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DUNCAN ROSS TAKES UP CLEMENTS' CHALLENGE

"ROSS AND RECIPROCITY" RUPERT'S ROUSING RALLY

Enthusiastic Support Irrespective of Party Prejudice
Given Mr. Duncan Ross at Open Gathering in
McIntyre Hall on His Arrival

Citizens and electors irrespective of party were invited to hear Duncan Ross, Liberal and Reciprocity candidate for Comox-Atlin at the smoker under Liberal Association auspices on Saturday in the McIntyre Hall. The hall was crowded with an audience enthusiastic for "Ross and Reciprocity for Rupert."

Fred Stork who opened the meeting said: "I have been a Liberal all my life but never before have I been so proud of being a Liberal as now." (Cheers). In his recent travels all over Canada on his trip to the old land he had found everywhere the feeling in favor of reciprocity. Most particularly was this so in his own native town of Ferrie where the mirrors to a man were voting for reciprocity. (Cheers).

Wanted at Ottawa
Turning to Mr. Duncan Ross Mr. Stork quoted the words of a prominent member of the Ottawa House "Duncan Ross, we want you back in Ottawa again!"

"You bet we do!" came a shout from the audience followed by a burst of cheering.

Dr. Kergin in a short speech said: "If reciprocity were only good for Rupert and not Canada I would not support it. But it is good for all Canada as well as Rupert and therefore I am going to support it! (Cheers).

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier ranks with the world's greatest Liberals. Premier Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George. We are fortunate in being on the side which will return to power such a man." (Loud applause).

Good Man Ross
"We are fortunate, too, in our candidate. Mr. Duncan Ross is a man who is straight—a good fighter and hard hitter who can take a blow fairly as well as give it squarely. (Cheers).

"Reciprocity is simply two neighboring nations with the same difficulties to meet the same problems, saying: 'Let us meet and make terms of trade.' That is the sum and substance of the pact—to carry it without respect of party

politics is surely the wisest policy to pursue." (Loud applause).

Dead Ones in Morgue
Cy Peck contributed a splendid speech which will be found on another page and in a very amusing and common sense speech Tom Dunn emphasised the fact that this is not a contest of Liberal versus Conservative but one in which the issue was a policy affecting the prosperity of the people of the country.

"It is quite a coincidence that the Conservatives should have chosen Hart's old morgue to rally in," he remarked, "for mark my words they'll carry a corpse out of there on the night of the 21st!" (Loud laughter and applause).

The platform party consisted of Messrs. F. Stork, A. J. Morris, Cy Peck, A. M. Manson, Tom Dunn, D. G. Stewart, L. W. Patmore and Dr. Kergin. Musical numbers by Gray's Orchestra were given during the intervals.

LABOR DAY SPREES

Half a Dozen Joymakers Now Sadder and Wiser

It was quite a busy session at the police court this morning, what with those picked up asleep in the glorious sunshine on the sidewalk, the Indians and their friends and witness. Five men were fined various sums and in one case sentence was suspended to give the Indian a chance to get the man who sold him the brain-fuddler. He said it was a man on the steamer Vado, but he did not know if the man worked on the ship or was a passenger.

Those fined were Rountree, \$10 and costs; Pat Maloney \$5 and costs; Flennigan \$5 and costs; Tate, Indian, \$20 and costs or thirty days; Innis, Indian, \$5 and costs; Turney \$5 and costs.

Reciprocity doesn't conflict with the British preference, which Laurier nails masthigh.

ARE STILL CHAMPIONS

Vancouver Defeated at Lacrosse by New Westminster Team

(Canadian Press Despatch)
New Westminster, Sept. 5.—Before a crowd that broke all records New Westminster's world champion lacrosse team defeated Vancouver in the final game of the league series by a score of eight goals to five. Joe Lally of Cornwall refereed.

This leaves the teams tied on the series with five wins apiece and necessitates an extra series of two matches to decide the world's championship and the possession of the Minto Cup.

VOTE ON BYLAWS

Both Carried by the Necessary Three-fifths Majorities

Both of the bylaws put up for the vote of the rate payers on Saturday passed by good majorities. The vote on the Grand Trunk Pacific assessment was carried by 408 to 44 against; and the Hydro-Electric bylaw by 319 to 127 against. It was a large vote in both instances and more than sufficient to give the necessary three-fifths majority.

If you want money apply P. O. Box 953.

CORINTHIANS WIN

British Amateurs Beat Vancouver All-Star Team

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Vancouver, Sept. 5.—In a stubbornly contested encounter here yesterday, before a record football crowd, the famous Corinthian amateur team decisively defeated a picked all-star Vancouver team, the final score being four goals to one.

Reciprocity would extend the markets for the farmers and develop Canadian trade.

TORIES HAD PLENTY OF WIND INSTRUMENTS

Two Brass Bands to Assist Candidate Clements in His
First Address to Prince Rupert Voters—Pleased to
See Two Old Friends at His Smoker

The Conservative party secured all the wind instruments possible for their smoker in McIntyre Hall last night, having both the Port Simpson and the Metlakatla brass bands. There was plenty of seating accommodation when Candidate H. F. Clements ascended the platform, followed by Mayor Manson. There was hearty applause as the candidate took his seat, followed by a slight hitch in the proceedings. This was broken by Mayor Manson requesting that Aldermen Kirkpatrick, Newton, Douglas and Hilditch and O. H. Nelson take seats on the platform. All complied with the exception of Alderman Newton, who was not present.

Mayor Manson's Welcome

The Mayor took it for granted that they were all glad to welcome the candidate who, since his nomination two weeks ago, had been campaigning in the southern part of the constituency. They were sorry he had not reached Prince Rupert sooner, but there was ample time between now and election day for him to obtain a rousing majority.

Not Much of Reciprocity

Mr. Clements was cheered as he rose to make the only other speech of the evening. He began it at 8.25 and finished at 10.30, all the time speaking as rapidly and hurriedly as if afraid of missing the last boat. But there was less of reciprocity in it than of straight-out party politics, in the course of which he revived the old-time government scandals in which the names of Clifford Sifton and Turiff were connected. He also devoted some attention to the naval affairs of Canada, holding them up for party derision.

Counts His Old Friends

Mr. Clements said it was two and a half years ago since he was in Prince Rupert, and he was pleased to see several faces among the audience that he remembered, particularly referring to two old friends, Mr. Darling and Mr. Stalker.

It was a pleasure to meet them as Canadians regardless of party.

He saw many Americans present and it was a pleasure to meet them regardless of nationality as they were making their bread and butter here and must therefore have the best interests of Canada at heart.

This reciprocity pact, he said, was not in the best interests of Canada but was one of the most retrograde steps Canada could possibly take. It was simply a red herring thrown across the trail by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to avoid the discussion of other important issues. If there was to be any reciprocity it should be within the British Empire. The United States was not a natural market for our products; the Mother Country was the only market for Canada and was all sufficient.

Challenge to Mr. Ross

His opponent, Mr. Ross, had claimed that he (Mr. Clements) had spoken in favor of reciprocity in the House of Commons. The quotation given was "While I am not a free trader—far from it—I would be ready to favor reciprocity as between the United States and Canada on some natural products."

In fairness Mr. Ross should have quoted more. He would again make the statement that if it were proven that he had spoken in favor of reciprocity, in Parliament or elsewhere, he would immediately resign his nomination and permit Mr. Ross to be elected by acclamation.

Is Against Cheap Food

In the course of his speech Mr. Clements read certain United States statistics, showing that in that country of high protection the average wage was \$1.53 per day. After he had concluded with a brilliant peroration a workman asked:

"You said the average wage was \$1.53 in the United States; is the average higher or lower in Canada?"

"I believe it is higher in Canada. Sir John A. Macdonald once said: 'A country that is cheap to live in is a good country to get out of.' You are better off in that respect than any other country."

RECIPROCITY WILL REDUCE THE GROCER AND THE BUTCHER BILL

In an Able Argument, Convincingly Presented, Duncan Ross Appeals to Common
Sense of Every Householder, Especially the Wives and Mothers, Showing
How Development of Province is Being Retarded by High Cost of
Living and that Market of United States Is a Necessity
of Progress

Without needless preliminaries Mr. Duncan Ross, the Liberal candidate, got right down to his subject at the smoker in McIntyre Hall Saturday evening. "This question of reciprocity," he said, "is one which affects the monthly grocery bill. For that reason I am glad to see that there are some ladies here. I wish there had been an opportunity for me to address the ladies in a special meeting for them, as, if I can convince the ladies of the effect of reciprocity in reducing their grocery bills, I have no fears at all about the votes of the men. I want to say right here and now that the issue in this contest is one that is beyond party or party interests."

Affects Cost of Living
"It is an issue where the one side believes that cheaper food stuffs are needed to make it easier for the people to live, while the other side represents the protected interests which are making it more difficult for the people to live. 'I want to make the cleaver go between myself and my opponent as wide as possible in this light. He stands for the protected interests. I stand for cheap-

Start of Reciprocity

"How was reciprocity brought about first in Canada? Long ago the people of England woke up and said 'We will no longer pay taxes on our food stuffs.' They took action and repealed the corn laws. Before that Canada and the colonies had a preference, that is, their produce got in to Britain for less than that of other lands. With the repeal of the corn laws this preference was wiped out. Then a Tory Government in Canada passed a resolution to the effect that in view of the effect of the repeal of the corn laws the advantage to Canada of being a dependency of Great Britain was of no value. At Montreal the people rotten egged the Lieutenant Governor representative of British Sovereignty, and annexation manifestoes in favor of union with the United States were circulated and signed.

A Loyal Measure

"In order to restore to the Canadian people the loyalty to

the Crown which they had lost through the repeal of the corn laws, a British statesman negotiated a reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States. Its effect was to remove the feeling of discontent that had arisen, and for twelve years this treaty was in force with the result that the prosperity of Canada increased by strides and there was no more word of discontent, no rotten egging of the Lieutenant Governor, no more annexation manifestoes. It was during that time that the late King Edward VII as Prince of Wales visited Canada finding everywhere unswerving loyalty and devotion to himself and Queen Victoria.

Effect of Protection

"Meanwhile, however, something happened in the United States. The subtle policy of protection came into force. Canadian exports were met by increasing tariffs. Then Sir John Macdonald produced his club in the shape of retaliatory tariffs. But he made it clearly to be understood in a special clause that 'These high

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GOTCH BEATS HACKENSMIDT IN TWO STRAIGHT FALLS

Chief of Police Declared All Bets Off Because the Russian Claimed to Have Been Injured in the Back and Right Leg During Contest

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Chicago, Sept. 5.—World's Champion Frank Gotch conclusively proved in the match between with Hackenschmidt last night his right to the title by defeating his former rival in two straight falls. Hackenschmidt was out-generalized and out-classed in every phase of the match. Gotch secured first fall with a reverse of body and wrist lock holds in 14.18. After securing his famous toe hold in the second spasm the champion was forcing his opponent to the mat when, fearing a broken leg, Hack quit. Time 5.32.

Hack's manager declares that the Russian sustained an injured back and torn tendons in the right leg. All bets were declared off by the chief of police.

IMPORTANT G. T. P. SITES

Although not officially announced yet it is pretty well known in the city today that Mr. Hays along with Mr. Ryley the Land Commissioner, consulted together regarding the site for the Grand Trunk Pacific Company's hotel, and the decision was made to alter the location of the big building projected from the proposed site on the bluff overlooking the harbor to Pillsbury Hill. It was also decided according to inside information, that Second street is to be carried in a fine sweep round past the Railway Depot close by the present temporary one, to re-enter the city limits again at Seventh street.

WERE IN DEADLY PERIL AT DAVIS' FLOAT

Raft Capsized and Eight Men With Four Women and Two Babies Were Thrown
Into Deep Icy Water in the Dark Last Night

Labor Day in Prince Rupert narrowly escaped being marred by a terrible drowning disaster. The float for transferring passengers to and from the railway grade and the Davis bathhouses turned turtle at about nine o'clock last night. Fourteen persons including two infants were thrown into ice cold water twenty feet deep, and but for the heroism of the men of the party four women and the babies might have been drowned with probably several of the men also. Providentially all escaped with their lives, but the result of the shock and immersion which threw the women into hysterics must yet be considered. The accident was a most serious one. One of the ladies was in delicate health, and is now under medical attention. One of the babies was unconscious when rescued.

The Party Imperilled

The names of the ladies who were flung into the water were as follows: Mrs. Roderick McLeod with her baby, Mrs. Peter Smith

with her baby, Miss McLeod and Mrs. A. Murray. The men with them who also had a hard struggle for life were Alex Mackay, Roderick McLeod, Dave Mackenzie, Alex Murray, J. McQueen, Alex Macdonald, Allen Fraser and R. McLelland. The last named was the piper to whose merry music the picnic party had just landed on the float.

The party was a part of a large one just returned from Metlakatla in the launch Roseball. They landed at nine p.m. at the Davis float and crowded to the pulley hauled raft. The first crowd got across safely but on the second trip, the raft carrying twelve adults four women and two infants in arms, upset. Wild shrieks for help rang out as the men and women struggled in deep water in the darkness. Those ashore did what they could to help the drowning. Mr. Davis was in his office at the moment. He rushed out to help.

Baby Almost Died

With the pitiful scream of "Oh, my baby, my baby!" a woman was kept by main strength from throwing herself back into the water. Another, Mrs. McLeod, rose below the float and would have drowned but for the heroism of Alex Mackay who dived for her groping under the heavy logs of the raft. Her husband saved the baby swimming with it in his arms. The other little one was rescued in an unconscious condition, and it took Dr. McNeill two hours of constant work to restore it to a safe state last night. Both mothers and both the other ladies suffered severely from shock and were in hysterics when rescued. Thanks to the prompt action of young Allen McRae who ran for Dr. McNeill after having plunged to the rescue of others, the infant's life was saved. The non-swimmers amongst the men were saved by clinging to the float and up-turned raft.

DUNCAN ROSS TAKES UP THE GAUNTLET AGAIN

Though Mr. Clements Failed to Come Through With
His Promise to Resign at Alberni He has the Opportunity of Doing so Next Tuesday

"Most certainly I will take up Mr. Clement's challenge, and am ready to meet him on the evening of Tuesday 12th inst. on the platform of the Empress Theatre, Prince Rupert."

In an interview with Mr. Duncan Ross this morning the above reply to Mr. Clements' challenge of Monday night was given by the reciprocity candidate.

"Once already in answer to his own challenge I have met Mr. Clements on the same question, that as recorded in Hansard he spoke in favor of reciprocity in the House at Ottawa in 1907-8. Though on that occasion at Alberni I made a point of reading Mr. Clements' own words in favor of reciprocity from Hansard, three times in his hearing and that of

the audience, and demanded the resignation he offered to make.

"This was the quotation I read from Hansard: 'While I am not a free trader—far from it—I would be ready to favor reciprocity between the United States and Canada on some natural products.'"

"This any one can find for themselves in Hansard Vol. I. 1907-8, pages 204-5."

"Mr. Clements backed down from his challenge.

"Still, since he has seen fit to make another challenge after failing to play up to the terms of his last when confronted with his own words favoring reciprocity in the pages of Hansard, I am not resentful. I will meet him again at the time and place named.