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FORGER AND ABSCONDER.

One of Hazen's Tory M. P. P.'s a Fugitive From Justice

W. B. Dickson of Albert and His Financial Transactions.

The financial difficulties of Walter B. Dickson, Tory M. P. P., for Albert, are reported to have reached such a stage that he has been compelled to flee the country.

An absconding debtor's warrant has been secured by Weldon and McLean, who are acting for W. Malcolm McKay, of St. John, to whom Mr. Dickson is said to owe thousands of dollars. The warrant was sent to the sheriff of Albert county yesterday. The result will be the seizure of all property of the delinquent, who is supposed now to be in the United States. Besides his defalcation, Mr. Dickson is accused of forging contracts and of decamping with a large amount of government road money.

DEFALCATION.

A well known gentleman of Albert county places Dickson's defalcation in the vicinity of \$150,000.

The hurried departure of the much wanted Albert M. P. P. took place last Monday. He had returned to his home on the preceding Saturday, but left again at 4 p. m. Monday. The same day he was seen speaking to George W. Fowler at the station platform at Sussex. Later he was observed at McAdam and was thought to be on his way to the United States.

Mr. Dickson has resided in Albert county for a number of years, during which he has conducted a large business in railway sleepers, laths and boards. He has also acted as buying agent for W. M. McKay. This lumbering business brought Mr. Dickson into commercial relations with persons all over Albert county and also in parts of Westmorland. The greater number of these individuals now find Mr. Dickson very much their debtor, as in some cases he has made no payment for lumber purchased and in others has given notes which have proved to be worthless. The greater number of his Albert county creditors are men of small means who can ill afford to lose money.

Mr. Dickson's dealings with the McKay firm are understood to have been most peculiar for some time past. It is quite well known that he has been filling his lumber trucks with that firm by buying lumber at prices far in advance of the market rates. In one case it is related that when required to ship lumber from Boundary Creek he obtained his supply by buying it in Westmorland county, shipping by rail to Boundary Creek and having the cars forwarded from that place. The heavy freight charges thus made necessary would very greatly increase the price paid by Mr. Dickson for the lumber. It is also said that he has forged contracts with the McKay concern besides obtaining heavy advances on unfilled contracts.

It is also alleged that as one of the Albert county representatives he had obtained a considerable sum of road money in his possession and took it with him.

Mr. Dickson has a large family, for the members of which much sympathy is felt. While resident in Albert he has lived in a most expensive fashion, money apparently having been no object.

Mr. Taylor of Weldon and McLean when interviewed yesterday stated that Mr. Dickson's defalcations as far as McKay was concerned had extended over some three years. Personally he did not know what Dickson had done with the money. It might have been lost in speculation but had more likely been employed in Mr. Dickson's private business, which was extensive. When asked if his firm would take steps to locate the absconding M. P. P., Mr. Taylor said he could give no definite answer, but felt that it was the duty of the attorney general to take whatever action was necessary.

VICTIMS IN ALBERT COUNTY.

HILLSBORO, Sept. 5.—Word received here yesterday from St. John that W. Malcolm MacKay had been granted an absconding debtors' order against Walter B. Dickson, M. P. P., has created little surprise, as it was known that Mr. Dickson was in financial difficulties, and had probably left the country. He returned from St. John last Saturday evening, and on Sunday night was driven by a friend to Moncton, where it is presumed he caught the Boston train, as he was reported to have been seen at Vanceboro on Monday. It is believed he was on his way to his brother-in-law, who lives in Pennsylvania.

Besides acting as agent for Mr. MacKay, Mr. Dickson carried on an extensive lumber business on his own account. It is said that some \$80,000 is involved, the greater part since the local elections last March. A number of lumbermen and others in Albert county are reported to be anxious. Among these George D. Prescott, M. P. P., and Isaac Prescott are mentioned. From each Mr. Dickson is said to have borrowed \$5,000 worth of deals to obtain a cargo for boats, which had been chartered.

On his contracts to supply hemlock sleepers to the I. C. R., and G. T. P., he is also said to have obtained lumber from a number of operators, among whom were Charles Wright and Owen Ryan, of Stoney Creek. The losses will amount to several hundred dollars in most cases.

GOV'T BACKS DOWN

Increased Stumpage Rate Not to go Into Effect This Season.

The local government held another meeting here last evening and transacted considerable business. A number of appointments were made, most of them being of a minor nature, and were made with the object of appeasing hungry supporters who have been kicking over the traces for some time. It was decided that the regulation adopted by order-in-council a few weeks ago, increasing the stumpage rate on hardwood, fir, hemlock, railway ties, etc., should not go into effect this season. The change provoked a great deal of opposition from small lumber operators, and the government thought it best not to bring it into force before the Dominion elections are called on.

The government had under consideration a proposal from Mr. Joseph Feinbrook, a Jewish resident of Chatham, to lease a large tract of stump-land and establish an industry for the manufacture of turpentine, pine oil, rosin, etc. He has promised to establish an industry and expend \$100,000 in buildings and plant, and guarantees to keep it running for at least ten years. Only the stumps, roots, and tops of trees will be utilized, and he guarantees to clean up the land and leave it ready for settlement purposes. He wants a lease of 137 square miles of timber lands located in the vicinity of Cain's River and Little River. The government

looks upon the proposition with favor and will likely grant the lease subject to the usual conditions.

Several members of the executive returned home by train this morning, but the Premier is still here on departmental business.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Governor Tweedie presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education on Friday afternoon, and a number of matters, chiefly of a routine nature, were disposed of. It was decided to grant a holiday to the schools in places where agricultural exhibitions are to be held this year, in order that the children may have a chance to attend. The district at Harvey, which until recently supported a Superior school, is to be divided into two districts on the recommendation of Inspector Brown. Dr. Inch was instructed to have a report of the recent Teachers' Institute published in pamphlet form.

A NICE TORY M. P. P.

Telegraph: On an affidavit made by W. Malcolm MacKay, of St. John, that Walter B. Dickson, Tory M. P. P., for Albert county, had obtained sums of money by forging contracts for lumber, and that to the best of his belief Mr. Dickson had left the country, an absconding debtors' order was granted yesterday at St. John by Judge McLeod. The application was made by F. R. Taylor, of the firm of Weldon & McLean, acting for Mr. MacKay.

Easy street is not a thoroughfare to heaven.

NEGOTIATIONS OFF

Tories Have Been Trying to Buy Sun and Star but They Will Remain Liberal

ST. JOHN, Sept. 5.—(Special) — The Globe today says: Hon. B. F. Pearson, representative owner of the Sun and Star, is in the city. On Friday he had conferences with some leaders of the Conservative party and with Hon. Mr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works. It is understood the future of his papers was discussed.

Today it is announced that all negotiations for the purchase of the papers by the Conservatives are off, and that at as early a date as possible, a new Conservative paper will be launched.

In the meantime arrangements are being made with Messrs. Barnes and Company for the publication in the Conservative interests, of a 4 page, 6 column paper, which will be carried along during the election, or until such a time as the new paper is started on a permanent basis. Rumor says that Mr. Pearson asked

\$87,000 for his papers, and that the Conservatives were unwilling to pay the price.

They figure out that a new paper can be established for considerably less than this money, and it is said have upwards of \$60,000 already subscribed for that purpose.

Mr. L. P. D. Tilley has been entrusted with the organization work and it is said is meeting with success.

The breaking off of negotiations between the Conservatives and Mr. Pearson, will result, it is generally understood, in the Sun and Star continuing as at present, until after the elections, when an amalgamation with the Telegraph and Times will take place, and two of the papers, presumably the Sun and Times, will cease to exist.

Nothing of the basis of the amalgamation has been learned, but friends of Mr. Pearson say he is satisfied with the arrangement.

DESPERATE ROBBERS

Looted Shubenacadie Post Office and are Corralled by Excited Townspeople

HALIFAX, Sept. 5.—(Special) — A telephone message from Shubenacadie, Hant's Co., at an early hour this morning, stated that a robbery had taken place at the post office, and that two suspicious characters who had been seen lurking in the neighborhood were suspected.

Later a telephone message received at the police station at 6.15 this morning, asked for a constable to be sent to Shubenacadie, as the post-office had been robbed, and two tramps suspected of the crime were ensconced in an empty house, which was

surrounded by an excited crowd of people, who were kept at a respectful distance by the determined resistance of the two men.

Another report states that the two men are armed and desperate, and that police assistance was necessary to dislodge them from their hiding place.

The crowd is reported to be growing in size, and it is feared that should the tramps fall into their hands they will be severely maltreated.

County Constable Dan McDonald left by express for Shubenacadie.

LABOR DAY PICNIC

Fredericton Brass Band will Prove Amusement at the Hermitage.

The grand picnic to be held at the Hermitage on Labor Day, by the Fredericton Brass Band is being looked forward to with great interest and is certain to draw a big crowd. There will be all kinds of amusements provided and the Band will discourse a fine program of music for dancing. The Marysville Band will also be in attendance having kindly volunteered their services. An interesting feature in connection with the event will be the Marathon race for boys. The start will be made from the Hermitage grounds at eleven o'clock and the course will be down government lane and Brunswick Street to the I. C. R. Station thence up Queen Street to Smythe and back to the Hermitage a distance of about three miles.

Following is a complete list of the entrants:

Harry Ryan, Frank Estey, Stanley Young, John Carten, James Hand, Walter Smith, Herbert Green, Edward Gregory, James Laurie, Leo Green, Norris Williams, Fred Titus, Kenneth McKillop, (Gibson), Alex. Troup, Frank McManiam, Chester Fairley, Hedley Forbes, John Arnold, (Marysville), Fred Ketch, Ernest Gough, Archie Williams, John Crowley, Harry Myshraill, Enoch Green, Peter Shaw, Lewis Carten, George Gough, Jack Allen, Wilkie McKenzie, Ralph McKenzie, John Parsons, Murray Rutter, Douglas Lawrence, Tommy Coward, Dick Robertson, Guy Anderson, Herbert Anderson, R. Jago, G. Feeney, D. Burgess, Ed. Finnegan, Ralph Lawrence, Roydon Barbour, Alvin Johnson, Harold Morgan, Wilson Smith, Frank Walsh.

The list of officials are as follows: Starter—D. J. Stockford.

Timers—Ald. Kitchen, Sheriff Sterling and M. Tennant.

Judges—J. H. Calver, Hon. H. F. McLeod and Ald. Hooper.

There are about fifty entries for the race and the boys will be started with handicaps according to ages.

Twelve prizes are offered in all. Will starters are requested to be on grounds at 10.30.

HORSE RACES.

At Waterville, Maine, yesterday, W. K. Allen's Miss Letha got second place in the Free-for-all trot and pace. There were six heats, and Miss Letha's positions were 5 1 1 3 3 2, best time 2.15. In the 2.20 pace Harvey McCoy, with Miss Edith, took 5th place. At Halifax H. O'Neill's Daisy Wilkes was 4th in the 2.19 trot and pace. In the free-for-all Terrace Queen beat Simassie, but it took five heats to do it. The third was a dead heat, best time 2.14.

Don't forget the game of Roller Polo at the Arctic Roller Rink on Monday night. Ten bands for skating after the game. Admission with skates 20 cents.

An old Scotchman, not feeling very well, called upon a well-known doctor, who gave him instructions as to diet and exercise and rest. Among other things he advised the patient to abstain from all forms of spirits. So as I say, he added cheerfully, and you'll soon feel better.

The Scotchman rose silently and was about to withdraw when the doctor detained him to mention the all-important topic of the fee. My advice will cost you \$2, he said.

Aw mebbe, said the old Scotchman, but I'm nne gaun to tek yer advice.

Little English Girl—Can we go on the continent, mamma?
Her Mother—We've been there so much.
Little English Girl—I know it, but I never got tired of watching the Americans spend their money.