# ROUSING MEETING AT FORKS

### Dawson Speakers Receive Cordial Welcome at Mining Center-Clarke Had Been Invited But Failed to Put in an Answer-Barney's Speech.

The meeting of the Ross supporters ings which had been held in Dawson. at the Forks last night was in many The miners of the creeks, he said, respects one of the most successful had no time to waste in boosting or that has been held outside of Daw-shouting, as their interests were too In the first place the local com- largely at stake in the present elecmittee was fortunate in having a tion to treat the issues with levity commodious building for the meet (cheers); but in Dawson there was a both by the opposition and the party wonder he wanted to get away? ing. This is social hall, a large can- brigade of curbstone sympathizers in power, Clarke would be utterly wass building which the social club with labor who never worked and of the Forks erected last year for its had no votes, always ready to at good or ill. fortnightly dances. It has probably tend public meetings for the rowdy the finest dancing floor in the terri- fun they could get out of them.

out the reforms in this territory tory, and the committee last night. These curbstone laborers, however, which Mr. Ross had advocated and the finest dancing floor in the terri- fun they could get out of them. had this covered with canvass, so were not the only people in Dawson those which he had succeeded in sethat no injury should be done to its working themselves to death in the ouring. The cancellation of the Milne-

Bailey appeared in his behalf.

enquirers into the real issues of the (laughter). paign speaking at the same time.

the Forks and the adjacent creeks He began with a brief review of his the Yukon on the Treadgold matter. took occasion to flatly contradict the trails (cheers).

im on the subject. If representa- out another word (cheers). passage (cheers). In any event when the government assay office was established in Dawson the whole matter would be solved, as then the to the milking pail. Then followed a shot. That was Constantine ing with that in the boat. So that

ly thing of importance which he said for. He next accused Barney Sugrae thillette. He told you how he trem-

polished surface The hall has a seatinterests of the miners. There was
and Philp concessions was mainly
also a man who worked at his deek
due to his efforts, and his hostility there were nearly a hundred to secure heart was bleeding with sympathy to need comment. It was also well seats and who stood throughout the for the poor miners on the creeks. known that the concessionaires were It was expected by the committee ready to jump up and claim the dature of Mr. Ross, and that in this that the opposition candidate, Mr. credit for any reforms the miners campaign they were boosting Clarke, foseph Clarke, would be one of the had secured for themselves by the who had himself been an applicant leading speakers, and after hearing proper mode of petitioning the au- for a concession on Mayo creek (ap-

were as many Ross men curious to ner in which the government had Sugrue, who reviewed the statehear him talk as there were of the been induced to keep the Bonanza ments of the opposition speakers ition candidate's own support road to Sulphur open during the winopposition candidate's own support Forks. But although Mr. Clarke was who labored so hard at his desk for guilty of those deadly crimes of seen at the Forks all the afternoon nothing but the interests of the minthe crowded meeting was doomed to ers had had the effrontery at the disappointment in this respect. He Ross meeting in Dawson on Thurs- an advocate for fair play always. and his following had been courteous- day night to claim the personal ly invited to the meeting, but as credit for this among other things eakers only Mr. Black and a Mr. which he had done for the miners. It was through his influence the gov Dr. Elliot was voted to the chair ernment had been induced or perand briefly explained the purposes of suaded to keep the Bonanza road the gathering and the auspices under open, but a Sulphur miner who had which it was called. He made a arrived in Dawson a few days premost efficient chairman but there was viously flatly contradicted the white little exercise of his functions as it collared philanthropist, and stated that it was the Sulphur miners speakers were listened to themselves to whom the sole credit rifle; how he had given his accom- It was the first time since his ar- sent off the only one man whom he sible for the jury to go astray on without interruption, and at the was due; that he himself had carclose there were a number of ques- ried their petition to Major Wood, tions put both from a Clarke and a who had acceded to the request upon be made to appear as though La trial, and as a conviction wholly deders and made disposition of all discrepancies existing between La may have had must certainly have Ross standpoint. Sometimes it hap his representations and the number Belle was guilty. But look at it pended upon the circumstantial evi-

but there was no acrimony. It was tions made by the opposition speak- crown will say he was designing to be. And they were not disappointed, ers, Mr. Donaghy refuted the state- murder. He comes to Selkirk. It either, for rarely if ever has a crimment made by them that this terri- was Sunday. He knew Mrs. Nelson, inal case been presented to a jury in and without hesitation accept \$45 of the shooting of Beau peaker, and he met with a rousing tory had contributed more to the Did he have murder in his heart? a more able manner. Mr. Congdon's the money of the murdered men ? had replied that he thought he was carrying it and his eyes cast down otion from his many friends of Dominion treasury than it had re- And yet he took his three friends address was listened to with the How many murderers have been con- on trial for the murder of Bouthil- What he endured the following two trip to Otlawa as the delegate from large appropriations from the gov- and told her he was Ed La Belle, in two alleged murderers from Dawson which was known to have been upon murders as being of particular atro- it was 10:30 when the jury notified ernment had been expended here, order that she could recall him. The under assumed names, their arrival and the efforts made there to have mainly to the advantage of the min- crown will say that Mack was left at Whitehorse, their the Treadgold grant cancelled. He er in the construction of roads and because he could not accomplish his movements and then the finding of the body of the

the use of the water of the Klondike the pioneers of the northwest, and tells the same story as the witness "B. Bouthillette E. Broughton," the river, and explained that after the that during all his political career for the crown, only he put them only clue by which the murdered man blame, but himself? He is furnishprotest made at Ottawa against the he had advocated the principle of right where they have drawn con- and his murderer could be traced ing evidence which in the ordinary grant the Treadgold concessionaires, self-government. When the Conserv- clusions. Who was it who bought How the detectives and police were instead of being entitled to all this ative party was in power Mr. Ross the bread at Stewart? It was La set to work to unravel the mystery secure the conviction of any man. water were restricted to the use of had struggled hard as the advocate Belle. Was it the murderer who and how well the task was accomonly 5000 inches out of 225,000 inch- of popular government, and upon his says, 'We must kill these men, and it plished after the most marvellous from that island only the prisoner, es, the estimated volume of the riv- advent in this territory as commis- must be done tonight? Look how patience, skill and persistence. The had he left Fournier alone there and journed until 7:30, the jury being giv- charged. In further proof of this he in- sioner his actions showed how deeply he bought the boat, and gave his attention of the jury was particular- had he been arrested with that pro- en under the care of Constable Win- La Belle never tanced the fact that on the 15th of he was imbued with those principles | right name. Was a man who con- | ly directed to the inconsistencies October, only sixteen days ago, a He immediately proceeded to give templated murder likely to do that? shown by the prisoner while giving have the slightest doubt of his guilt? dinner and at the hour of the recon-re grant had been issued to Trabold & self-government to the Forks and to "You have heard the story about his evidence in regard to the differ- One can understand if his story be vening Finlayson, two miners owning hill Dawson and larger representation for his going to the island. It has been ent aliases he had assumed. Con-

Mr. Bailey, of Dawson, appeared hold expenses of the minister which and all was still, He recalled the ble. on behalf of the opposition. The on- the miners on the creeks had to pay quarrel between Fournier and Bou-

which lell into the milk pail.

City Solicitor Donaghy complidid admit this, but be declined to rived at that the other two commity fore is: Who inflicted those wounds. the audience upon the close admit that he would make a good ted the murder. That is circumstan and who is responsible for them? the close to the first they were representative in parliament because the evidence. Fournier left La Belle Gentlemen of the jury, there can be

and compared the official record of one alive and knew now would be fatal Fournier—or upon Mr. Clarke with the official record to kill the other man of the five.

of Mr. Ross. He then proceeded to "The law and police are here to nored in any part of Canada or the all. He thought not. Fournier had leader of the opposition in the house lice at Whitehorse.' La Belle could refused to endorse Joe Clarke's can- for him, and Fournier had said 'II the prisoner with the murder didature. Being thus turned down I go, you go with me.' Was it any show the murderous weapon. powerless in the house either for

Mr. McKinnon went on to 'point' This sort of a worker was always the bitterest opponents of the candiplause)

The meeting was closed by Mr. with his usual joyial sarcasm He played other games also, and was He received another ovation and the

#### ED. LA BELLE WILL HANG ON JANUARY 10.

his right name. How he bought a to Rook for his gun. He went back many of his friends evinced a strong have no complicity in it? Referring to other misrepresenta- there with the three men whom the

claim No. 8 on the left limit of the the people upon the Yukon council, said that he was the man. La Belle tinuing, the learned counsel said : Klondike, for 200 inches of water to and in regard to the latter he prom- had a gun. Has there been anything work that property. This statement ised in his platform that if elected said about Fournier having a gun? that the prisoner at the bar changes while waiting for the verdict friends judges would not gladly escape if Anthem. What are the prisoner at the priso was warmly cheered.

Mr. Source work on to score the many nisrepresentations they had made to hoodwink the electorate. At the time the Treadgold aginate. At the time that the dock before and since he came though nothing uncommon was going that the dock before leaving Dawson. Last the dock before leaving Dawson the sineering on another, and I can understand them saying a word in regard to that crime and getting out of the country as quick as he could and chaffed each other as they could and atter a hesitation of the the wind the country of the time that the dock before leaving Dawson the him that if cannot train the country of the time that the dock before the wind and that the prisangle of the c to have all the glory of protesting In conclusion the speaker said that the crown. We find four of the rewhere the speaker said that the crown. We find four of the rewhere the speaker said that the crown. We find four of the rewhere the speaker said that the crown admissions, and another adventure down the river and: other, the picture of dejection and dence I will say no more to you Havens. There whether he is guilty of the murder of another adventure down the river and: against the grant. He did not wish the platforms of the three candidates volver shells at the island. They the men or of the man with whose after that to expect any jury to be despair. His face was flushed and as your thoughts at this time are Fold, suggest that the stand of the man with whose after that to expect any jury to be despair. to allow anybody else "in his band as formulated by their conventions, must have been used in the doing to murder he is charged—whether he lieve that this friend of his was the he occasionally rubbed his forehead, probably bitter enough. Have you after the freediction (unastranged) wagon." This was the occasion of the first split between himself and Clarke (cheers). In regard to the ex
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The showed that the showed the stolen property of these occasion at the first split between himself and the wants of the people of the terri
Clarke (cheers). In regard to the ex
The showed that this friend of his was the occasionally rubbed in the death of the three men. You have been used in the death of the thre port tax he showed that the daily tory. The platforms being similar used the four shells? No. They dead men and convicted himself by not think I can assist you by calling him. A noise at the main entrance papers had for a considerable time the question for the miners to settle want to convict the man with the his own evidence as being not a man to your mind any other circums from whence should corse those who low voice. advocated it, and that Mr. Ross had was which of these gentlemen had rifle. It was conceivable that those had the keyalty done away with and the influence and ability to obtain shells would never have been found the critical point in the story, is the him to start, but only for an in- of the suppressed continuous the influence will exercise very little his tax substituted because he believed it to be the desire of the minlieved it to be the de Fournier. Recall how they came to There were upon that boat certain were made to Mr. Ross that George Black took up the discusthe tax worked an injustice to the sion where Mr. Donaghy had left it, morning, how Fournier told La Belle ance to the identification of the octax worked an injustice to the sion where Ar. Donagny had left it, inclining, now the late of the identification of the opening and the late of the identification of the opening and the late of the identification of the opening and left it. Ross could no doubt secure its repeal as readily as he had secured its Clarke in the premises. This fell been a fool—a fool that one seldom number given at Whitehorse. There

state that he was a party man and protect you. But would La Belle took the jury through the case pointthat party politics could not be ig- have gained his freedom if he told ing out the contradictions in the evi-United States under the present form said: 'If we get caught you are in bility of much of it being true.' of government. It was well known it with me.' Fournier said: 'Don't telling effect was produced by show of government. It was well known it with me.' Fournier said: 'Don't telling effect was produced by show-that under the party system of politics the opposition was entirely in-shake the bloody hand of a murderer. itics the opposition was entirely in shake the bloody hand of a murderer. been committed La Belle continued securing any demands He dreaded the whole affair. He has to associate constantly with Fourwhich it might make unless the par- recalled the whole affair; how La nier even to the extent of making ty in power were willing to concede Belle had changed his name; how La another trip down the river with Under these circumstances Belle had bought the gun; how he him which may have had for its oband in this connection it was a very had paid for the boat at Whitehorse, ject the same thing that had hap-Clarke had not been endorsed by the who gave the false name to the po-clusion Mr. Congdon said It was a fact that the see the heavy cloud over him. He of the statements made by my learn-Hon. R. L. Borden had absolutely lived under a cloud. It looked bad ed friend to show the connection

river Bouthillette's body had been prisoher was accessory to that mur-He wanted to fly. He was der before the fact then he is guilty weak, yet you cannot blame him, for as any person who actually commits rifle in the hands of the murderer wildest, most sanguine moments God have mercy on your sould he recalled all the circumstances. the crime. It comes up to a ques- and not where the prisoner says it could not have hoped for an acquit-Yet all he said has been a corrobor- tion in probability in this connec- was? It seems to me that is the crit- tal. At 8:10 his lordship was in-Yet all he said has been a corroboration. Then he was getting away from the whole affair. Now he is clearing away the circumstances. He others and that he kill three of these there can be only one conclusion in cleared through the dense crowd and was removed to the prison of the pris there were nearly a hundred more in a white shirt and collar, whose to concessions was too well known to need comment. It was also well straightforward manner. He has corroborated all the witnesses for of these men and then make the pose of rendering that crime and that the crown, and told them many things which they have brought under which he committed the mur- mitted these heinous crimes. The against him. See how he tells about der and that there should have been prisoner is not on his trial for the that he would have another lease on mediately placed, the 24 hours be the murder as told by Fournier, else no collusion previously in aiding or murder of Guy Beaudoin, but for life even thought it be but a few filled by how could be learn it. How Constantine was shot as he stooped to make the fire; how Beaudoin and make the fire; how Beaudoin and mind of these men, the difficulty he rying out of these three murders had taken their seats his fordship time over his prayers. Later how Fournier said that it required had in the disposition of the bodies. Gentlemen I shall add nothing more was informed by Mr. Ritchie, fore called for writing material and any shots to finish Bouthillette, for There were three bodies and they I have endeavored to produce the man, that they wished further in quite a lengthy statement Bouthillette raised up and said 'Holy Mary of good St. Ann.' He into the stream in a place sufficient- present nothing unduly against the strength of circumstantial evidence the crown presenter tells what he saw and what he heard by deep to carry them into the cur- prisoner, but it is necessary for the and what weight should be attached document can be made public. as straight as a string, and the de rent. If he was obliged to do that vindication of the majority of the to it with reference to finding the major informed a repreviations don't amount to fiddlestrings. Before you render your ver- see that certain articles were con- the accused shall be as fairly laid be Mr. Ritchie. dict, gentlemen, be very careful be sumed by fire and all of the contents fore you, and that is the endeavor ! His lordship replied briefly upon fore you pull together the curtain of the trunk taken out and carried have made before you in the course the subject quoting from Roscoe, which hides this case from the up to the fire. It was necessary to of my address."

The address of the counsel for the lowed by Crown Prosecutor Congdon. reached that island he should have and so plainly that it was imposinterest in what the outcome would

deed so well. That will be the first body, that of Bouthfliette, watch and chain and carries it upon of whom the prisoner stands charged, and the coat room again crowned in theory of the crown. Yet if you will upon whose person was the keyring his person and retain the chain. Has The charge of his lordship was con- to the court room to hear the doom he said that Mr. Ross was one of recall you will see that La Belle with a tag upon which was engraved

numbered to correspond with the

niner would be able to take his gold a tirade of personal abuse of Mr Eight seconds elapsed and then an we have now, and I do not think it other shot. That was Beaudoin Renecessary to dwell upon it, a number full value for it. As Mr. Sugrue took his seat the applause was the loudest heard during the evening.

Mr. Balley, of Dawson, appeared on helaff of the common told of the enormous house on helaff of the common told expenses of the minister which and all was still. He recalled the left of the common told of the common told expenses of the minister which and all was still. He recalled the left of the common told of the common told expenses of the minister which and all was still.

was that if Joe Clarke was elected all he would have to do at Ottawa was to demand that certain things be done for this territory, and the government would be forced to at once accede to his demands. The audience accepted this as the best joke of the evening, with the possible exception of George Black's First Reader story of the two frogs would not admit that Mr. Ross had which fell into the milk pail.

The next accused Barney Sugrue thillette. He told you how he trembled and went 200 'eet back further is no doubt, gentlemen of bled and went 200 'eet back further in the jury, that Leon Bouthillette was murdered; there is no doubt as to the identity of the body, there is no doubt as to would you not be somewhat afraid to a return to the camp? Recall how he told about returning to the camp? Recall how he told about returning to the camp, and how, being afraid, he stopped these wounds consisted of one in the body and two in the head or from the woold. The camp in the boat, There are murtiple to the camp and how, being afraid, he stopped the fire wounds consisted of one in the body and two in the head or from the dered. It is a conclusion at once are one in the body. The question thereshowing in the issues of the campaign, and contrasted their attentive
and orderly behavior with the meet-

Step by step the crown prosecuto

ary probability that all could have which was concise and to the point. defense occupied two hours and five been designed by one man before he the law on the various points inminutes and he was immediately fol- reached that island? And having volved being laid down so explicitly

who he says is the actual murderer

perty could any one in the world ters. They were first taken to their never looked up as the decision was rament of the Lord's Supper will a saying nothing. I can understand as At the evening session the court moved that sentence be passed im- Hymns That Have Helped " The

fourth aware of all the circumstances this rifle and revolver together comabetting on the part of that fourth that of Leon Bouthillette, and you, short weeks. The jurors in their night La Belle was restless and part of that fourth that of Leon Bouthillette, and you, short weeks. man? Consider the danger he ran of gentlemen of the jury, have no doubt march to their box neither box failing of the accomplishment of the there was a common plan in the car- the right nor the left and when they this morning and spent much of How were carried down to the river. They facts fully and present them fairly structions. were weighted with stones and cast before you. I have endeavored to "What is the law concerning the for Cuthbert who will sebalt as with three separate bodies and to law, which go to show the guilt of prisoner guilty or innocent?" burn all these articles. Is it reason. Mr. Justice Craig occupied nearly. able, is it in accordance with ordin- 40 minutes in his charge to the jury stantial evidence was most often to of Edward La Belle.

plice money to make the trip and rival in the territory that Mr. Cong- intended to survive? That he should the instructions gived. His lordship nearly many other things by which it can don had been concerned in a murder have accomplished those three mur-dwelt at considerable length upon the appeared. What little hope La Bell pened that there were two of these of signers to the petition itself carefully, gentlemen. Twice he went dence that had been adduced a great man, the prisoner at the bar, should evidence on the stand, recalling to ed with the additional instruction the jury several points of importance received. With the exception of oc "Is it probable when you see this that they may have overlooked. One casionally mopping his brow, as the man get in the boat with the man instance was the statement made by heat was excessive he scarcely movceived from it. He also referred to whom the crown will say he intended most rapt attention. He went into victed from the mere fact that on letter and not Beaudoin. His lord-hours, the awful suspense, will never the judicious manner in which the to murder-yet he took them there, detail regarding the departure of the their person was found one article ship also referred to the O'Brien be known. the murdered man at the time of the city, yet, they paled into insignification the constable that they had arrived full, rehearsal in St. Andrews be subsequent murder? The prisoner takes from cance when compared with those of at a verdict. Those who were taking tonight (Saturday) and also as Ros gnyone the right to blame a jury of sidered by the members of the bar pronounced and the sentence passed

Fournier. And were these three passed he brightened up a bit not; guilty or how deserving. He said : and noted to buy all her growten wounds found on the body of Bou- withstanding the terrible strain unthillette made by a revolver in the der which he had been laboring, an you be taken themse to the primon will satisfy her, hands of Victor Fournier, and were he knew that each additional hour and there kept in confinement until the wounds found on the body of the pury remained out in their de- January 19th from whence you shall

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