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THEY'RE OFF--MUNICIPAL RACE STARTS AT LAST

RIVAL CANDIDATES MET AT LAST

Ald. Hilditch and Ald. Newton Had a Duel of Words in Empress Theatre Before an Audience That Packed the Building

ALD. HILDITCH HAD A WARM TIME

Crowd Was Unsympathetic and Showed an Inclination to be Sceptical—Candidate Made Good Speech However and Showed His Grasp of the City's Affairs—Appealed to Audience to Judge Him by What he had Accomplished and Elect Him if Satisfied that He had Fulfilled His Past Promises to Them

In hurried masses the citizens of Prince Rupert crowded the Empress Theatre on Saturday night to hear Alderman Hilditch and Alderman Newton, opponents for the mayoralty on the same platform. Alderman Newton cheerfully took to himself the credit for drawing three-quarters of the crowd. Alderman Hilditch spoke for over two hours, and Alderman Newton was allowed 30 minutes, though he spoke probably for about three-quarters of an hour, with various breaks. His direct attacks on the present administration of the city, on Alderman Hilditch personally and on several well-known business men aroused the meeting, which, after breaking out lively at one or two points in Alderman Hilditch's speech, got a good deal more excited over Alderman Newton's.

To Guard Franchises.

Alderman Hilditch's explanation of the present municipal methods was listened to attentively, and the audience approved his determination to fight for municipal ownership and the city franchises. "The only thing for the city of Prince Rupert is to guard jealously her franchises, though they may cost us a good deal while the city is young. I will fight to a finish any man who seeks to interfere with or curtail the franchises of this city," said Alderman Hilditch.

"If there is a mistake made with the hydro-electric undertaking," he warned his audience, "the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company is forging ahead as fast as we are and will get into the city, and once it is in it will be hard to get out."

Parting of the Ways.

Running steadily over the planks of his own platform, Alderman Hilditch showed that his policy is simply to maintain the order of things as at present in the municipal administration. "We have come," he said, "to the parting of the ways. If you have confidence in my work as you see it for yourselves, elect me—if not, vote for Alderman Newton; but, remember that whether it is I or Alderman Newton who is mayor, the undertakings of the city—sewers, water, fire protection, hydro-electric, etc.—must be carried on. It is for you to choose the best man to carry them on."

Victory for Day Labor.

One sentence of Alderman Hilditch's on the 45-cent rate was greeted with cheers. He said: "I want to tell you working men in this city that I have done all that was possible for me to do for your welfare while still keeping close to sound business principles. Compare this town with its condition for the working man

twelve months ago last May for proof, and remember that the engineering and works department has not robbed the city of one five-cent piece, though it has paid its workers 20 per cent. more than the contractors." (Applause.)

A Thrust at Newton.

Criticizing Alderman Newton's platform, Alderman Hilditch got the audience in good humor over his remark that "no wonder the Engineer's department is expensive if it is all the time kept busy preparing reports to educate Alderman Newton."

"There is not a single thing in Alderman Newton's platform," he said, "except his freeboat, which is not already in hand as part of the city's undertakings. Not that I want to attack Alderman Newton," he said. "I want to give him all that's coming to him." "Salts," yelled some one in the back, and the audience went into a gale of merriment.

Took Up the Challenge.

After the noise had abated Alderman Hilditch challenged any man to cite a single instance of any one in the city not having had a square deal.

Charlie Hunter immediately asked: "What about the men who were flung into prison without being allowed to speak for themselves?" This question Al-

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LEGISLATURE OPENS

Will Open on Thursday—Railway Legislation Expected.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Victoria, Jan. 8.—The session of the local House, which opens on Thursday, will be important because railway legislation is expected. H. H. Watson of Vancouver will move and Alex. Lucas of Yale will second the reply to the throne.

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THEY BOOED AT SERGT. GEO. LEEK

Labor Men Took Advantage of dates Spoke at Ald. Hilditch's Meeting.

Alderman Clayton, Alderman Douglas, R. Dagnall, L. Bullock-Webster, W. T. Robinson and George Leek were the aldermanic candidates who came forward at the conclusion of Alderman Hilditch's meeting on Saturday evening. They made brief statements announcing their candidatures and all were accorded a good reception except George Leek, who was booed by the labor element for the part he took in the Kelly's cut incident. As a special constable he was particularly active in the maintenance of order by force. "I know what it is you fellows mean by your booing," he said, looking very determined, "and I'd do it again tomorrow if I had any occasion to."

Good Government.

Safe and sane administration of civic affairs is desired by all. A vote for J. H. Hilditch for mayor assures sound, progressive government. 4t

Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

ALD. NEWTON ON ALD. HILDITCH

Editor-Alderman Did Not Mince His Language in Regard to the Chairman of the Board of Works in Saturday's Debate

ATTACK MADE ON LOCAL TRADESMEN

Ald. Newton's Statement That It Was Impossible to Get a Job in the City Unless One Dealt With Joe Scott and Geo. Tite Was Hotly Denounced by Both Men—Geo. Tite Offers \$25,000 to Anyone Who Can Prove It—Meeting Became Very Heated and Warm Words Passed

Cheers greeted the conclusion of Alderman Hilditch's speech and the chairman, G. W. Nickerson, stepping forward announced that Alderman Newton would be allowed thirty minutes in which to address the meeting.

"Go to it! Eat him alive!" yelled some one excitedly in the back, and amidst applause Alderman Newton got into his stride. He began by claiming credit for attracting three-quarters at least of the audience, and said it afforded him pleasure to help Alderman Hilditch in that way. As Alderman Hilditch's guest that night, he had no kick coming on the score of the shortness of the time allowed him. He invited Alderman Hilditch in return to his own meeting on Monday night, and having thus disposed of his obligation, announced that guest or no guest he would handle Alderman Hilditch without gloves in the time allowed him. (Applause.)

"Pink tea rules might apply in some cases with invited guests, but not in this. (Cheers.)

Says He Is Sincere.

"My strength," affirmed Alderman Newton, "lies in the fact that throughout my term of office, and indeed all my stay in Rupert, I have advocated the cause of the people as a whole. Alderman Hilditch is bolstered up by a few interests. I have been sincere throughout in the effort

to keep down crooked methods in this city. That is why today I have a growing support, while Alderman Hilditch is face to face with the falling away of the very interests by whose support he hoped to retain power.

Named Tradesmen.

"My stand is against the kind of thing which makes it common talk in the streets of the city that you cannot get a job unless you buy your groceries from Joe Merryfield (laughter), your hardware from Joe Scott, and your furniture from George Tite (renewed laughter). Yes, and I may as well add if there is any insurance you want you must get it through M. M. Stephens. There is no square deal given in this city under the present administration, and there is no man who knows that better than Alderman Hilditch himself.

\$1,000 Hotel Men's Fund.

"What was done this very day? Did not Mr. Lailey make a canvas for the campaign fund for Alderman Hilditch, and they boast now of having collected \$1,000. Where did they get it? From the hotels, of course. Only one hotel keeper did not subscribe. That was Alex. Prudhomme. If I came into office in the position Alderman Hilditch is in tonight, how should I be placed for dealing with the liquor interests?"

At this Alderman Hilditch leaped up demanding a restate-

ment from Alderman Newton. Alderman Newton defied him to produce his list of subscribers without revealing the proof.

After the Magistrate.

"There was a man, John Goodman, in this town," went on Alderman Newton. "He ran a gambling dive, duping workmen out of their hard earned cash. Why was John Goodman allowed to go scot free while his poor dupes themselves were fined? And why did the Police Magistrate of this town reprimand the Chief of Police for bringing a charge against John Goodman? With this kind of thing going on Alderman Hilditch has the gall to tell you that everything is going lovely."

Denial from Hilditch

Again Alderman Hilditch was on his feet interrupting, while the audience stormed and yelled. Not a word could be heard from the platform until the chairman commanded order. Then Alderman Hilditch declared that he thought he had heard Alderman Newton suggest that he was getting profit from Goodman and denied this emphatically.

About Bottle Licenses.

On to the bottle license business went Alderman Newton, accusing Alderman Hilditch of complicity in the granting of a bottle license to the brother of a license

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JACK JOHNSON TO MEET FLYNN

The East of the White Hopes Is to Fight the Black Man to a Finish in Nevada Some Time in Next July—All Arranged.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Jan. 8.—Jack Johnson, the champion heavyweight of the world, and Jim Flynn have signed articles for a finish fight, to take place some time in July in Nevada. Johnson will receive \$31,000 cash interest in the moving picture films. Flynn is the most promising of the white hopes.

Remember Bullock - Webster, Ward 2. 4t

MERRY SKATING PARTIES

Shawatlans Lake Beat Out the Preachers Yesterday.

In the launch Hecate yesterday a party of Prince Rupert young people made the trip to Shawatlans Lake and enjoyed magnificent skating on ideal ice. There were thirteen, the unlucky number, but they had a most successful day's outing in such scenery as the east at its best cannot rival. As it was Sunday the Recording Angel has probably got all the names down, but The Daily News will be kinder.

Another couple of parties arrived at the lake by the launch Knox and had a good time, too. The lake is safe practically all over now, and the ice like glass.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

FULL LIST OF THE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES NOMINATED TODAY

There Were Some Eleventh Hour Surprises Sprung Just Before the Nominations Closed at the City Hall This Afternoon

The following is the full list of candidates in the forthcoming municipal election, as proclaimed by Returning Officer H. Daggett at the close of nominations at 2 p. m. today:

For Mayor.

S. M. Newton. Proposed by Thomas McClymont and G. W. Kerr.

John H. Hilditch. Proposed by J. A. Kirkpatrick and M. P. McCaffery.

For Aldermen, Ward 1.

George Kerr. Proposed by H. Douglas and G. H. Munro.

George Leek. Proposed by Fred Stork and P. W. Anderson.

D. H. Morrissey. Proposed by John G. Vierick and Wilfred Kelly.

W. T. Robinson. Proposed by Charles Halsey and J. W. Potter.

W. H. Montgomery. Proposed by J. G. Weston and J. D. Allen.

Malcolm McLeod. Proposed by

W. J. McCutcheon and T. R. Maitland.

For Aldermen, Ward 2.

H. Douglas. Proposed by S. D. Macdonald and D. McLean.

Herbert Dagnall. Proposed by W. E. Fisher and S. Harrison.

L. Bullock-Webster. Proposed by V. W. Gamble and Ed. H. Mortimer.

T. R. Maitland. Proposed by G. D. Tite and Thomas Trotter.

W. B. Clayton. Proposed by W. Sibbald and J. P. Cade.

John Dybhavn. Proposed by Olaf Hanson and J. H. Johnson.

F. M. Lannic. Proposed by J. S. Cowper and J. P. Cade.

E. H. Shockley. Proposed by J. H. Thompson and J. Hampton.

G. H. Munro. Proposed by John Kirkpatrick and G. B. Naden.

For School Trustees.

Dr. Kergin. Proposed by D. G. Stewart and J. H. Thompson.

P. W. Anderson. Proposed by

J. J. Sloan and Ed. Clark.

S. D. Macdonald. Proposed by Frank E. Cullin and W. G. Dennis.

Thorsen J. Davidson. Proposed by A. Cuthbert and W. J. Alder.

Arthur Brooksbank. Proposed by J. W. Moorhouse and Robert McKay.

At the last moment it was found that John Dybhavn's nomination form contained an error in lot numbers and after frantic search he was located in time to correct the error. His name was the last proclaimed by Returning Officer H. Daggett.

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Vote Bullock-Webster, Ward 2.

SIX MONTHS EACH

Two Found Guilty of Supplying Indians with Liquor Up-River.

For supplying Indians with liquor at Hazelton two men, William Bunyan and Tony Pete, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment the other day. They were brought down from Terrace yesterday by Chief Owen.

Members of the Baptist Brotherhood are earnestly requested to attend a regular meeting in the McIntyre Hall at 8 p. m. Basket ball after the meeting. 4t

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ANOTHER FIRE VISITS TORONTO

Memories of the \$13,000,000 Blaze Revived Last Night—Got Off with \$125,000 loss This Time.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, Jan. 8.—The wholesale section of the city was again threatened with destruction by fire last night when \$125,000 damage was done to the warehouse and stock of Boyd, Brummel & Company, fancy goods. Twenty thousand dollars damage was done to the adjoining buildings.

The property owners ask you to vote for Bullock-Webster. 4t

FOLEY-WELCH ARE ORDERED TO RUSH WORK ON G. T. P.

PRACTICALLY ALL THE STEEL MUST BE LAID THIS YEAR—TWO HUNDRED HORSES ARE ON THEIR WAY UP FROM OREGON FOR HAULING SUPPLIES.

Peremptory instructions have been issued to Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart that the main line between Tete Jaune Cache and Fort George must be completed early next fall. If this is done there will then be very little steel left to link up, as the line will be rushed up the Bulkley valley from Aldermere this summer.

There are now thirty-four four-horse teams hauling supplies to Sealey's Landing on the Skeena from the end of steel, and news has reached the city that two hundred head of horses are on the way north from Eastern Oregon for work on the Foley-Welch contracts.

With the rush work on the line it is now quite certain that work

will have to be begun immediately on the terminal facilities at Prince Rupert to prepare for the opening of the line next year.

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Trades and Labor Council

On account of the important political meetings this evening the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council has been adjourned for one week.

Patronize home industry and get your suits made at Sweder Bros.

NEWTON'S PROPOSER WITHDRAWS SUPPORT

Ald. Geo. Kerr Says It Is Because of the Attack on Messrs. Tite and Scott Saturday Evening--Will Not Run on Ticket Now

In consequence of Alderman Newton's attack on George Tite and Joe Scott at his meeting on Saturday night, George Kerr, who had signed Alderman Newton's nomination paper, has withdrawn his support from Alderman Newton and will not run on his ticket at all.

"I couldn't after that," said George Kerr this morning as he was signing his own nomination paper for Ward 1. "I was inclined to support Alderman New-

ton at first, but I haven't any use for that kind of work. He had no right to bring in the names of business men who have the respect of the community in such a connection without a shadow of proof to back him up, and I for my part could not stand for it."

There was a suggestion made yesterday that Mr. Thomas McClymont had withdrawn his support from Alderman Newton for the same reason, but Mr. McCly-

mont did not wish this interpretation to be taken from his withdrawal from candidature as alderman on the Newton ticket. Mr. McClymont signed Alderman Newton's nomination paper with Mr. George Kerr.

"Merely state that I have withdrawn from the contest as alderman," he said to The News today. "There is no need to connect my withdrawal in any way with Alderman Newton's attitude toward anyone."

BONELESS HERRING PLANT IS NOW IN FULL PROGRESS

MR. L. CRIPPEN AND HIS STAFF ARE AT WORK ON DIGBY ISLAND—SUFT. GREEN, A NEW BRUNSWICK EXPERT, SAYS HERRING ARE BEST HE EVER SAW.

Across at Lubbock's old camp on Digby Island the first plant to handle the huge run of Prince Rupert herring is beginning active operation. With a small smoke house ready for service and five tons of herring in salt to be dried for the market to fill orders already in, L. Crippen's pioneer reaping of the wealth of the seas around Rupert is in a fair way to flourish.

A new large smoke house to handle 25 tons of fish is being erected by Donald Daggett, from New Brunswick, who is an expert in this work, and L. Green and his son, New Brunswick fishermen and fish curers, are looking after the process with the herring. The fish have to be strung on light laths high to the roof

in the smoke house. Fires of sawdust and green wood are kept going below for about five weeks, after which the fish are ready for boning and packing.

L. Green, who knows the work thoroughly, states that Prince Rupert herring are bigger and finer fish than Atlantic herring and believes that with the resources of this coast in the way of wood for smoking them he can produce not only a highly marketable food product but an extremely palatable delicacy.

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