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THE PLOT THICKENS.

Following up the expose of the corrupt practices which appeared in last Saturday's issue, the Nugget on Wednesday of this week laid before its readers in detail the complete system by which the pick of unrepresented claims were to be secured through the agency of a well known Dawson law firm. While other men who were seeking the same information, remained for days and days without the sacred portals of the gold commissioner's office, these schemers through the peculiar influence they possess, ascertained what claims would be thrown open on Sept. 1 and sent men out broadcast over the country, under agreement to deliver half of the goods when the claims should be recorded. It is a crying shame upon Canadian law and justice that such a condition should be possible. It is more than that. It throws suspicion upon the honesty and integrity of every official and subordinate connected with the gold commissioner's office. If the books of the office were not thrown open to the public in general, why should any one else have access to them?

If the man who places a pack on his back and goes out over the hills in search of a claim was not entitled to know what claims would be thrown open on Sept. 1, by what right under heaven did this man Kellum of the firm of Wade, Clark & Wilson, have such information in his possession? By what construction of the mining regulations is it possible for him or his firm to get a "one-half interest in God knows how many claims by simply sitting in his office and making out contracts on a typewriter? The public is entitled to have these questions answered. If these peculiar transactions can be satisfactorily explained we will be only too pleased to give publication to such explanation.

WHY NOT TREAT ALL ALIKE.

The administrative weakness of the gold commissioner is shown in nothing more than his intermittent enforcement of the mining laws given for his guidance and control. It has been a very common thing the past year for him to insist upon the fulfillment of the letter of the law in regards to a prospector finding gold before he records. The prospector in numbers of cases went out to the creek again and would find the snow undisturbed, yet while he was digging down and panning out the gravel some one would hear of the vacant ground and the G. C. would suddenly forget his determination to enforce the law and would allow the second party to record on the strength of an affidavit that he or she believed the ground to contain gold. The misguided prospector out in the hills would at last come in to find his claim recorded, even though the snow on the claim was immaculately white and undisturbed, excepting where he himself had dug in accordance with the imperative orders of the vacillating G. C. Of the many cases which have come to our notice we call to mind one in particular

which may be regarded as typical of the style of the gold commissioner in dealing out law. Three men discover a new creek emptying into Dominion and call it Vancouver creek. They stake a discovery and two other claims and commence to dig. Finding the ground quite promising they get anxious to record and thus secure their claims, so they return to Dawson and make application at once. The gold commissioner, however, had on one of his technical spells and advised them of the law, refused to record and directed them to go back to the creek and do more digging. They start out for the creek in good faith and while they are gone the G. C. has a change of heart and is more relax in his interpretation of the law, so he allows the recording of these very claims by residents of Dawson one of whom is a woman.

The question of the justice of requiring a thorough prospecting of a claim before recording, 25 per law, is a secondary matter. The point we wish to make is the rank injustice of requiring it one day when the applicant is only an insignificant and impoverished miner, and the very next day relaxing the rule in the case of a member of the demi-monde and scyphanth.

Who gave Mr. Fawcett such extensive powers as he exercises of making and unmaking laws at his own sweet (or unsweet) will? We presume he took an oath to enforce the laws when he took his office. Why then does he suspend the laws for the benefit of his favorites and allow them to remain in force against the defenceless miner?

WHO GOT THE LIST?

The secrecy maintained at the office of the gold commissioner concerning the public records permits of the most unscrupulous methods of obtaining claims by ringsters, grafters, favorites, etc. Take Fawcett's latest move for instance. He had illegally declared that all unrepresented claims should go to the crown and not be subject to relocation by any one. From various causes numerous claims lapsed one after another and remained unprospected with hundreds of men willing to risk their rights on those claims and take a chance but unable to do so by reason of the gold commissioner's illegal ruling. The gold commissioner sees the number of such claims increasing by ones, twos and threes into the hundreds and in the aggregate are very valuable. Then he secretly prepares a list of such claims and notifies the public—not that he has such a list—but that all these claims will be open for recording September 1. What an opportunity for a rogue! The laws are manipulated so as to bring the time of recording these claims all at once. To keep a horde of locators out in the field snapping up claims singly as they became open for relocation would be too expensive an undertaking for officials and semi-officials. How much better for all concerned to have them all fall due together and "gobble" a half of all in one swoop. The way in which this has been done is explained in detail in our last issue, but the connection of Mr. Thomas Fawcett was not made clear. Now we will put a leading question: Did Mr. Fawcett furnish the list spoken of to the gentlemen who have engineered this gigantic scheme?

TO INCORPORATE.

The time is ripe for the making of Dawson into a city under the Canadian laws. The action of the fire meeting on Tuesday in "flopping" over to a preliminary incorporation meeting shows a municipality to be essential to the future welfare of Dawson, and also which is still more important to our readers—that incorporation cannot be deferred. The time is not only ripe but the property holders are already moving in that direction. This being so there are several matters of vital interest to our readers: First, who are voters under Canadian laws? In municipalities the only qualification is a property one. The holder of taxable property to the amount of \$300 is entitled to a vote by his nationality, what it may. Dawson will therefore present the anomaly of a largely American town, making its own laws, imposing its own taxes and yet under a foreign flag. The percentage of Americans in Dawson is as large as in some towns of the United States.

Dawson is unique in the history of Canada in another respect. Never before has a community grown so rapidly as to become a candidate for city honors before she had time to become either a village or a town. The usual procedure when application is to be made for a city charter is for the mayor and other officials of the town to so petition the government. With a population of nearly 17,000 Dawson has no mayor and is neither a town nor a village.

It is the prevailing belief that the incoming officials will bring in some kind of special powers whereby Dawson may at once be made a butterfly city without graduating through the caterpillar and chrysalis stages of village and town. Already nominations (in caucus) are being made for mayor, etc., of the new city.

The consensus of opinion among the new captains and pilots who have ascended the Yukon river this year for the first time is very different from opinions of the river captains in former years. Until this summer the prevailing impression among those who did not know was that the Yukon was the hardest river to navigate in the world. It may have been to the interests of the old river captains to create this impression among outsiders or it may have been just one of those unaccountable public impressions which gain ground no one knows how. To a man the captains state that it is the easiest river to navigate they have yet experienced. One captain who had never been here before piloted his own boat for 15 days without trouble of any kind.

Subscribe Now.

The time to subscribe for the NUGGET is now. The paper is established, has identified itself with Dawson's interests, and made for itself hosts of friends among the miners in the Yukon Territory Mining District. It has a policy definite and distinct, and is showing straight to the line of that policy, be the results what they may. Such was the demand for the paper of the last two issues, that the editions were speedily exhausted, and subscribers anxious to send copies to their friends outside, were deprived of obtaining copies for themselves. The NUGGET is delivered anywhere by carrier at \$2.50 per month, two issues weekly. Subscribe now. You cannot afford to be without the NUGGET.

Removal.

After Saturday, August 27th, the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be found in the new premises, between the Barracks and the gold Commissioners office. A new branch will be opened for the accommodation of the bank's customers, shortly.

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Mixed Drinks a Specialty

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CHOICE LIQUORS, WINES, MIXED DRINKS AND CIGARS

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QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST
Mixed Drinks a Specialty
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BARKER, WILSON & PATTERSON, Proprietors
DAWSON
Headquarters for Best of Wines, Liquors and Cigars
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

STEPS TO

A Fire Fleet

A Committee Steps and W for the Fire

There was an property of a fire after the fire to get of providing the apparatus for our department to in shape to be by Messrs. (The made a person-erly. At the in-ent citizens to secure a fireman and Mr. R. Mr. Chute sta Dawson was with the valuable ap- needed to build apparatus, yet- ously interest- Captain Bush suggested that of notice, could property holder interest in who good. Captain Starr powers in that sioner of the Y here probably b incorporate the imposed and a stantial founda- time to allow th keep the fire at Wash had disa- gatus failed at blamed. There was a fu- licenses, which, vic, might be m- purposes. He t- days the whole- captain made so- social and usefu- partment. He s- ing the powers o- who might be o- of fire protectio- being the superv- of fire-trap nuis- At the sugges- Rutledge made- financial status a- ent. The total c- on the wharf w- scribers to the- secured. To th- \$100 each from- for the A. E. Co- hant, raising \$1- \$1000. Two th- the apparatus, a- horse. President Will- Comber, thou- do was to go b- mediate upon t- poration, with a- matters could be- time could be sav- at once and the- attended to befo- fields. Some discussi- of the engine b- the river end of- tral. Captain S- street would be a- fire. Captain M- be more room o- The following p- mittee to secure a- whatever preferri- to wait upon th- upon their arriv- corporation and- ment at once, and Rutledge. A vote of thank- Chute and Rutl- shown in the pub- the fire departm- stage of develop- On motion the- o'clock on Wedne-

Shot

James Cowie is who as usual wou- trip. He was a g- man of nearbout- Ora tied on at the discharge here- to the North abo- was visited by Jim- a young man who- on the boat, his N- Burnett had, some- had come down to- men engaged in a- Burnett called the- needed to chaste- san. It may be wh- proceeded to this- seen and a therr- making to have- As soon as he re- his, he fired at- 12- ball log level- side was at the