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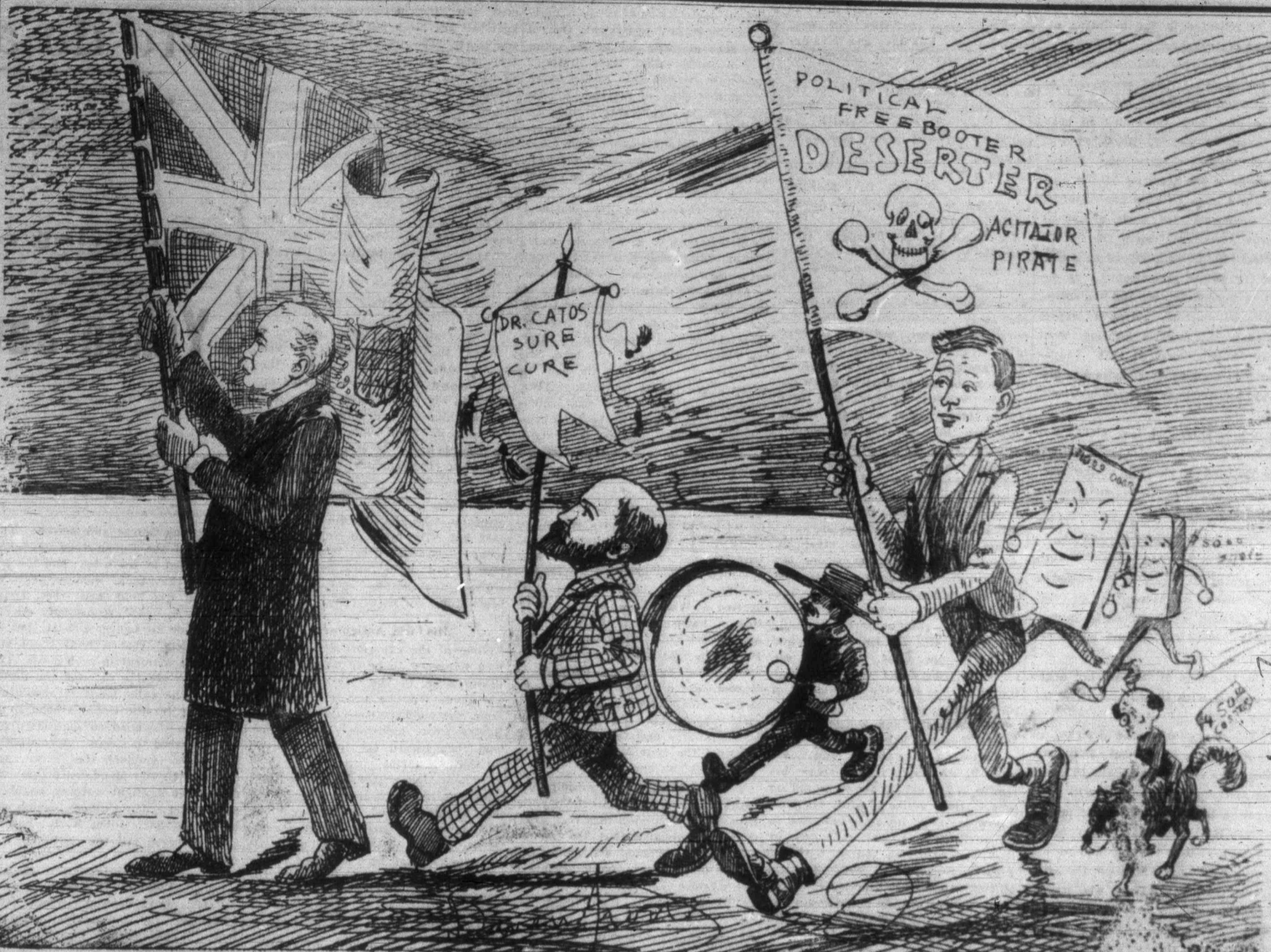
WAS A GRAND ROSS MEETING

Death Knell of Opposition Rung—J. A. Clarke's Record Exposed and Hundreds of Votes Made for Ross—The Foul Attack on Judge Dugas Was Most Disgusting.

To the supporters of James Hamilton Ross the result of the great meeting given by their committee in the B hall last night was gratifying in its most enthusiastic degree. Those of them who had any doubts of the capacity of the central committee in the conduct of the campaign, were last night completely satisfied at the wisdom of the policy which the committee seems to have adopted. The opposition party has been boasting in its own conclusions and on the public platform that it has no need of committees or to be organized, that it can do more effective work by foregoing the meetings of the supporters of Mr. Ross. That it is necessary for them to go to the expense of hiring halls when they can pack with their boosters the hall hired by the Ross men, and can take the platform and hold it with their own speakers so as to give those who called the meeting little or no time in which to make their unimpassioned and moderate arguments.

The Ross party seems to have decided to give up to the opposition of that the latter may gain by chicanery, and last night demonstrated the wisdom of this policy. More votes were made last night for Mr. Ross and the principles he represents in this campaign by Joseph Andrew Clarke than by any other speaker. This was forcefully pointed out by Mr. Auguste Noel, and the statement was cheered to the echo. While Clarke was speaking the hall was in a continual tumult of indignant protest against his vulgar language and coarse personal abuse. It was called to the speakers' attention that there were a number of ladies present, but he, he said, was talking to men, and as an indication of what set of men he held up Moses McFinger and Joe Gibson as models of quality and cleanliness.

Mr. Donaghy opened the very modest meeting by calling upon Mayor Macaulay to take the chair, and as the mayor did so he was warmly cheered. He made an excellent chairman, insisting that all the other speakers, in spite of the loud



PRESENT RELATIVE POSITIONS OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE RACE FOR PARLIAMENT.

ATTORNEY HAGEL ADDRESSES THE JURY.

La Belle Sticks to His Story Although Occasionally Contradicting Himself Upon Minor Points—Exhibits Signs of Nervousness While Being Cross Examined—Attorney Makes Brilliant Effort in His Behalf.

Counsel for the defense finished the direct examination of Edward La Belle yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the crown immediately took up the cross examination. It was a hard day for the accused as he was on the rack all day long from 10 o'clock in the morning until 6:30 in the afternoon, the hour that court adjourned for the day. The consensus of opinion among many who had attended the session all day was that La Belle had made a good witness for himself and while in the cross examination as far as it has proceeded he has contradicted himself several times he had in the main stuck closely to the story told in his direct examination. Particularly is this true with reference to little details, dates, amounts, etc., which has caused some to say that his story is too exact, too good to be true.

Crown Prosecutor Congdon went into the testimony in its most minute details. With reference to the money La Belle had on his person when he left here, when he returned and at various other points, the witness reiterated that he left Whitehorse after his spree with \$130 which after the various purchases had been made had been reduced to \$95, and \$90 by the time the island where the murders were committed was reached. Fournier had given the witness \$45 of the money he had secured from the bodies of the murdered men and had told him it came from that source and he had believed it. He had spent a portion of it after arriving in Dawson, had played cards some and had won a little and lost a little. Made his living at cards until he had left for Eagle at which time he had about \$115. He had paid Dave Leblanc \$10 and Fournier \$5 for his boat in which they traveled to Eagle, the money having been paid over the morning they left Eagle for Circle. When they left Guibault who had left Eagle with witness and Fournier he had heard nothing of and had made no inquiries concerning his fate. He emphatically did not believe he had met his death by foul means as was reported.

"And do you mean to say," asked the crown, "that you left Guibault in charge of Fournier whom you knew to be the brutal murderer of three men but, a few weeks before, and upon his disappearance you made no inquiries as to what had become of him?"

"I do," was the reply.

THIS MORNING'S SESSION.

At the opening of court this morning the cross-examination of La Belle was resumed by Crown Prosecutor Congdon. The crowd was smaller than usual and for the first time since the trial was begun there was breathing space inside the courtroom. Fournier was in his usual place in the prisoner's dock and followed the proceedings with equally as great interest as he displayed yesterday.

In the resumption of the cross-examination the thread of the story was picked up where it was dropped yesterday evening concerning the trip from Eagle to Circle with Fournier and Guibault. Witness testified that he had never known Guibault before he met him at Eagle, and he does not know where he is from. On witness' return to Dawson from Circle he gave no name on the steamer.

Regarding the \$25 which La Belle swore yesterday to having received from Fournier at the Sideboard saloon, he contradicted himself this morning by stating that the money was placed on the counter at the steamboat office by Fournier to which was added \$15 supplied by himself. There was also a discrepancy in the statement made yesterday and this morning in regard to the occupation Fournier was found at when witness had returned to the camp after the murders had been committed, a misunderstanding, however, that seemed to arise from the imperfect understanding of the witness of English. Yesterday he stated that when he first saw Fournier he was stirring the fire with a stick, whereas today he thinks that Fournier was carrying the blankets to the boat.

The question as to the order in which the three men were killed evolved considerable argument, the crown showing that the witness had made more than one statement regarding the matter. In one instance the witness was quoted as having told Detective Welsh that Fournier had told him that the first man killed was Constantine, then Beaudoin and Bouthillette, the latter having been as strong as a horse. Today the statement was repudiated, the witness stating that to his knowledge he had never made such a statement to the detective.

The disposition of the blankets after the return to Dawson was gone into, likewise the manner in which the victims were dressed. He failed

NO HOPES

Are Expressed for the Recovery of Maxwell, M. P.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, Oct. 31.—Consultation on Maxwell, Dominion member for Burrard, gives sixty days of life at longest. It is a case of acute jaundice.

New Company

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Ottawa, Oct. 31.—A new company is seeking incorporation to build a railway from Golden on the Canadian Pacific to Tete Jaune Cache and thence to Port Simpson on the Skeena river.

Seeking Treasurer

Special to the Daily Nugget.
London, Oct. 31.—The flagship Grafton will have a try for the Crocus island treasure, which the cruiser Amphion came nearer finding than any other of the many searchers.

Royal Betrothal

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vienna, Oct. 31.—The Archduchess Elizabeth of Austria is betrothed to Prince Johan Von Lichtenstein.

Public Notice

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 3 p.m. November 1st for the carrying of seven hundred pounds of mail between Whitehorse and Dawson once per week, also state price per pound for all extra weight over the seven hundred pounds carried. Time limit between Whitehorse and Dawson to be eight days. Bonds required.

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PECULIAR PILGRIMS

Continue Their Journey Through Northwest

Many of the Women Desire to Return Home But the Men Refuse.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Yorkton, Oct. 31.—The strange crusade of the Donkshobits who have invaded Yorkton in the course of an indefinite pilgrimage "in the name of Jesus" presents few new features. The women and children who were detained by the authorities for their own protection, at last have been induced to eat fruit and baked cereal foods, the only food their religion permits them to use and no attempt has yet been made by the men to liberate them. The men are eating apples only and in the greatest moderation. They behave peaceably and orderly, apparently inspired only by deep religious feeling in their strange crusade. Probably one quarter of the community is not imbued with the spirit animating the strange campaign and are using all their influence to induce the others to return. The majority of the women are also wavering and would return to their homes if the men would accompany them. The latter, however, are willing and ready to abandon their wives and daughters and press on with the pilgrimage. They are inspired by the belief that the second coming of Christ is at hand.

CONNECTION COMPLETED

King Edward Receives First Message

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, Oct. 31.—Pacific cable connection was completed at Fiji yesterday. The first message of congratulation to King Edward from Australia, passed through today. Vancouver and Victoria are appropriately celebrating the event.

Australia Now Has Direct Communication With Imperial Capital.

Confessed Murder

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 29.—David Cross, a Memphis negro, has confessed to the murder of three girls. The authorities are hiding him in the woods from a mob.

To Call Back Troops

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Washington, Oct. 30.—It is expected that all troops in the coal country will be ordered home before the beginning of next week.

Fatally Burned

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, Oct. 31.—Wm. Edwards a miner was burned to death in a cabin in the Boundary district.

Crushed to Death

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Vancouver, Oct. 31.—Ambrose Benson, an employe of the Crofton mill, was crushed to death.

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