

# THE OPPOSITION CONVENTION

## In Session Today in A. B. Hall to Nominate a Candidate for Election to Parliament—Considerable Linen Chewing—Balloting Will Take Place at Tonight's Session.

It was about half-past ten o'clock this morning when one of the delegates to the opposition convention in session today crawled through a window at the A. B. hall and unfastened the door on the inside so those assembled on the sidewalk could gain an entrance. It was not a significant fact, only a misunderstanding about the key. At that hour some twenty-five or thirty delegates, candidates and ex-candidates, filed into the large hall, looked wise, rubbered at the decorations and walked out on the sidewalk again where there was more warmth than there was inside. Others happened along every few moments and in about a half hour A. J. Prudhomme announced to those assembled that if they would come inside he would call the meeting to order.

In opening the convention Mr. Prudhomme said that the meeting had been called in pursuance to a mass meeting held August 2 and those assembled upon the present auspicious occasion were there for the purpose of choosing a candidate to oppose the government candidate in the forthcoming parliamentary election. The prediction was made that if the opposition preserved a strong front they would have no difficulty whatever in electing their candidate.

Mr. Woodworth observed that it would be necessary to have a temporary chairman and secretary for the morning session and also a committee on credentials. He moved that Hector McMillan, a delegate from the Forks, be made temporary chairman which was carried unanimously. Mr. McMillan accepted the chair with thanks and George Black was made temporary secretary. Upon the question of credentials the secretary said that some of them had already been handed in and there were doubtless others to be presented as soon as a committee on credentials had been named. One of the delegates moved that Dr. Clendenan and J. A. Clarke be considered delegates without votes they both being present and looking for the nomination, to which the doctor on his part objected as he stated he had withdrawn from the race and did not desire any such consideration shown him which might result in binding him.

On the motion of J. K. Sparling three were made to constitute the committee on credentials consisting of the secretary and two to be appointed by the chair. The latter named Woodworth and Clendenan, Woodworth declining with becoming modesty as he was a candidate for the nomination. Clendenan could not act as he is not a delegate. In their places the chair appointed A. J. Prudhomme and J. K. Sparling. A committee of five consisting of Messrs. Cunliffe, Rivard, Moses McGregor, Lecerte and Kennedy was named to draft a list of the committees necessary to carry on the work of the convention.

The committees retired to consider their reports and while waiting Woodworth considered it would be a good idea to indulge in a general introduction and an exchange of views. At this moment Wm. Walsh dropped in and took a seat on the side beyond the space sacred to the delegates. There had not been a word of discord and all kinds of harmony was to be found everywhere.

Acting upon the idea of Woodworth that there be a general exchange of thinklets while waiting for the committees to report, Clarke took the floor and with a copy of the morning joke in his hand indignantly scoffed at the idea that he had 44 delegates of the convention pledged to his support and that he had the nomination bottled up and stowed away in his vest pocket. He had not asked a single delegate for his support and if he were fortunate enough to secure the nomination he did not propose to make a personal canvass. Several hard falls were taken out of the joke and it was roundly scored for the many untruthful statements contained in this morning's editorial.

Woodworth intimated in no uncertain terms that there had been some jobbing done. Some of the delegates might stay away from the convention on account of the article in the joke, but he thought no man of high intelligence would do so. It was stated that an attempt had been made to make it appear that the convention was not representative of the entire community, but was sub-

servient to a faction and on that account he hoped that every district would be represented by delegates. He said further that a strong supporter of the government had been spending large sums of money to make it appear that this convention was a job and every delegate who has been elected to the convention must be induced to take his seat.

McMillan of Bearcreek also took a fall out of the joke by refuting the article which stated that on account of the withdrawal of Dr. Clendenan he (the speaker) and Mr. Carlisle, his fellow delegate from Bear, had withdrawn from the convention. They are pledged to no one but will stick to the convention and abide by the result.

Then things began to warm up a bit. Walsh took the floor and opened up the ball. He said considerable talk had been indulged in, in regard to his holding the proxies from Whitehorse. He had them it is true and he had also confidential instructions in regard to their use. Acting under such he would not present his proxies.

Clarke stirred up things considerably by connecting the name of Mr. Walsh with Chute & Wills stating that he was acting under their instructions, an insinuation that Walsh refuted as preposterous. Woodworth took a hand in it, winding up by saying that "if Mr. Clarke receives the nomination at the hands of this convention I will spend any amount of money and time to see that he is elected. There is jobbery on the part of Chute & Wills on Gold Run and now the same thing is apparent in reference to the delegates from Whitehorse and this convention will not stand for it."

A motion was made to wire Whitehorse in order to ascertain why their proxies were sent as they were and what the secret instructions were that Mr. Walsh had received, but before it was put the latter took the floor in his own defense.

Walsh—"I am unable to understand why my name should be associated with Mr. Chute's in this connection and I again say that the statements made by Mr. Clarke are as untrue as they are unreliable. Mr. Chute has nothing to do with my presence here or my action in regard to the Whitehorse proxies. He—"

Clarke—"Mr. Chairman, I object to being made out a liar concerning this matter. I have the documents in my possession to prove every word I have said."

Walsh—"Then this is the time and the place to prove those assertions."

But the proof was not forthcoming, instead there was a warm argument in which a half dozen attempted to talk at the same time. Secretary Black finally put the question direct, "Who signed your letter of instructions?"

Walsh—"That is none of your business."

Woodworth in the interest of harmony attempted to pour some oil on the troubled waters and again Walsh took the floor.

Walsh—"I would like to know from some one who knows what they are talking about why my name is connected with that of Mr. Chute. I will not stay in the hall and hear these lying innuendoes."

The chair—"Excuse me, Mr. Walsh, we do not care to hear anything about Chute & Wills. We are here for the purpose of seating these delegates and electing a nominee."

Black—"The gentleman would save a lot of time by simply answering my question direct."

Walsh—"I am not here on cross-examination," and he left the hall.

Sparling's motion to wire Whitehorse in regard to their proxies was carried, Mr. Walsh having given the names of the chairman and secretary of the Whitehorse primaries.

The reports of the committees having been brought in that of the committee on credentials was first taken up. Everything was going along lovely until the name of A. C. Field was read as the delegate from 36 Gold Run and then another bomb was exploded. Mr. Field announced his withdrawal as a delegate to the convention. Woodworth was immediately on his feet and demanded to know several things.

"Do you mean to stand there and say that after accepting the franchises of a large number of voters on Gold Run that at this time you propose to withdraw and not exercise

them, thus depriving those people of a voice in this convention?"

Field—"I have a right to withdraw at any time and I choose to do so now."

Clarke broke in and explained the action of the delegate by declaring that he was an out-and-out Catto man and as Catto's name was not to come before the convention it was the delegate's idea to withdraw all the support he could in favor of his candidate. A little ancient history was gone into having particular reference to a political meeting held some time since at the Ogilvie bridge at which Catto was the chairman. The speaker asserted that Field was deliberately throwing down the electors of Gold Run and some hot shot was poured into Field, Walsh and Catto.

Field—"The explanation of my action is a very simple matter and I do not wish to enter into any controversy over it." He then went on to say that the bridge meeting was followed shortly afterward by another one at the Auditorium. After the latter he went to Gold Run to work his claim. He intended then and still intends to oppose the government candidate. He was both chairman and secretary at the Gold Run primary as there were but two or three Canadians present, the balance being all Americans. He was the only one there who could accept the delegation to the convention. He insisted that the meeting of the Dawson primary at Pioneer hall had been packed and he said so regretfully.

Clarke—"I object to again being called a liar. That meeting was not packed."

Sparling admitted to being in the field for the purpose of defeating the nomination of Clarke if it was possible and said if he and other delegates were satisfied with the result of the primary it was not up to Mr. Field to make a kick. Woodworth coincided and declared that he knew of one delegate who would have supported him had he not been kept away by the influence of the opposition. He declared there was an attempt being made to defeat him in the convention by inducing his friends to remain away and he again pledged his support both in ready cash and time to Clarke in case he was the choice of the convention. There would be no split in the convention and he will work to his utmost to preserve harmony throughout.

Sparling moved that Field's resignation be accepted and that each of the other two delegates from Gold Run be allowed a double vote, the motion later being slightly modified by accepting the resignation and referring the other matter to the credential committee. And that was the passing of Mr. Field.

The chairman of the committee to draft committees reported that they had named such to act on the floor, reception, procedure, platform, press and a general campaign committee, the latter consisting of almost the entire delegation. The report was adopted after striking out the name of Mr. Walsh. An adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock. The following is the list of delegates whose credentials have been received and favorably passed upon:

Dawson—Dr. A. B. Thompson, C. M. Woodworth, W. A. Beddoe, A. J. Prudhomme, George Black, Alex. McCarter, Joseph Gibson, Isaac Rusk, Moses McGregor, Wm. Furnival, R. S. H. Cresswell, E. B. Shaw, R. W. Keldie, Gavin Fowle, James Brass, John Jenkins, J. K. Sparling, E. Rivard, John McNeely, and John Blyth—20.

Eldorado—James Gordon and Jas. McKinnel.

Upper Bonanza—George Kruse and C. W. Moore.

Elba Roadhouse—George A. Cunliffe and J. R. Smith.

Grand Forks—James Morgan, D. A. McClelland, Charles Blunden and Hector McMillan.

Lower Bonanza—R. C. Patterson and John Bourke.

Hunker, No. 55 below—W. Lane and J. A. Laporte.

Last Chance—W. H. Campbell and A. Lecerte.

Gold Bottom—E. Blanchfield and A. M. Kennedy.

Upper Hunker—R. A. Ballentine and George T. Cole.

Sulphur—E. A. Hogan, Charles Garbutt, J. F. Carman and J. F. McIvor.

Bear creek—J. H. McMillan and Walter Carlisle.

Gold Run—Leo Noble and J. C. Nicholson. (Each allowed two votes by resolution.)

Dominion, No. 7 below lower—John Warren, Ed. Dion and Wm. Merriman.

Caribou—John McDonald, Chas. J. Wilson and Michael Kelly.

Upper Dominion—John Lochore and George Baird.

Dominion, No. 244 below lower—George Wall.

Henderson creek—John Maclean and Thomas Bell, the latter possessing the proxy of the former.

The convention was called to order this afternoon at 2:45, Chairman Mc-

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Millan presiding. The report of procedure of the convention was read and adopted by clauses. The election of permanent officers was then made with the following result: Dr. A. B. Thompson, chairman; Hector McMillan, first assistant chairman; Mr. C. Gorbutt, of Sulphur, second assistant chairman; George Black, secretary; Mr. Wilson, of Caribou, assistant secretary; A. L. Kennedy, Gold Bottom, second assistant secretary. The election of the treasurer was left to the executive committee. Sergeant at arms, Ernest Rivard; deputy sergeant at arms, Jas. Gibbon. The officers were then ratified by acclamation.

The balance of the report of the committee on procedure was taken up provided for the reports of committees, etc., for the afternoon and the election of the nominee at 8:30 this evening.

An amendment was made to the clause providing for the election of the nominee to the effect that if only two candidates are nominated two ballots must be taken unless one candidate receives not less than a two-thirds majority.

Mr. Lane, of Last Chance, asked that as many candidates be brought before the convention as possible and was informed by the chairman that a resolution was passed at a former meeting to the effect that candidates should be announced at least 48 hours before the convention was called. Mr. Lane then made a speech in which he asked by what right the Dawson delegation passed such a resolution without consulting the creeks delegation. This question was still under discussion at 3:30.

### Hot Game of Lacrosse

The best game of lacrosse ever played in Dawson was that which took place on the barracks grounds yesterday between the Dawsons and the Hardwares. The game was a bit rough at times and two men were ruled off by Referee "Weldy" Young on that account. One of the Dawsons received a nasty cut on the head from a stick which caused the claret to flow at a lively rate. There was a big crowd in attendance and every play worthy of it was given generous applause. The excellent team work of the Hardwares proved too strong for their opponents who were defeated by a score of 4 to 0.

### Archbishop to Retire

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Aug. 23.—It is understood the Archbishop of Canterbury is shortly to retire owing to growing infirmity. There is much interest as to the selection of his successor, the prime minister being a Presbyterian rather than of the established church.

### Bitter Fight

Special to the Daily Nugget. Denver, Aug. 23.—Gates, Mitchell, Blair and Lamber have resigned as directors of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., in order to obtain a better position in the fight for management with the Osgood forces, which promises to be very bitter.

### Good Capture

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Aug. 23.—The greatest greengoods round-up in the history of the United States was made here today when five men and one woman were arrested and a complete plant captured.

### Japs Are In It

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The Japanese government will erect a handsome pavilion for the Canada Osaka exposition, the Dominion contributing twenty-five hundred dollars.

### Will Enforce Law

Special to the Daily Nugget. Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The law prohibiting landing in Canada of anyone afflicted with contagious or loathsome disease will be rigidly enforced.

### Corbett in Training

Special to the Daily Nugget. Cincinnati, Aug. 23.—Young Corbett has arrived here to train for his approaching fight.

## DEDICATED TOMORROW

### Presbyterian Church of Bonanza.

Rev. John Pringle to be Assisted by Dr. Grant of Dawson—Dedicator's Program.

Rev. John S. Pringle, pastor, will dedicate the new Presbyterian church at Grand Forks tomorrow, in which work he will be assisted by Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, of Dawson. The new temple of worship will be known as the First Presbyterian church of Bonanza.

The location of the new church is on the hill above Garvie's store on claim 5 above discovery. It has a seating capacity of 200 and is one of the best small church buildings in the territory.

The following is the dedicatory program for tomorrow: 3:30 P. M.

- 1—Hymn 387.....
  - 2—Scripture Lesson.....
  - 3—Quartet—One Sweetly Solemn Thought.....
  - 4—Hymn 385.....
  - 5—Prayer.....
  - 6—Scripture Lesson.....
  - 7—Song—The Palms.....
  - 8—Address.....
  - 9—Prayer.....
  - 10—Offering.....
  - 11—Song.....
  - 12—Hymn 319.....
- 7:30 P. M.
- 1—Hymn 262.....
  - 2—Scripture Lesson.....
  - 3—Quartet—The Lord Is My

Shepherd.....Korchst  
Mesdames Devig and Matheson.  
Messrs. McLeod and Craig.

- 4—Prayer.....
- 5—Song.....
- 6—Address.....
- 7—Song—O Lord Be Merciful.....
- 8—Hymn 385.....
- 9—Address.....
- 10—Hymn 290.....
- 11—Song—Where Is Heaven?.....
- 12—Hymn 506.....

### Striker's Big Funeral

Special to the Daily Nugget. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 22.—The funeral of strike leader Sharp at Jansford, Penn., this morning, was the longest ever witnessed in the coal regions. Over six thousand people, including one thousand women, participated in the two mile march to the cemetery.

### Englishmen Win

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Aug. 22.—English players, R. F. and H. L. Doherty, won in straight sets the American tennis championship in doubles today, defeating Holcomb Ward and Dwight F. Davis, who for three years have successfully defended the title.

### Shamrock III

Special to the Daily Nugget. London, Aug. 22.—Contracts for building Shamrock III, Lipton's next challenger, will be signed next week. The contracts will provide for unusually early launching.

### Brother In Dawson

Special to the Daily Nugget. Vancouver, Aug. 23.—John Calverley was killed by a rock falling at the Cumberland, Comox mine. He has a brother in Dawson.

### Gibson the Man

Special to the Daily Nugget. Toronto, Aug. 22.—Hon. J. M. Gibson will probably succeed Mowat as lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

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