit the local graft organ proceeds to charge Dr. Pugsley with using his position of Minister of Public Works to extort money from a government contractor.

Another damnable feature of the conspiracy is the effort that both Mayes and Baxter, head of the St. John Tory association, to compel Dr. Pugsley to purchase Mayes' dredge at a figure \$49,000 in excess of its value, offering to present the Minister with \$20,000 for the Liberal campaign fund if Dr. Pugsley would make the deal.

When this proposition was made by Mayes to the Minister he promptly ordered the blackmailer out of his office, and then the latter with his friend, Baxter, and through the agency of Mr. Hazen proceeded to prepare and explode the bombshell which is reacting so forcibly on the Tory party.

The springing of the base conspiracy and the exposure of the rascality has alienated hundreds of Conservatives from their party, and will relatively increase Dr. Pugsley's majority.

Mayes, Baxter, Hazen and all the other conspirators stand before the public in a most unenviable light. They have been caught redhanded in a despicable effort to destroy a political opponent, and the electors of not only St. John, but of every constituency in this province, will express in forcible terms their abhorrence of such disgraceful political methods.

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THE PEOPLE AROUSED

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On Tuesday night the candidate spoke at York Mills, where he was greeted by a large audience, and got a splendid hearing. This evening he will address a public meeting of the electors at McAdam Junction, and to-morrow evening he speaks at Magaguadavic.

On Friday evening the candidate will speak at a mass meeting in the Opera House, this city. The 71st Regiment Band has been engaged for the occasion and will escort the candidate to the Opera House. The gallery will be set aside for ladies. All interested in the discussion of public affairs are invited to attend.

OTHER MEETINGS.

Last evening Messrs. J. D. Phinney, K. C., and W. J. Osborne spoke to a large audience at Durham Bridge. They went into the issues of the campaign very fully, and showed how it was manifestly in the interests of the farmers to continue the present government in power. Mr. Charles Forbes, ventured upon a few interruptions as he generally does but the only result was to make votes for the Liberal candidate.

Messrs. R. W. McLellan and W. H. McGinn were the speakers at a big rally at Rusagornish last evening in the interests of Col. McLean, the Liberal candidate. The hall was crowded, and the speakers were frequently applauded.

AN ENGAGEMENT.

An engagement which will be of interest to Canadians is that of Lady Violet Elliott, third daughter of the Earl and Countess of Minto, to Capt. Lord Charles George Francis Fitzmaurice, of the 1st Dragoons, second son of Lord and Lady Landsowne and A. D. C. to Lord Roberts. Lady Violet has sailed with her eldest sister, Lady Ellice Elliott, for India, where they will spend the winter with their parents.

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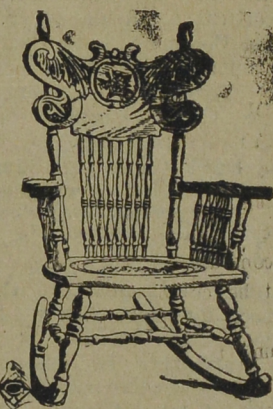
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