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THAT PRECIOUS REPORT.

(Toronto Globe.)

Not half a dozen people have perused the evidence elicited at the inquiry into the affairs of the New Brunswick Central railway. All that the newspaper writers know about the case is contained in the report of the Commission, and in the speeches delivered in parliament by Dr. Pugsley and Mr. O. S. Crockett. It need not be pointed out how important it is under these circumstances that the report should be such a document as would be invulnerable to criticism.

It lay with Premier Hazen to give the public such a document. No one knew better than he that it was of the supreme importance that the personnel of the Commission should be such as would raise it above the accusation of partisanship. What did he do? He appointed a Commission solidly Conservative, with Mr. H. A. Powell, one of the most uncompromising Tory politicians in New Brunswick, as its counsel. Will a fair-minded Conservative say that this was the way to secure acceptance for a report sure to become the football of contending factions? If the chairman of the Commission had been a Judge long and completely removed from politics its report would have compelled respect. Engineered as it was, the proceedings of the Commission were vitiated from the very beginning.

Its conduct and its report are thoroughly in keeping with what might have been expected. Would a self-respecting Commission have issued an interim report before it had half concluded its investigation, so as to furnish Tory ammunition in the Dominion elections? The interim report stated that the funds unaccounted for were \$160,000. In the final report they were stated at \$134,000. Are we not justified in regarding the one report as apocryphal as the other?

As to the final report it is not necessary to repeat the whole of Dr. Pugsley's trenchant criticism. It is only necessary to cite two assertions that do not admit of denial. Neither Mr. Crockett nor anyone else has met Dr. Pugsley's demonstration that a sum of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 of interest is not included in the calculations of the Commissioners. What must be thought of the spirit of a report which leaves such a sum out of account when the whole matter at issue is an accounting as between receipts and expenditures?

It is not denied that the stock of the railway is stated as \$500,000, when it should have been \$50,000. We are told that this was merely a typographical error. But anyone who reads the report will see that the explanation is quite at variance with the context. The report goes on to say that the promoters were preparing enormous profits for themselves. Such language is hardly in keeping with a sum of \$50,000, and be it error or misapprehension it is only one of many indications of the haste, carelessness, and animus with which this document was issued.

But the most remarkable commentary on the report is that it was never adopted by the New Brunswick legislature. In the body where the character of the Commission and all the circumstances of the building of the railway were best known, no one had the courage to get up and move its adoption. That would have precipitated a debate, and something would then have been heard of this equivocal document. A man's political foes might condemn him under such circumstances, but for his friends to abandon him on such evidence would be nothing short of pusillanimity.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Ald. J. J. F. Winslow, enjoys the distinction of being the only Conservative lawyer in the city not drawing pay from a government or municipal body. He is certainly justified in pushing his claims for the office of Judge of Probates.

So it is the solicitor general who is backing Mr. F. St. John Bliss for the office of Judge of Probate and not Mr. Pinder, as was at first supposed. Here's three to one that you lose Mr. Bliss, unless Premier Hazen takes a hand.

If there are any Tory lawyers in York County besides City Clerk McCready, County Secretary-Treasurer Bliss and Ald. J. J. F. Winslow, who do not now hold government jobs, they should lose no time in getting in their application for the offices of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the County Court.

The complaint has been made that there is too much machinery connected with the Hazen government High-

way Act, and too many officials will be needed to carry out its provisions. This seems to be well exemplified in the case of the Parish of Douglas, York County. The highway board met a few days ago and appointed less than forty-five officials, which, counting the three members of the board, makes a total of forty-eight for the parish. There is no evidence forthcoming so far to show that these officials are going to work for their health.

The railway committee of the Board of Trade acted wisely in calling upon General Manager McNicol, of the C. P. R., and asking for needed improvements in the Fredericton train service. The C. P. R. handles a good share of the passenger and freight traffic to and from Fredericton and can well afford to treat this city generously. There is no particular reason why we should play second fiddle to either St. John or Godstock.

MRS. FRASER'S DEATH

The Deceased Was a Woman of Exceptional Gifts.

The Halifax Mail, referring to the death of Mrs. C. F. Fraser, says:

While Mrs. Fraser has been in steadily declining health, it was only six weeks ago that she took to her bed. Since then it has been sadly apparent that the loosening of the silver cord was near at hand, and when, Thursday, the fact became apparent that it was imminent, it cannot be said to have been a surprise to the family and intimate friends.

Although stricken about seven years ago, with the disease of which she died, Mrs. Fraser took, up to three years ago, a very active interest in the life of the school for the blind, particularly in the literary training of the students and in the full equipment of the school library.

It is well known she herself was a woman of exceptional gifts, and was a personality to hundreds who had never had the pleasure of meeting her, through her many delightful stories for children. She was a frequent and even welcome contributor to leading periodicals and some years ago published a volume of short stories, which received high praise at the hands of the critics. Nothing about her was more admirable or more lovable than her serene cheerfulness and patient courage through her physical suffering, and she pursued her literary work almost to the end, facing the King of Terrors with a gentle fearlessness that won all and will be an ever dear memory to those who witnessed it.

UPPER QUEENSBURY.

May 24.—We are having some pleasant weather now and farming is progressing most favorably.

Our Rector, Rev. Mr. Hazel, has service in the Episcopal church here every two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hazelton have recently been visiting relatives in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Covert and Willie of Poquillon, spent yesterday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Parent.

Mrs. W. B. and Floyd spent last Saturday with relatives in Temperance Vale and Rossville.

Our teacher, Miss Nellie Palmer spent her vacation of the 24th at her home at Hawkeshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hazerman spent last Sunday with relatives in Dumfries.

Mrs. Victoria Dunham and Mrs. Wm. Hazelton spent a day recently at Temperance Vale.

Miss Vera Dunham has recently gone to Wisely to visit her grandmother Mrs. Alex. McLeod.

Mr. S. W. Parent who has had blood poisoning in his hand is now much improved under the care of Dr. Coffin.

A. C. Whitehead is doing a rushing business in the farm machinery line, the sale for seed drills, potato planters, cream separators and disc horse hoes being unusually large.

The boys who were away on the drives are returning home again.

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HENRY B. RAINEFORD.

Fredericton, 25th May, 1909.
May 26, d1w1.

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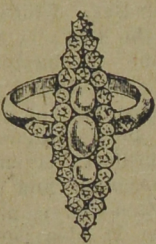
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Sealed tenders (in duplicate) for the supply of Coal and Fuel Wood required to heat the Military Buildings at St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock and Sussex, N. B., for the ten months ending March 1, 1910, will be received up to Monday, June 7 next. Each tender is to be marked 'Tender for Fuel' and addressed to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa.

Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa, or at the office of the District Officer Commanding, St. John, who will furnish all information required.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque, on a Canadian chartered Bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, for five per cent of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party making the tender declines to sign a contract when called upon to do so.

If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

EUG. FISET, Colonel,

Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, May 12, 1909.

Newsprinters will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

May 26, d31.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

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May 5 and 19	Second-Class Trip Tickets Issued From FREDERICTON TO
June 2, 16 & 30	TO
July 14 and 28	Winnipeg \$32.95
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May 20, d31.

MAY 25th 1909

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