

# LIKE MAYES' CASE.

## Hon. Dr. Pugsley Points Out Glaring Mis-statements in Central Railway Report.

(Telegraph, April 10th.)  
 "I OBSERVE," SAID DR. PUGSLEY, "THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TALK IN THE CONSERVATIVE PAPERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY, INCLUDING MYSELF AS AN EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR, SHOULD BE CALLED UPON TO ACCOUNT FOR THE MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE COMPANY. YOU MAY SAY SO FAR AS I AM CONCERNED—AND I BELIEVE THE SAME REMARK APPLIES TO ALL THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY NOW LIVING—I WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER ENQUIRY WHICH MIGHT BE INSTITUTED."  
 Such was the reply of the Minister of Public Works when a Telegraph reporter last evening directed his attention to some of the absurd statements now being put forward by the Conservative newspapers in connection with the report of the Central Railway Commission.  
 Dr. Pugsley laughingly said talk about his resignation was mere nonsense with which his opponents were amusing themselves. Speaking further of the report of the commission he said:

### ONE GLARING EXAMPLE.

"As one instance of the kind of statements these men have made I desire to point out the following paragraph on page 63 of their report:

"Second—On the face of it the motive of the promoters, as stated, was to develop the coal mines of Queen's County. Responsible and respectable men from various parts of the province were obtained to lend their names as directors; and from the fact that \$430,000 of a total of \$500,000 authorized capital was to be distributed as founders' shares, we conclude that the interested parties had visions of ultimate large profits with absolute certainty of no personal loss."

"They are just 1,000 per cent. out of the way in this statement for as a matter of fact, the amount of the founders' shares was not \$430,000 but was \$43,000, and the evidence shows it."

"From the beginning of the investigation, I stated that in my view the commissioners should deal with the matter in the same way as a court of equity in the case of a trustee called upon to render an account. Evidence should have been taken of any amounts disputed. The proper practice would have been for a draft copy of the report to have been submitted to both sides before being finally decided upon. In the present instance instead of asking for an accounting the commissioners, on the advice of his partisan counsel, started on a fishing expedition, making investigations in different directions, and then prepared their report without submitting a draft copy to counsel for the company."

### NO MISAPPROPRIATION.

While the evidence has not been printed and the report gives no details as to how the various items are made up, it is very clear that large amounts shown by the evidence to have been expended have been submitted. Among these are amounts paid to James Barnes, the contractor, on an order from the old Central Railway, large amounts for ties purchased for the use of the second section—and afterwards used for repairs, on the Central and also a large sum for repairs and improvements on the road.

"The item of interest is in a lump sum and there is no means of determining how the commissioners arrived at it, but any person having in view the fact that the expenditure is admitted by the commissioners to have been in the vicinity of \$800,000, extending over a period of seven years can see that the interest would amount to many thousands of dollars more than stated by the commissioners. For a considerable part of the time the company was paying as much as 7 per cent. for advances."

### REPORT FALLS FLAT.

Dr. Pugsley added that the political complexion of the commissioners and their counsel is well known. He regards the whole thing as another attempt of the Hazen party to discredit him politically—an attempt certain to fail as the other attempts have failed. Such indeed is the general impression created by the report. All the evidence was heard months ago. It is no worse or no better now than it was at first, but since it was heard last summer and printed in all the newspapers, the Federal elections have been held. The Federal elections in October last showed how little they thought of the evidence elicited by the commission when they returned Dr. Pugsley and ten other Liberals—eleven out of thirteen.

LIKE THE MAYES CASE. The public was not excited or impressed by the evidence heard before the commission when it was in ses-

sion here, in spite of Mr. Powell's dramatic efforts. The commission's report now retells an old story with few trimmings. The public generally regards it merely as one attack upon Dr. Pugsley, just like the Mayes plot which was sprung on the eve of the Federal elections. The wild statements of the Conservative newspapers in connection with the Hazen-Landry-Powell report are creating no little amusement.

### CHARTERS SETTLEMENT.

April 9.—A pie social was held in the Charters Settlement school house a week ago last Saturday night. The sum of \$25.00 was raised, which is to go towards buying an organ for the school house.

Miss Millie Greer spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Horncastle, of New Maryland.

Mrs. Harry Charters spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Thomas Moss.

Miss Lizzie Rynax entertained a number of friends at her home yesterday.

Messrs. Clair and Fred Charters made a trip to Fredericton last Saturday.

Miss Catherine Moss spent Monday evening with her friend, Miss Jennie Charters.

Our school is progressing under the management of Miss Pearl Greer. It is now closed for the Easter holidays.

Many of our young men have returned from the lumber woods.

Miss Millie Greer spent Tuesday with her friend, Miss Catherine Moss.

Mr. Frank Charters is still busily engaged sawing wood with his gasoline engine.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Soimom Greer are leaving our settlement.

A number of men in this place are engaged in tapping trees and making maple honey.

Messrs. Frank and Clair Charters spent last Sunday in New Maryland.

Miss Ruth Charters is expecting to make a visit to Fredericton tomorrow.

Mr. Frank Charters is anticipating a visit to Hanwell Easter Sunday.

### CENTRAL KINGSCLEAR.

April 8.—The weather of the past few days has been very pleasant, and also shows signs of spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowatt Pickard are receiving congratulations. (Its a boy.)

Messrs. Charles and Elias Goodine are doing a rushing business sawing wood.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Jane Palmer is quite ill at her home.

The Methodists are to hold a pie social at the Kingsclear hall this week to raise funds for a new organ.

Quite a number of the young men are home from the lumber woods.

The crossing on the river is now unsafe for travelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King are receiving congratulations on the arrival at their home of a young daughter.

The Gray Bros. have sold their Easter beef to the St. Stephen butchers.

Mrs. John and Joseph McKay, and Z. R. Estey and Mr. Andrew Goodine sold their beef cattle to Mr. McDonald of St. John; also Mr. Charles Murray of this place.

We are glad to hear of Mr. D. F. Knight's recovery after his serious accident at Marysville, of a sprained ankle.

The maple honey makers are at work.

### DOUGLAS.

April 8.—The farmers are busy cutting up their summer's wood.

Mrs. Rebecca Dunphy of Marysville and Mrs. Henry Coburn of Little River, were visiting friends here last week.

The Baptist sewing circle met at Mr. Arthur Ross' last Wednesday.

Mr. Clowes Hallett is moving to the farm he bought from Mr. Alfred Jewett.

Mrs. Herman Hawkins of Maple Ridge, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlisle.

Miss Annie Carlisle has returned to Boston, after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Carlisle.

Archie McGibbon had the misfortune to get his leg broken while working in Mr. J. Hawkins' lath mill.

There was a new arrival at Roy Currie's, 28th inst.

Mr. Isaac Ketchum of St. John, was in the neighborhood one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hawkins attended the funeral of the late Mr. Charles Grant of Nashwaak.

You will find plenty of Men's Soft Front dress shirts, all sizes, at 38c each today and tomorrow at the big Sale of Lucy & Co., Ltd.

### HIS CHAMPIONSHIP DAYS

Hugh J. McCormack of Sussex Tells of His Contest with Harold Hagen and Others.

How did I win the world's championship? Better let me tell you how I lost it, that would make a more interesting story. Tell you both? Well you are giving me quite a job." It was McCormack, who was talking. "Hughie" McCormack, for four years the world's champion skater and for eleven years the holder of the best record, the man who through sheer love of sport for sport's sake, for unwavering determination, and for cleanliness above all things, made his name a byword and placed himself literally on a pedestal, the hero of all youthful aspirants for honor on the ice.

"You see," he went on, "when I was a lad, forty years ago, I lived on the edge of the river and skating was the same to me in winter time as walking was in summer. It was at it every day when the ice was good, and after a few little races. They found I could skate in a time that was in the old Victoria rink, fourteen and a half laps, I covered the mile in two fifty-eight. This was away ahead of the record and there was quite a dispute about the time, so I did it again for them. The story of this skating spread, and 'Uncle' Bill Curtis, editor of the Spirit of the Times, —I don't know which, but it has nothing to do with the whiskey now advertised everywhere—offered a prize of \$250 for anyone who would go to New York, and skate the mile under 3:09 1/2. I went, and did it ten seconds faster, but he would not give me the money—said that he did not agree to an admission being charged.

"The two fifty-eight went unchallenged for years, and I never met anyone worth beating, until Dowd came down from Montreal. He was all right, and I thought my time had come at the start. We skated in the Victoria rink, I think it was in 1899, and the place was packed.

Dowd went off at a tremendous clip, but I managed to stick close to his heels and this seemed to urge him on to even greater effort, so that the first eleven laps were worth seeing, and the crowd went wild. But Dowd had done too much, the effort was more than he could stand. His aim was to get a long lead and make me disheartened, and when he saw it was no go, he collapsed. On the eleventh lap I passed him and I had the race in my own hands—or feet if you like it better. I could not get ahead and I had the race in my own hands—or feet if you like it better. I could not get ahead and I had the race in my own hands—or feet if you like it better. I could not get ahead and I had the race in my own hands—or feet if you like it better.

"However, this gave me some sort of standing on different occasions I had to defend the title. Three years passed and finally there arose in Norway a young man with well aspirations which I soon found were well based. His name was Hagen. No one knew much about him then, but Harold Hagen's name is history now wherever sport is followed. He thought he could skate some, and I was anxious to learn whether he could or not, so one day I slung a pair of rollers over my shoulder and went to Norway. We met in Christiania. I was all alone, and the rink was four laps to the mile. Imagine it—onesome me, and such a big rink.

We had four races, five, three, two and one miles, and I was honestly beaten in every one of them. On the first day, there were over twelve thousand paid admissions, and on the second day over fifteen thousand. There were people of all nations, and tongues, dead game sports and men looking for bets. Even now I can scarcely admit that I was outclassed, Hagen was a grand skater, a whirlwind, but he was in his prime, while I was getting old, and was out of training. A few years earlier I could have done much better. Besides that, I was not so accustomed as he was to the big rink. However, he licked me fairly and took the title. It was great racing. I don't know when I had so much fun—and after all, when a chap goes into sport like this, he should go for the sake of the sport alone.

"Well, I came home, and nothing would do until I lost the American championship to Fred Breen. I'm getting to be an old man now, fifty-three next February, but I still have spin whenever there is a chance, and there is no finer enjoyment than can be had on a clear sheet of ice with a pair of the old-fashioned wooden-topped rollers, the only kind of skate I ever put on."

Mr. McCormack is now proprietor of a well-known hotel at Sussex (N. B.)

### A WHISTLE IN THE DARK.

There's a whistle in the dark, and I know the lips that call  
 Are the lips of little fellow walking where the shadows crawl,  
 Just to keep his courage up and to fill his heart with cheer.

'Gainst the dark that drifts around him and the whispering things of fear!  
 There's a whistle in the dark sounding sweetly down the dale,  
 And a little fellow sounds it, and I know his checks are pale,  
 And he whistles in the shadows down the roadway of the night.

Just to keep a braver spirit till his pathway winds to light!  
 There's a whistle in the dark where a Negro strays no doubt,  
 By a graveyard where the ghosts lift a voice in hollow shout,  
 And a strength is in the song, and a power is in the lay,  
 To cure the utter loneliness and chase the dread away!

Let us whistle in the dark—oh, along the vales of night,  
 Let us fill the heart with hope of the coming of the night,  
 Till the ghosts of care shall flee and the phantoms say good bye,  
 And we walk upon the rose and the sun is in the sky.

### ALEC. YEATON'S SON

(Thomas Bailey Aldrich.)  
 The wind it wailed, the wind it moaned,  
 And the white caps flecked the sea;  
 "An' I would to God," the skipper groaned,  
 "I had not my boy with me!"  
 Snug in the stern-sheets, little John  
 Laughed as the sea swept by;  
 But the skipper's sunburnt cheek grew wan  
 As he watched the wicked sky.  
 "Would he were at his mother's side!"  
 And the skipper's eyes were dim,  
 "Good Lord in heaven, if ill betide,  
 What would become of him!"  
 "For me, my muscles are as steel,  
 For me let hap what may!  
 I might make shift upon the keel  
 'Till the break of day."  
 "But he, he is so weak and small,  
 So young, scarce learned to stand—  
 Oh, pitying Father of us all,  
 I trust him in thy hand."  
 "For thou, who markest from on high  
 A sparrow's fall, each one!  
 Surely, O Lord, thou'lt have an eye  
 On Alec Yeaton's son?"  
 Then, helm hard-porth right straight he sailed  
 Towards the headland light;  
 The wind it moaned, the wind it wailed,  
 And black, black fell the night.

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 Though housed from winds and waves—  
 They who could tell about that gale  
 Must rise from watery graves!  
 Sudden it came, as sudden went;  
 Ere half the night was sped,  
 The winds were hushed, the waves were spent.

And the stars shone overhead  
 Now, as the morning mist grew thin,  
 The folk on Gloucester shore,  
 Saw a little figure floating in,  
 Secure on a broken oar!  
 Up rose a cry, "A wreck! a wreck!  
 Pull mates, and waste no breath!"  
 They knew it, though it was a speck  
 Upon the edge of death!

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### CANADIANS AT WASHINGTON

Hon. Mr. Avlesworth and Geo. C. Gibbons Confer With American Authorities.

Washington, April 6.—The treaty relating to the disposition of the waters of the St. Mary's river, between Michigan and the Canadian boundary, which was ratified by the senate in the amended form, was today the subject of a conference by representatives of the Canadian and American governments. Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, and George C. Gibbons, represented the Dominion of Canada, while Secretary Knox, Senator Root, Attorney-General Wickham, Secretary Dickinson, of the war department, and Chandler Anderson, attorney for the United States, represented the United States.

The visitors, it is understood, were favorably impressed with the statements made to them by the Americans regarding their interpretation of the senate amendment by which a disposition of the waters of the St. Mary's river available for power purposes shall be on a basis of the territorial rights of the two governments. The conference today led to the hope that a speedy disposition of the controversy over the treaty will be reached. The Canadians will remain in Washington for several days, but no further conferences have been arranged.

### KINGSLEY.

April 7.—The heavy rain of last week has risen the water so high, that it has made the travelling impossible for foot passengers along the roads in this vicinity.

We hear the boys beginning to talk of stream driving, which make us believe that Spring is very near.

The Methodist pie-social which was held at Lower Kingsley on March 30th proved a grand success, although owing to the bad roads, there were about one hundred people present. A beautiful programme was carried out by the Nashwaaks and St. Marys boys which was very entertaining. Over forty dollars was realized which goes towards the church.

Miss Lillian Foster is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Seymour of McLeod Hill.

Miss Winnie Anderson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Anderson of Nashwaaks has returned home.

Messrs. Walter Anderson, Percy Nealis and Jimmie DeLong left on Wednesday morning for Plaster Rock.

### PREPARING FOR ROYAL COURT.

Preparing ladies to be presented at Court is a profession which naturally has a considerable scope in London, and amongst the ladies who follow it is Miss Ethel Barr-Palliser, who spends part of her time every year in New York coaching American ladies who expect to make their bow to English royalty. Miss Palliser says that a great cause of confusion at this state ceremony is being insufficiently prepared, as although it is all simple enough to one who knows, there is a prescribed form which must not be deviated from, and a curtsy that is exactly "the thing" in distinction to others, which will only serve to indicate that those who use them are not of the social class.

"There is every thing in the curtsy," said Miss Palliser, speaking to The New York Times. "The King and Queen watch everybody going by, no matter how tired they may be, and if the ladies do not perform the curtsy well, particularly if they do not bow the head right down to the ground, it is all noticed and criticized. Some make a straight curtsy—by that I mean a curtsy without bowing the head. This is very incorrect; the bow should not only be made but made very low. It is a very difficult curtsy to make gracefully."

Then, after the curtsy to the King, there is a certain amount of side-stepping before they make the curtsy to the Queen, you know, and then the side step and the backing a few steps. It is all a matter of timing for great care. The curtsies to the Queen must be exactly as low as that to the King. There are only two

curtsies now; in Queen Victoria's time there were several.

"After the curtsy to the Queen the person presented must make two or three side steps and look to see if her train is going to be thrown. If it is not, she continues backing. She still has her arm out and looks for it. It is a very important matter."

"Why?" asked the interviewer.

"Because if she doesn't look, the train will probably be thrown over her head," replied Miss Palliser. "The pages are very fond of playing tricks and will play one at the least sign of confusion or ignorance. Some-times they will throw one lady's train to another lady, and that lady's train to her."

To walk into the throne room properly is also important and the head must be kept well up and the eyes on their majesties until the curtsy is made, when the eyes are dropped and raised afterward. It is a curious thing, says Miss Palliser, that some people will pay any amount of money for their gowns and coiffures and grudge the extra expense of being prepared in department.

"Kind friends tell them how to do it, and one kind friend tells them another, and when they arrive they can't remember which direction was the one they decided to adopt, and their heads are in a whirl."

The Courts of King Edward and Queen Alexandra are, it seems, much more cheerful affairs than those of Queen Victoria, as her late Majesty would not have bands or refreshments, but now the supper room is always a diversion for those who have passed the throne and do not care to wait to see others presented.

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