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Friday, March 20, 1896.

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ASSESSMENT ACT.

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LIBERAL CANDIDATE

Mr. Morrison Nominated by an Enthusiastic Convention at Westminster.

The Liberals Feeling Confident of Success at the Coming Election.

The Liberal Convention which met at New Westminster on Saturday to choose a candidate to contest Westminster district in the Liberal interest, at the forthcoming Dominion general election, was a most creditable and successful affair, representative, harmonious and business-like. There were sixty-one delegates and proxies present from the following municipalities and districts:

Westminster City—Thos. Turnbull, R. C. McDonald, Geo. Kennedy, W. Manson, John Reid, Jas. Leamy, H. A. Eastman, A. Morrison and Jas. Gow.

Surry—Chris. Brown, Dan Johnston, John Armstrong, A. A. Richmond, and C. C. Cameron and Duncan Brown by proxy.

Delta—John Oliver, Robt McKee, A. Gilchrist, A. Barber, and R. E. Kitson and P. Matheson by proxy.

Richmond—Capt. W. F. Stewart and A. B. Dixon, and B. W. Garret, B. B. Short, D. Rowan and Joseph Tilton by proxy.

Cootenay—James Fox, and J. Morrison and J. D. Smith by proxy.

Maple Ridge—J. J. Wilson, Hector Peterson, Alfred Irving, and J. W. White, Arch. Baillie, and W. G. C. Clapcott by proxy.

Mission—M. DesBrisay, Fred Hughes, and G. Turner, G. Cox, and A. H. Howells by proxy.

Matsqui—C. J. Sim and D. McRae, and William Elliott by proxy.

Langley—W. C. Graham, W. McEwen, Robt. Shortred, W. Bovill, W. E. Buckingham, and A. Deans.

Chilliwack—F. R. McDonald, A. S. Vedder, and T. E. Kitchen, Jas. Armstrong, Jas. Mercer, and W. A. Rose by proxy.

Abbotsford—W. McGillivray, John Michael by proxy.

Aldergrove—Thomas Warren.

South Vancouver—W. H. Whitley, by proxy.

The first session of the convention was called to order about 4 p.m., Mr. chairman, and Mr. A. Henderson, secretary.

The credentials of the delegates were then examined and certified by a committee appointed for that purpose.

After brief discussion, the convention by a standing vote, approved of the Liberal platform, and another resolution was unanimously passed pledging the convention to support the candidate chosen.

On motion, the convention proceeded to take a nominating ballot, which resulted in placing the following names before the convention: A. Morrison, C. B. Sward, D. J. Munn, R. Balfour, John Oliver, A. Henderson, A. Ewen and Thos. Kitchen.

Mr. Oliver then withdrew his name, nominated him and withdrew his name. Several of the delegates strongly expressed the opinion, from conversations had recently with those gentlemen, that neither Mr. Sward nor Mr. Kitchen would resign from the local house at this juncture, for the purpose of time being for the Dominion parliament, and doubts were also expressed by others as to whether Mr. Munn and Mr. Balfour, who were absent from the city, would accept the nomination.

On motion, the convention adjourned about six o'clock until 7.30, to give time to communicate by telegraph with Messrs. Sward, Kitchen, Munn and Balfour.

On resuming, two more names were put in nomination, those of Mr. A. Gilchrist, who declined his nomination, and secondarily withdrew his name, and Rev. George Buchanan, who was absent.

A telegram was brought in about this time from Mr. R. Balfour, who was at Chilliwack, declining to stand for nomination, and shortly afterwards telegrams from Messrs. Sward and Kitchen, also declining to stand, Mr. Munn, who was understood to be on the way home from Kaslo, could not be reached.

While waiting for the telegrams, short stirring addresses on the political and financial questions of the day were given by Messrs. Morrison, Henderson, Gilchrist and Oliver.

The first regular ballot on the candidates before the convention, which was in progress when the telegrams were received, resulted in giving Mr. Morrison 31 out of the 61 votes in the convention. That being a majority of one of all the votes he was put against the next high candidate, Mr. Henderson, when the ballot stood: Morrison, 38; Henderson, 23. Votes were also taken for Morrison and Ewen, and Morrison and Munn, in both of which Mr. Morrison maintained his majority.

It was then moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. J. J. Wilson, that Mr. Morrison's nomination be made unanimous, which was enthusiastically carried by a standing vote.

The chairman in tendering the nomination to Mr. Morrison, expressed his satisfaction at the decision arrived at, and, grasping the hand of Mr. Morrison by the hand, said: "Mr. Morrison, on behalf of this convention, representing as it does, the Liberals of the electoral district of New Westminster, I have the greatest pleasure in declaring you the standard bearer of the Liberal party and its principals in the coming election, and rest assured of the warm, cordial support of the opponents of the government in ousting from power so corrupt a set of men as they have proved themselves to be. I know you will work hard till the evening of the election, and then I am sure we will welcome you as a hero on your well-earned victory."

The meeting cheered and cheered again Mr. Morrison as he faced the audience. He was quite overcome and for a few seconds found it difficult to express himself. He acknowledged the high compliment that had conferred upon him. It was the proudest moment of his life, but as he was not himself altogether he could not speak in his best vein. He was a Liberal of the

Liberals, gloried in the principals of that great party, in whose ranks in the past had existed so many eminent men, and as their successors we have to-day such men as Hon. Wilfrid Laurier (great cheering) and others fighting the battles of the masses at Ottawa. In British Columbia there was ample scope for Liberalism and justice being done to all sections of the province. He hoped to be a pioneer from British Columbia to Ottawa to make matters purer and better than they were there. The responsibilities now thrown upon his shoulders involved loss of time and capital to him; but duty to his country's interests and the representative gathering which had made him the person of their choice demanded a sacrifice of these on his part, and that he was quite prepared to do. (Cheers and applause.) He asked for the cordial co-operation of all Liberals and those who were opposed to the federal government to place him at the head of the poll on election day. He would lose no time in visiting all sections of the district in order to meet the electors and make known his views to them, and ascertain their wants and requirements. At the furthest the election must take place within two or three months. He would be in Chilliwack on the 25th inst. and hoped to have an opportunity of meeting many of the electors there on that occasion.

Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and the secretary, and with three rousing cheers for the Queen and three for Mr. Morrison, the meeting broke up. When Mr. Morrison reached the sidewalk, a great crowd, which was awaiting his arrival, rent the air with cheers, which were heard for a long distance beyond the Liberal central committee rooms, which were graciously acknowledged by the hero of the hour.

It was a splendidly managed gathering, and those who took a leading part in the proceedings felt that victory was within their reach.

ROSSLAND DISASTER

Detailed Account of the Explosion in the Center Star Gold Mine.

Stick of Dynamite Ignited From a Candle in the Hands of a Miner.

John R. Reavis, who arrived in Spokane Tuesday morning, gave the Review a graphic description of the frightful accident which occurred at the Centre Star mine on Saturday afternoon:

The explosion occurred about 3 o'clock on Saturday. Two men, Shannahan and Collins, were at work in the face of the north crosscut. They had taken down the machine and carried it away about fifty feet and went back to get the powder, which was in a little chamber about fifty feet from the mouth of the tunnel. One of the men was digging out a hole in the end of the stick of powder with the end of his candlestick, in which to attach the cap and fuse. He had evidently neglected to extinguish the candle powder. The candlestick was lit but did not explode. Both men ran out and told Peter Joyce, the fireman, who was sitting in the blacksmith shop, that the powder was on fire. Joyce started into the mine with Mark Brooke, and went to a point where he could see the powder blazing. Knowing the effects of the gas generated by the burning powder, he turned immediately back and started up the hill to the shaft to give the alarm to the men who were at work in the interior of the mine. He told Brooke to remain behind as he would attend to it himself. Brooke and Shannahan stood near the mouth of the tunnel, and Collins, who was Shannahan's partner, went to the rear of the blacksmith shop, expecting an explosion. Joyce had gone only a few yards when the explosion took place, blowing everything away from the entrance of the tunnel, destroying the buildings and furnaces.

Inside were five men. Two of them, Gibbons and Lynch, were found dead. As soon as it was possible to get into the mine the others were taken out, Gavigan and Dolan in a dying condition and McClements faintly injured.

Shannahan and Brooke, who were outside, were frightfully injured by flying timbers, Shannahan dying shortly after. Brooke may recover.

Oliver Durant and Mr. Reavis went through the mine on Sunday and ascertained that nearly all of the damage was done from the point of the explosion outward, otherwise there was very little injury to the mine. Some idea of the terrific force of the explosion may be gleaned from the fact that the steel pipe used for conveying air into the workings was broken at the place of the explosion, the track rails were bent and twisted, the flooring was badly broken and buckled, and the timbering was smashed to pieces.

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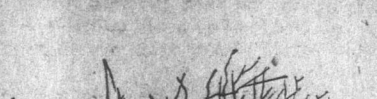
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A BATTLE AT LAST FOUGHT.

Spaniards and Cubans Have a Stand Up Fight—Cuban Loss.

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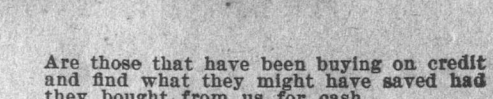
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