Provincial Library

Library Legislative Assembly
FEB 10 1909
VICTORIA, B. C.

359

ALBERNI PIONEER NEWS.

VOL. II | ALBERNI, B. C., FEB. 6. 1908. | NO. 27

LIBERAL CANDIDATE APPEALS TO ELECTORS

Hon. William Templeman Appears at Public Meeting Supported by Wm. Sloan and H. C. Brewster---R. J. Burde Speaks For Opposition.

The bye-election campaign in Comox-Atlin was formally opened in Alberni last Saturday night by a meeting in Brand's hall which was one of the largest gatherings of its kind in the history of the town.

The meeting was called by the Alberni Liberal association on behalf of Hon. William Templeman, Minister of Mines and Inland Revenue, who is the government candidate. Mr. Templeman appeared in person and was supported on the platform by William Sloan and H. C. Brewster, M. P. P.

James R. Motion, president of the Liberal association, occupied the chair, and, in opening the meeting, he invited an opposition speaker to take part in the discussion. The programme he announced was that Mr. Sloan would speak first, Hon. Mr. Templeman second, the opposition speaker third, and H. C. Brewster fourth. Mr. Sloan would close the debate.

A. D. Cooper, president of the Conservative association, announced that R. J. Burde would represent the opposition, and after Mr. Sloan had finished his first speech Mr. Burde was invited, and took a seat on the platform.

Mr. Sloan's Reasons.

In his opening remarks Mr. Sloan thanked the electors for the confidence they had placed in him in the past, having returned him twice by acclamation, thereby conferring upon him a unique distinction as a member of the Dominion House. He told, briefly, of conferences he had had with Sir Wilfrid Laurier which resulted in his stepping down in order that Mr. Templeman, who had been defeated in Victoria, might be able to obtain a seat and retain the portfolio of mines and Inland revenue for British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid had pleaded that his old friend and colleague, Bill Templeman, was the first of his cabinet ministers to suffer defeat, and had convinced him that it was in the interest of British Columbia in general, and Comox-Atlin in particular that he should make way for the defeated minister. The prestige of the Liberal party was also taken into consideration. In resigning in favor of Mr. Templeman he believed he had acted in the best interests of his constituents, and gave his assurance that it would be to the advantage of Comox-Atlin to be represented by a cabinet minister.

Mr. Sloan read telegrams from Atlin and Cumberland, the former assuring him that the board of trade of that place would support Mr. Templeman, aud the latter expressing the confidence of the executive committee of the Liberal association in the Minister of Mines.

Mr. Templeman's Appeal.

There was no loud demonstration over Mr. Templemen's appearance, but it was quite evident that the audience was anxious to hear him, expecting him to say something of special interest to this part of the constituency.

The candidate explained how his candidature was brought about. He had been defeated, as everyone knew, by a very narrow margin, in Victoria. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had invited him to a conference at Ottawa, and had expressed a desire to retain him in the cabinet which could not be done unless he could obtain a seat in the House. In order that the cabinet position might not be lost to British Columbia Mr. Sloan consented to give up his seat in Comox-Atlin, and arrangements were made with the various party organizations that he (Mr. Templeman) should succeed Mr. Sloan.

Mr. Templeman advised the audience that it was no new thing for a cabinet minister to be defeated at a general election, and that there was ample precedent for a minister representing a constituency in which he did not live. He named a number of ministers whose homes were many miles away from their ridings. He also mentioned some leading Conservatives who were in the same position.

He had been asked if he would, if elected, continue to give special attention to the interests of Victoria to the disadvantage of Comox-Atlin. He would not. He would give his first attention to the district he represented, and would also endeavor to look after the interests of the other constituencies of British Columbia the same as he did when he represented Victoria.

The candidate gave a brief recital of his political career, telling how when he was a senator, he was taken into the cabinet, without portfolio, and later when Mr. Prefontaine, he thought (he could not remember the gentleman's name), had died he was given a portfolio. At the general election he was unfairly defeated in Victoria. The Asiatic Exclusion question was exciting the people, and the Conservative party could not show that it would be prepared to do anything more in this regard than the Liberal government was doing. But on the eve of election, at a large meeting Mr. Barnard, the opposition candidate, had been handed a telegram by a representative of the Colonist, addressed to that newspaper, and purporting to come from R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party. The telegram, as read by Mr. Barnard, committed Mr. Borden to a policy of absolute exclusion of Asiatics. That telegram turned the tide, and on the strength of it Mr. Barnard was elected by a small majority. On the floor of the house of Commons Mr. Borden had now repudiated that portion of the telegram that mentioned "absolute exclusion," and it was proven to be clearly a fraud manufactured for the purpose of his (Mr. Templeman's) defeat.

Mr. Templeman said he did not want to hold out any promises that could be considered in the nature of a bribe to the electors of Comox-Atlin, but on the question of the immediate extension of the E. & N. railway from Wellington he would tell the people of Alberni that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy had told him that the line would be built through in a short time. The railway company had found that the road was going to cost more than had at first been figured on. He understood that the Dominion government was being asked for an increased subsidy. The statutory subsidy had already been granted, but there were cases on record where, when extraordinary difficulties of construction had to be faced, extra subsidies had been granted. Mr. Templeman instanced that Crow's Nest Pass railway. He could not promise that the Dominion would grant an increased subsidy for the line to Alberni, but if returned to parliament he would lend his assistance towards encouraging the railway company.

Mr. Templeman dealt briefly with the work he had accomplished as Minister of Mines. He wanted to be Minister of Mines for five years more, and if given that honor would undertake to see that a complete geological survey of Vancouver Island was made. He directed attention to the remarks of a well known geologist, whose name he could not remember, to this question. The survey would be a boon to the island, a guide and help to the prospector. The candidate touched also on the whisky question which had to do

(Continued on Page Four.)

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Alberni Liberal Association will be held in Brand's Hall on Monday, Feb. 8th, commencing at 8 p. m.

J. REDFORD,
Secretary A. L. A.

POLITICAL MEETING

—AT—

Beaver Creek

A public meeting, in the interests of the candidature of M. Manson, the Conservative nominee for the Comox-Atlin bye-election, will be held in the School House, Beaver Creek, on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1909, commencing at 8 p. m.

R. J. Burde and others will address the meeting.

CAMPAIGN SHOTS.

H. C. Brewster, M. P. P., is a gentleman of pleasing address on the platform, and he talks fairly good politics, but he is not happy in his choice of stories intended to be funny.

The Victoria Colonist declines to give its support to the Opposition cause which is as honest and deserving as any in the history of Conservative campaigns in the Dominion of Canada. The lame excuse is that the fight is outside the Colonist's jurisdiction.

The Victoria Colonist has certainly got itself into very bad odor over that faked telegram on the Asiatic Exclusion question. A serious offence has been committed, but the people of Comox-Atlin are in no way connected with it, and Templeman cannot make them pay the penalty.

Mr. Sloan says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier referred to the defeated cabinet minister as "his old friend and colleague 'Bill' Templeman." It would have been a trifle more dignified on the part of the premier had he used the name "William," or even "Billie," instead of plain "Bill."

The result of Hon. William Templeman's meeting in Brand's Hall, last Saturday, clearly demonstrated the weakness of the Liberal candidate's cause. In a twenty minute speech the opposition speaker captured the meeting, and no attempt was made to deny the charges that were driven home, in rapid succession, to Mr. Templeman and his party organization.

By withholding support from the Conservative party in this campaign the Victoria Colonist may think that its cowardly conduct will be accepted by Mr. Templeman as a measure of amends for its offence towards him. The Pioneer News gives Mr. Templeman credit for more political astuteness than this. Until it has shaken itself free of the objectionable odor that now clings to it, the Colonist's support of any commendable cause is not desirable.

The Pioneer News is authorized by a number of voters in this part of Comox-Atlin to offer a concession to the Hon. William Templeman, Liberal candidate in the bye-election. If that gentleman will alter his proposition to a request for a place on the pension roll, no serious opposition will be offered, but it is asking too much of the electors that they should take the responsibility of nailing back onto the Dominion cabinet the wearisome burden that is falling off.

Conspire to Sell Comox-Atlin Voters

The Saturday Sunset, of Vancouver, an influential journal that has a well-earned reputation for independence and fearlessness, has sounded an alarm in the Comox-Atlin campaign.

In its issue of last Saturday the Sunset charged that a conspiracy had been hatched in Victoria with the object of obtaining the seat for Hon. William Templeman by acclamation. The conspirators were said to be Mr. Templeman and William Sloan, on the Liberal side, and Hon. H. E. Young and Hon. W. J. Bowser, on the Conservative.

The scheme was that Young and Bowser were to discourage and withhold assistance from the Conservatives who wanted to put up a fight, and that in return for this the petition to unseat G. H. Barnard in Victoria would be dropped, and Hon. H. E. Young would not be opposed in the next Provincial campaign.

The Sunset proceeds:

"A more despicably sordid arrangement could not be thought out than such a deal.

"Let us review the situation. Here is the Conservative party flushed with victory in five ridings out of seven in this province. In one it defeated a Cabinet Minister. Throughout the contest the local Government lent every influence to defeat the Government candidates. In Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo the victories were described as McBride triumphs. The result as a whole was paraded as a complete condemnation of government policy in regard to questions affecting British Columbia, including the Asiatic and Better Terms questions. In Vancouver the campaign was conducted largely against the abuse of patronage and graft.

"Yet when Comox-Atlin is opened for Mr. Templeman this triumphant party becomes whitelivered and fearful that it cannot win. Hon. Dr. Young and Hon. W. J. Bowser showed their hands in the Conservative convention when they were the chief opponents to putting a candidate in the field in opposition to Templeman.

"Has the Conservative party in British Columbia become suddenly stricken with palsy? Have the questions of Better Terms and Asiatic immigration been satisfactorily disposed of since that time? Has graft ceased in Vancouver since the elections? Have all the differences between the great Conservative party and the Government at Ottawa been amicably adjusted since the recent elections? What about the great principles which we were told were involved in the results of last election?

"The cool assurance of the party managers in this deal is not the least interesting feature in the case. The electors of Comox-Atlin are not considered. They are merely pawns in the game. They happen to have votes for a seat in Parliament, but they are not to have a chance to exercise their franchise. Everything is being nicely arranged for them by Bowser, Young, Templeman and Sloan.

"Mr. Sloan got the seat by acclamation on a fluke. The Tories of that riding nominated an apparently impossible candidate—at any rate the party managers had no say in his selection. Comox-Atlin was punished by the withdrawal of the party support for their candidate. The latter, discouraged and daunted, withdrew at the last moment.

"The vote for the local members shows Comox-Atlin to be anything but a safe seat. It is not a folorn hope in any sense. It is nearly three years since a vote was taken in it. No one can say today how it might go. One party has as good a chance as another. Yet the voters of Comox-Atlin are to be disfranchised for four years more. Sloan has been returned twice by acclamation. In all—if the present deal stands—that riding will have been without a vote in Dominion elections for eight or nine years and will be deprived of one in the next provincial contest.

"They must he a pusillanimous lot of voters in Comox-Atlin if they will permit a bunch of whitelivered political dealers in Victoria to trade with their votes in this barefaced manner."

PIONEER NEWS.

Published at Alberni, B. C., and issued every Saturday.

R. J. BURDE. - - - EDITOR.

Subscription Rate, - $2.00 per year

Alberni, B. C., Feb. 6, 1909.

A laborer who was charged at Leeds yesterday with using bad language, says an Old Country newspaper, excused himself by saying that he had been in British Columbia "among wild animals and Indians," and was describing his experiences there. And the people of England know so much about the conditions in this country that more than one half of them can be expected to believe the Leeds romancer.

A day or two after the expose of the doctored telegram on the Asiatic Exclusion question, the Victoria Colonist intimated that it was willing to drop all serious differences of opinion, for the time being, in order that all might pull together for the advancement of the best interests of Vancouver Island. The opportunity was not quite as acceptable to the Times as it was to the Colonist and the latter is now squirming under the worst of it. The Colonist has few sympathizers in this scrape. Its attempt to satisfy the public with the simple statement that the alleged telegram was published in good faith, and its apparent expectation that this would suffice, was one of the most striking of the displays of silly egotism and ostrich sense for which its editorial columns have been noted for the past two years.

In his official report of the rescue of the crew of the wrecked schooner Soquel, Capt. W. H. Gillen, of the life-saving crew, said to Capt. Gaudin that "the Tees rendered valuable assistance." Eye-witnesses of the rescue would have sent a somewhat different report, more to this effect, "Life-saving crew, with inefficient appliances, rendered what assistance it could to the Tees the officers and crew of which vessel were responsible for the rescue."

Birthday Party.

On the occasion of the attainment of his fifteenth birthday, last Monday, Douglass Redford gave a party to a number of his boy friends. A sumptuous supper was served, after which the evening was merrily spent in various games. The guests were:

William Erickson, Edgar Davis, Ernest Ward, George Paterson, Keith Gill, Claude Davis, Fred Ward, Cecil Wimberley, Harry Merrifield, Edward Cox and Roy Cox.

Master Redford was the recipient of many presents.

WOOD FOR SALE—Stove wood, delivered. Apply to or address, T. S. Grieve, Alberni.

Interest Is Taken In Island League

The success and important developments of the Vancouver Island Development convention, held in Victoria on Jan. 21st, has awakened considerable interest in Alberni, but formal organization for the purpose of taking active part in the work that is to be done, will not likely take place till after election day, Feb. 20.

Leonard Frank, the Alberni delegate, and Alfred Carmichael, who was in Victoria at the time of the convention and was present during some of the proceedings, gave to the board of trade, at the meeting last Monday night, brief accounts of what had taken place. Both were enthusiastic over the possibilities of the league it is proposed to form. A point of interest mentioned by Mr. Carmichael was that Mr. Chapman, the publicity expert from Portland Ore., had convinced the interested people of Victoria that they would serve their own interests best if they would devote attention to advertising all all parts of Vancouver Island and encouraging people to make their homes on it, giving them ample choice as to location. In building up the population of the Island, Victoria would be providing business for itself, as, being the chief point, the other places would naturally be contributing to it.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

Farmers' Institute.

A supplementary meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held in the Court House, Alberni, on Saturday, Feb. 13, 1909, commencing at 2:30 p.m. An address on Co-operation will be delivered, and instructions for the delegate to the Central Institute which is to meet in Victoria, will be decided on.

SURVEYING.

GEORGE A. SMITH, C. E., B. C. Land Surveyor. Surveys of timber limits, mineral claims, and land subdivisions. Address, P. O. Box 23, Alberni.

H. H. BROWNE, civil and mining engineer, and Provincial land surveyor, has opened an office in Alberni, and is prepared to receive orders for work in any part of the district.

E. M. WHYTE'S

Blacksmith Shop Is Now Open.

All kinds of Blacksmith's work done on the premises, opposite the Alberni Trading Store.

Horseshoeing and repair work a specialty.

Good workmanship.

Prices moderate.

Give him a call.

E. M. WHYTE, opposite Alberni Trading Store.

Painting, Paper Hanging and Sign Writing.

I have established a business in Alberni, and am prepared to execute all orders promptly.

None but competent tradesmen employed as assistants.

Wm. Ash.

Address: ARLINGTON HOTEL.

A. B. WOOD.

CONTRACTOR & BUILDER.

NEW ALBERNI.

Plans drawn and submitted.

CARMICHAEL & MOORHEAD

NEW ALBERNI, B. C.

REAL ESTATE NOTARY PUBLIC

REPRESENTING

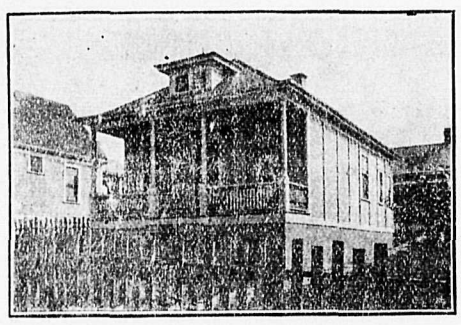
The Alberni Land Company, Ltd.

Commercial Union Assurance Company, Ltd.

OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

SOLE AGENTS for the West Coast for the Standard House Building and Contracting Company's

Patented Sectional Houses



These houses differ from the "Portable" kind as, when constructed, they form substantial and permanent buildings. The lumber is of the finest quality and thoroughly seasoned.

Call and see plans and prices, and if you want a home built to your own design we will be pleased to quote.

The Barclay Sound Cedar Co., Ltd.

All kinds of High Grade and Dimension Lumber, Lath and Shingles.

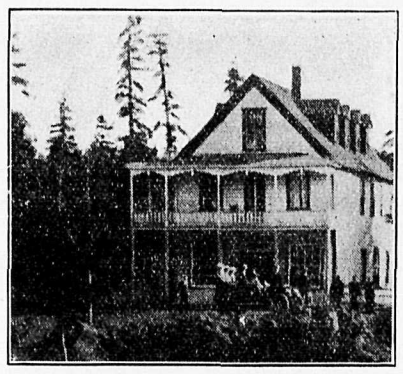
Place orders through mail to office, New Alberni.

Prompt Delivery.

FOUR STAR CHOP FEED

Alberni Trading Store

The Alberni Hotel



Alberni Hotel

Tourist, Commercial, Lumber and Mining Men's Resort.

Table the Best.

Strictly First-Class

RATES -- MODERATE

JOS. ROGERS & CO. PROPS.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

Incorporated 1869.

HEAD OFFICE - - MONTREAL.

Capital Paid up and Reserve, $8,290,000. Total Assets, $48,000,000.

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

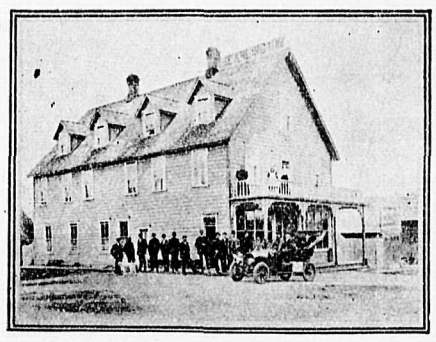
Savings Bank Department Deposits of $1.00 and upwards received and interest paid at the the highest current rate. NO DELAY IN WITHDRAWING.

Banking by Mail Deposits may be made and withdrawn by mail. Fullest particulars will gladly be given by letter regarding all departments.

ONE HUNDRED Branches and Agencies.
TWENTY-ONE Branches in British Columbia.
Correspondents Throughout the World.

W. R. H. Prescott, Mgr. Alberni Branch.

The Arlington Hotel



LEADING HOTEL ON WEST COAST.

HEADQUARTERS FOR TOURISTS, TIMBES AND MINING MEN.

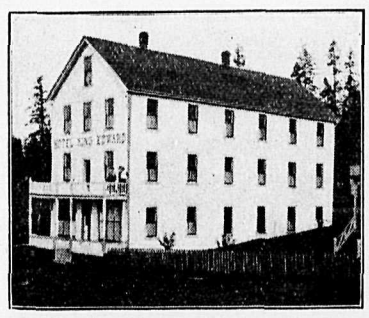
HOT AND COLD BATHS, AND ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES

M. A. WARD, -- PROP.

Alberni, B. C.

King Edward Hotel.

NEW ALBERNI



Large three story hotel just opened

Everything new and of the best

RATES REASONABLE.

J. S. ROLLIN, - Proprietor.

Freight Question and Mail Service

At the regular meeting of the Alberni Board of Trade, held in Waterhouse's hall, New Alberni, on Monday night, two important subjects were brought up for discussion.

R. F. Blandy brought up a question in regard to freight charges. The charges on some goods are made by measurement, and others by dead weight. When a shipment of general goods arrives there is no way of telling from the manifest what goods are subjected to the measurement system or what are charged for according to actual weight. Mr. Blandy explained that this made it hard for a merchant to figure on the gross cost of his stock, and if the merchant made mistakes along this line the result affected the consumer.

Mr. Chaney supported Mr. Blandy and these gentleman were appointed a committee to negotiate with the navigation company with a view to securing a more satisfactory arrangement.

That vexing question—the mail service by stage—was again brought up. The failure of the contractor to keep up a regular service was commented upon. The excuse that the roads had been bad for some time past did not seem to satisfy the meeting, as many cases of people, in private conveyances, making the trip without delay were mentioned. A committee composed of R. F. Blandy and Leonard Frank was appointed to prepare some facts in regard to the inefficiency of the service, and and advise the post-office inspector accordingly.

The next regular meeting of the board will be the annual meeting. New officers will be elected, and standing committees will be appointed.

NEWS GENERAL AND PERSONAL

H. M. T. Hodgson returned on Wednesday from Victoria.

Fred Drinkwater left on Monday morning on a business trip to Victoria.

Richard Clarke, of Vancouver, who had been visiting friends in Alberni, left on Monday for home.

James R. Motion left by the Tees on Monday morning to attend a meeting of the Presbytery in Victoria.

Mrs. Glllen, wife of Capt. Gillen who was in charge of the life boat at Bamfield, arrived by the steamer Tees on Wednesday and left yesterday for Victoria.

The marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Alfred, third son of the late David Carmichael, of Belfast, Ireland, and Kathleen Frances, youngest daughter of the late Major Edward Withers, of Auckland, New Zealand.

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Nootka.

Take notice that I, Thomas J. Marks, of Seattle, U. S. A., occupation prospector, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Tahsis canal, in Nootka Sound, at a point about 2½ miles from the mouth of Tahsis river, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north along shore line to place of commencement.

THOMAS J. MARKS.
Date, Jan. 6, 1909. jan16

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Clayoquot.

Take Notice that Jennie Spencer and and Ada Florence Rennie, by their agent, Fred. W. Muller, of Sproat Lake, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on Taylor Arm of Sproat Lake, about three-quarters of a mile in a southerly direction from Lot 622, thence south 25 chains to lake shore, thence easterly following the shore line for about 20 chains, thence northerly about 20 chains to point of commencement.

JENNIE SPENCER,
ADA FLORENCE RENNIE,
Fred. W. Muller, Agent.
Date, December 14, 1908.

"Alberni is bound to become one of the most Important Towns in Canada."

The above is an extract from a phamphlet recently issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

It is an official announcement.

Beware of "Wild-catters!"

Efforts are being made in cities outside of Alberni to sell Alleged Alberni Town Lots and remote sub-divided wild lands are being offered as choice residential property.

Many Have Already Been Taken In

The Alberni Land Company which holds the only genuine Townsite Property has as yet put only a limited number of Lots on sale. Carmichael & Moorhead are Local Agents.

Investigate Before You Buy

Swamps and Forests can be made to look alluring on surveyor's plans which do not show the bush and rocks. Make your enquiries of some reliable agent in Alberni.

Keep Your Eye on Alberni. It has a Future

Subscribe For the Pioneer News and Keep Posted on Developments.

Rousing Demonstration For the Opposition Candidate

There were cheers in Waterhouse's hall, New Alberni, last night, such as had never been heard in the building before, the demonstration of enthusiasm being caused by an appeal to the electors to support M. Manson, the Conservative candidate in the Comox-Atlin bye-election.

Three resounding cheers and a tiger, followed by the singing of God Save the King, concluded a meeting in which the spirit of the large gathering of electors was strongly manifested in favor of opposition to Hon. William Templeman.

R. J. Burde, in opening the meeting, made it clear that Mr. Manson was in the field to stay till the last vote had been polled. He told of the energetic work that was being done, in his behalf, in other parts of the constituency where people objected as they did in Alberni, to being mistaken by William Sloan and Mr. Templeman for so much stock that could be bought and sold in Ottawa or on the political market of Victoria.

R. H. Wood delivered a practical address in which he brought out several facts to the discredit of Templeman, Sloan and the Liberal government.

Rev. G. A. Love discussed the relative positions of the two political parties, and told why, in his judgment, the Conservatives should be supported by the honest elector, particularly in this campaign. Mr. Love delivered a most inspiring address, and at the conclusion of it, he was given a tremendous ovation.

W. H. Marcon addressed the meeting from the Socialist point of view.

The Liberal association had declined a written invitation to have a speaker on the platform, and repeated invitations, given by the chairman, at the meeting, were ignored. There were prominent Liberal workers present.

A. D. Cooper, president of the Conservative association, occupied the chair.

The meeting was almost unanimous for the Opposition candidate.

Martin In the Fight

A telegram, addressed to Leonard Frank, secretary of the Alberni Conservative association, signed by W. M. McKay, secretary of the Provincial organization, and received today, reads as follows:

"Manson has gone forward to Prince Rupert. Splendid reports are coming in. Joseph Martin will speak for Manson. Dr. Young has given his endorsation to the contest."

LIBERAL CANDIDATE APPEALS TO ELECTORS

(Continued From Page One.)

with the department of Inland Revenue over which he also presided. He dealt in figures to show the financial success of his administration.

Referring to the West Coast life saving system, Mr. Templeman regretted the destruction of the Bamfield life boat, and said he believed an investigation would be held. The wrecked boat would be replaced by a new and better one. He then proceeded to tell what an important part both he and Mr. Sloan had played in having the system inaugurated. After the wreck of a steamship (he could not remember the name of it) it was decided that the work of establishing the life saving system should be started without delay. Mr. Sloan had kept continually urging him, and he had used his influence in the government council to have the work undertaken at once. He attempted to give some detail about this work, but his memory failed him and he gave up trying to name the light stations.

The Dominion government, Mr. Templeman contended, had done a lot for Comox-Atlin. He held that all the money expended on the West Coast life saving service was for the direct benefit of this constituency.

In concluding his address Mr. Templeman said he was not a stranger to the people of Nanaimo (he meant Alberni) and on the promise that he would endeavor to represent Comox-Atlin honestly and well, he appealed for that united support that had in the past been extended to Mr. Sloan.

Mr. Burde Replies.

Mr. Burde congratulated the Liberal politicians on their departure from their established custom of discussing political issues in star chamber sessions with party organizers only. Hon. Mr. Templeman in telling how he came to be a candidate in Comox-Atlin had forgotten to mention the reports which his paper, the Victoria Times, had published about the possibilities of his obtaining a seat in the east. They would not have him in Quebec; they did not want him in Ottawa, and finally he had been dumped onto Comox-Atlin. Mr. Templeman would try to make the audience believe that he was cheated out of the Victoria seat by means of a telegram, on the Asiatic Exclusion question, said to have been doctored in the Colonist office. It seemed true that the telegram had been doctored, and, the speaker said, he was ready to believe that there was purpose in the job. It was a well known fact that the editor of the Colonist, a Conservative newspaper, who must be held responsible for the offence, was a strong Liberal partizan, who, personally, did not like Mr. Templeman, and out of such a condition of affairs what better could be expected?

"But," said the speaker, "Mr. Templeman makes a mistake if he thinks he can make his inconsistent explanation of defeat go down with this audience," and turning to the defeated minister, asked him if he did not, during the recent campaign, state on the platform, in the city of New Westminster, that the Asiatic Exclusion question was not an issue in his constituency?

Mr. Templeman smiled, but did not reply.

"Did you, or did you not? Answer me fairly, Mr. Templeman," demanded Mr. Burde.

"Maybe I did; I don't remember," said the Liberal candidate.

"No, you are lamentably shy on memory," retorted the speaker; "you cannot even remember the name of the accommodating gentleman who died and let you into a portfolio; you cannot remember the name of the ship that was wrecked, and which wreck, you say, caused you to move in the direction of having a life-saving system established on the West Coast; you cannot remember the names of the great light stations you would like to take credit for; you cannot even remember the name of the place you are now in; you have called it Nanaimo." After having declared that the Asiatic Exclusion question was not an issue in his constituency the defeated minister now had the nerve to claim that a faked telegram bearing on that question had cheated him out of an election.

Mr. Burde then drew the attention of the audience to the fact that after the Liberal association of Alberni had passed a resolution in which Mr. Sloan had been given credit for all the work on the West Coast, Mr. Templeman, in the face of that resolution, and in the interest of his own candidature in Victoria, had taken that credit to himself without giving the member for Comox-Atlin a look-in. Now that he was seeking the support of the people of this constituency, where Mr. Sloan was supposed to be strong, the defeated minister was willing to be more generous towards his colleague who had made such an alleged sacrifice on his behalf.

It had been stated by Mr. Templeman that the Dominion government had already done much for Comox-Atlin; it had established a life-saving service in this constituency. Mr. Burde charged Mr. Templeman with presuming that his audience was most gullible when he thought to make such a statement stick. That service was supposed to be established for the benefit of Canada in general and humanity as a whole. It would have had to be established even if there were no voters in Comox-Atlin. And this was about all Mr. Templeman had to offer in exchange for the credit he solicited for the Liberal government. Mr. Templeman would have the people of Comox-Atlin believe that they were deeply indebted to the government because there were life-boats and light stations on the dangerous sea coast, while there were no such luxuries provided for the prairies of Manitoba.

The speaker took up the question of the alleged humane work on the West Coast, and gave a number of facts to show that it had been disgracefully used for the herding of Liberal voters and other questionable political purposes. About all the expensive lifeboat, now a wreck, had been used for was to make trivial errands for the trail builders, to carry them on holiday excursions, and to take voters to Victoria for Mr. Templeman. Instances were quoted of how the discipline of the life-saving service had been effected owing to the fact that the appointments were made through political pull. A national disgrace had been caused by this manipulation for which Mr. Templeman was chiefly responsible.

Referring to the West Coast life-saving trail, Mr. Burde charged that it was costing an enormous amount of money, and that it would be found, when the work was finished, that it had cost as much as it would have cost to build a railway.

Mr. Templeman and Mr. Sloan were also charged with attempting to capture the constituency for the defeated minister by unfair means, by giving the people the rush act. From the time the election proclamation was posted there was scarcely time for the people of Alberni, had they so desired, to get a man to Prince Rupert, the returning officer's seat, in time for nomination day, and there were other parts of the constituency worse off in this regard than Alberni. In the light of these and other circumstances, it came with very bad grace from Mr. Templeman to try to win sympathy on the plea that he had been cheated out of an election in Victoria.

Mr. Brewster Tells a Story.

Mr. Brewster came to the front in turn and told a little story that was intended to make people laugh. He then began to make clear to the audience the advantages of having a cabinet minister for a representative, and instanced the mining activity on Texada Island as a result of the work of the Minister of Mines. The best service Mr. Sloan had ever rendered his constituency was the giving up of his seat to obtain for it cabinet representation.

"What was the price?" asked W. H. Marcon who was in the audience.

Sloan Champions Graft.

Mr. Sloan asked the enquirer if he was serious.

Mr. Marcon assured him that he was.

Mr. Sloan declared there was no price, and appealed to the people who knew him for a verdict.

Someone laughed.

"Will you take my word for it?" asked Mr. Sloan, addressing Mr. Marcon.

"I'll take your word now, and watch you afterwards," was the answer.

In closing, Mr. Sloan made a vigorous appeal for support for Mr. Templeman. "Mr. Templeman has told you something about the railway; he could have told you more had he wanted to," the speaker shouted.

"Maybe he couldn't remember it," someone interjected while Mr. Sloan was regaining his breath.

"He could have told you that railway construction would be started within three weeks," added Mr. Sloan.

"Mr. Burde has told you," continued the speaker, "that the West Coast trail is costing too much money, and that it may cost as much as a railway. We know it has cost a lot of money, and I hope it will cost a lot more as we will then have all the more to give to our friends. And up around Clayoquot, where Mr. Burde can only find two Conservatives, we have a lot of good things in store for the people up there; we believe in taking good care of our friends."

Before subsiding, Mr. Sloan endeavored to offset his remarkable admission of graft by accusing the McBride government, of which he said Mr. Burde was a henchman, of the same practices. At Parksville, he said, no one but a Conservative could obtain work from the Provincial government; there were men there who could not get enough to enable them to pay their taxes.

Down and Out.

When Mr. Sloan had finished the chairman announced that he would allow Mr. Templeman an opportunity to reply to Mr. Burde's charges, but Mr. Templeman failed to respond, and the meeting was formally closed with the singing of God Save the King.

The verdict of the meeting, as summed up on a basis of applause, was decidedly in favor of the Opposition cause.

Prairie Farm Dispersal Sale!

On Thursday, Feb. 25, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Under instructions from the owners, Messrs Wood and Stephensoh, the whole of the stock, farm machinery and implements, household effects, etc., etc., will be offered for sale, by public auction, at the above mentioned place.

TERMS:—Absolutely without reserve. The price bid is to be taken as the cash price. Buyers will be accommodated with approved joint notes, payable in three or six months, at 6 per cent.

A. TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Household Hardware

Cooking and Kitchen Utensils, Knives. Forks, Spoons and Carvers, Coat Hooks and Hangers, Door Bells, White and Granite Enammelled ware.

Close Prices. Your Visit a Courtesy to Us

Alberni Hardware Co

NEW ALBERNI.

Thomson's General Store

Our Spring Goods are Now on View

Prints, Children's Wear, Straw Hats

Curtain Ends A Large Variety, from 25 cents each and up.

Look in, and see for yourselves.

C. F. BISHOP & SON

GROCERS, BAKERS AND PRODUCE MERCHANTS.

Sunshine and Good Times are Coming.

We have to hand, by last boat, a large assignment of

Rennie's Vegetable and Flower Seeds

"The Finest in the Land," in packages, small and large. No need to send your orders by mail. Come and choose for yourselves. Any seeds on their list, not in hand, we can get for you within a week.

Anything You Need.

Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Clothing.

Hardware, Paints, Oils.

Chinaware, Glassware, etc.

A. E. WATERHOUSE, New Aberni.

Buy a Pig at Terry's

And Keep Your Feet Warm

The Price is $1.25.

We have Rubber Hot Water Bottles if you prefer them.
A Thermos Bottle at $3.50 will pay for itself in solid comfort this weather.
Parke's Cough Syrup will cure that cough.

W. S. TERRY

Druggist & Stationer, Alberni, B. C.