## LAST NIGHT＇S MEETING

Of the Four Canididates for Election to Seats on the Board of Yukon Council


Nearly an Hour Spent in Circus Discounting Per－ formance in Securing a Chairman．

Various Candidates for Support Express Thelr Vlews Regarding Vital Issues －wilson a Ceneral Favorite－－Prudhomme Magnetic and Pugnacious－ Noel．Does Conslderable Explaining－Says 50 Cents is Too Much fo Whisky－O＇Brien Believes in Education－Is Fernist Taxation．

From Monder and Thestay＇s Dilly， Perhaps never in the history of Cana－ dian politics or politics of any civil－ ized or christianized people was an attempt．made to hold a meeting in more cheerless，comfortless，cold，damp，
dusty，dirty，musty，murky，ill－smell－ ing，fout－aired，conglomeration of filth ing，foul－aired，conglomeration of filth
than last night when the union meeting than last night when el
of the four candidates for election to seats on the Yukon council was held in
the Orpheum theare，the building being occupied just as it had been left by the variety people a month or mor
ago，since which time it had lost ago，since which time it had lost yo
time accumtatating dust，dampress and very foul odor．Beer bottles，remnants
of old hats．and other defunict stage of old hats，and other defunct stage
property were on every hand and the only wonder was that any．enthusiasm mid such surroundings． It was $8: 45$ o＇clock before any of the candidates appeared on the stage and
fully 15 minutes later．when Barney Sugrue called the meeting to order and
moved that Jefferson Davidson be elect moved that Jefferson Davidson be elect－ tion was seconded，put and carried when
F．C．Wade，doibtless thinking it would equire two chairmen to preserve order noved that H．T．Wills be elected t he chair．The motion likewise re
eived a second，was put and carried Chen began a pandemonium which the nfersial regions in all their satani revelry have never excelled，As ther were two factions on the stage，so wer there two factions in the 40 or 50 minutes ever
for then howled down by the opposing faction Sugrue，Wade，Davidson，Wills，Jo Clark，Nocl，O＇Brien and others weh down like nine pins．After a long time
things quieted down sufficiently to pe hings quieted down sufficiently to pe
wit of each speaker uttering from for to half a dozen words before the howl
ing would begin．Both Davidson and Wills declined the chairmanship．Can didate O＇Brein suggested that Sheri
Eilbeck take charge of the meeting Eilbeck take charge of the meeting
but later suggested that a chairman b choosen＂from the audience
Woodworth said，＂We didn＇t com
tere to howl，＂and Dr．Catto told the here to howl，＂and Dr．C
audience they had no sense Joe Clarke finally came to the rescu nnd brought order out of chaos by mo
ug that Louie Coste be elected to the chair．The motion prevailed and the
andience gracefully aceepted Mr．Coste is its chairman and the union meeting was declared dryly open for the purpose
for which it wats called． or which it wis calle nees of the citizens＇convention，was th arst speaker．Mr．Wilson is not an
orator but he is a plain，logical ani effective talker；he is，he said，
miner and was there to talk to his miner and was there to tatk to his
lows；he took up the platform on whi he was nominated and explained position as to each of its planks．
nade a strong argument in favor of miners＇lien law and elinched it wit a pathetic story that came under hi
observation a few，days ago，a case i which a young man after working sev－ cral weeks on a claim is discharged and told to whistle for his money．He
strongly favors public schools and the granting of them at every point where
fen children can be convened royalty，if such must exist，he $2 y$ per cent sufficiently high，
favors the construction of roads a
bridges．wherever needed bridges，wherever needed not only
the Klondike creeks but all the Klondike creeks but all over
district where the country is bei
> settled．Mr．Wilson is flat－footed i
his opposition to the nefarious lat which compels a laborer to take out miner＇s license before he can secure
day＇s work in a mine．He denominate this as fining a man for the privileg of working．He deplored that th
prime minister of the Dominion prime minister of the Dominion
Canada had stood upon the floor of pa tiament and made the humiliating con garding the Yukon．If elected Mr．Wi son pledged himself to see that the offl cial at ottawa do not longer remain such pitiable ignorance of Yuko
affairs．He favors competent inspec affairs．He favors competent inspec
tion of mines and mining machiner is protection of human life ；and lastly
pat he favors the incorporation of the cit
of Dawson as the thing commensura to her prospects．Having spoken th
full 45 minutes which was allotted tu11 45 minutes which was allotted t
himself and his colleague，Mr．Prud
home，Mr．Wilson gracefully yielde himself and his colleague，Mr．Pruc
homme，Mr．Wilson gracefully yielded Mr．Auguste Noel，one of the two in dependent candidates，was the nex speaker．Mr．Noel is something of a
orator and many of his gestures ar plainly Delsarte．He opened by say－ forgotten the interests of the miner their platform．（Malamute howls and
cries of＂No，no＂）．The chairman equested the audience to accord to M
Voel respectful hearing and the speak oel respectful hearing and the speake
proceeded．He favors entire abolish． ment of the royalty and the establish－
ment of an export tax，but is oppose o a retroactive concession law for th eason that much money has been spe wrong to forfeit their titles．He be ieves in free schools and lots of them，
nd is opposed to the scheme of and is opposed to the scheme of the
council to collect taxes before the peo ple have representation．He strong 1 public administrator and provides for
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monopoly of dead men＇s settle and report on at pleasure．He Chinks 50 cents per drink too muc
for whisky and the $\$ 2$ per for whisky and the $\$ 2$ per gallon tax an
outrage．Mr．Noel spoke 30 minute outrage．Mr．Noel spoke 30 minntes
and，like Mr．Wilson was very fre quently cheered．
Mr．Thomas o＇ Mr．Thomas $\mathrm{O}^{\prime}$＇Briei，the other inde
endent candidate，followed．He w onfident of election and glad he had nily ten minutes in which to speak，
He has spent 14 years in the country nd favors turning everything over t he miner free of cost．（Voice from
the audience，＂Don＇t advertise you aloon，＂＂）＂As for taxation，＂said Mr． O＇Brien，＂I never was in favor of it
it is a bad thing，especially where there is a bad thing，especially where ther
no resentation．The public ad ministrator system is wrong and should
be abolished．Royalty should be abol shed and an export＇tax imposed；fo by the time the miner is ready to go
out he never has much money，anyhow ublic schools are a good thing and ought to be established wherever need
ed．＇）Mr．＇OBrien declined to discus ed．＂Mr．O＇Brien declined to discus
the Yukon liquor system further tha o shy he advocates free whisky．
losed by congratulating himself closed by congratulating himself that
in his little speech he had not hur
anybody＇s feelings．He retired ami cheers．
The fourth speaker was the othe nominee of the citizens＇convention
Mr．Alex J．Prudhomme，who opened
by expressing his confidence in the election of himself and his colleague Mr ．Wilson，and paid a glowing tribute
to the latter as a miner and the pos sessor of mining experience．Mr
Prudhomme is a fiery talker of con

## iderable－magnetism．As Mr．Wilson had fuly disposed of the platiorti，the  who he said had but recently refused to stand on the platform out which he，is going before the people as a candidate going before the people as a candidate； further，that only last spring Noel had further，that only last spring Noel had opposed agitation of the royalty ques－ opposed agitation of the roy tion．He agreed with Nool that a great deal of money is invested in conces－ sions，but the money was invested in deal money is invested in conces－ sions，but the money was invested in schemes to acquire title and not in the development of the property，（Deafen－ ing cheers．）The public administrator system came in for a scoring，anía the


 speaker strongly condemned the fact
that the mining laws of the Yukon are made at Ottawa on representations
made by local officials，members of the made by local officials，members
present council．He charged that o＇Brien has made money and lots of it out of liquor permits granted him
the very ment he now pretends to the very men he now pretends tha op－
pose．With the loudest applause of
the evening up to that time，Prud－ homme retired，according to Barney
Sugrue the remainder of his time for Sugrue the
that round．
That Sugrue was a favorite with the
audience goes without saying．He said The preparation of the eplatform adopted quired several months，white the copy ing of the other platform had require
but a few minutes．＂Why is it，＂ said，＂that all the government official and government boosters are supporting
Noel and O＇Brien？Why had Noel＇cut Noel and O ＇Brien？Why had Noel＇cut
his lucky and left the citizens＇com－
mittee＇if he was serious in his desire or reform？Mr．Noel is known to be hand and glove with two of the present
councilmen，Girouard and Dugas，and councilmen，Girouard and Dugas，an
do the miners of the Yukon want any ore councilmen who pay their men I
ents on the dollar？Ask the miners on Dominion if this is the kind ouncilmen they want．Mr．Noel ha been in the country but a short tim
and is too new．＂As to O＇Brien the nd is too new．＂As to O＇Brien the
speaker admitted that he has been in spaker admitted that he has been
the Yukon for 14 years，but he furthe itated that last night was the first
in the 14 years that O＇Brien had $^{\text {＇Bren }}$ ， appeared on a puthic platform an
raised his voice for reform． Mr．Noel replied to Sugrue and ex lained that he left the eitizens＇eom
nittee when it decided to present the famous petition to the governor gen
eral，and that he had left for purely constitutional reasons．（Groans an canine how1s．）The speaker attempte of a woif and lamb drinking from th same pool when some one in the andi
nce gave vent to a regular cotswoo ence gave vent to a regnlar cotswoo
bleat and so far as further enlighten ment was given，the wolf and lamb ar
still drinking at the pool．Mr．Noe still drinking at the pool．Mr．Noe
stated that he believed he knew full as much about mining as Mr．Wilson
but that assertion was not a winne with his hearers．＇When Mr．Noel had finished his first address of the evenin
he left a good impression on the audi－ he left a good impression on the aud
ence，but his most ardent supporter greed last night that his second ad
dress was injurious to his interests and aspirations．He closed his last speec
in the French language，he havin In the French language，he having request was insisted on in Mr．
behalf by Candidate Wilson． own language，Noel is a neat，flue
and graceful speaker． Mr．Wilson again spoke and reiterat
his desire for representation of the his desire for representation of the
kon in the Dominion parliament．
When Wilson finished it was ent，as it had been all the evening，th of the quartette of candidates，he w
pre－eminently the favorite with the pre－emin．
in the French language a short addre
in the French language，but closed
English，During his closing，addre he fully sustained himself in the
high position in which his frst spee placed him in the opinion of the au
dience，which was probably the dience，which was probably the large
ever assembled in the Orpheum． Chairman Coste，at the concl
Mr．Prudhomme＇s talk，declared th meeting closed；but the audience，a
though the midnight hour had bee
laid away on the shelf of eternit
called lustily for Barney Sugrue wh
stepped forward and started the national anthem，＂God Save the Queen．＂
Thus passed into history the firs
which candidates for the suffrage
the citizens have appeared on a public Wild West Scenes．
It was midnight as a thundering
knock came at the door of room No． 48．＂Whaenix is hatel． ＂． ＂What is wanted？＂asked the occu－
pant as he sat up in bed with furiousły
beating heart． ＂We want you！Open this door！＂
＂Never？＂ ＂Then take tha conseqnences，＂
The man sprang out of bed＇and hur The man sprang out of bed and hur－
riedly dressed himself．His face washave come for revenge．＂
＂Not
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don＇tyou？
＂I don
＂Well，what
whether three o
in your state＂
＂Then that＇s all，and you can g
back to your snooze．Sorry to have dis
turbed you，but we had a dispute anwanted to settle it．＂
For fitty miles pursued and pursue
had kept at about the same distance ahad
they flew over the trackless prairie．
Now and then one had gained or lost，
but the race had become one of endur－
ance instead of speed．At last，an hourance instead of speed．At last，an hou
before sunset，the face of the pursure
began to lose its hopeful expressionbegan to lose its hopeful expression
he felt his horse giving way undhim．He pressed home the cruel spurs，
and the beaten animal seemed infuseand the beaten animal seemed infuse
with new life，but only for a few minutes．
＂I am doomed！＂，he－exclaimed in
despairing accents，as his faithful horse
staggered again．

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Another mile，and the horse of th
pursued sank down in his tracks，an
his rider stood with folded arms andhis rider stood with folded arms and
defiant look on his face to wait t
other＇s coming＂So I＇ve got you l＂said the
as he rode up and dismounted．＂You have，＂
＂You know to be the sheriff of
Cold Chuek？＂．
＂And that I never let a man escape
me．This forenoon as you rode through
our town I shouted to
＂Yes．You recognized me as Dandy
Jim，the road agent，but＇I hoped tooutrun you．＂
＂I did nothing of the kind．I asked
you for a chaw of tobacco，and you was
lered you 50 miles to show yoiu w＂
sort of a man $\dot{I}$ am．Do you chaw？＂，
＂Of course I do．， ..... sort of a man I am．
＂Of course I do．＂
＂And will you
＂With the greatest of
my horse is dead $1 /$ ， 0
can go back with you．＂
＂No
＂Bu
me？＂
＂Not by a blamed sight．I followed
on to make you hand over that chaw1 asked fore and hand jest let that chaw
warnin to you．Next time you ride
wroughthrough Cold Chuck and I yell for a
chaw you want to come right down with
half a plug ，＂All at once two
two guns leaped $i$two guns leaped into the middle of the
street and began firing at each other．
Pop！bang！pop！The stree was
cleared of pedestrians，and men looked
from behild shelter with bated breath．
Six shots，ten，fitten，twenty．
＂Are they both dead？＂was asked in
Pop！bang！pop！
＂But they must be dead now．
Fifty shots，100，200．Then
who had been asleep in a distant saloon
slowly awoke and shambled outdoor
and down the street．：When he reached
the fiwnthe fighters，the four guns were still
blazing，but he closed in and took both
men by the ear and led the pair around
the corner and gave them the boot and
＂How many times hev I got to warye that it＇s agin the ordinance to shoo
off fire crackers？＂
Disgusting Scene
A most disgusting scene was wit
nessed this morning on Third stree
when two women，one of whom is noWhen two women，one of whom is ne
by any means，a stranger in Dawso
police circles，one on either side of aold man whose hair is white as snow，
were half carrying the childish buinto one of the local theateret aninto one of the local theaters．Itnessed this morning that cause all persons with a spark of regard for the ral
of even semi－decency to say amen
the report that Major Wood is soon

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W．A A Rabbit Ranch． W．A．Ryan，of Clark \＆Ryan，
started a new industry in Dawsen，
nucleus being eight full grown Belge naceus being eight full grown Bep
hares．As these animals increase
rapidy and in a short time，Mr．R
expect to supply the Dawson ma
with fresh suape from his＇ounter
The hares are trisky and give e

## Brief Canadian News．

 Peterboro，Sept．14．－The LibenWest Peterboro have chosen J．H． Kendry，Conservative Giember， forthcoming general elections，
Dutton，Ont．Sept．13．－II a
here tast，night Hon．Wm．R Dutton，Ont．，Sept．I3．－ In a
here，last night Hon．Wm．R Mu
postmaster general，announnced the
temporary＂deficit due to the redr temporary ${ }^{\text {t d deficit due to }}$
in postage rate would
by October 1st next． October ist next．
Montreal，Sept．
Fulton was found gui charge of having stolen from Mr
M．Coristine the sum of $\$ 12,3$ beristine the sum of 812,5
being the proceeds of 73 shares
Merchants Bank of Canada，al having appropriated the moneny
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attorney granted to him by Mro
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