

BEST ROSS MEETING OF ALL TO-NIGHT--BE THERE

ROUSING SPEECHES AND SONGS AT ROSS SMOKER

W. J. McKenzie Gave a Fine Address With Interesting Political Reminiscences—Ernest Flexman and G. H. Morgan Were Among the Able Speakers

One whole evening of bubbling and roaring enthusiasm for Ross and Reciprocity. That is a fair description of the smoker at the Liberal committee rooms last evening. There were a number of excellent speeches further elucidating the merits of the question of the hour, and a couple of campaign songs that were given a rousing reception.

William E. Williams presided, making an address at the opening which was a clever resume of the best arguments favoring reciprocity, interspersed with interesting facts and figures that have not before been brought forward. Then came Mr. Ross, who spoke briefly but very much to the point and was cheered to the echo. His words will be found in another column.

Cowan Absolutely Cultus
Mr. Slide sang "The Banner of Labor," after which Fred Stork made another of his telling addresses. He closed in these words: "We have a man coming into our midst—a man who branded our brilliant leader as a white-livered coward. He is a man who is absolutely cultus in the City of Vancouver, which has chuckled him on to Prince Rupert. We have two of them now. To hear Mr. Clements criticizing Sir Wilfrid Laurier—to hear a man of Clements' known character and temperament and ability talking as he does of the greatest political leader of the age, cuts on to the raw. On Thursday Mr. Clements will receive his quietus. Mr. Powell and he will pack their grips together and put them on."

the Henriette. "(Roars of laughter.)"

Rattling Campaign Song
There followed a piano solo by Mr. Adams and Ernest Flexman gave his impressions of reciprocity from the view point of the consumer. "In my household," he said, "the consumption is increasing (heartily laughter) and anything that tends to make food cheaper is to me very interesting." He followed with an excellent argument punctuated by a couple of humorous stories.

G. H. Morgan gave both a speech and song, the latter containing advice to Clements to "Always burn a night light by his bed." Then followed the rollicking campaign song of "Ross and Reciprocity," sung by "Deacon" Fletcher, everyone joining in the chorus. The words of the song will be found in another column.

An old warhorse in politics, the sturdy W. J. McKenzie, of Foley-Welch & Stewart, was the next speaker. He started out by saying that when Canada had reciprocity before the country prospered during those twelve years as never before. He was well primed with facts and figures and put up a convincing argument. He said that since we lost reciprocity Conservatives had been advocating getting it back, and when Minister Fielding reported the result of his visit to Washington the Conservative members of parliament joined in the cheers of the Liberals at the prospect of once more obtaining reciprocity at an early date.

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CONSERVATIVES CONCEDE BIG MAJORITY FOR ROSS

Alex. Manson's Able Address at the Ross Smoker—Tells What Kind of Man the Vancouver Booster of the Vancouver Candidate Really Is

Probably the ablest political address of the whole campaign was the one with which Alex. Manson closed the Liberal smoker last night. He came on the platform to say a few words, prefacing them with the remark that the audience must be tired of hearing arguments as the issue had already been so well threshed out. This was no doubt his intention, but when he got started he piled argument upon argument, fact upon fact in convincing sequence, and it was all so new and original that he absorbed and held the close attention of the audience from start to finish. No such complete and brilliantly illuminating address upon the present political situation and the circumstances that led to it has before been given in the campaign.

There is only space for a few of the local points he made at its close. Speaking of Sir Wilfrid's genius in the selection of members of his cabinet he said that the premier had had his eye on Duncan Ross as available cabinet timber when the time should come and—"it was no small compliment Sir Wilfrid paid to this constituency when he asked you to send back Duncan Ross to the House." This was received with roars of applause.

"Clements is dodging the issue," he went on, "and he will be dodging the electors on Thursday. As Mr. Stork has said, he will be packing his little grip early. Mr. Clements will go back on the Venture. (Laughter.)"

"Another man is coming here from Vancouver. I see no reason why George H. Cowan should get a warm reception here. (A Voice: We'll make it warm enough). Cowan is the man who a few years ago had the whole of his ranch cleared by Japanese and Chinese labor. Yet he will come up here and explode on the Asiatic question. (Laughter.)"

"He is the man who is coming up here to boost for Clements. He has been sent for because the Conservatives of Prince Rupert are in a panic. They concede that Duncan Ross will have a majority in Prince Rupert of 135. (Cheers). If it is not 435 majority I shall be very much mistaken in my calculations. (Renewed cheers.)"

"Vote early, and as soon as you have done so come to these committee rooms and help our committee to gain others to swell the majority for Ross." (Cheers and shouts "We'll do that all right, all right.")

A VOTE FOR CLEMENTS IS A VOTE FOR VANCOUVER

"Vote for Vancouver!" would make a fine battlecry for the Conservative forces tomorrow. Not content with foisting a Vancouver man upon the Comox-Atlin electorate, and having the audacity to place him right here in Prince Rupert the city he persistently knocked, for the balance of the campaign, these brilliant strategists proceed now to call to their candidate's aid another Vancouverite, Mr. George H. Cowan, who is billed as principal speaker for their final rally tonight.

If Vancouver were in Comox-Atlin Mr. Clements' candidature would not be so absurd. If Vancouver had ever shown the generous spirit of a "booster" big-sister city towards Prince Rupert, it would not have been so insulting to Prince Rupert citizens. If Mr. Clements had not been such a quitter when he was here for a few months, or such an incorrigible knocker of Prince Rupert after he left, it would not have been so disloyal for Prince Rupert to listen to him.

Vancouver is not in Comox-Atlin. Vancouver has never by any chance boosted Prince Rupert. Mr. Clements himself has been known beyond question, as a man whose epithet applied to our city when he left it for Vancouver, is an insult as unforgettable as the term is unprintable.

For the Conservatives now to bring in a Vancouver man to bolster up their "quitter," candidate from Vancouver is adding insult to the insult of Mr. Clements' appeal for Prince Rupert support.

VANCOUVERITE WHO CALLED SIR WILFRED WHITE-LIVERED COWARD

Duncan Ross Shows up Cowan For What he is and Crowded Audience Heaps Contumely Upon the Name in Groans, Hoots and Hisses—Duty Prince Rupert People Paid For Fruit Wednesday a Point to Remember Tomorrow

Duncan Ross, the Liberal candidate, gave but a brief address at the smoker last night, prefacing his remarks with the statement that the arguments pro and con reciprocity had been well threshed out during the campaign to the great satisfaction of those most directly interested, the wage earners and the merchants who supplied them, and he purposed saving his voice for the last meeting of the campaign this evening.

"Our good friend Tom Dunn," he began, "has told me there are seventeen Conservatives in this city who are still on the fence. I am going after three of them this evening, and I believe I shall get them. (Cheers.)"

Message for Voters

"I have just one thing to leave with you tonight. You remember that about two sessions ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier, carrying out a constitutional practice introduced as a measure for the purpose of starting the nucleus of a Canadian navy. Such a navy in time of peace is for policing our shores; not for the purpose of interfering with those who keep within the law but as a protection and to see that all do keep within the law just as your city police are doing."

"This policy introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier was unanimously adopted by parliament without regard to party politics. Every member voted for it just as every member was in favor of reciprocity as soon as Sir Wilfrid advocated it. (Cheers.)"

Representative Government

"Just so long as the people of Canada have control of their own affairs just so long will they insist that the people in control

shall be responsible for the money expended. If we took the advice of our Conservative friends we should be saying: You pay the money without representation and we will spend the money for you. This doctrine led to the Mother Country losing one of her richest colonies. The colonists of America said—We will pay no taxation unless we have our own representatives in parliament to see how the money is expended. The colonists failed to obtain this representation and they secured their independence."

Hot Shot for Mr. Cowan

"A man will be with you tomorrow night who represented Vancouver in your parliament. He is generally in a state of inebriety at the time he gets up to speak and in one of these occasions he used the term 'tin pot navy' in referring to this policy which had been so generally agreed to by all the members of the House irrespective of party. He forgot everything due to a gentleman and referred to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in these words: 'This is the white-livered coward who refused to send a man to South Africa until the people forced him to do so.' (Cries of "Shame and hisses)."

Here to Boost Clements

"That gentleman was very properly retired to private life by the Vancouver people, and yet a Vancouver real estate man brings him here to tell you how you

WHERE YOU WILL VOTE

The polling station will be at the store lately occupied by Campbell's cigar store on Third Avenue.

Polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Polling station will be divided into four divisions as follows:

A. to D.—Thomas McClymont, Deputy Returning Officer; Nelson Dunn, Poll Clerk.

E. to L.—C. H. Kearns, Deputy Returning Officer; Wm. Craig, Poll Clerk.

M. to O.—R. A. McMorde, Deputy Returning Officer; A. J. Galland, Poll Clerk.

P. to Z.—Charles L. Youngman, Deputy Returning Officer; E. H. Mortimer, Poll Clerk.

F. G. Dawson, Returning Officer.

G. W. Kissick, Election Clerk.

SWEEPING SUCCESS SURE ALL FOR ROSS UP RIVER

Conservative Resistance to Reciprocity Fails in Face of Convincing Arguments in Favor of the Great Prosperity Bringing Measure—Many Converts

(Special Wire to The News)

Kitselas, Sept. 20.—A triumph for Duncan Ross and Reciprocity aptly describes the result of vigorous work on behalf of the Liberal candidate for Comox-Atlin. Everywhere meetings have been swayed by convincing arguments convincingly put before the electors, to enthusiastic support of reciprocity, and rousing cheers for Duncan Ross. Even the most pronounced Conservatives in the Prince Rupert district are found in support of reciprocity because it will so develop the district and Prince Rupert its centre.

Copper City Crowd

At Copper City on Monday a large meeting of ranchers was held at which Mr. J. S. Cowper spoke and answered questions for two hours. The meeting which was doubtfully disposed at first ended up enthusiastically in favor of Ross and reciprocity. A cordial vote of thanks to the speaker proposed by Mr. Walker, one of the most prominent local Conservatives, was given with a will and the meeting ended with cheers for Ross and reciprocity redoubled.

Clements Couldn't

At Kitselas last night Mr. Clements did not turn up to resume the debate with Mr. Cowper as challenged. Local Conservatives in alarm put on their smoking concert previously planned and advertised for Wednesday. Many of them came to the Liberal meeting, however, and became converted to reciprocity. An enthusiastic meeting closed with repeated cheers for speakers for Ross and reciprocity.

Conservative Conspiracy

Details just brought to light show that certain provincial employees had entered into a conspiracy to save Clements from getting the drubbing at Kitsumkalum on Saturday in debate with Mr. Cowper. They had agreed to bombard Mr. Cowper with foolish questions and break up the meeting. The plan mis-carried however, owing to Mr. Cowper's insisting that all questions should come through Mr. Clements and that he should take the responsibility for asking them. A substantial majority is predicted for Ross all along the line.

Fight Pictures at Majestic

What will draw great attention to the boxing contest shortly to take place at the Kaien Island Club, is the film that the Majestic Theatre is putting on tonight, showing every blow and action in the desperately-contested battle between Wolgast and Moran. You ought to see this.

Jail Breaker Gets Clear

Nelson, Sept. 20.—(Special)—Henry Forget, son of Senator Forget of Quebec, who was sentenced at Spokane after being arrested here, has broken jail and disappeared. He was arrested for stealing diamonds and jewelry.

Reciprocity is the one and only issue in this election campaign. And reciprocity is a straight business issue and must be discussed as such.

TWO MEN HURT BY SHOT IN TUNNEL AT MILE 44

Charles Ericson and Henry Hansen Victims of First Serious Accident on This Work—Ericson in Hospital—Hansen May Not Be Moved

This morning a Swedish workman named Charles Ericson was brought down river from the new tunnel being driven at Mile 44 suffering from injuries to the nose, forehead, and face caused by an explosion in the tunnel. Ericson was taken to the General Hospital. It is thought that his eye-sight will not be lost.

Another workman named Henry Hansen lies more critically hurt at the scene of the accident. He was injured severely about the chest and abdomen, and the doctor thought it too dangerous to have him moved until his condition improves. Efforts will be made to bring him in if possible tonight.

The accident occurred at the rock face inside the tunnel which is being carried in a curve to avoid the snowslides at this point. A shot had been fired successfully, but on examination it was found that one boring remained undischarged. In the attempt to clear this boring the charge became ignited, and the men were hurled down by the explosion. It was at first thought that both had been killed, but Ericson was able to crawl up. His injuries are cuts and contusions caused by fragments of rock. Hansen is heavily bruised, and suffering from

ALPHONSO'S TURN NEXT

May be in Same Boat as Young Manuel

(Canadian Press Despatch)
London, Sept. 20.—So serious has the strike situation throughout Spain become that marital law is now proclaimed and a revolution feared. The overthrow of the monarchy is now predicted.

ROBBED ON LINER

S.S. Makura Carried a Thief From Australia

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Victoria, Sept. 20.—A series of robberies has been committed on the steamer Makura which arrived today from Australia. Passengers lost watches and considerable jewelry some of which was recovered by detectives who boarded the boat here. No arrests were made.

Ross and Reciprocity

Remember the Ross Meeting at the Empress Theatre

TO-NIGHT

Duncan Ross and Other Prominent Speakers Will Address the Meeting

SEATS RESERVED FOR LADIES

GOD SAVE THE KING