

Ralph Smith Is Endorsed

A Rousing Political Meeting Held at Nanaimo on Saturday Evening.

McInnes Speaks in Favor of Sloan The Miners Favor Labor Man.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

Nanaimo, Oct. 6.—The mass meeting held in the opera house to-night was a decidedly interesting gathering. The hall was crowded to the doors, and right up to the close the people remained to listen to the speaker. Shortly after 8 o'clock the curtain was rung up, disclosing the platform filled with supporters of Mr. Ralph Smith, amongst whom were the most influential and representative workmen in the city. Owing to the fact that the meeting was called for Saturday night, the business element was not represented, Saturday night always being a busy time, but the miners and other workmen were out in full force and displayed in an unmistakable manner the position they will take on election day. Their enthusiasm for Sloan was magnificent, and if their attitude last night is to be taken as a gauge of the feeling by the whole community, Mr. Sloan will not save his deposit.

This augurs well for Sloan's general prospects, especially in this city, where Sloan's whole strength seems to lie with the most radical of the miners. The business section of the community and the solid thinking portion of the miners are with Sloan to a marked degree, but the nomination before they knew Sloan was coming out, it would be difficult to pick out a single representative citizen who gives support to Sloan.

At the opening of the meeting Dr. McKee, who acted as chairman, after giving a short personal explanation of his position, announced that Mr. Sloan would speak first, then Mr. Sloan would be allowed to state his views; a resolution would then be proposed, after which Messrs. Cowan and Dickson, who were present representing organized labor of Vancouver, would speak, and then Mr. McKee.

Mr. Sloan coming forward was greeted in a manner that must have been most gratifying to him, the applause continuing for over a minute. His speech consisted of an explanation of his position, relating the facts that led up to his accepting the suggestion of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress to run as an independent labor candidate, and apologizing for the necessity of making so many personal references to himself. He traced briefly the history of the negotiations that led up to his refusal of the position of deputy minister of labor, and stated that he had accepted the position of deputy minister of labor, and that he had accepted the position of deputy minister of labor, and that he had accepted the position of deputy minister of labor.

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He said he was in the field in response to a requisition signed by 400 miners, and was endorsed by a Liberal convention.

Mr. George Campbell in a short speech then introduced a strong resolution, endorsing Mr. Smith, which was seconded by Mr. James Young, after which Harry Cowan and Mr. Dickson, of Vancouver, read resolutions endorsing Mr. Smith from the Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver and the Dominion Labor parties of Vancouver. During the speeches of these men there were frequent interruptions.

When Mr. McKee came forward he was cheered to the echo by his friends. He first shook hands with Mr. Ralph Smith, as an indication of personal friendship, and then proceeded to make a very bitter attack on him, accusing him of "booting his own horn," of "being forced to seek a nomination outside of Nanaimo because the people here would not endorse him," of manipulating the strings to get the Vancouver labor men to pass resolutions favoring him, of neglecting his duty to the laboring men in the Provincial House in not supporting his (McKee's) labor bill, and finally of being captured by the "speculators," "clap-net," "buncombe" legislation of the Laurier government. He then paid his respect to Messrs. Cowan and Dickson, politely informing them that their presence was a "piece of unwarranted impertinence," and that Nanaimo could manage its own affairs without interference.

All this suited a part of the crowd immensely, but the respectable portion of the audience when they recovered from their amazement at hearing Mr. McKee thus addressing himself to men of such well known loyalty to the cause, rose to the occasion and hissed and howled him without mercy, one of his oldest political friends rising in the front seat and shouting angrily: "You've killed yourself this time." Another made his way to the platform amid great uproar, and shaking his finger in Mr. McKee's face, declared that Sloan had bought signatures to his requisition by boozing and slushing over the bar. When Mr. McKee finished speaking the resolution was put and carried enthusiastically, and Mr. Smith in reply pointed out that Mr. McKee, while pretending to avoid personalities, had introduced them very bitterly. He also pointed out that Mr. McKee, while now supporting Mr. Sloan, had never on any occasion supported him (Smith). This point was taken up by the audience, and from all parts of the hall came the answer: "You've got no money."

At the close of Mr. Smith's address three cheers were proposed for Mr. Smith and given with a will, but when Mr. McKee jumped up and yelled, "Three cheers for Sloan," there were more groans than cheers, and the meeting dispersed.

WHITE HORSE.

Rush of Business as Navigation of River is Coming to an End.

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The town of White Horse for the past couple of weeks has been virtually turned into a scow exchange, and the excitement, which prevails at times as fortunes are won and lost would turn the head of any man. A scow is worth \$550 at one minute, and is sold for that in another minute someone else has paid \$650 for it, then a \$750 offer is taken up, and later on a stranded shipper will pay \$850 for it, or he may get \$900 if he has to. In an hour or two he is more than \$100 richer. A scow is a very valuable asset, and a scow is a very valuable asset, and a scow is a very valuable asset.

Mr. McKee, the well-known furrier of Vancouver, passed through White Horse to-day on his way to Dawson with a \$20,000 stock of furs, most of which are orders taken by him while in the northern metropolis the early part of the summer.

Miss Mary E. Glenn, of Boston, Mass., and Mr. R. J. Burke, editor of the White Horse Tribune, will be married next Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church.

The ticket office of the White Pass & Yukon railway this morning was as busy as a circus wagon. "Slagway," twenty dollars; yes, baggage checked next door," repeated the ticket agent about two hundred and sixty times as he kept pulling tickets, stamping and handing them out, while the walls of the safe behind him were being sprung with the crash of brass notes he was throwing into it. This is record day. Four passenger cars, each carrying about 60 passengers, went out, and at \$20 per head the company must have raked in an aggregate of about five thousand dollars, which beats any amount yet put on books for a single trip either way. Most of these people arrived in town early this morning on the big steamer Monarch, which came direct from St. Michael, stopping at Dawson en route. There were a few seedy and disgusted looking Nome men among them.

Miss A. B. Holland, who had been visiting her brother, Mr. J. Holland, in White Horse, left on Wednesday morning for her home in Victoria. Miss Holland had spent about six weeks in White Horse, and will be very much missed. She is one of those bright, amiable young ladies who spread sunshine and happiness wherever they go, and of whom there are two few in this northern land.

Charles Tre, a shoemaker, late of Mansfield in Victoria, has arrived in White Horse and will reside here permanently. Governor Ogilvie telegraphs to the secretary of the board of trade: "The council has authorized the construction of a road to the mines. I have authorized Tre to carry on the work at once."

The river steamers are getting in some great strokes in the last days of their season, and the amount of freight blocked in White Horse is becoming less every day in spite of the fact that the trains are bringing it in at the same old rate. Last morning the Anglian, the Tasmanian and the Nora went away and left the dock bare. About 8 o'clock the same evening the Columbian came in having completed her round trip in the remarkably short time of seven days. Her half an hour later came the Victor and in a few hours more the Sybil was in. They were all away again before the afternoon of the next day. The Zealandian came in on the 24th.



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Brave Father O'Leary, so bold, an' so tender,
We welcome you, Sogarth, wid laughter an' tears,
Safe back to your country, an' proudly we tender
To you a full share iv all honours an' cheers.

On the voyage or march no value was so cheery,
In camp your warm heart, made you Tommy's best friend;
Sure, the wit an' the wisdom iv Father O'Leary
Was the theme iv all tongues from beginnin' to end.

Whin Lord Roberts gives praise to the illigit forces
We sink out to help him, he's wid us an' glad,
In our gallant contingent iv men, guns an' horses,
The power we supplied in our true-hearted pride.

No hero this war to our history has given—
The many a name it has written in light—
Surpassin' yourself, humble servant iv heaven,
In the deeds that make heroes names glorious an' bright.