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CALL A SPECIAL MEETING.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade, held on Wednesday night a resolution was introduced covering an endorsement of the efficiency and integrity of the officials now representing the Dominion government in this territory. The meeting was small, hardly a quorum being present and in consequence no definite action upon the matter was taken.

We understand that the resolution was brought forward by reason of reports now circulating on the outside reflecting upon the personnel of the present Yukon government. The Nugget has been on record at all times as opposed to the policy of the government toward the Yukon territory. That policy we believe has been and is detrimental to the interests not only of the miner and prospector in the territory but equally detrimental to the interests of the government itself.

As to the individual men who are at the head of the various departments of the public service, we are glad to say—and we say so the more willingly for the reason that in the past we have had occasion to severely censure dereliction in public office—we are glad to say that public affairs in Dawson at the present time are efficiently and honestly administered. We are of the opinion that there should be unity and co-operation between the officials and the community at large in an effort to secure for the country such changes in our mining regulations as are universally conceded to be necessary. Those changes must come and must come quickly or the future welfare of the territory is liable to be seriously jeopardized. From our knowledge of opinions held by the officials generally, we believe that for the most part they are genuinely desirous of seeing substantial changes made in the government's policy to the end that the Yukon territory may prosper as it is justly entitled to do.

At this critical juncture in the affairs of this territory, in the progress and development of which we all have a mutual interest, we regard any reports reflecting upon the integrity of the members of the present Yukon administration as uncalled for and untimely, especially when it is considered that such reports have no foundation in fact.

Inasmuch, therefore, as the matter has been brought prominently before the Board of Trade, with the result as noted at the beginning of this article, we would consider it a wise move that a special meeting of the Board should be called and a full attendance urged, in order that the matter may be fully considered and action taken in accordance with the views of the members as a whole.

WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

The closeness of times in Dawson during the past winter has been due in

no inconsiderable degree to the fact that at the time of the freeze up last fall, hundreds of tons of merchandise were scattered along the Yukon river in scows, destined never to reach Dawson with their precious cargoes.

The value of the goods thus tied up has been variously estimated, but the lowest figure we have heard mentioned places the amount at several hundred thousand dollars. There was scarcely a business house in Dawson but what was effected to some extent by the loss, and in consequence a general tightening up ensued which resulted disastrously to business generally. The price of commodities was affected to a considerable extent, there being a general stiffening all along the line as soon as it was realized that the river had actually closed and no more goods could be brought in except by the expensive and laborious process of freighting over the ice.

The experience of last fall will serve to urge upon everyone who has goods to bring in from the outside, the importance of getting orders out promptly and thus avoiding the possibility of having goods caught in the ice several hundred miles above Dawson.

The steamboat companies should be able to handle a greater volume of business next summer than ever before. When the railroad is completed to Whitehorse the entire up-river fleet will probably be placed on the run between Whitehorse and Dawson, and the facilities for landing freight in Dawson will thus be vastly increased. The risk of getting goods in will be greatly lessened, and the prices of commodities should show a consequent decrease. There will be little or nothing to be gained by resorting to the old time scow for bringing goods down the river, for the risks incident to the navigation of a scow on the upper Yukon system are too great to make the small saving in freight any particular object.

That our business houses are determined not to be again caught, as many were last fall, is shown by the fact that in numerous instances they have arrangements all perfected for bringing their supplies in at the opening of navigation.

GOLDEN GETS SIXTY DAYS.

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ghan applied for summary judgment. Decision reserved.

In Driscoll vs Dawkins, the plaintiff applied for the appointment of a receiver. Decision was reserved.

The sheriff of the Yukon territory applied for interpleader to issue in the case of Bossuit vs. Timmins and the N. A. T. & T. Co. The court appointed Monday as the time when the action will come up for summary disposition, and Messrs. Healey and Timmins were directed to be present.

The motion in Ames Mercantile Company vs. Alaska Exploration Company stands till Monday.

The plaintiff in Merchants Bank of Halifax vs. McKay Brothers moved to strike out statement of defense. Decision reserved.

A motion was made in Nichol vs. Cooper & Lewin to set down the case for trial. Motion continued.

A False Report.

A recent Victoria paper contains an article in which a recent arrival from Dawson is quoted as saying that fully one third of the business houses in this city have closed during the winter and that those still open are not doing any business. As Dawson never expects to figure as a wholesale city or great railroad center, it is doubtful if the story will do her any material harm, for it matters but little to Dawson what opinions the outside world may have regarding her. But the fact remains that a liar has gone out, and in order to

get his name in the papers has concocted a story of which the above is a part. The Victoria paper gives as a reason for the reported business inactivity here the exodus to Nome, and in turn gives as a cause for the exodus to Nome the explanation that existing mining laws of the Yukon district are oppressive and border on prohibitory. This portion of the article is the only one bearing the semblance to truth.

Regarding the number of business houses here, there has been little, if any, decrease, and those engaged in business are all satisfied with the volume transacted.

But the Victoria story is only one of thousands that have been concocted and published concerning Dawson. Every man who has ever been here and returned to the outside must first be interviewed for publication before his journey is completed.

ACTION OF COUNCIL.

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the secretary of the committee the following reply:

"Sir: I have the honor to forward you a copy of a resolution passed by the council at its meeting yesterday, which is as follows:

"Resolved, That an immediate census of the territory be taken; that in the meantime the commissioner communicate by telegraph to the minister of the interior the purport of the petitions received from the citizens' committee, and forward the originals by mail, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the committee."

This letter was dated March 7th, and signed by J. N. E. Brown.

This reply your committee consider unsatisfactory and indefinite and is neither an endorsement nor approval. Your committee have not been able to learn at what time the census referred to in said resolution will be or can be taken.

We have been informed by the commissioner that a report of the various steps taken in connection with this matter have been telegraphed to the minister of the interior.

On the evening of the 8th day of March, your committee met, all members being present except Mr. McMullen, who was absent from illness, and resolved to telegraph the petition of the citizens through their committee to his excellency in council direct.

The following resolution was then carried: That a public meeting be called on receipt of a reply to our telegram to Ottawa, but in any event not later than 15 days from this date.

We have been as diligent as possible, but regret that we have not a more encouraging report, and have not obtained more definite results.

We deem it advisable, however, to wait a reply from Ottawa for a reasonable time. Signed and approved by

C. M. WOODWORTH,
ALEX M'DONALD,
A. D. WILLIAMS,
JAS. STURGEON,
DONALD MACGREGOR,
Chairman,
JOSEPH A. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

W. Meikle, D. A. Shindler, and A. Trabold, as plaintiff, have filed a protest suit against Nellie Cashman, defendant. The matter involves a boundary dispute respecting the hillside claim on the left limit, opposite No. 3 Monte Cristo gulch. The hearing on the protest is set for March 26, 1900. No case was tried before Commissioner Senkler today. Tomorrow, the matter of the protest against the application of Allan R. Joy for a right of water to be diverted at No. 3 below on Bonanza, will be heard.

Masque Ball at the Dewey.

On Friday night, the 16th inst, there will be a grand masquerade ball at the Dewey hotel at Grand Forks.

The management is making special arrangements to furnish the patrons of the house with a most enjoyable entertainment. Everybody who has attended the various dances that have been given at the Dewey knows that a splendid time is ahead for the 16th. The best of everything is kept at the bar and the floor is in fine shape. Don't fail to attend.

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Next Sunday's Concert.

Extensive preparations are being made for the symphony concert to be given at the Palace Grand theater next Sunday evening. The program consists of 12 numbers, each of which will be a special feature. The Symphonic Orchestra, William Gorbracht, leader, will render some excellent selections. The following is the program:

March, "Chicago Athletic Club," (Sousa, orchestra; overture, "William Tell," (Rossini), orchestra; trio musical selection on violin, cello and piano, allegro moderato, andante, rondo, (Bergman), Messrs. Goodwin Brothers and Quigley; "Siciliana" from "Cavaleria Rusticana" (Mascagnie), Turido, Mr. Zimmerman; solo for cornet and trombone, "Declaration of Love," (Morris), Messrs. Lyons and Hobbs; waltz, "Freut euch des Lebens," (Strauss), orchestra; overture, "Jolly Robbers," (Suppe), orchestra; song, "It Was a Dream," Cowen, Miss Beatrice Lorne; piano solo, Mr. C. F. Quigley; song, "The Holy City," (Adams), Mr. Zimmerman; duet, "Adieu," (Nicoai), Miss Lorne and Mr. Zimmerman; descriptive piece, "A Trip to Coney Island," (Benda), orchestra.

An intermission of ten minutes between the sixth and seventh numbers on the program. The affair is under the management of Messrs. Zimmerman and Radcliffe. Tickets are now on sale at Reid & Co.'s drug store.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Chase & Sanborn's blend of Moca and Java coffee. Royal Grocery, Second ave.

Public Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ellen Acklen and Charles George Johnson have purchased from the government the 76.34 acres known as the Acklen ground, and that therefore they are entitled to all the surface rights thereon.

All persons who have squatted there are hereby notified that they must settle with the above named proprietors of the ground before the 1st day of April, 1900 for any part of the ground occupied by them on the lines of the agreement entered into by the said proprietors with the government, communication of which agreement can be had either at the Crown Timber Office, or at the office of S. M. Graff, Agent, Room 217, A. C. Co's Bldg.

Squatters failing to settle with the said proprietors before the said date will render themselves liable to ejectment.
Dawson, 17th of February, 1900.
(Signed) F. X. G. SELIN,
Crown Timber & Land Agent.

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