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VINDICATES HIS RULE IN THE YUKON

W. W. B. McInnes Proved That the Charge Made Against Him Was False—Reviewed the Facts.

(From Monday's Daily.)

An attempt of the Conservatives to deal what appeared to them to be a political death blow to W. W. B. McInnes in this present campaign has been completely met by the ex-governor of the Yukon and his friends who were not left entirely without warning that such was to take place. The plot against Mr. McInnes is an old one. Due notice that one was being hatched was given in the columns of the Times over two weeks ago in the strength of a Conservative who is contesting the election. Holding back until practically one week before election the Colonist sprung the alleged scandal only to have it met with the most frank explanation and the complete contradiction being given to the whole story.

Speaking at Vancouver on Saturday night, Mr. McInnes dealt with this question. The Times special correspondent reports his remarks on the question in the following account of the reception given the ex-governor: Amid a chorus of succeeding cheers which marked the high water mark of the present political campaign in this city, W. W. B. McInnes to-night at the Liberal rally completely refuted the charges brought against him in Saturday's issue of the Colonist.

He stated that while at Nanaimo recently he had received an anonymous letter stating that unless he desisted from his efforts to discredit the present provincial government there would be dealt him a blow which would sweep him from all hope of consideration at the hands of the electorate. "Whether this came from some male or female blackmailer or not I do not know," he said, "but I suppose the publication in the Colonist of the story that I had so conducted myself in the Yukon that a Liberal association had sent a petition to Ottawa asking for my removal, the favorable hearing of this plea by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, my resignation simply handed in to forestall a forced

never could have been sent by them. I do not stand here to-night to make this statement on my own account and without backing. In this hall is a gentleman associated with the organization I shall name who can certify that the statements I am making represent the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Then Mr. McInnes read a resolution of the Territorial Liberal Association adopted last November, reciting that it had come to his knowledge that a petition asking for the removal of Commissioner McInnes had been sent under its name to Ottawa. It recited that such document had never been authorized by the body, and regretted sincerely that its good name had been used in such an unwarranted manner. It utterly repudiated the communication, and expressed the utmost confidence in Mr. McInnes and his rule in the Yukon.

Following this was read the resolutions of the Yukon Liberal Association adopted at a meeting held November 10th, 1906. This stated that at the close of his second year of government the association desired to express the opinion that Mr. McInnes had conducted his rule in a conscientious and business-like manner, so that the confidence of the people of the Territory had been won completely. Copies of this resolution were ordered sent to Ottawa.

As further unsolicited approval of his rule, Mr. McInnes read a lengthy editorial in the Daily Alaskan of Skagway of January 6th, in which his regime was applauded without stint as promoting the best interests of his district. Finally, amid deafening cheers, Mr. McInnes read an autograph letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent at the time his resignation was before the government. This was in part as follows: "I desire to convey to you the sincere appreciation which the government feels at the manner in which you have discharged your duties in the important position which had been entrusted to you."

"If these are not enough to certify



NOT LOST, BUT GONE BEFORE.

The Premier—Alas, poor Bob! He was my soul's Jonathan, Captain. The Captain—Be resigned, Dick. He cannot come to us, but we will follow him on the 2nd.

J. A. MACDONALD AT GREENWOOD LIBERAL LEADER AND THE SOCIALISTS

G. N. Naden is Making a Good Race for Election—Very Popular in His Home Town.

Nelson, Jan. 28.—The Liberal leader, J. A. Macdonald, completed a triumphant tour of the Boundary country with a meeting at Greenwood on Saturday night, at which he made one of the most notable and most effective speeches of his campaign. A gang of noisy Socialists made an effort to capture the meeting, and made matters somewhat uncomfortable for all the speakers except Mr. Macdonald, who effectively tamed them in a few sentences.

G. N. Naden, the Liberal candidate, is very popular and his splendid record as mayor of Greenwood for three years practically assures his election. He made many votes by his uncompromising speech on Saturday, and Mr. Macdonald's magnificent effort also met with instant recognition. Greenwood is the safest Liberal seat in the Boundary, and will elect Mr. Naden with plenty to spare.

Mr. Gregory, in Grand Forks, is gaining strength every day, and although he has a big Socialist vote at Phoenix to overcome, is absolutely confident of success.

Mr. Macdonald speaks at Kaslo to-night, New Denver on Tuesday night, and then he goes home to Rossland.

LORD STRATHCONA Did Not Discuss Question of Retiring During His Visit to the Capital.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—Lord Strathcona left last night for New York, whence he sails to-day for Liverpool. His Lordship seemed in good health and spirits as he said farewell to a group of friends. It is now known that the question of Lord Strathcona's retiring was not discussed by him with the Premier, as it is generally conceded that the day of his withdrawing from public life will be retarded as long as possible.

It is understood that His Lordship will pay a return visit to Canada in the spring.

a political contest under the Liberal colors for any constituency in the Dominion.

Mr. McInnes alluded to the Green-Caron episode at some length. He asked pointedly why the attorneys of Mr. Green had not chosen the quick course of a criminal prosecution against the publishers of the charges. "In that case he said the evidence at hand would be forthcoming before the day of election, which possibly is not what was wanted. Under the slow process of the civil suit it may be a year before the facts are given to the public, if indeed the action does not die stillborn."

All the local candidates spoke at the meeting, and were received most heartily. A resolution might have been expected after the big meeting of last night, but the Liberal enthusiasm here is at such pitch that the hall was crowded to the doors and hundreds stood throughout the meeting.

PERISHED IN FLAMES. Mill Destroyed by Fire—Nine Persons Roasted to Death.

Hanover, N. H., Jan. 28.—Work in the ruins reveals the fact that at least nine mill workers were roasted to death, a dozen more were maimed for life and scores of others were imperilled in the \$200,000 fire which destroyed mill No. 1 of the Cocheo Manufacturing Company to-day.

RAISULLI SURROUNDED. Sultan's Troops Will Bombard the Fortress in Which Bandit Chief Has Taken Refuge.

Tangier, Jan. 28.—Operations for the pursuit of Raisuli will be begun to-day with a bombardment of Zella's fortress, in which Raisuli is surrounded. Large quantities of arms and ammunition have been forwarded to the front and a number of friendly tribes will participate in the attack.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE MEMBERS DIRECT STATEMENT MADE BY MEMBER

Macgowan Told Harry Jones of the Effort on the Part of the C. P. R.

Harper's Camp, Jan. 28.—Dr. Wade and the Liberal candidate, R. Yonston, held a meeting here last night, and were well received. There is every assurance of a Liberal majority. Champion Chas. Wilson's running mate was present and addressed the meeting. The feeling here is adverse to Mr. Wilson on account of his declining to state his reasons for his resignation and because he is a "carpet-bagger."

Yesterday Harry Jones, the Liberal candidate held a meeting at Keithley Creek, where he was assured of the hearty support of the miners. Before leaving for Keithley Mr. Jones was shown the Province article, which pretended to dispose of the story of the \$150,000 bribe offered to Messrs. Macgowan and Shattford by the C. P. R. as a campaign canvas. Mr. Jones said: "Mr. Macgowan told me himself that this sum was offered them for their support to the scheme to give a grant to the 'Nicola' line."

PITTSBURG TRAGEDY. Woman's Body Found Lying on Table in Her Room Burned to a Crisp.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 28.—Albert Houck found the body of his wife lying on a table of her room burned to a crisp when he returned home from work last night.

MAY BE DISQUALIFIED. Dr. E. Hall on Voters' Lists in Vancouver and Victoria.

Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Dr. Ernest Hall, one of the Labor candidates in Victoria, is on the voters' list here, as well as at the Capital. This disqualifies him as an elector, and in the opinion of legal authorities here also disqualifies him as a candidate.

YOUNG LIBERAL CLUB SMOKER ON FRIDAY IN WATSON'S THEATRE

An Enjoyable Time is Anticipated—Local Candidates and W. W. B. McInnes to Speak.

The Young Liberal Club has arranged for a grand smoker to be held on Friday evening, the night before election. The Watson theatre, formerly the Philharmonic hall, has been taken for the occasion, and with good speeches, good songs and good cigars, an enjoyable evening will be spent. The Young Liberals have earned an enviable reputation in the matter of smokers, and on this occasion the eyes of another victory the entertainment will be quite up to what the club has promoted in other years.

W. W. B. McInnes will be in attendance and will deliver a stirring address. The Liberal candidates for the city and others will also give short addresses.

This evening the Liberal candidates will address the electors of the North Ward at a meeting to be held in the school house. In addition to the candidates it is expected that some other speakers will also deliver addresses. The first one will be at Cedar Hill, commencing at 7.30, and the other at Boleskine road, beginning at 8 o'clock. D. M. Eberts, the Conservative candidate, has also promised to be present at the Boleskine road meeting.

LIBERAL PROSPECTS GOOD IN GOLDEN

A private letter received in Victoria from Golden says that not only will W. C. Wells be elected for Columbia, but that his Conservative opponent G. H. Parson will have difficulty in saving his deposit. Mr. Wells is very popular in the constituency and the Conservatives nominated a candidate only for the effect it would have in the committee rooms.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS. Unless Ministry Can Be Reformed Conservatives Will Be Called Into Power.

Madrid, Jan. 28.—King Alfonso is understood to have decided that unless the Marquis de Armiño is able to reform the cabinet, which resigned yesterday, he will call the Conservatives to power.

SWEETENHAM THANKS CANADA FOR AID

(Special to the Times) Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The Dominion government has received a cablegram from the governor of Jamaica thanking Canada for its contribution and stating that no aid is required except for rebuilding. The Dominion is replying that the balance of the money voted will be sent for building material instead.

CHILDREN SUFFOCATED. Gunboat Wrecked.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 28.—Two children, John Machak, three years old, and Mary Machak, five years old, were suffocated during a fire last night as they lay in bed while their mother was shopping.

THE REASON WHY GREEN RESIGNED

Premier McBride Gives a Frank Explanation of the Affair—Secret Out at Last.

Greenwood, Jan. 24.—At last the silence has been broken. At last a waiting province has received direct from the premier himself a full and complete explanation of the reasons for the resignation of Robert F. Green from the cabinet at Victoria—a resignation fraught with such portentous results to the government to which he was an ornament if not an honor. Not for Victoria was this honor, the honor of receiving the confidence of Premier McBride, not for Vancouver, nor yet for Nelson nor Rossland nor any other of the leading cities of the province. And this despite the fact that a dozen times he had been challenged at his meetings to give the explanation which he reserved for the electors of Similkameen, and for the great metropolis, Rock Creek.

Now that the premier has delivered himself of the dire and dark secret there can hardly be any further quarrel with him on this score. His statement is so clear, so limpid, so lucid, the language he used conveys so thoroughly the idea he wishes to express, the reason he gives is so entirely understandable and so thoroughly satisfactory that it should be accepted without reserve as the last word on the question. Although the premier undoubtedly realizes the truth of the old saying, "better never than late," his tardy statement should be accepted in all kindness and fairness. It is to be presumed that not until he had arrived at Rock Creek had he received from the redoubtable Robert permission to at last reveal the frightful secret.

It was at a meeting held in the interests of Shattford, Conservative candidate in Similkameen, Mr. G. R. Naden, Liberal candidate in Greenwood, attended the meeting, and at the close of his speech challenged and dared McBride to give the real reason for Green's resignation. Amid the wild

cheers of Conservatives who did not hesitate to point the finger at Naden, the doughty Dick, of Dewdney, divested himself of the following:

"Mr. Chairman, I will now answer Mr. Naden's question as to why Hon. Robert F. Green resigned from the chief commissionership of lands and works. Ladies and gentlemen, I have just returned from a tour of the Kootenays and from Mr. Green's former constituency. I find that all the old prospectors in the country think that Bob Green is the best friend they have ever had. I find that all the merchants and business people generally find in him a friend and respect him accordingly. I declare to you that Bob Green was the best chief commissioner of lands and works that British Columbia has ever seen, and the best answer to the question as to why he resigned is that if he should run again in his old constituency he would be returned by an overwhelming majority!"

What does it matter that Mr. Naden still wants to know why Bob Green resigned?

NOT ANXIOUS TO MAKE EXPLANATIONS

Nelson, Jan. 28.—The Nelson News to-morrow will say: "R. F. Green and Neil MacKay came here last night. Mr. Green was charged by the News with accepting \$37,000 in shares in the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate by its head, Sir Adolphe Caron, and explaining that shares were accepted by Mr. MacKay."

"Mr. Green refused to avail himself of our offer of our columns for his justification. Mr. MacKay also refused a similar offer to explain why he took the shares, and whether he still had them. This means Green's finish is a public man, and the defeat in Kaslo of Mr. MacKay."



DR. KING, Liberal Candidate in Cranbrook.

removal from office, is the bomb. If it is I am not in the least afraid of such an agency, for the story from beginning to end is nothing but a fabrication which can be easily disposed of.

"When I went to the Yukon I found some parties enjoying privileges there which seemed to me to be beyond their right and just position. I took such action as I deemed wise, and thus took them by the neck. The result was that they became sore and sought to work harm to my name. Two of these men I ought mention particularly, and the name of one would be well known to a large number of this audience. As a result of their disgruntled feelings they formulated a petition asking the Ottawa government for my removal. This was sent not in the individual name, but with the alleged endorse-

ment and approval of the Liberal Association.

"Immediately upon the receipt of the petition it was returned to me by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Thunderstruck at the stand it represented I sought the Liberal leaders and asked what it all meant. Imagine my feelings when I was informed that the petition had never been adopted or endorsed by the association. And I have here the documents to show that such a document to the justice of and satisfaction with my rule in the Yukon," continued Mr. McInnes, "I call upon my memory to make me live over again the memorable banquet tendered me before I left the district, an occasion I can never forget and which was a source of honest pride to me. In the face of these facts I have no hesitation in entering



C. W. MUNRO, Liberal Candidate in Chilliwack.

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