

WAGE-EARNERS ENDORSE ROSS AND RECIPROCITY

MEN HAVE NO USE FOR CONTRACTS OR CLEMENTS

Main Issue of Mass Meeting Held in Majestic, Became Mazed in Political Melees—Workers Want Day's Labor on Woodworth Waterworks—Council and Clements Severely Criticized

The Majestic Theatre was crowded to the doors on Sunday upon the invitation of the I. W. W. to discuss the question of station work on public improvements as compared with day labor. E. Morse presided and among those who spoke on the subject were Mr. Shaw, Mr. Hunter, Mr. LeBlanc, Robert Gosden and W. H. Montgomery, most of them arguing against the employment of small gangs of irresponsible contractors bidding against each other instead of the city doing the work by day wage under a responsible engineer and foreman.

Mr. Hunter introduced a little politics into his speech. He said that in a few days we were to have an election and when the two political parties came together it would be to crush the working man. He had met more acquaintances during the last few days than in months before in Prince Rupert. He was getting pats on the back and all kinds of smiles. He had had a hand shake from Mr. Clements. To hear that gentleman talk one would think he must have come over with William the Conqueror, but as a matter of fact when Mr. Clements was a brief resident of Prince Rupert he represented Standard Oil. He could not conceive of any representative of that monopoly, or of any contractor, being of any benefit to the working man.

"You remember at the first city election," he said, "there was Alderman Hilditch, the contractor, who posed as a labor candidate, and I and a great many others here gave him our votes. Where do we find him now? (Laughter). We see him waving the old flag and talking about reciprocity, which fortunately he knows nothing at all about. If it were not for Little Eva we should probably find him boosting for reciprocity."

Robert Gosden said some called the members of the council gentle-

men but he called them rotter scoundrels. They had been elected on a pledge to increase the wages to 45 per hour for an eight hour day, but they had repudiated this and now wished to force this station work on the men which was a cheaper system so as to get out of paying the rate they had promised. The men did not want cheaper work and he hoped they would all stand together and put the contractors on the bum.

Other speakers argued against the station work system.

DESPERATE BANDIT HELD

Notorious Edward Davis Charged With Abducting Gladys Price.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
San Francisco, Sept. 19.—Edward Davis, who was captured at Hannah, N. D., yesterday, is charged with abducting Gladys Price, the Manitoba school teacher. He had escaped from Folsom prison where he had been sentenced to serve a three year term for robbery. His escape eighteen months ago, with eleven others, was the most dramatic in western prison annals. They stabbed to death two guards and carried two others twenty miles to shield them from the bullets of the pursuing posse. He will likely be turned over to the Californian authorities.

NO HOPE OF RESCUE

Three Men Entombed in Morning Star Mine

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Leadville, Sept. 19.—All hope of rescuing the three miners who have been imprisoned in Morning Star shaft since Saturday were dashed to the ground today when a fresh cave-in occurred. It will take another day to clear away the debris. The men are cheerful and can communicate with the outside through a pipe. They have not been told of the fresh cave-in.

RUPERT'S CITY HALL NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION

Plans Adopted Last Night and Workmen Already Doing the Excavating—Detailed Specifications Will Soon Be Ready

Prince Rupert's new city hall is under way. At the meeting of the council last night there was a report from the board of works recommending the adoption of the plans for the municipal edifice prepared by Messrs. Potter & Lailey, architects. The estimated cost of the building is \$14,750, but the board reported that it will be necessary to have a heating plant put in at an approximate cost of \$1900.

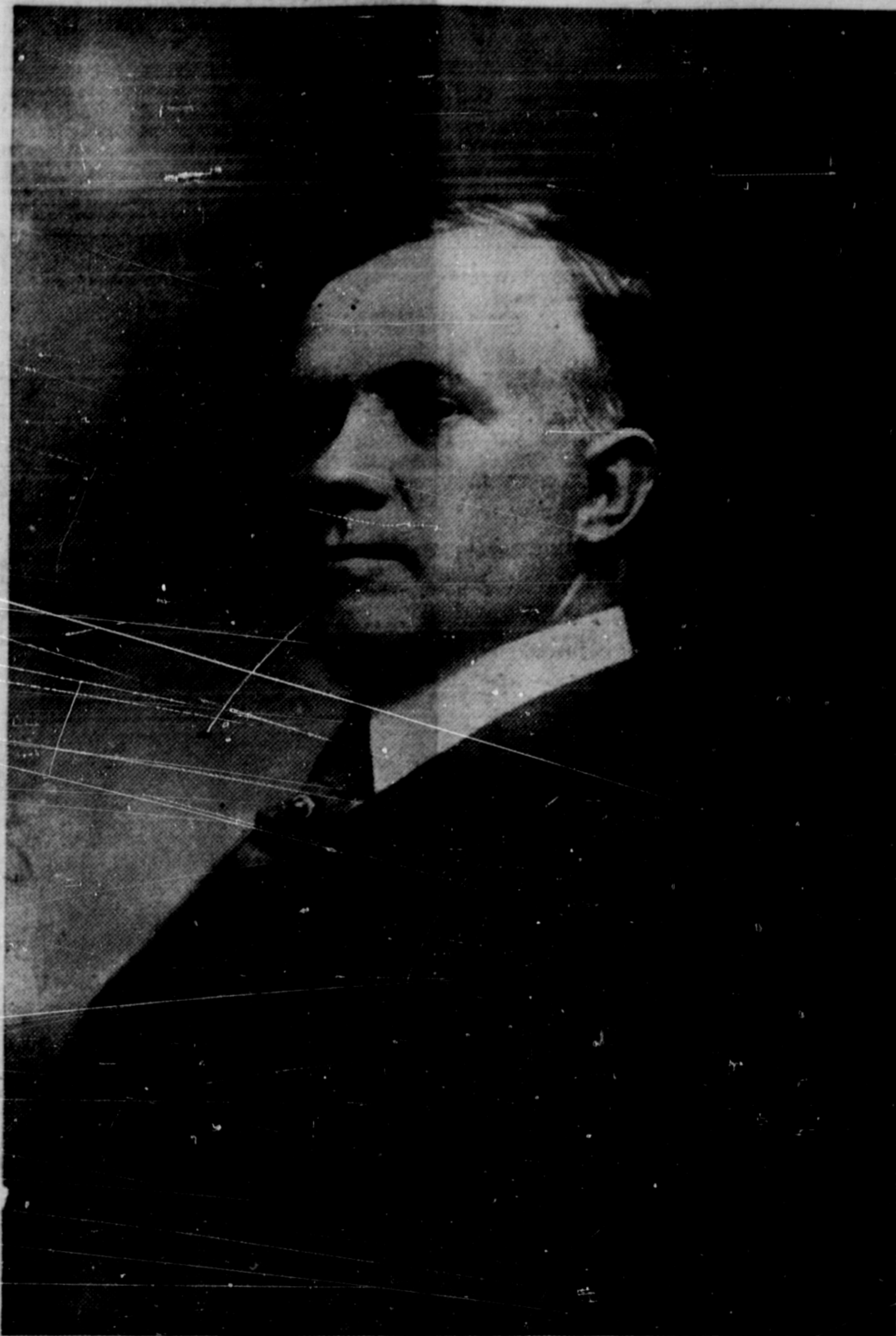
The front elevation of the building on Fulton street is plain in design and will be of stone covered with stucco. The main entrance opens into a hall from which springs a wide stairway to the two floors above. On the right of the entrance will be the office of the chief of police and in the rear a large day room for prisoners almost surrounded by cells. Across

the hall is the office of the superintendent of public works, the kitchen, heating apparatus and so on.

On the second floor there is provision for a court room 24 x 37 feet, and commodious offices for the mayor, city clerk, accountant, assessor and tax collector.

In the front of the third floor on the right is a council chamber 24 x 42, a committee room 14 x 24, general office, city engineer's office and bookkeeper's office. On the opposite side is a library 24 x 36, drafting rooms and large concrete vault.

The council have ordered detailed maps and specifications and meantime men are engaged getting excavating for the foundation. The construction is to be carried on as rapidly as possible.



DUNCAN ROSS, LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR COMOX-ATLIN

"I AM FOR RECIPROCITY; IT'S RIGHT FOR WORKERS"

Working Man's Vigorous Support of Duncan Ross at Liberal Rally—Rousing Speeches Last Night Before Enthusiastic Double Audience by Duncan Ross, Thos. Dunn, and Live Liberals

L. W. Patmore presided over a thronged smoker held in Duncan Ross's committee rooms last night. Both halls were packed to the doors with eager listeners to speeches by Mr. Patmore, Duncan Ross himself, Tom Dunn, A. Manson, and Charlie Hunter. Bursts of applause greeted the arguments in favor of reciprocity, and Tom Dunn's crushing condemnation of the unfortunate Clements. Despatches received every few moments from scouts posted to estimate the strength of the opposition forces told of pitifully small numbers attending the Conservative committee rooms. Laughter and cheers greeted every fresh bulletin.

Chairman and Fisheries

L. W. Patmore, whose powerful criticism of the extraordinary Halibut Pamphlet published by the Conservatives is published on another page, tore the jaundiced looking pamphlet to ribbons in his speech opening the meeting, and was greeted with loud applause. He was followed by Mr. Duncan

Ross who seized on the remnants of the Sawle production and pulverised the puerile arguments to pulp.

Knocks the Knockers

With merciless emphasis Mr. Ross laid bare to his listeners the disloyal notes in that yellow pamphlet which deliberately seeks to belittle the chances of Prince Rupert as a fishing centre in the eyes of the surrounding communities, saying that the certainty

that through the G. T. P. Rupert will become a great fish distributing centre. The yellow pamphlet gloated over the statement that this was a "false hope." Those who could father such sentiments in a pamphlet circulated in Prince Rupert where the spirit of enterprise, and ever increasing enterprise prevailed, deserved to go down to ignominious defeat. But such sentiments came only naturally from a party who had selected for their representative a man whose best boasting was always done for Vancouver, and whose worst knocking was directed against Prince Rupert. Mr. Ross was received with unbounded applause.

Tom Dunn's Attack

Like one of Napoleon's "Old Guard" Tom Dunn took the platform. His long experience of men and minds in the West gives him a particular and penetrative power over audiences in Prince Rupert. "They shout out 'Canada

OWING TO THE HEAVY DEMANDS ON SPACE OCCASIONED BY THE PRESENT GREAT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNTRY, THE DAILY NEWS SERIAL INSTALLMENT IS HELD OVER UNTIL TOMORROW. : : :

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DIRTY WORK CHARGED IN LETTING CITY CONTRACT

Ald. Newton Discovers that Horrigan is to be Paid Two Dollars Per Foot for Removing Plank Roadway—Hilditch Strenuously Objects to Investigation

A raft of small bills recommended for payment by the board of works came before the council last night which disclosed the fact the city is still without an active purchasing agent. Alderman Newton asked if the goods referred to had already been purchased. Purchasing Agent Woods said he had seen some of them delivered but he did not know anything about them. This led to another attack by Alderman Newton on the system, or rather entire lack of system, under which city purchases were made. Alderman Hilditch looked over the bills and admitted that many of the goods had been ordered by himself but said they didn't amount to anything—about \$50 would cover it.

Bare-Faced Jobbery

There was another point of a more serious character, however, brought up by Alderman Newton. This was the bill of Mr. Horrigan, contractor, amounting to \$3686, for removing plank roadway. The charge, as Alderman Newton pointed out, was \$2 per foot, while there had been contracts let for the same work for as low as 25c to 33c per foot. A matter of such glaring magnitude ought to go before the people to pass upon. They were being done out of \$3000, and he never heard of such a bare-faced piece of unfairness. He thought the people should be informed who was responsible for this loss.

Called Mayor to Order

Alderman Hilditch did not think it fair to go into such a matter publicly when as a matter of fact Alderman Newton knew all that was going on and could make his objections in committee. He thought the Mayor was remiss in his duty in permitting such matters to come up. His Worship should endeavor to maintain order.

The Mayor—"It is perfectly proper for any member to question a bill when it comes up for payment."

Looks Like Rascality

Ald. Newton—"I claim there

has been huge irregularity somewhere, and I certainly do not propose to sit here and see \$3000 going from this council in useless expenditure and say nothing about it. It looks to me like rascality and I am going to pursue the matter to the bitter end no matter whether Ald. Hilditch likes it or not."

Ald. Hilditch—"I am objecting to this because Ald. Newton is merely talking to the gallery. Why did he not do his talking in committee?"

Ald. Newton—"Ald. Hilditch doesn't know what he is talking about. We discussed this matter this afternoon before he came in, and he is now merely trying to do a lot of smart talking himself."

Bill Must be Paid

Ald. Kerr—"I understand there will be another meeting next week to which this matter might be referred. While I do not agree with this contract in many ways I think it should be carefully considered and it might as well be held over for a special meeting."

Ald. Hilditch—"There is not a single thing in it to discuss. We will have to pay the bill anyway."

Ald. Douglas—"There can be nothing wrong in investigating it and I do not see why Ald. Hilditch should object."

Hilditch Still Objects

Ald. Smith—"I do not think anybody is going to suffer very much by letting the bill go over. I was a member of the last council and I would like to know why the contract was given at that price. It will injure nobody by holding the matter over a few days."

Ald. Hilditch—"I do not see where the question comes in. The engineer says he had to give the contract to Horrigan and as he did give the contract we have to pay the bill."

Ald. Kerr—"If we are going to investigate it we should do so before we pay it."

This ended the discussion and Ald. Hilditch's strenuous fight against investigation.

MORE ELECTRIC LIGHT IS PROMISED FOR DECEMBER

City Council Decides to Order Two Ridgway Engines of Sufficient Power to Thoroughly Light the Whole City for a Long Time to Come

It was long after midnight when the city fathers adjourned, one of the last pieces of public business they carefully discussed being the obtaining of new machinery to give an adequate electric light supply until the Hydro-Electric system is ready for operation. All the tenders for electric lighting had been referred to Engineer Ross, of Seattle, for him to report upon, and upon these he recommended the purchase of two Ridgway units to cost \$14,590.

The council decided to wire Mr. Ross to have a contract drawn up with the Ridgway company for the two engines, together with a bond, and to forward them as soon as possible for the signatures of the council.

The company undertakes to deliver the two engines from the factory within eight weeks from

receipt of the order, and it was suggested that the additional light would be available by the middle of December. This would allow three or four weeks for installation after the engines were delivered here, and the plant will be in itself sufficient to light the whole city. It is to be installed in the same building, the present plant to be an auxiliary.

Whether the arc system of street lighting should be adopted was not settled. The lowest tender was the General Electric Company. For the switchboard the lowest bidders were the Westinghouse and Handasyde & Hurt. These tenders were left in the hands of the mayor and light committee, with power to act.

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Ross and Reciprocity

Remember the Ross Meeting at the

Empress Theatre, Wednesday, Sept. 20th

Duncan Ross and Other Prominent Speakers Will Address the Meeting

SEATS RESERVED FOR LADIES

GOD SAVE THE KING