

## PUBLIC MASS MEETING.

### Citizens Petition to Retain Col. Steele

Memorial Dispatched to Ottawa By Prominent Men—Meeting Well Attended—Eloquent Speeches.

On last Saturday night, at the Criterion hall, there was held a public mass meeting of the residents of this district, for the purpose of requesting Mr. Sifton, the minister of the interior, to revoke his recent order removing Lieut. Colonel Steele from his present position of commandant of the N. W. M. P. at Dawson, and member of the Yukon council. The hall was crowded.

When the meeting was called to order, there was barely any standing room left. Most every one of any local prominence was there. Though it was Saturday night, the merchants gave their stores in charge of clerks and turned out in force; the miners came in from the creeks; lawyers and doctors were present; in fact, every occupation and profession was fully represented. If Mr. Sifton could have seen that earnest, business-like, body of men, as they were there assembled, if he could have heard them applaud every word which was uttered to the praise of Col. Steele, if he could have seen and listened to the small groups of men which formed before and after the meeting, and which discussed most seriously the recall of the colonel, and the probability of a favorable reception of their petition, he would have realized that he had made a grievous mistake in issuing his recent order.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the minister of the interior will listen with favor to the memorial which has been dispatched to him by the citizens and taxpayers of this district. He may be assured that the petition contains the request and expresses the wishes of all the loyal subjects of the British crown in this locality, who have the well-fare of the district at heart; for, while many citizens of the United States were present at the meeting, and while the movement enlists their sympathy, yet they felt that it would be more becoming for them to take no prominent nor leading part in the proceedings.

At 8:15 o'clock, Mr. J. W. Boyle, ascended the platform and called the meeting to order. He stated that the object of bringing together the citizens was to consider the advisability of petitioning the Canadian government to rescind the order removing Lieut. Col. Steele from his present position, and to request the powers at Ottawa to retain the services of the colonel in the Yukon territory. Mr. Boyle announced that the order of business was the election of a chairman, and then of a secretary. Mr. Thomas McMullen was nominated, but declined, for the reason that an immediate meeting of the board of trade, of which organization he was president, demanded his presence. He said, however, that the purpose of the meeting was in accordance with his ideas relative to the recall of Col. Steele, and that he would give his hearty support to any measures which were taken with a view of retaining the commandant of the mounted police in his present position. Thereupon, Mr. J. W. Boyle was nominated and unanimously elected to the chair. Captain H. J. Woodside was selected as secretary. Upon assuming the permanent chairmanship, Mr. Boyle made a few remarks expressing his gratitude and thanks for the honor which had been conferred upon him, and concluded by informing the meeting that to enable it to act, a motion of some sort should be introduced. It was then regularly moved and seconded that the chair appoint a committee of three persons to draft a memorial, to be forwarded to the government at Ottawa relative to the recall of Lieut. Col. Steele, and praying that the recent order of his removal be revoked. The motion was put and carried without dissension. The chair appointed as members of the committee, Capt. H. J. Woodside, H. T. Wills and William McPhee. Afterwards, in conformity with an amendment to the original motion, the number of the committee was increased to five persons, and Attorney C. W. C. Tabor and Col. Donald D. McGregor were added. The committee retired and in a little while, reported that they had drafted two memorials; they were submitted and read.

The memorial finally selected is worded as follows:

"To the Honorable Minister of the Interior:

We, the undersigned miners, merchants, and residents, of the Yukon territory, have learned with the deepest regret, that it is the intention of the government to recall Colonel Steele, one of the members of the Yukon council, and the commanding officer of the N. W. M. P. at Dawson. And, as it is in your power to rule in such matters, we would ask that the determination to remove him should be reconsidered. Since his arrival at Dawson, he has, in a most marked manner, gained the confidence of everybody. Both his official and his private life have been beyond reproach, and your petitioners would consider that it would be a direct injury to the territory if he should be taken away. The law and order which prevail here are, to a large extent, the result of his efforts. And, in a territory of this kind, we all appreciate a man who is at once firm in his duty, and polite to everyone that he comes in contact with."

In its report to the meeting, the committee recommended that the memorial adopted be made in duplicate. One to be signed: "J. W. Boyle, chairman of citizens' mass meeting, H. J. Woodside, chairman of resolution committee."

And to be mailed on the Canadian the following morning, and directed to the end of the telegraph line, from which it would be dispatched to Skagway, and immediately delivered to a steamship bound for Victoria, from which place it could be telegraphed to Ottawa. The other duplicate memorial to be circulated in Dawson and on the creeks for the signatures of all persons desiring to sign. After all had been given an opportunity to subscribe their names, this duplicate to be mailed to the minister of the interior. After the reading of the memorials and the committee's recommendation, the chair asked if there were any remarks. Captain Woodside arose and explained that as soon as it was learned that Colonel Steele had been removed, several strong messages from prominent British subjects, had been dispatched to Mr. Sifton and two other ministers at Ottawa, and that a petition addressed to Mr. Sifton had been circulated among the leading citizens of Canada, residing at Dawson, requesting that the execution of the order of removal be held in abeyance, until the people of this district could be heard from. Captain Woodside said, "Colonel Steele is my ideal of an officer and a gentleman." Mr. H. T. Wills was called for. He remarked that he was not in political touch with the powers at Ottawa, but that in a case like this, it behooved every man, irrespective of politics or nationality to do his utmost to retain Col. Steele in his present position. Col. Donald D. McGregor was the next speaker; he spoke earnestly and eloquently. Among other things he said that "as a member of the Yukon council Colonel Steele is a man in whom every person places implicit confidence. Whatever might be said about the other departments, the police are a source of pride to every British subject, and their commandant, by his exemplary habits and unswerving adherence to duty and justice, gives such an example to every man, woman and child in the district as becomes a worthy representative of the crown." In response to repeated calls, Attorney Lisle came forward. He said: "We feel Col. Steele's removal keenly; he is the right man in the right place, and it seems peculiar that the government should recall him, at the present time. There is no man in Canada capable of filling his position more satisfactorily. His ability is unsurpassed, and above all he is an honest man. His removal is a hardship to us, and his retention here is our gain and to our benefit." Mr. Gilson was asked to voice the sentiments of citizens of the United States. "None can regret," he said, "more sincerely the removal of Col. Steele than the Americans; we fully appreciate his eminent ability and impartial interpretation and administration of his duties. If Ottawa were in closer touch with the Yukon, it would not be difficult to retain the colonel; but this country being so far away from the seat of government we may not be able to have our petition granted. I voice the sentiments of my fellow-citizens when I say that we earnestly hope that Mr. Sifton will revoke his recent order."

Other speakers were Messrs. Bruce, Dan Stewart, Spring and Attorneys Alex MacFarlane and C. W. C. Tabor. The question on the adoption of the memorials being called for, it was put by the chair, and the meeting unanimously adopted the memorial, which has been hereinbefore set forth. The meeting likewise adopted the committee's recommendations relative to the circulation and transmission of the duplicate memorials. The chair was empowered to select a committee to circulate the petition in Dawson and on the several creeks. Upon motion the meeting adjourned. Before the chairman left the hall, Messrs. Andrew Hunker,

Thomas Kirkpatrick, Frank Swanson and Attorney C. W. C. Tabor offered to pay all expenses of the memorial, which was to be dispatched to Ottawa. Their gracious offer was accepted, and on Sunday morning, the Canadian took this memorial as far as the telegraph line. Mr. Boyle has appointed a committee to take charge of the circulation of the memorial on the creeks and at Dawson. It is a fact that when the petition is forwarded to Ottawa, it will not only express the sentiments of the signers relative to the recall of Col. Steele, but it will be an approximately correct census of the district.

### BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET.

#### Large Spread and Interesting Speeches at the Cafe Royal.

On Saturday night the Dawson Board of Trade gave a banquet at the Cafe Royal in honor of its first president, Thomas McMullen, of the Bank of Commerce. Two long double rows of patrons filled the large dining room. Beside each plate was a neat little boutonniere from the Arctic gardens of Mr. J. A. Acklin, while each table was also graced by immense bouquets of the same handsome flowers.

The spread prepared by Mine Host Timmins left nothing to be desired, and was an eye opener to some recent arrivals from the outside. Commencing at 9, the champagne was reached towards midnight, and was simultaneous with the commencement of the set toasts.

Mr. Leroy Tozier acted in the capacity of toastmaster. After singing God Save the Queen and a hearty toast to her Most Gracious Majesty, the following toasts were drunk and subjects discussed: "Our President," responded to by Mr. Thos. McMullen; "Board of Trade," Col. Charles Reichenbach; "Banks and Banking," C. J. K. Nourse; "Commerce and Transportation," E. B. Condon; "The Professional Man in Business," Attorney Clarke; "Mines and Mining," C. C. McCaul; "The Press," Major Strong. During the program C. M. Woodworth, for the Board of Trade, presented Col. Reichenbach with a handsome gold ring as a small remembrance for his universal labors in the organization of the board. The colonel made an appropriate reply. The Pike brothers favored the gathering with a couple of vocal duets.

Messrs. Quarre, Semple, McGilliveray and George were also called on for a few remarks. The health of Col. Steele was drunk most heartily.

Some of the remarks indulged in by the speakers were most witty, as that of Mr. McCaul, who suggested that hereafter when the quotation "True as steel" be used, the last word be spelt with a final e. As toastmaster, Mr. Tozier was apt in many of his witticisms, and apropos in his sentences. Major Strong must be complimented for his reply to the toast to the press. He believed the press the true friend of the people, notwithstanding the diversity of opinion as to their policy, and pointed out that while the Board of Trade was but just putting its shoulder to the wheel in an effort to secure better legislation for the territory, the press had already accomplished much good in that direction. He believed the press to be the safeguard of the people and a spur to officials. It went hand in hand with the advancement of civilization. How early in the history of a community some printer would get into a new mining camp with a hatful of type and an army press, and how surely the publication would reflect the progress of the camp in improved presses, etc., as the camp prospered.

There was a remarkable absence of all Canadian officials at the banquet, letters of regret being read from several. Many sincere encomiums were given the new president, to which he made modest reply. The prevailing sentiment appeared to be that there was much reformation to be worked in mining regulations to make it a safe and secure camp for capital, and that a Board of Trade could be made a means to that end. As an advisory body, it could be made a source of valuable and accurate information by both the government and by capitalists. The importance of the trust reposed in them appeared to be fully realized by president and members alike, and many assurances were given of devotion to what was considered the duty of the board.

### A Correction.

A typographical error in a recent issue transposed the names of complainant and defendant. The item read "W. T. Garrett has charged H. J. Coates." It should be corrected to "W. T. Garrett was charged by H. J. Coates, of No. 4 above lower, Dominion, with the confiscation of pay dirt from the claim of the complainant."

Don't forget opening of Cafe Royal Wine Rooms, Monday night, Aug. 14.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

A board crossing is being constructed at the intersection of Second street and Third avenue.

The Yukon Culinary Association has been organized, with a view to the maintenance of uniform and equitable wages for cooks and others engaged in supplying the want of the "inner man."

Messrs. Garfinkle and Allenburg are moving into their new quarters on Front street, and the new shelving gave away with a crash Monday night, and about \$200 worth of fancy groceries were destroyed.

Prof. Stanley, the dancing master, gave a free social dance at the Pioneer hall, on Tuesday evening. Some 40 or 50 couples attended. The crowd was agreeable, the music good and the dance was kept up until long after midnight.

The Yukon club has lately refitted and refurbished its club rooms in the second story of Capt. Donovan's building, on the corner of Second street and Third avenue. Everything has been comfortably arranged for the winter.

No. 38 above on Sulphur was sold to a syndicate on Thursday for \$20,000 by Vernon and Story. It is a magnificent piece of property. The same purchaser also secured a half interest in No. 22 below on Bonanza, which went for \$5000.

Excellent service and moderate prices at the Cafe Royal.

Pocket memo-books, counter blotters, time books, pens, pencils, ink, mullage, paper fasteners, letter paper and writing tablets for sale at Nugget office.

Lay blanks, bills of sale, deeds and mortgages for sale at The Nugget office. Price 25 cents each.

Reduced rates at the Cafe Royal.

### LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Black and white collie dog found at Sixty Mile on July 4th, 1899. Owner can have same by paying expenses. M. Deane, first cabin in rear of residence of the Catholic priest at St. Mary's Chapel.

LOST—Small memo. book between the mouth of Bear and Dominion Creek. Finder return to Nugget office or Melbourne Hotel and receive \$15.00 reward.

LOST in Dawson, red pocketbook containing papers of value to owner only. Please leave at Nugget office.

### WANTED

BOY who has had experience in a printing office. Apply at Nugget office.

WATCHMAKER wanted; first-class man at Sale & Co., formerly Pond's.

GERMAN books, grammar especially, at this office.

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Tin-lined water tank; capacity about 300 gallons. Apply Nugget office.

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THE FRENCH RESTAURANT, cor. Third St. and 3rd ave. Open all night. Regular \$1 dinner from 12 to 8. Meals sent out. Delicious French pastry a specialty. Breakfast 25c.

### LUNCH COUNTERS.

MINERS' HOME—Coffee and Lunch Parlors, confectionery, cigars and fruits; neat and homelike; pure cream and high grade coffee a specialty. Mrs. M. Morgan, prop., cor. Third ave. and Third St.

C. J. BOYD'S 25c. Lunch Counter, Second ave., next P. O., entrance also on First ave.; big stack of hot and cold coffee, 25c.; corned beef, tea, coffee or milk, 25c.; sandwiches and coffee, 25c.; ham and eggs, or steak and eggs and coffee, 75c. Bread, cakes and pies for sale. 9:28.

### BLACKSMITHS.

OVER & HAWLEY, Third ave. south, bet. 3d and 4th sts.; blacksmithing, machine wagon and sleigh work done promptly at low prices. Scientific horse-shoeing a specialty.

### PROFESSIONAL CARDS

LAWYERS—WADE & AIKMAN—Advocates, Notaries, etc. Office, Bonfield building, opposite A. C. Store, Dawson.

BURRITT & MCKAY—Advocates, Solicitors, Notaries, etc. Offices, A. C. Office Building. Safety deposit box in A. C. vaults.

TABOR & HULME—Barristers and Solicitors, Advocates; Notaries Public; Conveyancers. Offices, Green Tree Bldg.

CLEMENT, PATTULLO & RIDLEY—Advocates, Barristers, Notaries, Conveyancers, etc. Money to loan. Offices, First avenue.

### PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

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J. H. KOONS, M. D.; A. C. Building.

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