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YUKON COUNCIL

Decides to Improve All Streets at the Request of Residents,

OWNERS TO PAY TWO-THIRDS OF COST

Ordinance Passed to Levy and Collect Municipal Tax.

EVERYONE TO BE TAXED.

Assessors Will Soon Be Around Flaking Up the Tax Roll—To Buy Team and Wagon.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Yukon council held its regular meeting. Commissioner Ogilvie, Justice Dugas, Messrs. Girouard and Clement were present. Immediately after the members convened, an order was entered dispensing, for the particular session, the usual rules of procedure. The committee on public works presented the following report:

The committee on public works beg to report on the several matters referred to it by council:

The committee recommends the purchase of two horses with harness; also a wagon, to be employed in hauling garbage off the streets and vacant lots, and for other necessary works to improve the town.

The committee recommends that, when the majority of the property owners on any street or avenue petition the council asking for the graveling or improvement of their street, the council be empowered to order that the said improvement shall be done, provided the property owners pay two-thirds of the cost thereof from a local taxation to be imposed; the other third to be paid from the local revenues, and that an ordinance to that effect be prepared.

In respect to the petition of the residents of Menzie's addition, for a continuation of the sidewalk from Fifth avenue to Seventh avenue, the committee recommend that no action be taken for the present.

On motion of Justice Dugas, the report was adopted.

The bill entitled "An ordinance respecting assessment," was read a third time; and the commissioner having put

the question "That this bill do now pass," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The residents of Dawson, according to the provisions of the ordinance which was passed by the council yesterday, are now subject to taxation. The important parts of the new law are as follows:

"All real and personal property and income in that part of the unincorporated town of Dawson comprised within the government addition to the north, the Smith addition, the Harper & Ladue townsite, the Menzie's addition, the Day addition and the Northwest Mounted Police Reserve addition, shall be liable to taxation subject to the exemptions hereinafter mentioned."

Such exemptions consist of government property, lands and buildings used for public school purposes, all property exclusively in use for religious purposes, St. Mary's and the Good Samaritan hospitals, the books of every public library, household effects, books, and wearing apparel in use, and the annual income of any person derived from his personal earnings, provided the same does not exceed \$2000.

"The assessor or assessors shall make and complete and deliver the assessment roll to the comptroller of the territory on or before the 1st day of May in each year; but for the year 1900 the roll shall be delivered to the comptroller as aforesaid on or before the first day of June next.

"The commissioner of the Yukon territory and the members of the council of the said territory, shall be a court of revision for the said town, and any three of them shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The court shall try all complaints in regard to persons wrongfully placed upon the roll or omitted therefrom, or assessed too high or too low, or in regard to any property or any person which has been misdescribed or omitted from the roll, as the case may be."

Upon the schedule of property, which each individual will be required to give the assessor, there must be stated, the value of property exempt from taxation, the number of dogs, hogs, horses, sheep and cattle which are possessed by such individual, the amount of real and personal property, value of improvements on real estate, the annual income which the individual derives from his efforts.

It is expected that the assessor will commence to enforce the provisions of the new law within the next week or ten days.

Gets an Extension.

J. M. Richards, of whom mention was made two days ago of having been given until today to get a permit from Governor Ogilvie to continue his residence on the river bank in the upper part of the city, the said bank being public property from which squatters have been ordered to move, was in court this morning, and, figuratively speaking, went home with a broom on his shoulder. The required permit from the gubernatorial hand had been received; but for only 10 days was residential extension given. But during that time Richards can sit in undisturbed repose beneath his own vine and fig tree and listen to the limpid water of the Klondike as it gurgles over the ice of the Yukon in quest of an opening into which it can "take a sneak" and avoid running up against the unsightly piles of garbage lower down.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

WOODSIDE PLEADS

Not Guilty to Charge of Having Libeled Joseph Andrew Clarke.

HELD OVER TO THE HIGHER COURT

Bookkeeper and Foreman of Sun Office Give Testimony.

FARMERS WRITE EDITORIALS.

Woodside's Position Not Known in Office in Which He Draws Pay for Services.

In the police court this morning, Capt. Scarth presiding, the case of the Queen vs. Henry J. Woodside, charged by Joseph Andrew Clarke with criminal libel, was called, having been continued from a week previous. All the parties to the case were present, and being asked if he had heard the charge read, and giving an affirmative answer, the defendant by his attorney, C. W. C. Tabor, plead not guilty.

The plaintiff submitted a copy of the Yukon Sun of the date of the 10th, which paper contains the alleged libelous reference to his character, which copy of the paper plaintiff asserted was purchased by him in the office of the Yukon Sun on April 11th, and purchased from Bookkeeper Young of that office.

Mr. Tabor objected to the copy of the paper being submitted as evidence of the guilt of his client; the presence of the paper did not prove that his client was responsible for its contents. The copy of the paper was allowed to be submitted as exhibit "A."

Bookkeeper Young of the Sun, was Clarke's first witness. His evidence was substantially as follows:

"Am hired by Mr. O'Brien as bookkeeper at the Sun office. Was never hired by Mr. Woodside; I suppose I pay myself. Woodside is connected with the paper; can not say in what capacity. He does some writing; am not sure that he is editor of the paper; he may be the editor. I sold you (Clarke) two papers; do not know what they contained. Never saw the articles referred to and do not know who wrote them. I pay Mr. Woodside his weekly salary; do not know what he is paid for, except for services rendered. I pay all the men, about 19 in all, employed by the Sun. There are two front rooms to the Sun office; myself and the reporters occupy one room, and the other is occupied by Mr. Woodside. He occupies it alone; it is called the editorial room." Mr. Young was not cross-examined.

Foreman McChesney of the Sun office, was the next witness. He had not heard the charge, which was read by the court. The foreman's evidence was substantially this:

"I am foreman of the Yukon Sun office and have been there since last June; have worked at the printing business 14 years. I do not look to Mr. Woodside alone for my orders, but take orders from anybody on the editorial staff. So far as I know Woodside is managing editor; he may be, or may not be. I take copy from him and from the others; I do not know if Woodside writes the copy I take from him. I do not remember of ever setting in type any article with your (Clarke's) name in it. Saw Clarke's name on copy in the office, but did not set it up and do not know whose copy it was. I suppose Woodside is the editor, but am not sure. I have seen Woodside's writing but can not swear that I recognize it among the writing of several others."

At this stage of the proceedings Attorney Tabor objected to Clarke contradicting his own witness, and Clarke said he did not contradict him; with

the result that several "You did! I didn't; you did! I didn't's" were handed back and forth in rapid succession.

McChesney's evidence continued: "Woodside occupies the room called the editorial room: He is my superior and I go to him for copy. He is responsible for the coming out of the paper. I go to the other room for copy, too. Don't know who writes the editorial; anybody writes them; it is not the rule for editors to write all their editorials. Farmers frequently come in and write editorials in printing offices. When copy is set up into type in the office everything is submitted to Woodside, or the others except the "ads." Sometimes a reporter asks that he (the reporter) be shown proof of his own article which is done."

Mr. McChesney was not cross-examined.

Clarke stated that he had ordered a subpoena for Mr. Tabor as a witness, but as the latter was present in the role of attorney for the defendant, he requested that he be called to the stand. Tabor said he would go on the stand, but would not give evidence of an injurious nature to his client.

On the stand Tabor, when asked if he is not counsel for Thomas O'Brien, owner of the Yukon Sun, replied: "Part of the time."

"Do you not," asked Clarke, "review copy intended for publication in the Sun? And did you not review articles that were afterwards printed at the Sun office in the Sunlay Gleaner some time ago?"

Tabor refused to answer these questions, and asked that the case be adjourned until he could bring authority showing that an attorney is not required to give evidence of an injurious nature to his client. The court admitted the authority. Clarke objected to any continuation or adjournment and stated that his business is ruined until this case is settled.

Tabor submitted that no evidence had been introduced to warrant the holding of his client to the higher court.

Clarke thought it had been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Woodside is responsible for the utterances of the Sun, and, therefore, should be held to appear at the higher court.

Justice Scarth stated his views of the case in a few words, and ordered that the defendant be held in his own recognizance to appear before the court of the territory.

Clarke objected seriously to Woodside being allowed to go without good and sufficient bond; that he could bring affidavits to prove that he (Woodside) has lost or is about to lose his job, and that, therefore, there will be nothing to prevent him from skipping out of the country.

The order of the court, however, was not changed.

Just From Nome.

G. Gerrie arrived last night from Nome is a guest at the Melbourne hotel, having, it is said, brought important news for Landlord Ed. McConnell, who, with his wife, left Dawson for Nome last year on the steamer Sovereign, she being the first steamer down the river after navigation opened, and on which trip Gerrie was steamer steward. He has since been at Nome up to the time he left for this place which was early in March. Gerrie has not been in evidence today so far as being at home to reporters goes; but it is supposed that he brought much interesting news from the city on the north beach.

Stamped to Sulphur.

There is a stamede on today to Sulphur creek, where it is reported a rich quartz ledge has been discovered. A few samples of rock have been brought to the city, but the extent of their richness can only be determined by an assay which has not yet been made. A number of people started out today to investigate the report.

VESSEL BURNS

The Steamboat Reindeer Was Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

SHE WINTERED AT FIVE FINGERS

Frank Simons and Ed Holden Owned the Boat.

HER CARGO REPORTED LOST.

It Was Intended to Run Her on the Lower River Route This Summer.

The steamboat Reindeer, lying at Five Fingers, and most of its entire cargo were destroyed by fire last night. The cause of the accident is attributed to a defective pipe on one of the stoves, which have been used by occupants of the boat during the past winter. The principal portion of the cargo had been consigned to C. H. Hamilton & Co., of this city, and the firm have sustained a loss of about 35 tons of miscellaneous stock.

The Reindeer was built in Victoria, B. C., by a company of gentlemen of whom Capt. Fulton was a prominent member. The vessel was brought to St. Michael by the steamship Garronne. The Reindeer arrived in Dawson during the month of June, 1899. She experienced a very unsuccessful season, and finally she was offered for sale at public auction. Mr. E. M. Sullivan submitted the highest bid; but he withdrew his proposal of purchase when he ascertained that the boat had been mortgaged in Victoria for about \$14,000. Subsequently, the vessel was bought by Frank Simons and Ed Holden. Since last fall, the Reindeer has been wintering within a short distance of Five Fingers.

The owners of the steamboat had also purchased the barge Duff, which has recently been repaired and refitted. Immediately after the opening of navigation, it was expected that the Reindeer would arrive here with Frank Simons and a vaudeville company. For a period of six weeks, Simons intended to give performances in this city, and then transport his actors and actresses to Nome. The trip down the river was to have been made on the Reindeer, and during the journey a regular variety show and dance hall would have been conducted for the pleasure of the numerous passengers aboard the boat and barge.

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