

A BIG MEETING.

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it should not be delayed until the redistribution of 1902, as this territory will never be properly represented in the Dominion parliament except by members elected by the voters of the Yukon territory, and the conditions and positions of the territory are very little understood throughout the other parts of Canada.

"In conclusion your committee beg to say that all they claim is that they have made themselves heard in both the local and Dominion legislative bodies, and that by the pressure exerted by this committee the facts relative to what representation this territory should have has been made more indisputably plain than ever before. On the 26th day of April, according to the telegrams now received the petitions of this committee on behalf of the citizens of the Yukon territory, for representation both on the Yukon council and in the house of commons at Ottawa, were laid on the table of the house of commons. This was about seven weeks after the petitions had been dispatched from Dawson, but we are led to believe that the question will be thoroughly debated.

"Your committee have had to contend with bad opinions expressed by merchants and residents of the Yukon territory now in other parts of Canada. These opinions have been somewhat contradictory to the resolutions and opinions of this committee, and are equally at variance with public opinion in the Yukon territory and harmful to the best interests of the territory. We are sure that a more independent and dignified expression of opinion of the residents out of the territory would be more helpful and more beneficial to the true interests of this territory."

Upon motion of Mr. H. Douglas, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted. Col. MacGregor submitted a resolution expressive of the sentiment which is entertained here in regard to the conflict in South Africa. The gentleman took occasion to deliver a lengthy speech relating to certain newspaper publications, which had been made respecting him and other members of the committee. The text of the resolution is as follows:

"That we, the residents of the Yukon territory, in meeting assembled, desire hereby again to express our unswerving loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Victoria. Further, that whilst we deplore the removal by death of many from the rank and file of her majesty's troops now fighting for our empire in South Africa and sympathize with the sick and wounded on the battlefields, we desire to express our admiration for the gallant and heroic conduct of the troops in the present most trying campaign.

We note with admiration and pride the illustrious record made by the Canadian contingent and we extend congratulations to Lieut.-Col. S. B. Steele, our late fellow-citizen and commander of the N. W. M. P., and member of the Yukon council, on his promotion to the command of the Strathcona horse with rank of lieutenant colonel in the Imperial army.

We hope and pray for an early termination of the war in a manner sustaining the honor and prestige of the British army. The patriotic resolution was adopted in a most appropriate manner; the large audience arose and sang "God Save the Queen."

Then, Mr. Barney Sugrue obtained recognition. He is the young man who, at the last meeting, moved a resolution which referred to Joseph Chamberlain a statement of facts respecting conditions here. The citizens had postponed consideration of this matter until last Saturday evening, and the original question would have been called in the regular order of business, if Mr. Sugrue had not withdrawn his motion of reference to Chamberlain and substituted in lieu thereof a request to the governor general of Canada for the removal of Commissioner Ogilvie. The action of Mr. Sugrue was seconded by Mr. A. J. Proudhomme. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, The present commissioner of the Yukon territory is not only the personal representative of the Ottawa government, but the departmental and executive representative of the minister and department of the interior, and

Whereas, The administration of the department of the interior in connection with the Yukon territory affairs has been such as to give almost universal dissatisfaction throughout the Yukon territory, and

Whereas, The Hon. William Ogilvie has by his official actions increased rather than mitigated the dissatisfaction of the citizens of this territory, and

Whereas, In our opinion a gross injustice has been done and an unwarranted interference with public rights was committed by the Hon. William Ogilvie when he neglected and failed to submit a communication from the government, or from some official thereof, to the Yukon council, and to the people of the Yukon territory and did not even answer the same in November last, which culminating act of official incapacity or gross breach of public duty has resulted in delaying the granting of representation to the people of the Yukon territory for a considerable time, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this public mass meeting of the citizens of the Yukon territory hereby express our opinion that the Hon. William Ogilvie is not a fit and proper person to remain commissioner of the Yukon territory, and we hereby demand that the government forthwith recall him and hereby request that his excellency the governor general appoint a more fit and proper person at once, to the high office of commissioner of the Yukon territory, as the first step necessary towards giving any degree of satisfaction to the people of this territory, as it is impossible for the people of this territory to look with any degree of confidence upon a government which has for its chief official such a representative as the Hon. William Ogilvie, who, in addition to being unfit for his present position, was principally responsible for the reports of this country which resulted in the collection of the present burdensome and excessive royalty, and

Further, that the citizens' committee be instructed to telegraph this resolution to the speaker of the house of commons for presentation to the proper authorities, and ask for immediate action thereon.

Doctor Cato introduced the following amendment, which requests the governor general to advise the retirement of Mr. Sifton, the minister of the interior:

Whereas, The Hon. William Ogilvie is a salaried nominee of the minister of the interior, and

Whereas, The minister of the interior is responsible for the constitution of the Yukon council, and for the laws that govern the Yukon territory; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this mass meeting of British subjects request the premier to advise the minister of the interior to retire from the cabinet and that this amendment be wired to the premier by the committee.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. A. D. Williams. Considerable discussion ensued respecting the original motion and subsequent amendment. Among the speakers were Messrs. Sugrue, Proudhomme and Woodworth, who favored the motion, and Dr. Cato and Mr. Williams who supported the amendment. Finally the chair sustained a point of order which had been raised by Mr. McFarlane against the amendment; and the question reverted to the Sugrue motion which was then carried, though a considerable number of persons voted in the negative.

After the disposition of the Ogilvie affair, Mr. Noel submitted the following resolution regarding representation in the Dominion house of parliament:

Whereas, By petition dated the tenth day of March, 1900, the citizens of the Yukon territory, through their properly authorized committee duly petitioned the governor general and senate and house of commons of Canada for the right to elect two or more members to the house of commons at Ottawa, and

Whereas, A public mass meeting of the citizens of the Yukon territory ratified and seconded the said petition and insisted upon the immediate granting to the said Yukon territory of the right to have representation in the Dominion house of commons which mass meeting was held on the 23rd day of March, 1900, and

Whereas, No answer has yet been received from the governing bodies of Canada relating to the said petition and resolution, nor has any account reached the Yukon territory as to what action if any, is being taken by the house of commons or senate in regard to the same, and

Whereas, We consider that immediate action on the said petition is essential to the good and satisfactory government of the Yukon territory, now,

Therefore, this mass meeting of the citizens of the Yukon territory, do most respectfully draw the attention of the government of Canada to the necessity of immediate action upon our petition, for representation in the Dominion house of commons, and beg to point out that the granting of the said petition during the present session of parliament is absolutely necessary in order that the important and pressing questions relating to the Yukon territory, may be properly brought before the house of commons by members thereof properly acquainted with the conditions of the Yukon territory, and

Further, to draw the attention of parliament to the fact that the failure to grant this petition during the present session, on account of it being of the most vital importance to the citizens of this territory who pay over one twenty-fifth of the gross federal revenue of the Dominion of Canada, cannot but have a most harmful effect upon the opinions and judgment of the citizens of this territory, with regard to the relations between the citizens of the Yukon territory and the government of Canada, and we therefore request that parliament take special and urgent cognizance of the importance of this petition, on account of the uniqueness of our conditions, and the pressing nature of the reforms which we consider necessary in the laws governing this territory, but which reforms are not properly understood or advocated by citizens or members outside of this territory, and that parliament grant the said petition during the present session and allow us to elect at least two members of parliament for the next session of parliament.

And that a copy of this resolution be telegraphed to the speaker of the house of commons, at once, and copies be mailed to the governor general, speakers of the house of commons and senate and to the premier and leader of the opposition.

Messrs. Noel, Woodworth and Proudhomme delivered speeches in support of this motion, which subsequently was carried without dissent.

Mr. Proudhomme introduced the resolution which protests against taxation without representation, which was adopted.

Mr. Woodworth introduced a lengthy resolution concerning a reduction in the present royalty law. Mr. Noel did not like Mr. Woodworth's resolution and substituted in its place another which asks that the royalty be entirely removed. The substitute resolution passed unanimously.

During the consideration of these matters, Messrs. Woodworth, Noel, Vernon, Woodside, McKinnon, Sugrue and Dr. Cato made speeches more or less irrelevant to the question. Some confusion was occasioned by the attempt of Dr. Cato to interrupt the remarks of Mr. Woodside. At this juncture, Mr. Clarke interfered by ejecting the doctor from the platform. After a most tedious discussion the vote was taken on the substitute and a majority of those few persons who had remained in the hall supported the measure of Mr. Noel.

At 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning the national anthem was rendered, and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

The First Photograph.

That the first man who ever sat before the camera should live to see photography in color an accomplished fact shows very conclusively the rapid development of the art. Besides being the first subject of the first camera made in America, Dr. Charles E. West, a Brooklyn nonagenarian, is also the possessor of the finest collection of Japanese curios in the world. Dr. West recently said:

"It was during the winter of 1839-40, just when Daguerre's great discovery was made public by the French government, that Samuel F. B. Morse, of telegraphic fame, whose studio (for he was an artist as well) was in Washington square, New York, returning from France, brought the news with him which was destined to create as great a sensation in the new world as in the old. Morse, John W. Draper, professor of chemistry, and I became greatly interested in the subject, and George W. Prosch, an instrument maker of Nassau street, made us each a camera, the first three made in America.

"Of course the intention was simply to take inanimate objects, as it was argued that animated ones could not remain motionless long enough for the process. Finally, however, Draper tried his wife's picture, Morse his daughter, and Prosch took mine." Here the doctor showed a handsome, velvet lined wooden case containing a cracked and seamed copper plate, but nothing more. The daguerreotype had vanished. Not a trace of a feature could be seen. The sunlight had stolen it away.

"You see," resumed the venerable doctor, "Daguerre, in making his pictures, used iodine, while we used iodine and bromide and vaporized them by pouring them on heated plates. The vapor lodging on the plate made it very sensitive to light. It required an exposure of 20 minutes to get any results, and I sat before the mirror, the reflected sunlight in my face, for that length of time. And naturally when the picture was finished it showed me with closed eyes. But automatic picture making of human beings was an accomplished fact, and Mrs. Draper was the first woman upon whom it was demonstrated and I the first man."—New York Photo-Era.

Klondike Ice Goes Out.

Late Saturday afternoon the ice jam at the mouth of the Klondike broke and the massive blocks that had been collecting there for several days moved into the Yukon and started under the ice on the journey to the sea. Except for large pieces on occasional bars, the Klondike is now free from ice several miles up and as far as reports have been obtained.

If past precedents are to be relied upon, the Yukon will follow the example of the Klondike very soon; but it is very hard to ascertain just what past precedents have been established. Some people who have been here several years say that the Yukon invariably follows the Klondike within three days while the others who have been here equally long, say that five or six days elapse between the clearing of the two rivers. Those who were here last year and witnessed the starting of the ice on May 17th say a large mass came sweeping down from up the river; that for some distance above the mouth of the Klondike the Yukon was open; that the heavy mass struck the solid mass in front of the city as it now is; that for a few moments it was a test of weight and strength as to whether the moving mass would stop at the stationary body move. It took but a short time to decide the matter when in a solid mass and apparently without a break or crack except along the shores the surface of the entire river began to slowly move along. The big mass remained intact, the various trails lead-

ing across it moving along without a break until the point was reached where the current crosses to the bank in the neighborhood of St. Mary's hospital where the bow of the big floating area struck the bank, when there was a general quiver and the entire body went to pieces in a moment. That evening a big jam blockaded the river in front of the city for several hours, but during the night it broke; for two days there was considerable floating ice passing down, after which navigation for the season and the river were declared by several dozen self-constituted harbor master to be duly open.

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