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LIGHT TURNED ON
For a long time past St. John people have been familiar with whispered insinuations that Hon. Dr. Pugsley was in league with Mr. Mayes in dredging contracts, and that the former profited by the operations of the latter.

There will be no more of this kind of talk. The correspondence between the minister and Mr. Mayes, published today, shows that the former discharged his full duty as the guardian of the public interests. Had he been so minded he could have made the profits of Mr. Mayes very much larger, but in every case he declined to accede to the requests of the contractor.

This correspondence puts a new face on the whole matter and reveals the minister in a most favorable and highly creditable light. Instead of raiding the treasury, as he is so basely charged with doing, he protected it.

In view of last night's revelations, how hollow and insincere are the statements of Premier Hazen and Sir James Whitney in their references to the character of the minister of public works. The provincial premier must now be conscious of the very grave mistake he made in pinning his faith to that affidavit. It is a game two or more can play at, and in this case the result is disastrous, not to the reputation of Dr. Pugsley, but of his reckless traducers. He has come out of the ordeal stronger in the esteem of fair-minded men, and at the same time the people of St. John are given an example at home by which they may judge the merits of the slander campaign being carried on all over Canada.

Conservative newspapers everywhere are publishing the Mayes affidavit, with its false and slanderous assertion that Dr. Pugsley while a minister secured \$2,000 from Mr. Mayes, to be paid for by his influence as a minister in getting better terms for the contractor. How many of these papers will give equal prominence to the exposure? The wires were hot on Monday night with the falsehood. They were not so hot yesterday with the exposure of the falsehood.

There is one consolation for the minister of public works. He stands higher today in the esteem of St. John people than at any previous time in his whole political career.

ject of an action at law and will be fully dealt with in the courts."
Mr. McAvity says much more than this. He confirms all that Dr. Pugsley has said about Mr. Mayes' efforts to force the minister to buy the dredge, and about the suggestion that \$20,000 be added to the price and secured as a Liberal campaign fund.

The nature of the business partnership between Mr. McAvity and Mr. Mayes will be disclosed in the courts, and the former has so little to fear from exposure that he defied Mr. Mayes and his threats, and declared that his methods savored of blackmail.

There are also the affidavits of Messrs Moore and Holt, which further confirm the statements of Dr. Pugsley and Mr. McAvity. Instead of charging that no explanation has been given, the Standard has got much more explanation than it bargained for when it consented to become a medium through which false and defamatory statements were to be given to the public. It now weakly argues that "Mr. G. S. Mayes is not an issue in this campaign." It would like to get him away out of sight. But there he stands, yoked up with Mr. Hazen and the Standard. He is to be their dredger-in-chief if they win the elections. He was made the great issue in the campaign, and Mr. Hazen regarded his affidavit as the greatest political production of the day. The Conservative leaders expected Mr. Mayes and his affidavit to elect their candidates for them. But now that the light has been turned on they are all hunting cover. They are hoist by their own petard.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION
Not less in the spirit displayed than in numbers did last night's great meeting at the Opera House declare that the malicious attacks upon Dr. Pugsley have aroused the indignation of the citizens and made for him friends where it was hoped to make enemies.

No public man could ask for a more enthusiastic assurance of sympathy and confidence. The building was all too small to contain the crowd that throughout the evening continued to struggle for even standing room within sound of the speaker's voice.

As Dr. Pugsley read the correspondence between Mr. Mayes and himself, and continued with the affidavits of Messrs. McAvity, Moore and Holt, and then proceeded to denounce in fitting terms the attempt first to blackmail him and afterwards to damn him as a public man, the feeling of the vast audience found expression with gathering force, in continued cheering for the man whose integrity as a public man had first been tested, and then his reputation grossly assailed, by those who found they could not break down his integrity as a minister of the crown. It was a splendid demonstration, and one long to be remembered in the political history of St. John. The reception given both to Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender presaged a brilliant victory for both on the 28th of October.

That was a fine and very impressive picture of Sir Wilfrid Laurier which was drawn by the eloquent Mr. Marcell last evening. He pictured to his audience the son of the poor farmer, the clever student, the able lawyer, the successor of Mackenzie and Blake as the head of one of the great parties, the leader of a government during twelve years of peace and prosperity, and one of the great statesmen of the British overseas. It was an inspiring series of pictures, and Mr. Marcell's dramatic assertion that there was no Canadian but was proud to call himself a fellow citizen of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was greeted with tremendous applause.

The Standard did not bring out any large type on its first page today to hail Mr. Mayes as the savior of his country. It has some evasive and half apologetic references on the inside of the sheet, but evidently desires to be rid of any further responsibility for Mr. Mayes.

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COURTENAY BAY
Mr. Pender showed very clearly why the Grand Trunk Pacific must come to St. John. It will be forced to do so by the Liberal policy of diverting Canadian trade to Canadian ports by making the preference apply only to goods brought in in this way.

Mr. Logan added that the order in council making this discrimination in favor of our own ports would be passed when the Grand Trunk Pacific is in a position to handle the business. There is all the more reason, therefore, that Dr. Pugsley's policy of providing terminals at Courtenay Bay should be carried out as rapidly as possible. The Conservative press and speakers profess not to believe that the G. T. P. will come here, but this is no time for the pessimist. He whose watchword is "forward" is the man for St. John.

Mr. Mayes says the substitution of 1907 for 1905 as the year when he gave Dr. Pugsley \$2,000 was a typographical error. And yet every man who was told about it before the affidavit was prepared was led to believe that it was in 1907, when Dr. Pugsley was minister of public works, that the money was paid, and that it was of the nature of a bribe to a minister to make him the advocate of a contractor instead of the guardian of the public interest. How did all these people get this impression before the affidavit was used? The question is a very proper and important one. Dr. Pugsley has no hesitation in declaring his belief that the impression was deliberately conveyed, to injure him, or force him to buy the dredge.

In the midst of the increasing turmoil of the campaign, with its Conservative programme of slander to divert public attention, the citizens must not permit themselves to overlook the vital issue of winter port development. Pugsley and Pender stand for that policy, and they deserve the support of the people. When the voice of the scandal-monger has subsided St. John will still occupy the premier position as Canada's winter port, and it would be criminal folly to put such obstacles as two opposition members in the way of that development which the minister of public works has begun to carry out.

Mr. Marcell and Mr. Logan assured the Liberal mass meeting last night that Quebec and Nova Scotia would do their duty on the 26th.

Mr. Logan's comparison of Fielding and Foster last evening showed clearly the folly there would be in again making the latter finance minister.

THE CANDY SCHOOL
(By Elizabeth Hill)
I'd like to go to candy school,
For it would be such fun!
We'd have good things to study with,
And eat when we were done.

"How many pieces in a pound?"
Teacher would ask of me,
And handing me a paper bag,
She'd bid me count and see.

Each chocolate drop I would subtract,
When I had counted all,
Then she would say to multiply
With sugar almonds small.

And then divide and divide,
And quotient I might eat,
I never liked arithmetic,
But then I'd think it sweet.

And then she'd say, "Spell jujube paste!"
And if I got it right,
Or pipstems stick or walnut fudge,
She'd let me have a bite.

And when our lessons all were learned,
Oh, then we'd sing with glee:
"Dear candy school! Sweet candy school!
You are the school for me!"
—Youth's Companion.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS.

Teacher—"Now, Johnny, what was Washington's farewell address?"
Johnny—"Heaven!"—New York Sun.

IT DEPENDS.
Impatient American (after an hour's pause)—"Say, guard, what in thunder are we waiting for? What time d'we pull out, anyway?"
Guard (who has survived two generations of hustlers)—"That depends, sir."
American—"Depend on what?"
Guard (judicially)—"Ah, sir, that again depends."—Punch.

PINING.
Tenant Tessie—"And do novel says de heroine had a willow form, used to pine for her lover, and would spruce up when she seen his coming thro' de window."
Shanty Sue—"Gee, where did she work—in a sawmill?"—Chicago Daily News.

FAILURE AND OPPORTUNITY.
"Do successful man," said Uncle Eben, "keeps quiet so's he can hear opportunity knockin' at de do. De failure tries to do all de knockin' hisself."—Washington Star.

AT SEVENTY.
Doctor—"The room seems cold, Mrs. Hoolegan. Have you kept the thermometer at 75, as I told you?"
Mrs. Hoolegan—"Sure, an' I hev, doctor. There's 'n' thing in a tumbler av warm weather as this blessed minnut."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

THRIFTY.
"Well, parson, is your flock liberal in their 'nevelities'?"
"Liberal? Well, I should say dey is not that. Why, when I asted them to sing 'Ole Hundred' dey dese sung 'The Ninety and Nine.'"—Harper's.

A PROPOSITION.
"Johanne, I will give you a quarter if you can get me a lock of your sister's hair."
"Gimme four bits an' I'll get you de whole bunch. I know where she hangs it nights."—Houston Post.

THE TACTFUL DOCTOR.
A physician in a small town in Northern Michigan got himself into a serious predicament by his inability to remember names and people. One day, while making out a patient's receipt, his visitor's name escaped him. Not wishing to appear so forgetful, and thinking to get a clue, he asked her whether she spelled her name with an e or i. "The lady smilingly replied, 'Why, doctor, my name is Hill.'"—Success Magazine.

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THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER OF KENNEBECASIS BAY

He was a sturdy and very handsome young man, my cousin Harry, when I first met him. He had just graduated from a college that the young men of the country are today, as then, proud to name as their alma mater. He was what they called a "capable" youth and he knew it, but when his father urged him to study medicine and become a country practitioner like himself, he objected, and objected strenuously. He wanted to see life, he said, and would not endure the thought of tying himself to a mortar and pestle and the apron strings of old women afflicted with "rheumatiz" and other old womanly ailments. He had youth and wanted to enjoy it; he had health and did not want to destroy it by inhaling the odors of asafoetida and kindred drugs.

One day it was discovered that my cousin Harry had disappeared with most of his belongings and not long after my uncle received a letter from him mailed at New Bedford asking forgiveness for his unfilial conduct and telling how he had joined a whaling vessel bound for the Arctic and would be absent three years.

New Bedford was then the headquarters of an almost extinct industry. Its wharves were always lined with whale ships and its warehouses were always full of casks of whale oil and piles of whale bone. Both were useful and in those days both were thought indispensable.

About a year later we heard from my cousin Harry again. His ship had sailed around Cape Horn and up the coast, then a wilderness from the southern point of California to the Arctic, with the exception of a small settlement where the city of Portland, Oregon, now stands. They had not yet reached the whaling grounds when he dispatched his letter by a returning fishing vessel with a full cargo, but he said, "we hope to be harpooning our country in a few weeks."

We heard from my cousin Harry two or three times more before he returned home about three years later. When he came he was the same cousin Harry as before, but a little browner, a little stouter and a little more sedate. He was looked upon as a hero by all the up-country folk, and when he was asked, as he often was, to tell the story of his experiences, he always drew from his pocket a roll of closely written foolscap and read with much satisfaction his account of his whaling voyage. I am of the opinion that his thought it a pretty well told story.

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INDIAN RIDER SAVED THEIR LIVES

A Dashing Feet of Horseman-ship at the Fair in Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 13.—Indian horsemanship saved the lives of a dozen little children at the Spokane fair grounds, and netted Bart McNamara, a full blooded Coeur d'Alene red, a half of silver. Two horses, hitched to a delivery wagon became frightened and dashed through the grounds. Several men tried to head them off, only to be hurled aside, when the blanketed Indian, mounted on a sorrel mustang, dove into sight. With a lusty "Yip!" he dug his moccasin toes into the horse's ribs and started in pursuit, 100 yards back. Approaching the runaway he leaped far out of his saddle, grabbed the bit of the reins, and within half dozen feet of the youngsters huddled near a fence. Cheers from several thousand men and women, who were helpless to give aid, greeted the Indian as he rode away after fastening the team to a post. He was surprised and within a few minutes had received a bundle of dollars worth \$40 in quarters, halves and dimes. He did not want the money, he said, and he spent it buying candy and sweets for the hundreds of children on the grounds. They declared Bart is not only a hero but also "a good fellow!"

DR. GORDON'S NEW CHURCH

(Montreal Herald, Oct. 12.)
The new First Baptist Church on Sherbrooke street was dedicated yesterday. Rev. Dr. J. A. Gordon, the pastor, preaching in the morning, and Rev. James Sullivan, of Olivet Church, in the evening. A resolution thanking P. E. Heaton, chairman of the board of trustees who had general supervision of the building of the church, was read.

At the close of the service twelve were baptized and thirty were received into the church at the close of the evening service. The new church is of Gothic architecture and is splendidly equipped. The Sunday school has nine class-rooms, as well as a general assembly hall, and rooms for the Young Men's Bible class, the pastor and the choir.

Rev. Mr. Gordon was for a time pastor of Main street Baptist church in this city.

REASSURING.

A lady on one of the ocean liners who received very much news of her aged mother, the captain what would happen in case of a collision. The captain replied, "The iceberg would move right along, and as long as nothing had happened, and the old lady seemed greatly relieved."—Success