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TUPPER'S SECOND ASSAULT.

Champion of the Yukon Miners Again Arraigns His Government.

SIFTON AND HIS PALS PROPERLY SHOWN UP.

The Conservative War Horse Stakes His Political Future.

Is Willing to Abide by the Result of an Honest Inquiry into the Truth of His Charges of Corruption, Inefficiency and Mismanagement—Many Local Officials Are Named.

On June 27 Sir Charles Hibbard Tupper, leader of the Conservative party in Canada, made another speech in parliament in arraignment of the government's conduct of public affairs in the Yukon Territory. The effort occupied several hours, was clean cut, specific, logical, dispassionate and strong, and undoubtedly made a deeper impression upon the minds of the public of Canada and his parliamentary colleagues than did his first great speech. On the second page of today's paper will be found an editorial resume of the speech, and below we give the gist of the charges it included. He first, in great detail, described by record the appointment of the several civil officers sent to the Yukon, and showed that in nearly every instance the official was grossly dilatory in reaching the Klondike, notwithstanding the extreme urgent need of his presence here. He also described the business in which some of the officials had been engaged in up to the time of their appointment, and showed their unfitness thereby for their new duties. On this point Sir Hibbard said: "The government of Canada appointed, on the recommendation of the Hon. Clifford Sifton, certain officials who were incapable, incompetent, inefficient and corrupt to offices requiring experience, technical knowledge and integrity of character."

Concerning Mr. Sifton personally, Mr. Tupper charged him with giving his express sanction to one of the officials acquiring mining lands contrary to law; that Sifton's former partner E. A. Philip, was given a permit or authority by him which Philip offered for sale for a large amount of money; that the said Philip was granted five valuable franchises for dredging in the Yukon, in each case the said Philip appearing on the records to reside at a different place; that three other men (giving names) were granted like franchises but that they knew nothing of the applications until advised of the grants by Mr. Philip, who solicited from them a power of attorney to sell the franchises.

Mr. Tupper referred at length to the unsanitary conditions in Dawson and to the criminal neglect of the government in reference thereto. That in Dawson, with a population of 25,000 people, there was not on April 1, 1899, a single bridge or drain, nothing that might be termed a public work in any way; and that the condition of neglect resulted in an epidemic of typhoid fever.

In relation to the liquor business in the Yukon, Mr. Tupper charged Major Walsh, with having, on March 5, 1898, issued an order to the superintendent of the N. W. M. P. forbidding him to recognize "permits for the importation of liquor into the Yukon Territory unless issued by the department of the interior or inspector Wood," and that he subsequently advised representatives of the gambling and liquor places that the police would be instructed not to entertain charges laid for infractions of the law, and that anyone could retail liquor except on Sunday; that Major Walsh subsequently allowed one Luellie Elliott to sell intoxicating liquor on Sunday in a public place, and that he gave her an order so to do; that when notice of infractions of the law relative to the importation of liquor was presented to the Hon. Mr. Justice Maguire, Mr. F. C. Wade, the crown prosecutor, falsely represented to the court that the act respecting the Yukon, which had not then reached Dawson, provided for the cancellation of such permits, and so succeeded in obtaining adjournment of such cases and in frustrating the enforcement of the laws of the northwest territories; that Major Walsh illegally issued liquor permits, and that political influence became necessary to secure respect for permits issued under the law; that while acting as executive officer of the Canadian government Major Walsh carried on a liaison with one Luellie Elliott, who was permitted to enjoy favors, privileges and advantages from the local authorities of the district; that he was guilty of intemperate and immoral acts that brought contempt upon Canada; that the regulations were not regularly enforced; friends were allowed to stake 500-foot claims in lieu of 250 feet, as prescribed by the regulations, and that Major Walsh illegally exempted individuals from the law and regulations respecting the payment of royalties.

Respecting Crown Prosecutor Wade, Mr. Tupper charged that he refused to act in the

enforcement of the laws, ordinances and regulations; that he actively practiced his profession in the courts and before the gold commissioner in behalf of the paid advocate of private parties, while holding the said official position; that, as legal adviser to the gold commissioner, he accepted retainers and fees from persons contesting claims before the commissioner.

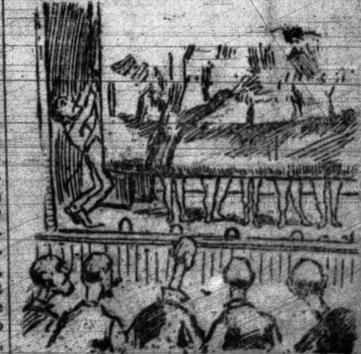
In a general assault upon the government, Mr. Tupper charged that employes and officials of the government had been guilty of accepting gifts and compensation for their assistance and influence in procuring mining interests and information thereto, for procuring grants of Dominion lands, and for assisting business people in violation of the criminal code; that government officials were guilty of breaches of trust affecting the public; contrary to the provisions of the criminal code; that the official records of the government offices at Dawson were kept secret, resulting in a system of "grafting" and other abuses; that employes took advantage of information secured from applicants and stole from them ground which they wished to record; that employes accepted moneys to permit people to enter by the "side door" of the postoffice and gold commissioner's office; that a system of bribery among government officials was made necessary by the inability otherwise to secure the discharge of their duties; that timber inspectors or officials engaged in the inspection and protection of the government timber lands and interests in the Yukon have become interested financially in said timber interests and have secured sums of money, over and above their official fees in connection with the performance of their duties; contrary to the provisions of the statutes in this behalf made and provided; that J. E. Ironard, while registrar of lands and a member of the Yukon council, practices the profession of law during office hours and is financially interested in mining claims in the district; that W. H. P. Clement, legal adviser to the council with a salary of \$2500 per annum, acts professionally in matters within the purview of the council; that the Hon. Mr. Justice Dugas, a judge of the district and a member of the Yukon council, is peculiarly interested in mining claims in the district; that confidential information has been revealed by officials in the office of the present gold commissioner, who has dismissed one official for the offense; that gross and scandalous abuses have occurred in the department of customs; that one Russell was appointed inspector of steamboats at Dawson after having been previously dismissed from the service of the government for improper conduct; that the postmaster general was guilty of gross negligence in the conduct of the Dawson postoffice; that Mr. Wade, while holding several public offices, was personally interested in the disposal of the water front.

In conclusion, Mr. Tupper offered to lend his personal assistance to a commission of inquiry, sitting either at Ottawa or Dawson or both, and to forfeit his seat in parliament if the charges made by him are not substantiated.

CHARLEY'S GRAND OPENING.

Amid a Blaze of Glory, the New Opera House is Dedicated.

Charley Meadows' long heralded Grand opera house opened on Tuesday night amid a blaze of glory and calcium lights, which, combined together, almost made the use of electricity unnecessary. The building was not entirely completed for the occasion, and some of the paint on the scenery was still a trifle damp, but



A HITCH IN THE MACHINERY

all things considered the affair may be termed a signal success—in fact, a howling success.

The town turned out pretty well in honor of the occasion. Representatives of the nobility were there, along with a fair sprinkling of the 400 and a goodly proportion of sourdoughs, all of whom, having heard of Arizona Charley's prowess as an Indian tamer, were desirous of seeing whether he would be equally successful when it came to a question of chorus girls.

The audience was in a most satisfactorily enthusiastic condition and applauded to the echo any effort of the performers which happened to strike their fancy. A couple of stray malamoots contributed as best they could to the general hilarity, but being unprovided with passes they were summarily ejected. It should be noted right here that a Dawson audience has various and sundry methods of expressing its appreciation of a good thing. When it is particularly well pleased and fairly boiling over with merriment and general satisfaction with things its outward expression of

appreciation takes the form of a well-stimulated malamoot howl. The audience at the Grand became so adept in this manner of applauding that a stranger listening outside would have guessed that he was standing outside a malamoot asylum. The Nugget hastens to assure the checkbook performers that no of-



THE GRASS WIPPER IN TIGHTS

fense whatsoever was intended on the part of the audience, the howling simply being an expression of good feeling.

There were one or two little things in the performance that grated somewhat harshly upon the sensitive organism of some few of the audience. For instance, in the course of the performance the beautiful fairy queen drawn in a luxurious barge by a pair of swans came on the scene. Alighting gracefully and with all the dignity of royalty, she advanced to the front of the stage, while her humble subjects, drawn up on either side, did homage to their sovereign as she passed. But then, instead of addressing her subjects upon grave and lofty



THE ARIZONA KICKER

matters of state, as seemed fitting the occasion, she turned toward the audience and regaled them with a rendition of that masterpiece of harmony and sentiment, entitled "All Cooons Look Alike to Me." Some slight difficulty was experienced at times in working the stage settings, but such little matters only heightened the enjoyment of the audience, especially the occupants of the bald-headed row. Several of these gentlemen appeared to be troubled with a somewhat chronic complaint known as elongation of the neck.

The ballet was the crowning glory of the performance, there being sufficient variety of shapeliness and loveliness to satisfy any and all tastes. Popular sentiment, however, was soon



fastened in favor of one particular sylph-like form of such slender proportions as to become almost invisible except at certain angles.

Other features of the programme were equally entertaining. Pauline Calais in her serpentine dance excels anything of the kind yet seen in Dawson.

Juggler Howard performed wonders with his baton performance. W. C. Campbell surprised the audience with his skill as a trick bicyclist, while Vorhees & Davis delighted everybody with their refined musical act.

TWO SOULS TAKE SUDDEN FLIGHT.

One Man Drops Dead at the Door of a Saloon.

The Other Was a Member of Captain Casey's Crew of Prospectors and Died of This Body Brought to Dawson.

Grim death in that form which rouses the usually indifferent and creates a momentary sense of awe in the breast of those cognizant of the circumstances, came upon William Carney, an old fellow familiarly known as "Scouty," about 10:15 o'clock Wednesday forenoon. The man had been in the Grotto saloon, and as he walked to the door he was observed to tremble and stagger a moment, then sink in a limp heap upon the floor.

Witnesses of his collapse quickly carried him to a rear room and a summons was sent for a physician; Carney was unconscious from the first, however, and his spirit had fled ere the arrival of the man of medicine.

Constable Owen took charge of the remains and remained with them until the arrival of Dr. Thompson and other officials. The latter, after enquiring into the circumstances, decided that an inquest would be unnecessary, and turned the body over to the government undertakers.

Death is supposed to have been caused by heart failure, due to excessive indulgence in liquor. Carney was 50 years of age and a native of Glasgow. Of late he had spent much of his time about the saloons.

DEATH ON THE STEER.

When Captain John Casey, of the steamer W. S. Stratton, arrived in town some weeks ago, it was his happy boast that every man in the crew that started with him 14 months before was still with him and in good health, except one whom he had dismissed. He had no idea that death at that moment hung over the head of Eugene V. Bogart, one of the best men in his crew. As Nugget readers will remember, the W. S. Stratton was sold to Alex. McDonald, and Captain Casey with his crew started up river with the little launch Broadwinner, finally landing at Thistle creek, where they went into camp.

Bogart had been in ill health for some time, evidently suffering with dropsy of the heart. On Monday morning he hurried into the sleeping tent and informed his mates that he was not feeling well. His looks fully confirmed his statement and he was put in a bed, where he immediately passed away.

The body was brought to Dawson Wednesday and funeral services were held at the M. E. church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Deceased was 55 years of age and came from Wisconsin.

Robbery on Eldorado.

Another robbery of gold dust took place on Wednesday of this week, in which the victim was Mr. James of No. 12 Eldorado. Just before noon Mr. James left his cabin to go to No. 32 on business, and upon his return he found that it had been robbed of \$225 in dust, which he had left there. The robber left no clue to his identity and no one on the claim is suspected. Mr. James intended to use the money to pay off the men, and the loss was felt keenly by him on that account.

Swanson Won.

The wrestling match between Bob Swanson and Pat McHugh was pulled off at the Opera House on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The match was for \$500 a side, the money being deposited with the Nugget Express. The men entered the rings a few minutes after the appointed time, and it was plain to the spectators that in point of weight and build Swanson was at a considerable advantage. After considerable discussion Ole Marsh consented to referee the match, announcing to the audience that he would decide the go as he saw it, and if the onlookers saw it differently that it cut no figure with him.

No time was then lost in bringing the men to the center.

It required only a few seconds to demonstrate the fact that Mac was short of wind and that his opponent was in much better condition. The first round was a pretty one, however, and it required all of Swanson's skill and superior strength to down his antagonist in five and one-half minutes. After an intermission of 10 minutes the men again came together. Bets on Swanson were freely offered, but without takers. Five minutes and nine seconds were consumed, at the end of which time Swanson laid Mac clearly on his back, and was awarded the fall and the match.

The go was a clever one from start to finish, and was deserving of more spectators than attended.

A Misunderstanding Unrevealed.

John King was arrested on complaint of P. A. Wilson, charged with the theft of \$100. It was shown that the money constituted a collection made by King and that he was under the impression it belonged to another man, whereupon the court gave the defendant his liberty, with the understanding that the money should be paid over to the complainant forthwith.

The NUGGET has removed to Second avenue, just north of the Melbourne hotel.

First class rooms for rent, Cliff house, 24 ave., back of A. E. Co. Inquiries at Aurora saloon.