

The Bear Is Still There.

Address of R. P. McLennan to the Electors of the City of Dawson

When Leonard R. Dickerson, comes back to Chicago next month he may or may not come as a prospective millionaire and owner of a bonanza copper mine. He will at least bring back the story of the discovery of such a mine and he will have a good-sized piece of free copper to show for it. The mine from which he got the ore is somewhere on Michipicoten island, but the only point which Mr. Dickerson can definitely locate at present is as far from it as a bear can chase a boy in half an hour.

For Dickerson found the mine just about the time a bear found Dickerson, and when the latter finally got back to what passes up here for civilization he had lost all idea of the location of the land and the direction of the mine bore from the fishing settlement at which he arrived.

Dickerson is a young fellow who lives with relatives near Thirty-sixth street and Rhodes avenue in Chicago and who was graduated from a manual training school in 1900. He has been working on the northern peninsula, and having like many other young fellows, a desire to "see Hudson Bay," came across to Michipicoten about two weeks ago. "Mich" is the most northern summer resort on the continent, its owners assert, and in this cold season there is practically no one here but the workmen on the new railway toward Hudson Bay and a few prospectors.

Every one up here is metal-mad. The first man Dickerson met when he arrived had a pocketful of iron ores of red and black varieties, some 50 per cent. hematite, some 64 per cent. magnetite. Every one had something of the sort. Others had gold—there is, in fact, plenty of the yellow metal being mined, running even as high as \$40 to the ton, close up here. Others have zinc mines and some even nickel or tin indications. But the thing that appealed to Dickerson was the copper ore. Peacock blue, gray and free copper was to be seen for the asking. One miner had a streak of copper in quartz to show him at Otter Head. Another had some blue copper over toward Chapleau. But the tale that really caught his fancy was of the lost mine on the island. Michipicoten island is heavily wooded and twenty miles long, lying thirty miles from the harbor out in Lake Superior. It is a desolate spot, inhabited only by a few fishermen. There used to be a copper mine on it, but the miners could never find the "mother lode," so they gave it up. Dickerson decided to go and find it.

He had himself carried out there in a rowboat a couple of weeks ago. Just what he expected to find would be hard to say. As a matter of fact he found an irregular, rocky island covered with a stunted growth of cedar, spruce and hardwood, all mixed up in such a tangle that to penetrate it seemed almost impossible. Prospecting in such a place is extremely hard work, but Dickerson had a geological map of the place and he went bravely at it. He began a systematic search of the island as circumstances would permit, going out for two or three days at a time and then returning to the fishing camp.

It was on one of these exploration trips that he met the bear. "I was pretty well discouraged by that time," he said. "I had hunted till I was played out and had found not even indications of copper. So I went out for a final search before going home. I was careless and winding around in those ravines I forgot to 'twig' my trail and to keep track of where I was going. Climbing down the steep side of a hill—a regular precipice—I caught some bushes in my hand to steady me. They came away and a handful of rock with them and I went headlong down the hill, tearing my clothes and falling through trees and bushes forty feet or more. When I got to the bottom I picked myself up. Then I saw something green on a rock at my feet. It was copper, just as sure as you are living.

"Well, sir, there I had my copper mine. My heart went up into my mouth. I wanted to shout, but I couldn't. I just felt all filled up with something. Rich? Why, that must be a regular bonanza. I could see the vein in the rock overhead. I started in an instant to climb back to it, when I heard a growl and turned ground. And there was the bear.

"He looked big as a house to me. I never saw one outside of Lincoln park before. I suppose he wasn't really very big, but he was mad. One of the rocks had hit him—probably waked him up—and he thought I did it. I didn't wait to argue it with him. I felt for my pistol and found it was gone. So I went, too. I didn't suppose a bear could run fast, but that one certainly could. He chased me up and down hill, through the underbrush. Once I even ran through a brook, but he ran after me and almost caught me there. I didn't know where the camp was, nor how far away. I ran till I thought I should drop dead and all the while that bear shuffled along behind.

"Say, it was awful! His mouth was as big as a barn door. I kept looking back to see if he was any nearer. I didn't look once at the lay of the land—never thought of it. All I know is that I had been running half an hour when I stumbled into a

sort of clearing grown up with bushes, and there I was in the old mine camp. There was a cabin there with a door on that I had slept in and there was a little window in the cabin. The roof was pretty good. So I dived through the door, and quicker than anything I ever did before I climbed out, afraid the bear would get my feet before I got through it. As soon as I hit the ground I ran around and pulled the door shut. I didn't believe any bear could get through that little window.

"Well, I ran all the way from there to the fishing village—five miles. I came in looking like a wreck, I reckon, and told the fishermen about the bear. They wouldn't go after him, but gave me a gun and told me to go get him. So I went back up the trail with my hair almost on end and my hand shaking so I couldn't have hit a bear in two weeks. Luckily the bear was gone. He had got out through the roof. So I came back to the fishing camp.

"Now I've got to find that mine all over again. I don't know where it is any more than I did when I came here. It may be ten rods from the old mine, or it may be five miles. But it's there. And if I stay here until snow flies I'll find it."

Though Dickerson is sanguine old prospectors are not. Even if he does find it there may not be more than a pocket of copper. And if there is—why, the bear is still there, so what is he going to do?—Chicago News.

ROUSING M'LENNAN MEETING

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able to decide what to do with it—laughter.

The Most Unworthy interrupted at this point, and it is worthy of remark that the people booed and groaned and refused to hear a word he tried to say. Later on in the meeting the same thing occurred. This interference was taken by many as an evidence as to the position of Mr. Davidson during the last campaign and as to which candidate he gave his support, of which there has for some time been some doubt. After all the candidates had been heard the chairman said Mr. Davidson might have some thing he desired to explain, and if so time would be allowed him. Mr. Davidson made an impassioned attack in invidious terms but never referred in any way to that check or the position he had taken in the last or in any previous election. Evidently he is unable to say anything on these points.

D. W. Davis was loudly called after the conclusion of the speech by Mr. Grimes, and this, his first speech in the campaign, was on the whole a good one, although he received a trifling set back right at the commencement. He said they all knew his record, at which there were some "Oh, oh's" and laughter. He talked of sidewalks and garbage and firemen and police and all the rest of it, but carefully refrained from the dangerous subject of gambling and a wide open town.

Mayor Macaulay followed with an able speech in behalf of Tom Adair. He said that if he were out for the salary graft he should be running again for mayor. He did not think \$4000 or \$5000 any too much to give the mayor. He was sure he had made nothing out of it. He reviewed the course of the council for the past year, and when he got to the subject of licensing he remarked that his "genial friend Rev. McRae" had complained of being taxed too high. As a matter of fact he had not been taxed high enough. He then read a few figures to prove this, and the fact that the rev. gentleman was in two or three concerns which had imported goods here.

Later on in the meeting Mr. McCrae attempted to deny this statement but Mr. Macaulay said he had the proof there and then the rev. gentleman tried to tell a funny story. Among the other speakers were Messrs. Arnold, Jones, Timmins, Norquay, Strong, Reichelbach, Cadieux, Wilson, McKinnon, Johnson, Robertson, Murphy, Brimston, Greene and Cresswell. The feature of the latter's address was a statement that he was assessed for \$20,000, and that the whole of the News' aldermanic ticket only footed up to \$20,550.

Altkorn D. W. Shannon made an able speech to close the meeting and showed that he was a "practiced orator." He made one of the best speeches for the success of Mr. McLennan, that has been heard during the campaign. It was argumentative and forceful, and placed the candidate in the best possible light before the people. The applause which burst forth every time Mr. McLennan was mentioned was a good indication of the temper of the meeting and of the large majority that candidate for mayor would seem certain of receiving.

Many Mines Flooded

Tamaqua, Pa., Dec. 16.—Nearly all the mines in this section are flooded as the result of the heavy rainstorm which has prevailed in this section since last night. On this account it is believed the shipments to market from this section between now and the first of the new year will be small.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Having allowed my name to go before you as a candidate for the mayoralty I deem it proper to publicly intimate the grounds upon which I ask your suffrages. I am strongly of the opinion that municipal government should be conducted on the same lines as the affairs of any large mercantile institution, and accordingly that political methods should be discarded in favor of business principles. I propose accordingly in this campaign to be and remain entirely independent of any ticket in order that my hands may be free to take action upon any business arising in the council, relying on the electors to strengthen my hands by the choice of an efficient body of aldermen fairly representing the various interests and localities of the city.

I do not consider that there are any great permanent abuses resulting from the administration of the retiring council. I accordingly do not advocate any radical changes and I am strongly opposed to a trimming and shifting policy, as I believe that a system once adopted cannot be altered without causing unjustifiable injury to individuals. I especially will follow the footsteps of my predecessor in maintaining and increasing the present high efficiency of the fire department and I will strongly oppose any attempt towards removing the policing of the city from the strong hands of the Northwest Mounted Police. At the same time I will insist on and expect no difficulty in securing the strict enforcement by them of all city bylaws and regulations.

I will also further and extend to the city limits in a systematic manner the public works in the way of streets and sewers inaugurated by the last council and will endeavor to have the funds available for such improvements expended without unduly favoring any section.

I consider that at the earliest moment the city should move in the

To the Electors of Electoral District No. 2 in Yukon Terr.

To the Electors of Electoral District No. 2 in the Yukon territory:

Gentlemen,—You have already learned that I am before you as a candidate for election to the Yukon territorial council, for our district. In asking for your support, I would point out that ever since coming to the north in 1898 I have been in the closest touch with all classes of our people, especially with the miners, on the trail, on the claim, and in the camp. It is not too much for me to say that there is no one in the country who has had better opportunities to get the miners' point of view, a knowledge of their grievances and also of their desires and suggestions as to the proper remedies.

It is because of this intimate knowledge of our people and their needs, and because I believe that I can properly serve your interests, that I ask you to give me your support throughout the campaign and your votes on election day.

I promise to be the unwavering advocate of a pure, progressive and generous policy, a supporter of every measure for the good of our people, and the outspoken and fearless critic of every measure which I consider either wrong or unwise.

The general policy which I shall favor is as follows:

1. A wholly elective council with extended powers, and the making of the council a medium through which the Dominion government shall be advised as to its Yukon policy.

2. The establishment of a government assay and gold purchasing office in the Yukon.

Panic in Caracas

Caracas, Dec. 30.—A notification that the blockade of Venezuelan ports by the allies would be made effective today was transmitted to the Venezuelan government this morning by the British consul at La Guayra. The announcement was not expected, and caused a commercial panic. The rate of exchange jumped five points. The people here are still ignorant of the answer of the allied governments to the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties.

The government has knowledge of the answer through the United States' legation, but it is puzzled by the wording, and, moreover, cannot understand why, if Germany and Great Britain have accepted the arbitration proposal, the blockade should have been effective the same day that their announcement is made.

The French charge d'affaires, M.

matter of securing from the government the title to the water front property within the city limits and if elected I will use my best endeavors to secure for the city this remunerative asset and have strong hopes that with a proper presentation the city's claims will receive favorable treatment.

I will not now deal with the smaller details of city government. If elected it will be my business to acquaint myself thoroughly with all details, and I will personally investigate all sources of city revenue with a view to an equitable adjustment of taxation and will also check all leakages in expenditures.

Before closing I wish to mention two matters which may demand a personal explanation:

1. I am in favor of a reduction of the allowances to the mayor and aldermen to the respective sums of \$3000 and \$1000. I consider that these amounts would fairly indemnify these officers for their loss of time.

2. As is well known I have an interest though not a controlling one in the Dawson City Water Company. I deem it entirely sufficient for me to state that I regard the office of mayor as one of trust and will not allow personal consideration to effect my public conduct. There is no contract now running between the company and the city and I do not anticipate any occasion for dealings between them.

In conclusion I wish to thank my friends for the many promises of support which I have received and to assure all who support me that if elected I will endeavor to make the next year's administration a prosperous one for the city and will devote to that object my best energies and such personal care and attention as my business experience has shown me are necessarily inseparable from the financial success of any institution.

Your obedient servant,
R. P. McLENNAN.

nee treats the matter as not raising any essential difficulty and as being within precedent, since Secretary Sherman made a similar reservation in the Cretan blockade. The precise status of American vessels under the blockade will be defined in an official notification. The newspapers here today print long despatches, indicating that British public opinion is against the partnership with Germany in connection with the coercion of Venezuela, and the papers are evincing a certain amount of pique. They suggest that Germany would have done better to act alone, and say the German government must think twice on a future occasion before agreeing to act with Great Britain.

Political Announcements YUKON TERRITORY.

Dr. Alfred Thompson

Is a candidate for the Yukon council from the Dawson district. The support of the electorate is respectfully requested.

FOR MEMBER OF THE YUKON COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 1.

A. J. Prudhomme

MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT

J. C. Larsen's Vacant Store, So. Dawson

In the interests of the candidature of

R. P. McLENNAN

All candidates for mayor and aldermen are invited to be present and participate in the meeting.

CITY OF DAWSON.

VOTE FOR R. P. McLENNAN

For Mayor of Dawson, 1903.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR 1903, D. W. DAVIS.

VOTE FOR

James F. Macdonald FOR ALDERMAN

Candidate FOR ALDERMAN 1903

J. A. GREENE

Candidate FOR ALDERMAN 1903

H. C. Norquay

DR. A. E. EDWARDS

Candidate for

ALDERMAN, 1903

Monogram Hotel AND STORE

No. 6 Below Chicken Creek, Alaska.

Good meals, good beds, good bath. Scott C. Holbrook, proprietor. Take cut-off at the mouth of Lost Chicken which brings you to the door and saves you three miles travel on the river.

Saves American Ships

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hay's note excepting American ships from certain restrictions of the Venezuelan blockade is favorably received by the German government. The foreign of-

For Member of the YUKON COUNCIL Dawson District No. 1.

C. W. C. TABOR

For Yukon Council

Candidate for District No. 1, which includes Dawson, Fortymile, Miller, Glacier and Boucher.

WM. THORNBURN

If elected I shall endeavor in every matter to act for the general good of this territory, and I trust my many friends will give me their vote and influence.

FOR YUKON COUNCIL

To the Electors of Electoral District No. 2

Gentlemen,—I hereby announce myself a candidate for election as one of your representatives in the Yukon territorial council and solicit your votes and influence in my behalf.

JOHN PRINGLE.

Bonanza, 30th Dec. 1902.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR 1903

Thos. Adair

Vote for PETER VACHON For Alderman.

Vote for JOHN L. TIMMINS

For Alderman. He stands for a clean administration and a judicious expenditure of the people's money. He makes no pre-election pledges but will treat conditions as they arise to the best of his humble ability.

TO THE VOTERS

At the solicitation of my friends I will be a candidate for alderman at the ensuing municipal election. Your votes and assistance are solicited.

H. E. A. Robertson.

FRANK N. JOHNSON

Candidate for

ALDERMAN, 1903

Candidate for ALDERMAN 1903,

A. LA LANDE.

Candidate

For Alderman

1903.

Dr. Z. Strong,

V. S.

Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Requested for

ALLAYNE JONES

As Alderman for 1903

Candidate for ALDERMAN

1903,

R.H.S. Cresswell

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