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## CONVENTION IN SESSION.

Convenes This Morning With Large Attendance of Delegates From Outside Precincts.

### ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO STEAL COL. MACGREGOR'S THUNDER.

Opposition to Citizens' Committee Cropped Out but Had Not Sufficient Support to Win.

Jefferson Davison Made Chairman and Dr. Thompson Secretary—A Few Upper River Stations Unrepresented Are Supplied With Delegates From the Citizens' Committee—Frank Slavin Questions Alex McDonald's Citizenship, but the Latter is Made a Delegate—Committees Appointed—Adjourned Until 3 p. m.

From Saturday's Daily.  
The convention of delegates called this morning was a little behind the scheduled time in coming to order, and it was somewhat after 11 o'clock when Frank Slavin, of pugilistic fame, got upon the platform and called the meeting to order by nominating Wm. McKay for chairman.  
Col. Donald MacGregor said that the arrangements for holding the convention were made by the citizens' committee and that he as chairman of that committee had the sole right to call the convention to order and did so.  
Then Jeff Davison was nominated and elected chairman by acclamation, and Col. MacGregor once more got the floor and explained the objects of the convention. P. R. Ritchie thought he was getting too much explanation and too little convention, and stated to the chair that he didn't think the convention was called to listen to Col. Mac-

Gregor, and moved that business be proceeded with.

About this time Dr. Catto desired to unburden himself of something but the colonel held the floor valiantly against all comers, and was sustained by the chair.

Chairman Davison made a few brief remarks thanking the delegates for the honor conferred upon him, and stated that he was well aware that he would be unable to please everyone, but that he should conduct the convention on principle without fear or favor.

Dr. Thompson was nominated for the secretaryship by Delegate Thebidean, Mr. Woodworth seconding. An acclamatory vote decided his election, and Joe Clarke handed over the documents in his possession as acting secretary.

A committee of three to examine credentials was appointed, and after a motion by Dr. Catto to the effect that the committee retire to the ante room to do their work, and the convention proceeded to business, had been lost, a short recess was taken while the committee proceeded to scrutinize the credentials of the delegates. The committee consisted of Arthur Wilson, Mr. McCleod, of Bear Creek and Mr. McCleod, of Hunter.

The first skirmishing of delegates developed strong indications that a movement was on foot to muzzle the citizens' committee as a body politic. This was seen in the action of Ritchie in the attempt to put a quietus on Col. MacGregor. The report of the committee on cre-

dentials having been received and approved, the reading of the roll showed nearly a full convention, some few of the districts not being fully represented. Mr. Arthur Wilson who had been sent from the Forks as an alternate was added to the convention.

Mr. David McCleod had no credentials, but as this was explained by the fact that but six British subjects could be gotten together in his district and the meeting held there had been hurried, and the matter of credentials had been overlooked, his name was enrolled.

Sulphur was unrepresented and Frank Slavin placed in nomination Mr. Rockwell, an American, to fill the vacancy. This was bitterly objected to and considerable discussion followed.

Barney Sugrue fired a gun in the citizens' committee fight by moving that the citizens' committee be appointed to represent Hootalinqua and other unrepresented districts.

Dr. Catto took the floor and with much difficulty kept it long enough to propose that the citizens' committee be allowed to enter the convention as delegates at large without the power of voting. He offered this as an amendment.

Dr. Grant made a motion which allowed the members of the committee to vote. This was carried, and the citizens' committee were then elected to fill the various vacancies. The districts of Hootalinqua, Selkirk, Stewart and Five Fingers were without representation and the citizens' committee whose presence in the convention had been seriously threatened shortly before, found itself taken in with the exception of Alex McDonald, who was objected to by Frank Slavin, who said he was prepared to prove that Mr. McDonald was not a British subject. Much argument was heard on this point, some of the delegates became somewhat heated in their remarks. Mr. Slavin intimated that such a thing as crookedness was not unknown in Canadian politics, and Mr. McCleod of Gold Bottom, wanted to know how Alex McDonald held property in Montana if he were not an American citizen, and said "it's a poor outlook for us if we can't rule our own country." Mr. McDonald was finally admitted as the delegate representing Sulphur, but as he was not present the matter of his citizenship is still an unfathomed mystery.

Delegates McGillivray, Gus Chiaholm and Joseph A. Clarke were appointed, on motion of Barney Sugrue, to suggest names of committeemen and candidates and retired to the ante room to prepare a report.

During the time the committee was absent another general recess was taken during which, like true politicians, some of the delegates went out to see a man, and others argued the nationality of Alex McDonald. The committee on committees reported:

Committee on rules of order—Grouelle, A. W. Williams and J. A. Clarke. Committee on platform—Sugrue, Proudbomme, Woodworth, S. S. Mitchell, Dr. Grant, P. R. Ritchie and T. McMullen.

Committee on entertainment—Dr. Duncan, Mr. McDonald, Geo. Black, McKay, Herbert and Dr. Gagnon. Committee on finance—Williams, Dr. Edwards, Peter Black, R. Clark, Herbert and Joe Burke.

Considerable discussion was heard concerning changes and additions to the report of the committee. The above is given as corrected.

At 1:15 the convention adjourned till 3 o'clock in order to give the committees time to prepare their reports and decide on nominations.

No forecast of nominations is possible at the time of writing because of the manifest division of interests represented on the committees, and the bitterness of the feeling, only partially discernible in some quarters against the citizens' committee, which has been very prominent factor in bringing the political situation to its present status.

### He Was Surprised.

Last evening a young man recently from the outside, so newly arrived that he says he is constantly meeting with surprises and things that startle his unsophisticated mind. Last evening he paid a visit to one of the theaters and met with a reception which would have at least surprised any sour dough in town. As he entered the front door a man standing immediately before it was explaining to some one how he came to be in possession of a large fish which he carried at the end of a string. The fish's throat had been cut and it

was bloody enough so that those standing near were allowing plenty of room. As the door opened and the young man who is making a collection of Klondike surprises stepped in, the man with the fish, by way of emphasizing some remark, swung the fish vigorously behind him. The fish described a part of a circle, then stopped suddenly, and another surprise had been recorded. It had descended fairly in the face of the stranger who retired hastily in search of a bath and clean linen.

### Body Brought to Town.

The police who went down the river ten miles yesterday to bring up a human body reported found at that place, detailed mention of which discovery appeared in the Nugget of yesterday, returned last night. The body is now at the barracks, where Magistrate Starnes will conduct an inquest this afternoon. Nothing is yet known concerning the identity of the body, but something may be revealed at the inquest.

### Information Wanted.

The following missing persons are inquired for by friends. Any information regarding any of them should be left at the town station, Gordon Smith, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Arthur George Hendry, Fort Wrangle, Alaska; Thos. O. Lindsay, Fortymile; Harris M. Kerr, Tauboro, N.S.; W. V. Carpenter, Grand Junction, Cal.

### They Are Very Much Alive.

Maurice M. Marsden and Jack Lawrence, are to all appearances enjoying very good health, when, according to an article which appeared in the San Francisco Bulletin recently, they should be in the seclusion of a watery grave.

The little steam launch Aquilla, according to the same story should be scattered along the lower reaches of the Yukon in wreckage, instead of lying intact at her moorings.

Following is the article in question: "Seattle, Aug. 17.—(Special to the Bulletin.)—The steamer Humboldt arrived from Skagway today with news of the drowning of five prominent Dawsonites on August 4th while going to Eagle City in the launch Aquilla. Those lost include S. R. Hibbard, Auditor of the A. E. Co.; Maurice M. Marsden, Jack Lawrence, pilot of the Aquilla; Amiel Grafton and F. Seeley. The launch was proceeding down the river and struck a rock on Healy Bar, going to pieces immediately.

"A later but unconfirmed rumor states that Jack Lawrence was picked up by a passing steamer floating on a board." The foregoing exaggeration had its origin in a trifling occurrence which took place on the trip the Aquilla made to Eagle City not long since. On the way down the launch stuck on a bar, and as there was no small boat along, and poles to be used as levers in getting her clear of the bar had to be procured, Jack Lawrence and Maurice Marsden volunteered to swim out to the shore, which was no great distance, and get the poles. They started out, but not noticing that the current set strongly away from the shore at that point, they were carried far down stream before being able to effect a landing. They finally got out, and procured the use of a boat from a nearby Indian fishing camp, and after a few hours' work got the Aquilla off the bar and proceeded on to Eagle City.

### Elects Officers.

The O'Brien Social Club, of Dawson, met last evening for the purpose of electing officers and adopting the by-laws. The following officers were chosen: President, John F. Sugrue; secretary and treasurer, J. R. Fowles; house committee, Ed. Mizner, W. C. Young, Frank J. McDougal, H. Donville. Messrs. Sugrue, Fowles, McLagan and O'Donnell were appointed a sub-committee to revise the by-laws and report to a later meeting.

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Ed Bartlett Ships Sixty Mules Back to Dawson—Other Steamers Coming In—River News.

The Seattle No. 3, H. S. Dupuy, master, Alboj Gardner purser, came into her dock today at noon. She had Seattle No. 4 in tow and brought 630 tons of merchandise for her owners, the S.-Y. T. Co. The boat will be immediately dispatched for St. Michael after unloading and Capt. Dupuy will offer special inducements for a crew to take her down river as the men now employed on her are discharged at this port, they having signed from here. If all the officers of the boat are as affable as the genial captain there can be no complaint from passengers or crew of harsh treatment. She left St. Michael on the morning of the 15th and stopped to unload 40 tons at Rampart, 100 at Eagle and 40 at Fortymile. Her original cargo was 800 tons weight or 1100 tons measurement when she left St. Michael. As she left on the same day as the Sarah she brings no news other than corroborates statements of condition reported by returning Nomads.

Ed Bartlett returned on the boat with all his mules, about 60 head; and a more disgusted and disappointed lot of men it would be hard to find. He says that fully 20,000 people have quit the beach camp and that great numbers will be experienced there this winter by those compelled to stay at Nome. Flour is reported to be selling at 50 cents a sack, with very few having the price. The beach is lined with machinery which will never be worked, and litigation of all properties is the regular sequence after location is made. "Nome is no good," is the usual answer by passengers to inquiring friends. A large number returned on the boat, almost her full capacity. Tickets up sold for \$100 first-class.

Capt. Dupuy reports passing the Leon on her way up at Nulato. The Weare was on the way at St. Michael and was expected to follow up river in a few days. The D. J. Campbell with barge Seattle No. 1, was expected to leave on the 19th for Dawson with a heavy consignment of goods for the A. E. Co.

The down-river boats were met in the following order all making good time: Susie, Gustin, Linda, Arnold, Sarah, Hannah, Power Barr and Tyrrell. At points along the river a great deal of activity was observed, particularly at Rampart, Circle, Eagle and Fortymile. A large number of people will winter at Rampart this season. The water in the lower river was reported as unusually high for this time of the year and the voyage of 23 days was accomplished.

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