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PRINCIPAL EVIDENCE

Is Heard Regarding the Death of Calder at Selkirk, and the Papers

AMONG THEM THAT \$50,000 NOTE

Which Came Into the Keeping of Belcher and Others.

NAME OF CALDER ERASED

But the Notes, According to Legal Advice, Were Still Good—Mining Property Transferred.

April 7th, 1900, seems to have been a day big with the coming events of destiny held in store for the executors of the Calder estate, and for the partner of the deceased, Alex McDonald, according to the testimony of each witness in the suit now before Justice Dugan in the territorial court.

Mr. Woodworth testified to many things and incidents which occurred on that day at the McDonald hotel, and the office in connection with the with a view to reaching a settlement between the executors of the estate and Mr. McDonald, and this morning the court and attorneys were busy with the testimony of Executor Belcher, named in the title of the action.

Mr. Belcher told how himself and the other executors who were at Selkirk with the deceased, Calder, at the time of his demise, and just previous thereto had received from him his papers, consisting of numerous valuable documents, among which was that note of his partner, Alex McDonald, spoken of throughout the proceedings as the \$50,000 note.

He said that on the day previous to the death of Mr. Calder these papers had been received from him, and that he (Belcher) had in the presence of Calder and four others sealed the packet, and that all five had written their names across the seal, so that the papers could not possibly have been tampered with previous to their being opened here in Dawson prior to April 7th.

At the meeting between the executors and Alex McDonald in the office of C. M. Woodworth on the day referred to, Mr. McDonald had given a transfer of one-half of claim No. 27 Eldorado. Together with Duncan McDonald and Rory McDonald, Mr. Belcher had gone to Alex McDonald's office where they had seen the \$50,000 note, and had noticed that the name of Calder had been subject to some sort of erasure, but they had been advised by Mr. Woodworth that this fact did not decrease in any way the value of the note.

There is a witness named Welsh said to be not here at present, but on his way to testify in the matter, and in referring to him this morning, Mr. Noel asked the witness Belcher if he remembered the presence of Welsh at any of the discussions of the matter, either in the McDonald hotel or elsewhere. The witness was unable to remember. (Continued on Page 4.)

and managers and they were all given until 10 o'clock this morning to get the notices in place. Some of the signs are "hand painted" in that they suggest tar and a stick. A number are only pasteboard bearing the required words. Now is an auspicious occasion for some enterprising sign writer to get in and supply the saloon men with respectable signs.

Through Telegraph Line.

Superintendent Charleson, of public construction, is now at Vancouver with a party of mechanics and is preparing to start by March 12th on the work which will close up the 65-mile gap which is all that remains to be done to give Dawson direct telegraphic communication with the outside world. Owing to the severity of the weather the construction party was forced to discontinue the work last October when it was almost completed. By the middle of March it is thought the snow will be sufficiently packed to permit of the remaining work being completed by the use of snow shoes.

No Curling This Week.

The curling contests scheduled for this week have not taken place owing to the severity of the weather. With the moderation of the weather about to degrees the schedule will be played as published in Monday's issue of the Nugget.

Free Reading Room.

Next Monday night at the public library, Commissioner Ogilvie, H. Te Roller, Ewan Morrison and J. B. Tyrrell will deliver addresses relative to the future development of the Yukon. The grand concert which was to occur on the 28th has been changed to the 26th.

Big Mail Coming.

The mail which was reported yesterday as having passed Selkirk at 7:30 in the morning reached and passed Selkirk early this forenoon and should arrive in Dawson Sunday night or Monday.

BIG FIND IN QUARTZ

Fabulously Rich and the Largest in the World so Far Discovered

AND ONLY SIXTEEN MILES DISTANT.

Assays by a Local Firm and From Seattle Are the Same

THE QUARTZ SHOWS GOLD

In Its Native Form—Dr. Wells Was Persistent in Prospecting and Is Now Rewarded.

Within 16 miles of Dawson's back door there is a belt of quartz over a mile in width which is said by quartz miners of experience to be the largest lead as well as the richest ever discovered in the world.

That it is unquestionably rich is proven by the assays, made both here and in Seattle, and by the native gold to be seen in the sample shown a Nugget representative by Dr. C. H. Wells yesterday.

The belt of quartz, so called because it is too wide to be properly termed a lead, lies northwest by southeast, and has been traced for a distance of upwards of 40 miles, and its width is very clearly defined, although between its walls are contained three distinct foundations, all bearing gold in paying quantities so far as prospected. These are quartzite, termed by many when first seen, quartzite, porphyry and a shale formation.

The quartzite is a yellowish brown color, not too hard to crush well, and without the aid of a glass, shows much native gold. This is all free milling, and assays from pan tests taken at the surface, where it yields \$1.05 to the ton, right on down to a depth of 60 feet where the assays both local and from Seattle show such a high return that were exact figures given they would be received with ridicule. It is enough to say that the assay shows a return per ton well up in the hundreds. The rock has been assayed from this shaft every ten feet as it was sunk.

In one place a surface assay shows a value of \$16 per ton and ten feet lower \$24.67.

The matter carries in most places nearly an equal amount of silver, and in other places traces of copper are found, but the gold varies but little in quantity, and every where is very fine. A great many claims have been staked, but still there is plenty of ground left which fact presents one of the oddest features of the strike and leads up to the interesting part of it which is, that never before in the history of mining has there been found as large a body of ore as this of its proven richness in gold contained in such matter.

"Gold is where you find it," is an old saying and one which is frequently heard in this country, but for all that, quartz miners and prospectors have very strong and well defined ideas about where gold is to be found and where not, that is, with respect to formation, and as this is not one of the formations

in which miners look for gold this great belt of vast richness lying at the back door of the richest placer-town in the world, has been time and time again passed up by experienced miners from all over the world, who said it could not contain anything of much value.

Dr. Wells, however, began prospecting over a year ago, and has stuck to it in defiance of all the time honored rules laid down by book and tongue, with the final result that he has got numerous very rich mines, and has opened up a great industry.

There are a group of 24 claims from one of which the previously quoted assays were taken, and where the 60-foot shaft has been sunk.

This shaft was put down right in the top of a mountain, and as evidenced by the assays, shows better returns the deeper it is driven.

The great belt of ore contains no broken up or displaced foreign matter, nor is it in itself broken or split, but lies clearly defined, solid and intact right across a wide strip of country, for a great distance, so far in fact unknown in its extent, because no one has followed it up to see.

The group where the assayed samples were taken from, lies between Lepine creek on the northeast, Bradley creek on the southwest, and Ruyter creek cuts through it. The survey for the A. E. Co.'s road to the Rock creek coal mines crosses some of the claims of the group.

The water in these creeks would furnish any quantity of power for the driving of mining machinery which would greatly reduce the cost of working.

All kinds of assays have been made, and from these have been computed many averages, all of which go to show that the find it beyond doubt of stupendous extent and value, and Dr. Wells and those interested with him are to be congratulated upon the fruits of their persistence.

Police Court Hockey Tomorrow

Only one case was on for hearing before Magistrate McDonnell this morning, but it was a lively one while it lasted.

Jacob Pheis, a young man who is hard of hearing and evidently shy on gray matter, concluded that Miss Coffman who conducts a small restaurant on Third avenue, was indebted to him in the sum of \$10 for services rendered and labor performed and brought suit to recover the same. On the stand Jacob tragically declared that if the money was not honestly due him there was no God in heaven. The stories of a number of witnesses for the defence were to the effect that Miss Coffman had acted the part of the good Samaritan in that when Jacob was hungry, weary and without money she had taken him in, fed and housed him and that all she had asked in return was that he carry water and wood and do chores around the house. Jacob several times interrupted witnesses vehemently exclaiming "You are another," and Court Orderly Mayn was kept busy admonishing him to be quiet. The decree of the court was that the case be dismissed with costs. Jacob seemed to think he had been "euchred" and when he persisted in giving voice to his belief, Orderly Mayn gently assisted him out of the courtroom.

The Weather.

For the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the minimum temperature was 44, the maximum 32 degrees below zero, making the sixth day, beginning last Saturday, that the indicator has been down to 44, but not lower than 46. Sergeant Major Tucker, whose business it is to conduct the weather observations, gave it as his opinion this morning that the present cold snap will wind up the severe weather for this winter.

They Complied.

Over the entrance to every saloon in the city is today displayed a sign bearing the words: "Licensed to sell spirituous and fermented liquors." It was the absence of these signs that caused the police court to be crowded Wednesday morning by saloon owners

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Sewed with Goodyear
...Well...
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Change of Time Table
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DOUBLE LINE OF STAGES
TO & FROM GRAND FORKS
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Returning, Leave Forks, Office Op. Gold Hill Hotel, 9:30 p. m.
From Forks, Office Opposite Gold Hill Hotel, 9:30 a. m.
Returning, Leave Dawson, Office A. C. Co.'s Building, 9:30 p. m.
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