

CITIZENS' MEETING

The Savoy Theatre Crowded by Those Favoring Elective Council

COMMITTEE ON TOP AS USUAL

Charles Macdonald Makes a Bid for Popularity.

LOTS OF HOT AIR ON TAP.

Daily News Gets Off the Fence and Sees Allegiance to "De Gang" and Their Ideas.

"Whoop!" Hurrah, for de gang! If you're not wid us you're agin us. Those are the slogans taken up by the Kid Committee and the devoted satellites following in the wake of the more luminous of the ring-leaders.

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred Thompson and Mr. George Black was prevailed upon to hold down the secretary's chair. Seats and a table were graciously provided for the press and when all was in readiness some one said: "play down the heat and wit and wisdom began."

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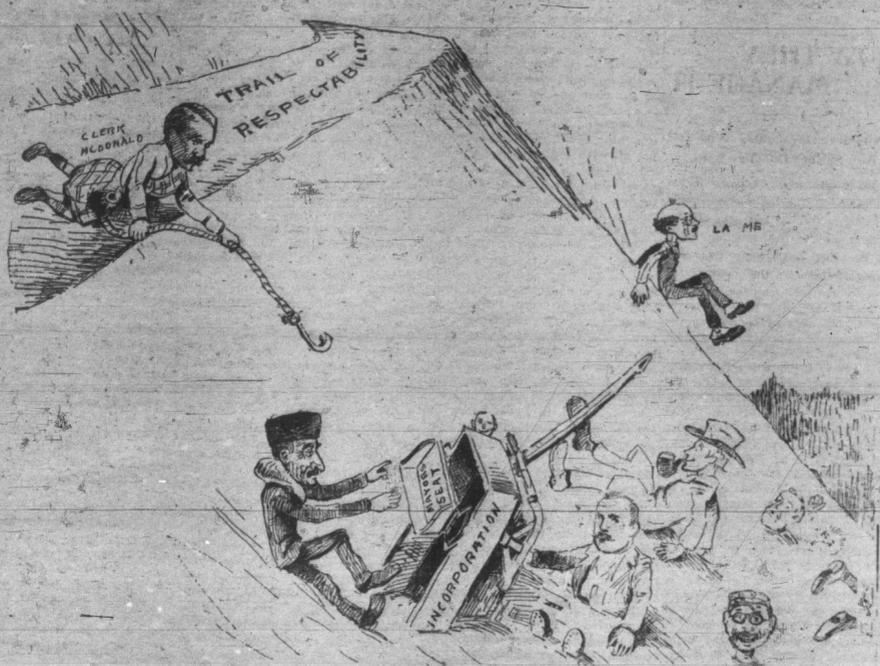
assembly, they, as of yore, refused to be bottled up, but were there with their "hand-it-to-me" faces all aglow with the consciousness of being seen and heard. A careful search through the audience revealed only a few dozen people who were vitally interested in the city's welfare. The round features of Tom Chisholm were visible in the uncertain light, but he occupied a seat far in the rear of the gallery and was but a silent spectator.

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NOTICE

Those who are not on the voting list and are entitled to vote and are in favor of being governed by a commission will kindly hand in their names at the Taxpayers' Committee Rooms in rear of Bank Saloon before Tuesday noon, December 31.

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THE CANNY SCOT: "I'LL GIVE YOU THE ROPE IF YOU ALLOW ME TO OCCUPY THE SEAT."

pressible beauties of being governed by a mayor and council and dwell long and eloquently upon the heavenly privilege accorded every Canadian citizen to cast a ballot (providing he had paid his taxes). The speaker was frequently interrupted by tumultuous applause, the Evaporated Kid in his exuberance crying out "Dat's de stuff." Amid a fanfare of buzzards Mr. Donaghy retired and James McKinnon, the Boy Wonder of Altha, was called upon.

Mr. McKinnon prefaced his remarks by stating that he had not intended to speak; in fact, he had emphatically declared himself that he would not speak; he had made up his mind that he would not speak, and it was only at the earnest solicitation of his friends that he now consented to appear on the platform. Just why Mr. McKinnon was so determined to hide his shining light under a bushel was not apparent, and that he was so easily dissuaded from his original good intention shows lack of stability. The speaker stated that he in company with other members of the incorporation committee spent the past 36 hours in digging up and tabulating a supplementary voters' list of 647 names, every one of whom had been visited personally in the interests of the good cause. In consequence of such exhaustive efforts he was not in condition to speak and would leave that for others of larger interests who would address the audience more fully. (Cries of Hear! Hear!) He had, however, a few words which he wished to say in regard to the comment recently made by the press upon the question. It was admitted that he did not have as much money as some people, but he did have the right to speak in public as long as anyone chose to listen to him and upon such occasions he had always been heard courteously. He had been one of the committee to call on Governor Ross in regard to the supplementary list and had been promised by that gentleman that he would do the best he could for him. The speaker then took a fall out of the White Pass road by saying if their freight traffic was reduced one cent a pound the amount in one year saved would equal five years' taxes. Just what

connection there was between the statement and the question at issue was not apparent, but it was doubtless there. The audience was informed if they wanted self-government to go to the polls on January 9 and say yes; or, another gem of pellucid brilliancy not comprehensible to those except in the possession of a colossal intellect. He had not prepared a speech; he was too tired to talk; played out, but the Boy Wonder expired at the plate.

Charles Macdonald was next called for. He had been seen in the hall a few minutes before, but had just steplessly declared himself that he would not speak; he had made up his mind that he would not speak, and it was only at the earnest solicitation of his friends that he now consented to appear on the platform. Just why Mr. McKinnon was so determined to hide his shining light under a bushel was not apparent, and that he was so easily dissuaded from his original good intention shows lack of stability. The speaker stated that he in company with other members of the incorporation committee spent the past 36 hours in digging up and tabulating a supplementary voters' list of 647 names, every one of whom had been visited personally in the interests of the good cause. In consequence of such exhaustive efforts he was not in condition to speak and would leave that for others of larger interests who would address the audience more fully. (Cries of Hear! Hear!) He had, however, a few words which he wished to say in regard to the comment recently made by the press upon the question. It was admitted that he did not have as much money as some people, but he did have the right to speak in public as long as anyone chose to listen to him and upon such occasions he had always been heard courteously. He had been one of the committee to call on Governor Ross in regard to the supplementary list and had been promised by that gentleman that he would do the best he could for him. The speaker then took a fall out of the White Pass road by saying if their freight traffic was reduced one cent a pound the amount in one year saved would equal five years' taxes. Just what

principle. The objection is and has been made to the people who have been prominent in the movement. (Loud cheers.) "First decide," he continued, "if you want an elective mayor and council or an appointed commission; if the former, then it is for the people to say who shall go forward and serve the city, and there is no fear but what the right man will appear."

Chairman Thompson at this juncture stated the meeting was an open one and he extended an invitation to anyone favoring the appointive commission to come to the platform and speak upon the subject. No one replied and Dr. Lachapelle and also J. U. Nicol were called upon, but they too, failed to materialize. A few remarks were appealed to by Mr. McKinnon, who was reluctant to mount the stage. He said "I would not take him long to express his sentiments. He was in favor of an elective mayor and council. That was all."

Jeff Davison was next up. He strange to relate, likewise thought well of the elective council idea and had noticed that two of the newspapers were opposed to the proposed civic control, but considered that their opposition had been more against the men at the front than the idea itself. (Loud cheers.) The principle of self-government and elective franchise is one which the good people of Scotland, Ireland and England had fought, bled and died for. Ugh! Plenty of good material here; credit to any council in any city in the world. A Greek philosopher once said, "Man was born to be a citizen," and it was generally conceded he was onto his job when he passed the remark. If at the election of mayor and aldermen the people don't elect good and reputable men for the offices it is their own fault and any kind of government is good enough for them.

George Brinistone and A. J. Prudhomme thought incorporation a good thing and so did George Black. A couple of unimportant resolutions were feebly passed, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Jackson for the use of his theatre and the meeting of the great unwashed came to an end.

Joseph Binet and Ed Port were called for and both appeared, each for five consecutive seconds. Then the unexpected happened. Some one called for "Barney" Sugrue and the cry became general. The chairman looked bewildered, for that, for obvious reasons, was not down on the bills, but as there was no way out of the dilemma, "Barney" appeared and smiling benignly upon his titillated in the front row of seats. He said: "I will now give you an exhibition of what will be termed in Monday's paper as hot air," and "Barney" never held an untruth in all his life. He said there was not much left to say, gave Webster's definition of the word "incorporation," and remarked that the juggling of the voters' list would have done credit to Del Adelphia.

Jas. F. Macdonald stated he had followed the incorporation movement closely since it was first proposed and would stay with it until hell froze over, or words to that effect. Col. Chas. Reichbach, the hero of a hundred unlovely battles, confessed that he was not an orator, and deviated from the usual practice of public speakers who generally say they did not expect to be called upon and were consequently unprepared. The colonel came loaded, judging from the bunch of notes he held in his

Poppies," another one, "Manhattan," followed. Then the tableau "Blue Beard's Wives" was given. Next the charade "Masses for Measure." Then another tableau, "The Flour of the Family," and the program was finished by two Biblical characters, "Cain and Able," after which coffee and cake was served and all left that life was still worth the living.

BRITISH SUBJECTS

Were Speedily Made in Court This Morning.

Mr. Justice Dugas sat in chambers this morning and admitted as British subjects J. W. Stingle, Vincent Schwartz, David Kay, Martin Troitz, W. H. Welsh, J. D. Murray, W. J. Burnett, W. T. Powell, Tobias Valner, C. Geo. Johansson, Chas. Schaefer, Rachel A. Misener, Jacob Jacson, J. P. Hubrick, Vincenz Fabris and George de Lion. Prior to the reading of the list and the oath of allegiance by Deputy Clerk McKay his lordship stated that the form being followed was not strictly in accord with the act, that all that was necessary was for the judge to know that the facts set out in the certificates were correct and such certificates would be signed. Regarding one of the applications his lordship said there had been an affidavit filed objecting to the admission of Mr. de Lion as a subject of Great Britain. "I will not read the affidavit," said his lordship, "I have known Mr. de Lion ever since he has been in the country, and am sure he is just as worthy if not more so to become a British subject than many who are already such. I will pay no attention to this," and the calm and frivolous document was thrown aside.

JUVENILE MINSTRELS

Will Reproduce Entertainment at New Savoy.

At the request of many who witnessed the juvenile minstrel entertainment at the A. B. hall where it was produced three nights ago, the director Nat Darling has consented to reproduce it Wednesday, New Year's night at the New Savoy, when the play in its entirety will be seen at its best. Application for seats and boxes should be made early as there is no doubt but that the house will be packed.

MAIL IS COMING

Passed Selwyn at 3 P. M. on Yesterday.

A consignment of incoming mail consisting of 701 pounds passed Selwyn yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and should reach Stewart this afternoon. If as good time is made as was made by the stage which reached Dawson Christmas eve, the mail should arrive tomorrow evening, but owing to the extreme cold it is not likely that the previous record will be equaled.

HAD MERRY CHRISTMAS

Bonanzites Enjoy Themselves on 22 Above.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Cowley on 22 above Bonanza on Christmas night. A program was prepared on the spur of the moment which was enjoyed to the fullest extent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William M. Cowley and son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Desire Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lowden, Miss Ida Goth, and Messrs. Matt. Erguer, M. D., John Bjorklund, Sam Means, Andrew Khooas, Chas. W. Phelps, Fred Freeman, G. E. Keasey and Lord James Drummond.

Just before the program was begun Mr. Samuel Means was surprised by the announcement of his wife, who had just arrived in Dawson over the ice. Sam was as well pleased as he was surprised, and although Mrs. Means was tired and weary from her long trip she entertained the audience by relating some interesting scenes that transpired on her trip to the country, which was enjoyed by all. But Mrs. Sam Means turned out to be Mr. W. M. Cowley, who had slipped out and dressed himself up in his wife's clothes and carried the part out to perfection. Then followed the charade, "S. A. on Man," after which was a humorous reading by Mrs. Cowley entitled, "Soreless Sores." Then there was another charade, "The Physician." Mrs. Lowden read Will Cutler's "First Settler's Story." Messrs. Ivey, Cowley and Lowden took part in a charade called "A Bunch of

"YUKONA" WINS PRIZE

In Nugget's Contest for Suitable Song of Yukon's Praises

Twenty-two Productions Offered

Many of Which Contained Both Sentiment and Merit

Three Scribes Are Judges

Giving Award to "Yukona" by "Ottawa" - Miss Emogene Colman, Late of Wisconsin.

The Nugget's Yukon song contest in which a prize of \$50 was offered for the best production suitable to be set to music for a song to sing the praises of the Yukon, was a spirited one, twenty-two productions having been submitted. The contest was open only about three weeks, closing on the 20th of the present month, at which time the twenty-two productions sent in were turned over to a committee of three men, one from each of the daily papers of Dawson, W. A. Beddoe, of the News, Weston Coyney of the Sun, and E. J. White of the Nugget. The members of the committee had no knowledge of the names of the various authors, nor will they know the name of the person to whom they awarded the prize until they read this article. The name of the winning song and signed at the close is "Ottawa."

The following is the report of the committee after careful perusal of the twenty-two productions submitted: Editor Nugget:

Your committee begs to give its decision in favor of "Yukona," for the reason that it comes nearer to the limitations set for the contest. Out of the twenty-two manuscripts handed in there were several that were excellent compositions, but they were not songs. The best of these is "The Land of the Northern Star," "Great Yukon House" is also chosen by the committee for special mention.

W. A. Beddoe, Weston Coyney, E. J. White.

The author of "Yukona" is Miss Emogene Colman, a young lady who arrived in Dawson on the 30th day of last September and who is now residing with her brother, an importer and commission dealer, their home being on the corner of Eighth avenue and Dupas street. Miss Colman is a native of the state of Wisconsin. Eight years ago she graduated from Chapman's seminary in New York, since which time up to two years ago she pursued the study of art in New York and Philadelphia, for which profession she showed marked ability. Unfortunately her eyesight, being very strong, began to fail her and she was forced to forego the pursuit of her chosen career. Her eyes miraculously recovering she took up literary work and was winning for herself quite a reputation in her native state, Wisconsin, when last fall at the solicitation of her brother, who had been here for three years, she came to Dawson to spend the winter and incidentally to acquire knowledge and experience that will aid her in literary pursuits.

As soon as possible "Yukona" will be set to music and published in the Nugget, and if the composer of the latter is as successful as the author of the words, the Yukon will have in "Yukona" something that will be to her what the "Maple Leaf" is to Canada.

CHALLENGE RECEIVED

Forks Debating Society After the Scalp of Dawson.

The debating society organized a short time ago has received a challenge from a similar society at the Forks which is broad enough for anyone. Rev. John Pringle is the leader of the gambler thus thrown down, the challenge being for a debate on any subject at any time and any place. The challenge will doubtless be accepted and an interesting meeting is anticipated. At the next meeting of the society three papers will be read by persons selected by the committee. One will be on "Hobbies," another on "Pitior Mining in Europe," and the third will be on "Arctic Exploration." Messrs. Dr. Brown, Congdon and Coleman are on the committee. Messrs. Spurling and Hamilton will look after the music and other features.

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