

COWPER HANDLES CLEMENTS

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not know at the time that Mr. Cowper was a Comox-Atlin man, and said he was quite willing to meet him in public discussion every night now till election was over.

Supported the Leaders

Mr. Angers in a brilliant speech met Mr. Clements' argument that Canada's progress was due to the National Policy, quoting Sir Charles Tupper as evidence that when the Liberals came to power seventeen years after the National policy was put in force, Canada was in a state of bankruptcy.

Mr. Manson confined himself principally to a criticism of Mr. Cowper's speech, charging that it was theoretical, not practical. He denied that England's change from poverty to wealth after adopting free trade was due to free trade.

The Fun Started

The best part of the evening's entertainment started when Mr. Cowper rose to reply to the speeches of Messrs. Clements and Manson. After disposing of Mr. Manson effectively, the speaker went on to say: "I have found words to express my amazement at Mr. Manson's amazing ideas on reciprocity. In fact, I was prepared for them; I have heard Mr. Manson make speeches before. But for Mr. Clements, I will not attempt to find words. He is beyond words. But after listening to him tonight I can sympathise with that Porcher Island settler who wrote to me saying, 'I have been a Conservative all my life, and last week went to Prince Rupert to hear our party candidate. After hearing him, I am going back to Porcher Island to advise all my friends to vote for Duncan Ross.' (Laughter).

A Political Weathercock

"I have never witnessed a more beautiful example of a political weathercock. Without any economic bearings, he has drifted all over the map. Every part of his speech was contradicted by some other part, not merely in its argument, but in the simplest facts. "I recall to you that in one portion of his speech he told you that he had been a farmer all his life. In another portion of his speech he told you that he had devoted many years of his life to fighting the trusts in Parliament. In another portion of his speech he told you he was a pioneer of B. C. In another portion of his speech he told you he had been twelve years in the milling business. And I think it is the truth when I tell you, that in Prince Rupert he is only remembered as the one-time representative of the Standard Oil Company.

Gave It the Lie

Springing to his feet, Mr. Clements exclaimed angrily, "I say that is not true, and I demand an opportunity to speak. I will answer that lie so that no man will ever utter it again." Mr. Cowper—"I will give you a chance to reply, right now. And I will quote you my authority. I will read you the words of the Prince Rupert Journal at the time when Mr. Clements was nominated. It said, 'Mr. Clements will be remembered as the representative of the Standard Oil Company in the early days of Prince Rupert.' (Applause, during which Mr. Clements subsided). Now what has Mr. Clements to say to that?" Mr. Clements—"I say that after listening to you, I wouldn't believe a word that appears in the Journal." (Applause from the road foremen, etc.) Mr. Cowper—"But the Journal is not my paper. The Journal is the Conservative organ, which is supporting your campaign." Mr. Clements—"Well, I would not believe a word it says, just the same. More than that I think you've spoken long enough. If you speak any longer I will insist on speaking again."

Is a Pioneer

Mr. Cowper—"Mr. Clements, who brought up these personalities, also told you that he was a pioneer of British Columbia, twenty-two years ago, before Mr. Cowper ever heard of it, and that he lived in Prince Rupert before Mr. Cowper knew there was such a place. He asks for the votes of the pioneers, saying he is a pioneer himself. Well, I will tell you the kind of pioneer he is. He is the kind of pioneer who came here, and then quit. He quit and went back to West Kent, (laughter). And he stayed in West Kent, until the farmers of West Kent decided they had no use for him in Parliament and voted him out. Then he quit West Kent, and came to Prince Rupert. And a little while after he quit Prince Rupert. He said he had had enough of Prince Rupert and wanted to live in Vancouver. That is the kind of pioneer spirit Mr. Clements is. (Laughter). And he only came back when he heard that there was a vacancy in Comox-Atlin. Mr. Clements—"I object to this sort of thing. It is all false. I did not quit." Mr. Cowper—"I want to be fair to you, Mr. Clements. Tell the audience how long you stayed in Prince Rupert." "Ten months." Mr. Cowper—"And then did you stay, or did you quit? (No response). You quit. You know you quit. And on September 22nd, you will quit Prince Rupert again and never come back. (Applause). Economic Contradictions "But Mr. Clements' economics are as contradictory as his facts. He wanted higher protection at one part of his speech, and in another abused the Government for not taking the duty off agricultural implements. He wants both free trade and protection." Mr. Clements—"You are misrepresenting me." Mr. Cowper—"Then I will change my tactics. I want to be fair to you. Did you or did you not say that you would build the tariff wall higher, and then say to the United States capitalists 'If you want our natural resources, you must bring your millions and your machines and manufacture here in Canada.' Is that fair to you?" Mr. Clements—"Yes, that is." Mr. Cowper—"Then I will proceed to show how absurd your idea of economics is. (Laughter). I will illustrate it to you. The green cloth on this billiard table represents the continent. This line of books I erect is the tariff wall dividing the two portions. On one side are natural resources and eight million people, amply supplied with manufactures; on the other side are ninety-two millions. You want the capital and the machines of the ninety-two millions to come to this side. Is that right?" Mr. Clements—"Yes." Mr. Cowper—"Then watch and see what happens. The machines get to work and turn out manufactures. There is no market on this side. They goods are needed on the other. They are taken to the boundary, and here they come in contact with your big high tariff wall. Explain to the audience, Mr. Clements, how they are to get across." Mr. Clements—"The United States can remove the tariff." Mr. Cowper—"Precisely. And the reciprocity agreement is a joint agreement between the governments of Canada and the United States to remove the tariff. Your tariff wall to keep trade from passing has to be removed. Reciprocity is necessary, before you can induce your capitalists to bring their millions and their machines to Canada." (Loud applause). That Printing Mr. Cowper also called on Mr. Clements to explain his action in sending out of the constituency to Vancouver to have his campaign printing done, in the light of his statement that, "the only way to build up a community is to keep all its trade within his boundaries." Mr. Clements' excuses proved a source of delight to the audience. Which was It? Referring to Mr. Clements' statement that if reciprocity carried all the pulp logs and timber logs would be taken to the United States to be manufactured, Mr. Cowper said: "That statement from a man who has been in Parliament unfits him from public life. Mr. Clements either knew or he did not know that there is a provincial tariff to prohibit the

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export of pulpwood and saw logs. If he did not know, his ignorance is inexcusable; if he did know, then he was trying to bluff you. I invite you, Mr. Clements to tell the audience whether when you made that statement you were ignorant of the facts, or you were trying to deceive them. Which was it?" Mr. Clements merely waved his hand in resignation.

Another Bluff Mr. Cowper then took him over his statement that if elected he would go to the Railway Commission and have the \$54 a ton freight rate from Prince Rupert to Hazelton reduced (Mr. Clements had attacked Hon. William Templeman on this point). Mr. Cowper by questioning dragged from Mr. Clements admissions that the \$54 per ton was largely for boat freight, and that the Railway Commission had no jurisdiction over steamboat rates.

The Montcalm Incident Mr. Cowper explained the silverware expenditure on the Montcalm by asking the meeting whether if they invited Mr. Clements home to supper their wives would not bring out the best china and a clean tablecloth. "You bet we would," said the road foremen, etc.

"Of course you would," continued the speaker, "and that is just how the Government feels. The Montcalm is used in summer very frequently to entertain distinguished visitors to our country, and the Government in buying \$2,000 worth of silverware for it, knew that the people of Canada wanted them to entertain visitors in a manner befitting the nation. Mr. Clements' ideas of cheese-paring national hospitality did not even go in the cent belt, where the farmers of West Kent rejected him at last election after he had told them about the silverware on the Montcalm. I am sure they will not go in Comox-Atlin."

Another Bluff Called Before concluding, Mr. Cowper thanked Mr. Clements for agreeing to meet him every night for the rest of the campaign, and said he would accordingly arrange a joint meeting on Tuesday night at Kitselas.

Mr. Clements pulling a wry face said: "There you go again. You know I didn't mean that it way." Mr. Cowper—"The audience are judges. They heard your words. Will you, or will you not continue the debate on Tuesday night at Kitselas?" Mr. Clements—"No."

HEARS SERMON ON RECIPROCITY

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returned." The pastor pointed out the value of a sound principled opposition as critics of even the most beneficial measures.

He scored in the most scathing terms politicians who sought election simply in order that they might get in on grafts and secure patronage. "No commerial policy," he declared, "can wreck the affairs of a state if there are men at its head of the right sort of ideals striving for the greatest good of their country irrespective of party or patronage. Men," as Mr. McLeod said at the very outset of his address, "who when they are persuaded that a certain policy is right for the nation will, if need be, break from their party, refusing to be coerced into giving a vote against their convictions. Men, who if in power with an office to fill will give that office to the man best fitted for it no matter what his political color or which party is in power.

"Let us go to the polls on Thursday resolved to do what is best for our city and for Canada, return if possible a man of the right type, and maintain towards neighbor and nation no matter which man is returned to Parliament, the principles of reciprocity in daily life contained in the text—'Whatsoever ye would men should do to you, do ye even so also unto them,'" said the pastor in conclusion.

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LAURIER IS ELECTED

(Canadian Press Despatch) Quebec, Sept. 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been elected by acclamation for Quebec East, Leduc, his opponent, resigning this morning. Ethier, Liberal, is declared elected by acclamation for Two Mountains, owing to the irregularity of his opponent's papers, Andrew Fautex, Conservative.

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