

A LOVE FEAST

Was What Took Place at The Very Quiet Meeting Last Evening

BY YUKON PARTY SUPPORTERS.

Harmony Reigned Supreme As There Was No Opposition.

BARNEY SUGRUE GOT MONEY

And Frank Buteau Broke His Suspenders During a Flight of Oratory.

The meeting in the Orpheum last evening was attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd, though the attendance in the balcony was noticeably smaller than Monday evening.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Mr. McFarlane announced that the meeting was under the auspices of Candidates Wilson and Prudhomme.

Ben Ferguson made an announcement concerning the opening of the house.

Mr. Davidson was chosen chairman of the evening and returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him and regretted that he would be thereby debarred from addressing the audience upon the issues involved. He closed his remarks by calling upon Mr. Woodworth as the first speaker.

Mr. Woodworth arose with alacrity from where he had been sitting upon his hat and said that it was his desire to confine himself to the issues of the campaign and avoid personalities. He said there was a law in the territories which said that it was a crime to steal, and he thought the same principle should apply in the case of the campaign. He referred to an incident which occurred at a recent meeting on Bonanza, where Mr. Noel and Mr. Weldon C. Young, are alleged to have resorted to what Mr. Woodworth credited Mr. Young with having said was a campaign lie.

"Let us not," he said, "precipitate a race war here, but let us elect English speaking men in the persons of Alexander Prudhomme and Arthur Wilson."

"This platform (referring to that of O'Brien and Noel) seems to have been written all across it."

The speaker addressed the audience at considerable length, and made a strong bid for the vote of the miner by telling of the reforms his party was in favor of, and picking out the weaker spots in the opposition platform.

He wanted a search light turned upon the past actions of government officials, and he wanted the mining records thrown open to public inspection. "We are proud that we are Canadians, but we are ashamed that we have to apologize for the past three years' record in the Yukon."

He was frequently greeted with applause.

"If Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Noel are elected a howl will go up from one end of Canada to the other that the government's policy in the Yukon is sustained by the people, and the howlers have been turned down," he said, and voices in the audience were heard crying "never."

Mr. Prudhomme then addressed the meeting, saying that he would take but very little time from the speakers, as he had had a hard weeks' campaigning and was tired.

He said there was little difference in the platforms, because one was copied from the other.

"You are told," he said, "that it is not so much as the men. But you want to look at the past records of the men."

He regretted that Mr. Wilson, his colleague in the fight, was not present, but asked his friends who would vote for him to vote for Mr. Wilson also.

He closed his remarks with a short address in French.

Barney Sugrue received the ovation of the evening. A stranger would have supposed that he was a popular candidate. He referred to his reception on a former occasion when the opposition

had turned the lights out first and thrown nails at him in the dark. "I did not come into this country to have nails thrown at me in the dark," he said, "I came here to get a fair show, and I haven't had it yet." He referred to silver coin in relation to the nails, and some one threw a half dollar upon the stage and Barney began looking to see where it went, but was motioned not to by the chairman.

The speaker, with his usual wit, kept the audience laughing for the half hour taken up by his address. He scored Mr. Wade and said in closing that he should be passed up like a white chip as he didn't count anyway. The independent ticket, he said was being run on jawbone, and when it was all over some digging would be necessary to pay the bills. The opposition was being run on principles of extortion.

When he closed he received a long round of applause.

At the call of the chair, Dr. Thompson crawled out of his overcoat and hat and said that when he came to the meeting he did not know that he had anything to say, but that he believed it to be the duty of every citizen who had his country's good at heart should say what he felt to be right on all matters affecting the public good.

He then went on to enlarge at some length upon the birth and growth of the platform of the Yukon party ticket, saying that it was the outcome of the agitation which led to the forming of the citizens' committee.

Dr. Thompson referred to Mr. O'Brien as one who had milked the government cow dry. He was the man who could go to Ottawa and get legislation and liquor permits, and opposed to him was Arthur Wilson, who had come to the country to develop it. He did not think that there should be any more professional men on the Yukon council. This was in reference to Mr. Noel's candidacy.

Frank Buteau spoke in the interests of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Noel.

Up to this time the meeting had been very harmonious, but the speaker was interrupted many times. Dr. Catto in making his way past a large tin reflector at the stage entrance produced considerable stage thunder, and the speaker's suspenders broke. He held up his ticket for today's election and the chairman had to ask the audience to allow the gentleman to finish his remarks.

C. S. Barwell then addressed the audience briefly, and was followed by Dr. Catto, who said that today he had been spoken to during the day by a member of the Yukon council who had said: "Suppose you do elect your men, what can they do? Supposing we simply say to them we will not act upon your advice?"

"I smile," said the speaker, "because I contend that one man can block the Yukon council—a half a man can block it!"

He dwelt some time upon the assay office as one of the chief issues, as opposed to the banks.

Mr. McCaul was called for by the audience and responded by saying that he was ashamed of himself for not having taken any interest in the politics of the territory till within the past few days.

He believed that the citizens' committee had accomplished great good by its agitation, and he thought that the general plan adopted by that organization was the most successful one which could be adopted.

He referred to the election of the Yukon party candidates as the thin end of the entering wedge. Of course he assumed that the election referred to was a foregone conclusion. The speaker referred to the opposition as apologists for the government for its Yukon territory.

Col. McGregor (not being chairman) was at liberty to speak. He did so. He said he didn't know that there was anything left to be said, so he began by relating an anecdote having to do with the lengthy legs of a schoolboy's trousers and whose duty it was to cut them off. The place where the laugh should have been at the end of his funny story, was filled by a large aching void. The audience was getting tired and evidently believed with the colonel that there was nothing left to be said, and left in large numbers.

"Now, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I don't think I will keep you any longer," said the speaker in closing and a large round of applause followed.

James McKinnon told the audience that tomorrow there might be other objections raised, besides the usual questions, if they were known to be active Prudhomme and Wilson participants.

He touched upon crooked political practices and whisky permits, and closed by assuring the people that it was only necessary to stand together to elect the ticket as it stood.

Many violent cases of cold feet were noticeable about this time, and it was becoming evident that the meeting was not warm enough to keep the thermometer from falling below the tolerance point.

A. F. George said that he was a news-

paper man and everyone knew it, and while he couldn't speak in public he was never asked to do anything that he didn't attempt it. Therefore he spoke. Mr. George said he had been wielding a pick and shovel up on Bonanza creek, and that he was in touch with the miners. He said also that every time he had to renew his free miners' license he wondered what he was getting for his money. He closed his remarks by some advice concerning the softness of the vote today.

Then Mr. Woodworth proposed a vote of confidence in the Yukon party candidates, and the whole crowd, or what was left of it, sang "God Save the Queen," and everyone began hustling to find a stove with fire in it.

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