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...THE LATEST IN...
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Ladies' Underwear
Flannelette,
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H. P. Locomotive Fire Box Boilers.
Also 1-6X6 friction gear-ed hoist for sale.
Best cash buy in the Klondike.

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Pipes, Fittings, Valves, Stoves & Ranges. 107 Front St.

Change of Time Table
Orr & Tukey's Stage Line
Telephone No. 8
On and after Monday, Oct. 22, 1900, will run a
DOUBLE LINE OF STAGES
TO & FROM GRAND FORKS

Leave Dawson, Office A. C. Co.'s Build-
ing.....9:50 a. m.
Returning, Leave Forks, Office, Op. Gold
Hill Hotel.....8:50 p. m.

From Forks, Office Opposite Gold Hill
Hotel.....9:50 a. m.
Returning, Leave Dawson, Office A. C.
Co.'s Building.....8:50 p. m.

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**HEALTHFUL,
TOOTHsome
...MEATS**
Game of All Kinds

CITY MARKET..
KLENER & GIESMAN PROPRIETORS
Second Ave.
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Telephone No. 87
FOR MEMBERS
A Gentleman's Resort,
Socious and Elegant
Club Rooms and Bar
FOUNDED BY
Murray, O'Brien and Marchbank.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

We shall be glad to greet all our friends at the re-opening of the Monte Carlo Saloon and Club Rooms on Christmas Eve., Monday, December 24th, 1900.

**TOM O'BRIEN
CHARLIE POWELL
A. H. MOGRIDGE**

OUT O' SIGHT!

While you are taking in the town just glance in our window and see the line of
....Ladies' Companions and Carving Sets....
we are selling for Xmas.

McLennan, McFeely & Co., Ltd.

BILLS OF THE CITY

That Will Have to Be Paid by the Tax Payers if They Incorporate.

A LARGE DEFICIT TO BEGIN WITH
And Little Prospect of Making it up Except by Direct

TAXATION OF CITY PROPERTY
The Present Revenue is About \$140,000 Less City's Expense Would Be Under Municipal Government.

From Saturday's Daily.
Generally speaking, the situation presenting itself at present with regard to the incorporation of Dawson, is about this, so far as public opinion is concerned. The government officials and employees generally would like to see Dawson incorporated, because while it would for the most part in no way endanger their positions it would materially lessen their work.

There is another class who fortunately is but small in numbers who would like to see the city governed by municipal officers, but the least said concerning this class the better. Lastly, there is the citizen and taxpayer, and in this case at least his will in the matter is law. He does not look favorably upon incorporation for divers reasons pretty clearly defined in yesterday's Nugget.

That the city would gain self-government to some extent by incorporation, of course goes without saying, but when the price which would have to be paid for this luxury (because it is the general opinion that at present at least it is not a necessity), is considered it is doubtful if any business man, or any one having property assessable, would for a moment consider the scheme advisable.

A careful investigation of the probable cost of instituting a municipality for Dawson, and maintaining it during one year, bring to light some very interesting, and it may be, to many, some rather surprising figures.

To begin with the list of officers and their probable salaries will have to be dealt with, and the salaries are based upon those paid officials under the present government, which are certainly not excessive.

It would take at the very least calculation ten heads of departments as follows:

City clerk	4,500
City engineer	6,000
City treasurer	5,000
City auditor	3,000
City assessor	3,500
City tax collector	4,000
City solicitor	5,000
Health officer	2,000
Fire department, total expense	74,000
Lighting	12,000
Schools	12,000
Hospitals	40,000
Burial of indigents	2,600
Relief of destitute persons	2,000
Transportation for destitute persons	7,000
Total	\$186,600

The buildings required would be a city hall which it is thought might be built and furnished at an expense of not to exceed \$15,000. A school house upon the expense of which no estimate can be placed, inasmuch as the council has already practically made arrangements for, and this, like the fire halls and apparatus, would have to be taken over by the city.

The election of the city officers would cost not less than \$3,000, so, taking all things into consideration, it is believed that the first cost of necessary buildings, fire apparatus, printing, furniture, additional salaries and incidental expenses consequent on necessary city improvements and other things to be expected in the course of a year, that \$275,000 would not be an over-estimate of the probable cost.

Now, to consider the sources and extent of the revenue with which this cost is to be met, it may be said that upon short notice no reliable information can be obtained concerning the police force or who would control it in the event of incorporation, but it is the general impression among officials that the Northwest mounted police would retain its present position independent of the city. But from a standpoint of revenue this would make practically no difference, as the expense of a police force has not been enumerated, and the revenue derived from that source at present is barely sufficient to pay the salaries of the stenographic force employed there.

The revenue derived from the sale of liquor licenses in the city, thus far in the present fiscal year has amounted to \$34,700.

It is supposed that this would all accrue to the city, but it is not sure that this would be the case. The city of Winnipeg only receives one-half of the revenue derived from its sale of liquor licenses, the other half going to the federal government. The other sources of revenue are the sale of licenses in the city, such as auctioneers, pedlars, second-hand stores, in short all licenses that are at present issued which is given at the highest figure as \$3500 per year.

The present rate of assessment on land is .02 per cent and upon buildings and income .07 per cent.

If the whole assessment roll, as it stands today is collected, it will represent for the use of the government \$95,000. These figures show a total revenue of \$134,200, at liberal estimating, as against a conservative estimate of expenditure amounting to \$275,000.

It can be urged with respect to the deficit that the city would have to contend with in the beginning, that much of this expense would be incurred but once, which seems plausible enough at first glance, but it must be borne in mind that fire apparatus wears out, and that buildings decay or are destroyed from time by fire or other means and have to be renewed, and while the same expense would not have to be met each year, and the balance on the money side of the ledger would not be as much as \$140,800, still it is hard to see in what acceptable way it could be sufficiently reduced to make it a scheme acceptable to business people at the present time.

In the event of incorporation not being accepted by the city at this time, it can only be said that so far definite plans have not been adopted by the council, but it is probable that taxes will be collected on the basis of the scheme previously decided upon.

The qualifications of voters in a municipality here would probably be somewhat similar to those exacted in the city of Winnipeg, where the voter must be a British subject and possess certain property qualifications such as living or doing business upon property which he either owns or pays a rental not lower than \$200 per year for.

Exemplified Sandbagger Verdancy Captured

There is a young business man in Dawson who has cause to lament his acquaintance with a certain demure looking damsel who formerly worked in a photograph gallery which was next door to the young man's office. Being neighbors they became well acquainted and on the part of the young man that acquaintance developed into a case of lurid affection which the young woman appeared to reciprocate. Vows were exchanged and arrangements for marriage were made. The young man purchased and furnished a cabin at a cost of \$1000, had all deeds and bills of sale made out in the name of his lady love who moved into and occupied their soon-to-be-joint-home.

The day selected on which the marriage was to take place arrived. The minister was engaged and was expectantly awaiting the couple and a fat fee in his library. The young man, with his heart throbbing like a mogul freight engine, climbed the hill to the cabin for the purpose of escorting his idol to the ministerial presence, where the twain were to be made one. He gently knocked at the door expecting his sweetheart to open it and precipitate herself into his arms. Did she do it? Well, scarcely!

A great big, he man opened the door and in a gruff voice inquired "what do you want?"

The young man twitched nervously and said he had called for Miss So and So to take her down to be married.

"Miss So and So belongs to me," said the big man in possession, "and if I find you fooling around here any more I'll kick you clear off the hill."

And like the Georgia statesman, the young man ever and anon asks himself the question: "Where am I at?"

Fresh carrots and turnips at Meekers'.
Sargent & Pinska have the finest assortment of American neckwear for the holidays in Dawson.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock Donald Alexander Sutherland McDonald was arrested on First Avenue in front of the Madden house and taken at once to the barracks and locked up. He has been wanted by the police since the night of November 15 on which date Christian Loth, one of the numerous cigar store females who do business near the Klondike bridge, was sandbaggered and otherwise maltreated, the supposed object of the assault being robbery. A reward of \$50 for the apprehension and arrest of the assailant was later offered by C. A. Selback who manifested deep interest in the case. While the woman did not fully recognize the man at the time, the fact that she thought it was McDonald, and that he afterwards disappeared from public view served to confirm her belief that he was her midnight intruder.

In the police court yesterday afternoon before Magistrate McDonnell Miss Loth's identification was more accurate and Donald Alexander Sutherland McDonald was held over to the territorial court without bail.

Finely mounted sterling silver articles at Sale & Co., the jewelers.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.
Try Cascade Laundry for high-class work at reduced prices.

NEW STR. COMPANY

Will Operate on Yukon and Stewart Rivers Next Season.

CAPITAL STOCK ALL SUBSCRIBED
Local Men of Money and Experience Form Company.

NEW STEAMER BEING BUILT
Quick Will be Operated on Upper Stewart River Above Falls—Starts in the Spring.

A new transportation company has just been organized in Dawson and is called the Stewart River Co., Ltd., its purpose being to operate a fleet of steamers between Dawson and the headwaters of the Stewart.

The capital stock of the company is \$50,000, divided into 50 shares of \$1000 each. The head office of the company is at the Yukon dock. All the required capital has been subscribed by the following Dawson business men:

William Meed, manager Yukon dock Co.; R. P. McLennan, McLennan, McFeely & Co., Ltd.; M. D. Rainbow, agent Standard Oil Co.; C. V. Anthony, manager Canadian-Yukon Lumber Co.; H. E. Ridley, of Pattullo & Ridley; Emil Stauf, agent Dawson townsite; H. C. Davis, H. McConnell, Albert Haller, Capt. Edward J. Smyth.

A contract has already been entered into for the construction at Whitehorse of the first boat for the company. This boat will be built immediately, under the direction of men well known to be experienced in Yukon river navigation. She will be 110 feet in length, of extremely light draught, and will be furnished with very powerful machinery, which will enable her to travel rapidly up stream with a full cargo.

Capt. Edward J. Smyth leaves today on a bicycle for the outside in order to attend to the affairs of the company in connection with the construction of the first steamer which will be named the Prospector, and will afterwards be followed by others of the same class.

The company has also bought the steamer Quick which has been successfully operating on the Stewart during the past summer. This steamer will be put above the Fraser falls if business offers in that part of the district.

She is 60 feet long and for a boat of this size the upper Stewart river is navigable for nearly 100 miles. The lower Stewart from the mouth to the Falls is a splendid navigable waterway 200 miles in length.

Eastern Washington new timothy hay at Meekers'.

Private dining rooms at The Holborn. Cyrus Noble whisky. Rochester.

Christmas and New Year presents at Sargent & Pinska's.

Meekers delivers fresh vegetables up creeks.

There will be a masked ball and supper at the Boulder house 33 below Bonanza on Christmas eve. Everybody is cordially invited.

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Smoking Jackets
Fancy Silk Vests, Dress Overcoats
Make very desirable Xmas Presents.
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