

A Rousing Speech

By Ralph Smith in the Opera House, Nanaimo, on Saturday Night.

Disposed of the Charges Brought Against Him by Col. Prior.

The Telegrams to the Conservatives Explained by Labor Candidate.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Oct. 29.—When Ralph Smith walked across the stage of the opera house on Saturday night at twenty minutes past eleven, to take his seat in the candidates' row, a mighty shout of welcome went up that drowned all other noises for some minutes. There could be no mistaking the effect that the supporters of Mr. Smith were present in full force, or that they were delighted that he had managed to get through from the distant point at which he had been speaking. In time to answer the various charges laid against him by the speakers of the evening.

Colonel Gregory was speaking in his defence as Mr. Smith stepped to his place on the platform, but that gentleman soon wound up his remarks to allow the champion of independent labor to plead in his own behalf, closing a ringing speech by saying: "Here he is himself, and I think I can safely leave him to attend to Wobbling Willie, the gifted son of this lovely district; that is the gift of the gab. He is more highly endowed in that respect than any man I have ever met." (Laughter.)

Mr. Haslam, the chairman, then introduced Mr. Smith briefly, announcing that he would be limited to fifteen minutes, which would give Mr. Wolley and Col. Prior fifteen minutes between them to reply before midnight.

Mr. Smith, on advancing to the front of the platform, was hailed with another of those spontaneous outbursts which indicate that a man is at least not unpopular.

Mr. Smith said: "I have just had put into my hands a paper containing two or three notes of statements which have been made about me here this evening. I desire, in a very kindly way, to give my explanations of these matters. You have heard that Mr. McInnes has made certain statements regarding me; the speakers here this evening have told you a good deal about them, I understand. Now, if I thought there was the slightest truth in what Mr. McInnes had been saying I would very carefully go into the whole matter in each case and show where he was mistaken, but because I know that not one of these statements is correct, and because I am convinced that the great majority of you here know the same thing, I do not propose to waste the time of this audience giving explanations on what we all know to be not matters of fact.

Gentlemen, the very best evidence we can have that the bottom is gone out of the cause of Mr. Sloan is Mr. McInnes's speech at the meeting at Extension, held on Thursday night. And that those gentlemen know is plain to everybody from the tactics which they are adopting. They well know that they are now fighting for a lost cause, that they have no chance of winning. In fact these men are getting desperate and they are adopting desperate tactics. I think you will agree with me that is not exaggerating the facts of the case as they have been made known to us.

"Now, to take up the points laid against me," Col. Prior says (reading from the notes) "you asked for the Conservative nomination, and sent two telegrams." A very serious charge that, well, now, we'll have the telegrams Col. Prior says were sent. Where are they? Sir, (turning to Col. Prior, amid uproarious applause and shouts of: "That's it, Ralph, make 'em cough up the wires.") I ask you to produce those telegrams you say you sent, and which you told the audience here to-night were sent. Where are they? Col. Prior said he had not got them. (Renewed uproar and encouraging cries to Mr. Smith from the audience.) Well, then, if you cannot produce them I shall tell the audience all about them. I did send two telegrams. One to Mr. Burns, a Conservative, and the other to Mr. Munro, also a Conservative, to the effect that as there was to be a Conservative convention held in Nanaimo, I wanted these gentlemen, for the sake of the cause and for the sake of the country, to take the same wise course the Liberals already had taken to use their influence to get the convention to endorse me. But I never asked any Conservative convention to nominate me. (Cheers.) To be nominated by a Conservative convention would bind me to allegiance to the Conservatives, and that is altogether another matter. What attitude did the Liberals take in this matter? They said the labor interests of this country have a right to direct representation in that house, the right to claim recognition, and they manfully surrendered their right to nominate a straight Liberal candidate in this constituency, in favor of organized labor of this country, and declared themselves perfectly willing to endorse the action you have taken, and to prevent a straight Liberal from running in this constituency against the labor candidate. I wanted the Conservatives to be as reasonable as that. Had they done so their interests would have been much better conserved. Now they are fighting the direct interests of labor in this country. The organized labor classes of this country wanted to bring out a man, and they endorsed my nomination. The men who are using their influence against me are fighting industrial interests of this country. Col. Prior recognizes the difference between the two points. Mr. Wolley says my connection with Mr. Robins, as a capitalist, has spoiled my

opportunity for serving labor. My connection with Mr. Robins is exactly the same as that of any other candidate who has run in Nanaimo. Mr. Robins used his influence to promote the interests of Mr. Keith in 1894, and in 1896 he used his influence to help Mr. Haslam. And if he did it with them, why not with me. I never asked Mr. Robins for his support, never in my life. Mr. Robins voluntarily handed over his endorsement of me just as he had done of every other man he approved of. I respect Mr. Robins most highly; more highly than I do any other man in this country. He has always shown himself willing to support any man who has been generally acceptable to the workmen of this city. I want to know if it is possible to find another man in any other country who is prepared to take similar action. (Applause.) When the business of the workmen has been put into my hands to be discussed with Mr. Robins, he does that business just as straight and faithfully as any occasion calls for. Mr. Wolley himself admits that Mr. Robins acts in harmony with the men; he never objects to the representatives of labor presenting their grievances to him. He stands as a man ready to settle his differences by arbitration. I may say the same about Hon. James Dunsinuir to some extent. When I went to see Mr. Dunsinuir about the case of the Scotch miners' four, he was prepared to be as amiable about the matter, and he adopted my suggestions as a labor leader. He also showed the same spirit when he raised the wages of his men to the standard of the district, and involuntarily putting the Chinese out of his mines. "It is stated that I am likely to get five or six thousand dollars out of the commission on the Chinese enquiry. Well, perhaps I should be glad to hear it. But if the result of the work of that commission were to be the driving of every Chinaman out of this country, would not you say that I had well earned that six thousand dollars? You wouldn't object to me getting that amount would you? (Cries of "Of course not!") Mr. McInnes has made this statement. I have not the slightest doubt he knows all about it, as he does of everything else. (Laughter.) But I don't know in the least what I am going to get. Mr. McInnes perhaps does not know that his statement throws discredit upon Mr. Maxwell, of Vancouver, who has been most active in promoting this commission. If that commission accomplishes the object for which it was appointed it will be worth more than five thousand dollars to me. This commission is to go into the matter thoroughly, to leave no stone unturned that will reveal the smallest portion of evidence, and the report upon the actual facts as they exist in this province. And I can assure you this will be done and the report will be safe to fall to act upon it. If I get six thousand dollars out of it I am going to tell the people; I shall tell them in any case what I do get. (Applause.) That is the way I acted in the case of the Rossed labor dispute. The government sent me a cheque for \$500. I sent it back to Mr. Martin, asking him to send a cheque for \$200. He sent it back to me protesting I should take it, but I did not want any more than my actual expenses and losses as miners' secretary on salary. (Applause.)

Mr. Haslam here intimated that Mr. Smith's time limit had expired and Mr. Smith took his seat, exclaiming: "I have always been a Liberal, but if the Conservatives are returned to power and do the good things for labor that the Liberal government did last session, I think I can support them. But there is no hope that they will ever get into power in this election. I don't think the people will be so foolish. (Applause.)

READ IT IN THE FACES.

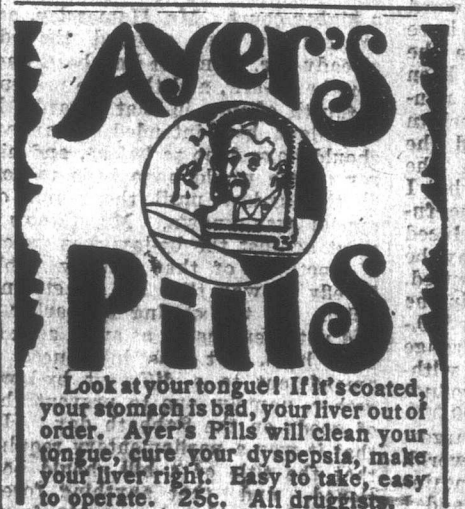
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BONDING MONARCH GROUP.

Rich Mining Claims in Which Victorians Are Interested.

Messrs. Burns and Taylor were in the city for several days past making arrangements of both the Monarch group of claims on Birch river, and they are now in Vancouver completing final arrangements. A number of prominent Victorians hold the majority of stock in these claims, and they feel confident that they have a good chance of securing the Ontario and the New Brunswick claims adjacent to the Lorne group, which was recently bonded for \$100,000 and a cash deposit of \$7,500 has already been put up as a first payment. The claims are considered the richest on Birch river. The Monarch group is owned by the British Columbia Gold Property Company, and the headquarters of this company are located in this city.

G. M. Richard, steward of the steamer Amur, is registered at the Occidental hotel.



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Committee Appointed

To Report Upon the Best Way of Securing the Mint For This City.

Portland Promoter Would Like to Establish Rice Mills in Victoria.

Contrary to expectation the consideration of the railway by-law was not resumed at the meeting of the city council last evening. A special session of the council will be held on Wednesday evening, when the various clauses will receive careful attention. Thanks to the foresight of Mr. Bodwell, the amendments that have already been made will be printed in additional copies for the members of the council, who, in consequence, will not be compelled to disfigure their copies by pencil emendations and insertions. What appears to be one of the direct results of the submission of the railway proposition to the council last evening in the shape of a communication from C. J. Allan, of Portland, announcing his intention to establish a rice mill here on condition of being guaranteed immunity from taxes and wharfage charges.

A very unique and voluminous contribution to the epistolary literature of the age was received from C. C. Moody regarding the establishment of a mint. The writer, with careful observance of the main principles of composition, forcibly pointed out to the council that his claim to priority in the institution of the mint was well founded. He had letters from the Bankers' Association of Canada and Sir Wilfrid Laurier confirming his claim, and he intended to see that his rights were not trifled with. There were several more paragraphs along the same line.

The reading of this communication produced a marked impression on the council. They were, however, somewhat sceptical as to the value of the adopted in dealing with it. One of the aldermen advised that it be referred to the park committee, but this drew forth an indignant protest from Ald. Hall. Ald. Yates advised that the validity of the claim be referred to the committee in the future, but in the meantime he moved that it be received and filed. Carried.

F. B. Kitch, secretary of the S. P. C. A., wrote regarding the successful work of the Victoria West End Association. There were now 164 members, and the number of members of the hands of mercy in connection was between eight and nine hundred. A gentleman had offered a prize for the best kept tradesman's house, and in order to attract other citizens to offer similar premiums and thus assist in ennobling interest in the work of the society. Received and filed.

W. J. Hanna insisted that his account of \$4,500 against the city for fund-raising expenses in connection with the funeral of the late Wm. Frost be paid. Referred to the city solicitor for report.

John Sherborn directed attention to the unsanitary condition of the ditch in front of his and neighbors' residences on Ocean street, less than a block from the city street, and asked for a sewer committee.

M. C. Reynard and others asked for a sidewalk on the west side of Foul Bay road. Referred to the city engineer for report.

E. A. Rennie, of Hamilton, wrote as follows:

I notice in the reports of 1898 that the condition of the lepers was very bad, with a worse outlook for the future unless care could be taken of them. How many lepers there are now, and in what condition are they; and is there any more proper person on the island to look after and care for them? Please give me as much and as full information as you can. I have been to Ottawa once in regard to the lepers in the West, and I have created interest in the East in the fact that in Ontario there is a leper hospital. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The resolution regarding the appointment of a committee to deal with the mint question was carried. Ald. Cameron, on Brydon and Stewart being appointed the special committee.

The following letter was read from C. J. Allen, of the Portland rice mills:— "I am writing to you to ask you to establish a rice manufacturing business at some point in British Columbia, on the coast. We expect to handle about twenty-five tons per day of the manufactured article, and will import raw material very largely from Japan, shipping the product to Eastern points. We have seen by the newspapers that the Great Northern or its connections are likely soon to reach Victoria.

I should be glad if you would communicate with me at your earliest convenience, what facilities there are for obtaining sites for a manufactory of this kind, and other matters in connection with the establishment of our business at Victoria, and whether or not any concessions could be obtained in the way of exemption from taxation, free wharfage facilities, or other encouragements of a similar nature, to induce the establishment of our manufacturing interests there.

Kindly give us as much information as you can upon the points mentioned in my letter, and other matters which you think would be of interest to me in this connection. After deciding to resume the consideration of the by-law on Wednesday evening the council adjourned.

These unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Oster's Little Nerve Pills, which are made for the purpose of relieving nervous dyspepsia. Price 25c. per box.

Steamship Glenogle sails for the Orient this afternoon. She will receive 34 Chinese passengers here, but no cargo.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

munication be received and the information asked for granted, and that copies of the resolutions formerly dealt with by the council on the subject be forwarded to Mr. Brydon.

Ald. Brydon could not see that the writer would be benefited by copies of these resolutions, and Ald. Yates was of the opinion that it would be quite sufficient to give the gentleman the information.

Ald. Kinsman concurred with Ald. Williams, who ultimately withdrew the second part of his resolution. The other portion carried.

E. C. Hart, coroner, communicated the rider submitted by the jury at the inquest in connection with the death of the late R. S. Gray, in which the attention of the council was directed to the dangerous state of the various cliffs along Dallas road. Referred to the city engineer for report.

F. J. Deane, secretary of the royal commission on Chinese and Japanese immigration, asked for information as to the (1) number of Chinese and Japanese now residing within the city limits; (2) increase, if any, within the past twelve months of this class of residents; (3) revenue obtained by the city from Chinese and Japanese sources of the revenue and the amount thereof up to September 30th ult; (4) occupations of Chinese and Japanese residence within the city limits; (5) such reports from the city medical health officer and sanitary inspector regarding conditions of Chinese and Japanese within the city limits; (6) such other information as in the opinion of the city council may be of service to the royal commission.

Ald. Williams wanted this communication referred to the finance committee, and Ald. Stewart seconded, as he believed in giving these gentlemen as much work as possible. Ald. Cameron, of this committee, however, demurred, but pointed out that some information could be furnished by the corporation officials.

Finally, on the suggestion of Ald. Beckwith, the communication was received and filed, and Mr. Deane will be informed that he can obtain the information on application to the various city officials.

The city engineer reported regarding the complaint of the condition of San Juan avenue. This was reported on last November. It would cost \$45 to grade the road. The grading of Garbally road was also reported upon on the same date. It would cost \$285 to grade and surface this street with gravel. Regarding the petition of W. J. Bowden and others for a sidewalk on Esquimalt street, the city carpenter recommended construction of a walk on the north side of the street 600 feet long, at a cost of \$81. A sidewalk 450 long at a cost of \$50 was also recommended to be laid on the east side of Market street.

The report was referred to the street committee.

J. L. Raymur, the water commissioner, wanted to know what system of lighting the city proposed for the pumping station. Referred and filed, and the council decided in favor of electric light.

The sanitary inspector recommended the destruction of the two-story building on the north side of Cormorant street, belonging to W. J. Macdonald, and the two wooden buildings on Esquimalt street, together with the three buildings in the rear. The building inspector recommended that the old buildings on the corners of Johnson and Broad streets also be destroyed.

The building inspector's report was adopted, while the owners of these premises condemned by the sanitary inspector will be asked to meet the council on Friday, November 9th.

A petition was read from the committee of Victoria West End praying for the assistance of the council to look after the interests of two of their number who while carried away by the exuberance of their patriotism on Mafeking day, burned a shed on Craigflower road.

This evoked considerable discussion, in which it developed that the city solicitor was acting for the plaintiff in the case. The latter, however, offered to withdraw from the case should it interfere with the city's interest in the matter.

Finally it was decided to inform the petitioners that the city solicitor would look after the corporation's interest during the hearing of the case.

Mrs. S. Williams and others of North Park street petitioned for the extension of a sidewalk. Referred to the city engineer for report.

The report of the finance committee recommending the appropriation of \$806.84 for the payment of accounts was adopted.

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river, along which we worked for a considerable distance, is a turbulent stream and the country it traverses is badly broken up, with frequent precipitous cliffs and mountains, which made traveling difficult and hazardous. The region seemed to be mineral-bearing, and near the Porcupine frequently showed coal signs."

James Siorah, a pioneer saloon-keeper of Seattle, died at Dawson, October 23rd, by his own hand, after taking the life of his mistress known on the variety stage as Anna Mitchell.

It was expected that the United States telegraph wire now being constructed in the Yukon valley will be completed from St. Michael to Fort Gibbon, opposite Weare, at the mouth of the Tanana, this month.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of education, who visited the coast of Siberia in July and returned to the Alaskan Coast, says the disease first, which is killing many natives along the coast of the Behring Sea, ravaged the Siberian Coast and that half of the native population of that coast fell beneath the dread reaper.

OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION. Inhabitants of West Indies Desire to Continue Under Danish Crown.

(Associated Press.) St. Thomas, D. W., Oct. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council at St. Croix, Danish West Indies, yesterday, the vice-chairman denounced the statements made by Mr. A. J. Blackwood, the United States consul at St. Croix, and chairman of the Colonial Council, that the sentiment of the people of the Danish West Indies was strongly in favor of annexation. A resolution was adopted to cable King Christian of Denmark "unmistakably expressing" the wishes of the inhabitants to continue under the Danish crown.

FATAL RAILWAY WRECK. Mail Clerk Killed and Six Others Injured.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30.—Geo. W. Corson, a mail clerk, was killed and six others were injured in a collision on the Chicago and Alton near Mitchell, Ill., early to-day.

The midnight special, bound from Chicago to St. Louis, collided with a freight train on a long curve near Mitchell. Behind the passenger engine was the mail car in which several clerks were asleep. The car telescoped and none of its occupants escaped uninjured.

Another interesting piece of news received by the Amur is that George White Fraser, who has been demarcating the boundary line between this province and the Yukon territory, has completed his work, his wife having accompanied him throughout the entire expedition. A Northern paper, in speaking of the undertaking, says: "In April last the start was made from Bennett. A packer and a cook were the only helpers accompanying the engineer and his wife. Unlike the contested portion of the Alaska boundary, the interprovincial British Columbia-Yukon line takes its bearing from the stars, the 60th parallel of latitude being the dividing line. Mr. White Fraser's work was of a preliminary nature, though it comprised all of the intricate work of locating the line. At certain stations—notably the crossings of large rivers and on mountain peaks—the astronomical instruments were set up, a temporary camp made, and when the line was located it was marked by a monument. From these monuments it will be a simple matter for a surveying party to mark out the line. In speaking of his trip Mr. White Fraser said:

"Our path lay through a very rough, wild country, and after leaving the region adjacent to the starting point, we met with no one until we came out at the head of the Porcupine. For a greater part of the distance our work took us above timber line. The Alsea

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