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## LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

### In McDonald Hall Was Largely Attended by Enthusiastic British Subjects

### WHO OPENLY DECLARE FOR BETTER FUTURE GOVERNMENT.

### Mr. Noel Shows His Hand and Is Listed as an Enemy of the People and of Reform.

### His Rule-or-Ruin Policy Develops Early in the Proceedings, and After Much Talk Many Groans and Hisses He Beats an Inominous Retreat and the Business for Which the Meeting Convened Progresses—Convention Will Be Held September 8th—Matter of Arrangements Left With the Citizens' Committee.

From Wednesday's Daily J.

At 8:30 o'clock last night, the hour named for the convening of a citizens' meeting, McDonald hall was crowded with British subjects, but the meeting was not called to order until 20 minutes later. In the interim Joe Clark rustled and put benches in position for seats, while Attorney Noel, being a candidate, stayed near the door and extended the glad hand to those who entered.

The meeting was called to order by Col. Donald MacGregor, who briefly stated its object, which, as embodied in the call, was for arranging for a convention of delegates from the various polling stations at which convention two candidates who will endorse the memorial presented to the governor-general by the citizens' committee, and

accept such memorial as the platform on which to base their claims for election, will be placed in nomination.

The election of a permanent chairman being in order C. M. Woodworth and A. D. Williams were named, the latter being placed in nomination by Mr. Noel. Williams did not want the position and said as much. The chairman put the question and Woodworth was elected by a decent majority. Noel, however, called for another vote, but his position being absurd in the face of the vote just taken he was howled down and Woodworth took the chair.

For secretary, Mr. Noel named Horace Dagenais and Mr. Whitehead named Joe Clarke. A call for hands up resulted in the election of Mr. Dagenais, and Joe Clark, as he himself put it, was the first defeated candidate of the campaign.

Chairman Woodworth spoke briefly in which he thanked the meeting for the honor conferred on him, but deplored that there was present a spirit of the rule or ruin sort; that he proposed to keep order, but if there were any disturbers present for the purpose of interfering with the object for which the meeting was called and he was unable to keep them in order, he would invoke the aid of the police; but he hoped and believed the latter step would not be necessary.

At mention of the word "police" Noel, who was seated immediately in front of the chair, began to blow like a porpoise and scarcely had the chairman taken his seat until he (Noel) bounded to his feet and called upon the audience to resent the insult of being threatened with the police. The chair called the infuriated man to order, but the latter refused to listen and for several minutes the way the queen's English was butchered was a fright to hear.

Noel wound up his tirade by moving that Woodworth be dethroned and that A. D. Williams be called to the chair. Noel was temporarily squelched by groans and hisses and the chairman calmly informed him that he could not vilify or throw dirt at the chair, and that he (Noel) would either behave himself or he would be ejected from the hall.

During all this time the ubiquitous drunken man who always occupies a front seat and without whom a public meeting in Dawson would be an exception, was busy interpolating remarks, many of which would have wreathed in smiles the face of a Chinese god.

Barney Sugrue hooted at Noel's police canard and said the police have no terrors for people who deport themselves properly. The audience cheered Barney's remarks lustily.

Things having somewhat quieted down, a motion was introduced by J. Vournan, seconded by Mr. Alcock, that a convention of delegates from the various polling stations be called for Saturday, September 8th, for the purpose of placing in nomination two candidates for election to the Yukon council. When the motion had again been read by the secretary and declared open for debate by the chair a man named Gillis, a newcomer, made the formerly unheard of point of order that the question should be put and voted on and discussed afterwards. Mr. Gillis was given the merry ha-ha and collapsed for fully two minutes.

Mr. Vournan made a short speech in explanation of his motion, saying that it was in line with the object for which the meeting was called. Mr. Alcock, the seconder of the motion, spoke in the same line.

Mr. Noel opposed the motion most strenuously. He saw no need for the calling of a convention; let every man be a candidate who wants to; let there be 18 or 20 candidates; the calling of a convention was vindictive; the miners are too busy to attend a convention.

"He is a candidate himself," yelled some fellow in the back of the hall, and the drunken man on the front seat said "God save us."

Noel continued to speak in opposition to the motion, and in behalf of himself and the record he left in Quebec. His harangue lasted 10 or 15 minutes and he finally closed by making a motion that the meeting adjourn. No one was able to hear a second to the motion and it was not known for half an hour or more that it had received a second, but at the time it was made it fell with a dull thud and was greeted with groans and hisses.

When it was later learned that Noel's motion had received a second, Joe Clarke raised the point that a motion to adjourn was not debatable; the chair sustained the motion and for the first time during the evening Noel, who had risen to speak on his motion, voluntarily sat down. The motion was put and voted on by a holding up of hands; the drunken man innocently asking "how many hands can I hold up?"

Secretary Dagenais counted hands and announced that the motion had been lost. Mr. Noel, who stood on his feet and called lustily all the time on his supposed friends to put up their hands, disputed the result of the vote and began to grunt and gesticulate when Joe Clark suggested that the secretary of Noel's choice had made the count and announced the result and it must be right.

The original motion, as introduced by Mr. Vournan, being declared before the house and passed, Mr. Noel gain took the floor; but the audience had concluded that the meeting had been disturbed sufficiently long. It had tired of harangues and tirades and most effectually of Mr. Noel. Mr. Proudhomme arose and in cool but decided language—language which admitted of no misconstruction—said Mr. Noel had become a nuisance and must keep quiet or leave the hall. Mr. Noel apparently had a vision about that time in which he doubtless saw the unfavorable light in which he had placed himself, with the result that he did not essay to again speak during the evening.

From that time on harmony and good-fellowship reigned. The matter of calling a convention for the 8th of September having been settled, the next thing in order was the manner in which and by whom it should be called.

Many short speeches were made in which suggestions were offered, ideas advanced and unity and harmony entreated. Many miners from the creeks were

present and to them was accorded all encouragement to speak and express their views.

In reply to a statement made by Mr. Noel that no particular ticket should be nominated, but leaving the field open to all to make nominations outside of conventions would leave a man free to act as a man, Dr. Catto said the man was lacking in many qualities who could not lay aside his petty personal ambitions and unite with his fellows in an effort to bring about the best results for the country.

When Mr. Catto was referring to Noel's Quebec following, Joe Clarke again showed that his defeat by the French Canadians had not made him less warm of equal rights for both languages, and his point of order to have the offensive remarks withdrawn speedily brought that portion of an undesirable discussion to a close.

Dr. Thompson said that outside in Canada there are no racial factions and there must be none here. He is for peace, harmony and the election of two men to the council who will represent the people and aid in righting wrongs long endured.

An anonymous young man who talks slowly and expresses good ideas, thought the people of the Yukon still have some things for which to be thankful. He said the police service is as good as could be had. He closed his remarks by saying our officers might be worse, as he actually believes one or two of them are honest.

When all had expressed their views relative to the matter of arranging for the convention, and when a number of motions and amendments had been made, discussed and withdrawn, it was finally almost unanimously voted that in view of its past valiant, faithful and unselfish services in behalf of the people and good government, the whole matter of arranging for the coming convention, the representation to be awarded to each polling station, etc., be left wholly and entirely with the citizens' committee.

On motion, A. D. Williams and Alex McDonald were chosen joint treasurers to take charge of all money that may be collected for the incidental expenses of the campaign.

The act of taking up a collection to pay hall rent last night materially lessened the crowd present, and two minutes later when a motion to adjourn prevailed, the meeting dispersed in the best of feeling, the object for which it was called having been successfully attained.

Today the citizens' committee arranged the method for representation in the convention. By the plan as outlined the creeks adjacent to Dawson have 35 delegates. The town has 20 delegates, and the remaining districts one each. Polling places Nos. 1 to 18 from Caribou to Indian river are given one delegate each.

Nos. 19 to 24, Dawson, four to each; No. 25, Fortymile, one; No. 26, Lower Bonanza, three; No. 27, Grand Forks, six; No. 28, Eldorado, three; No. 29, Upper Bonanza, three; No. 30, Gold Bottom, three; No. 31, Lower Hunker, two; No. 32, Upper Hunker, two; No. 33, Upper Dominion, two; No. 34, Center Dominion, three; No. 35, Lower Dominion, two; No. 36, Gold Run, three; No. 37, Sulphur, two; No. 38, Quartz, two; No. 39, Bear, two.

### Evolution of Man.

Mrs. Grout—Husbands are so different from other men!

Mrs. Snapper—I know it. I said to John last evening, "How the wind blows!" and he grunted and said, "Did you ever know the wind to do anything else?"

Mrs. Grout—That's just it. Before you were married to him he probably would have had no end of nice things to say in reply.—Boston Transcript.

Rosenthal & Field are selling case whiskies at wholesale. The Annex.

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## ONLY PUNCHED.

### The Damage Sustained by the Steamer Bonanza King

### IN THIRTY-MILE RIVER IS VERY SLIGHT

### Tyrrell Arrives After Colliding With Rink Rapids Rock.

### WILL GO ON LOWER RIVER.

### Gold Star Pausing on a Bar—Nora, Victorian and Lightning Arrive This Morning.

The steamer Bailey, of the W. P. & Y. R., arrived this morning from Whitehorse. She passed the Bonanza King in Thirtymile with her nose on the bank repairing, she having punched a hole in her side yesterday in that dangerous stream. There was nothing to warrant the startling report printed in a contemporary that the boat was wrecked, as the punching of a hole in a Yukon river steamer is a matter of the most ordinary circumstance, particularly with the Bonanza King, which has been unfortunate in this regard this season. She is waiting at her present position for the arrival of one of the big boats with siphons before she will continue down stream. She will probably be afloat in three days.

The steamer Tyrrell, which boat arrived this morning, also had an interesting experience coming down stream on this trip. She struck a rock in Rink Rapids, tearing all the paddles from her wheel, leaving her helpless as far as navigating was concerned. Every man on the boat immediately set to work to repair the boat and inside of eight hours a new wheel practically was built.

She will be dispatched to Fortymile carrying coal for the N. A. T. & T. Co. the balance of the season; her owners not wishing to stand the chance of mishap in the low waters of the upper river, the Tyrrell being a steel hull boat.

The Gold Star is another boat in trouble. She is stuck on a bar at Steamboat slough.

The following passengers, including those of the Bonanza King came in on the Bailey: E. Lamare, Master Lamare, A. C. Hirschfeld, Miss Lugin, Mrs. Lugin, Mrs. M. P. Shaw, M. P. Shaw, J. H. Parlinger, D. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, T. H. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Leaming, Mrs. Gee, Mr. S. M. Morgan, R. M. Holt, Mrs. Bedding, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Beckman, A. E. Cronmorett. She carried 60 tons of freight. No mail.

The passengers on the Tyrrell were: Wm. Corsie, G. Biffe, Dr. Robertson, W. R. Hamilton, John Kalem, Mrs. Kalem and two children, Alex McFarland. She also carried 100 tons of freight.

The following was received by wire this morning: Steamers Nora, Victorian and Lightning arrived at 8 this morning at Whitehorse. No boats out.

The Columbian passed Hootalinqua going up at 8:30 this morning. The Eldorado passed Big Salmon going up at 9; the Columbian at 2, and the Sifton at 3 this morning.

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