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WHITEHORSE'S REQUESTS.

The town of Whitehorse wants a few things in the way of government. The interview published in our Saturday's issue with Engineer J. W. Tache indicates very clearly that there are various and sundry concessions which Whitehorse deems itself entitled to receive from the powers that be.

A territorial judge, an assistant commissioner and an advisory council of citizens appointed from Whitehorse itself are among the requirements which are considered essential to the future welfare of the town at the head of Yukon river navigation.

It is not probable that all the points covered in the memorial addressed by the people of Whitehorse to the federal government will receive favorable consideration immediately. Whitehorse as a center of commercial importance is comparatively young, and experience has proven that Ottawa is a long distance away when affairs in this territory are concerned.

There is no room for doubt that Whitehorse is entitled to some considerable recognition. During the approaching summer it will be constantly thronged with people en route into or out from Dawson and as the point of transfer for all traffic up and down the river, it will have a permanent population by no means small in number. There will, of course, be the usually lawless element which is invariably found in such communities, and the ordinary machinery of civil administration will be required, just as in any other center of population.

It is to be hoped that prompt and favorable consideration will be given by the federal authorities to the requests of our energetic and progressive little friend up the river. At any rate, Whitehorse will give Ottawa to understand that it has a place on the map and that it insists upon having that fact duly recognized. Bravo, Whitehorse! There is nothing like making your wants known. Just keep at it, and sooner or later you will find that everything you desire will begin to come your way.

## THE COUNCIL'S MEMORIAL.

Careful perusal of the memorial addressed to the Dominion government by the Yukon council should serve to convince the most skeptical of the fact that the council has the needs of the territory well in hand. If the suggestions contained in the memorial are carried into effect by the Ottawa authorities there will be little further complaint heard.

The memorial represents the ripe conclusions drawn from three years' of discussion and experiment and will meet with unhesitating approval from everyone who has an intelligent appreciation of the requirements of the territory.

The document is entirely too lengthy for extended comment, but a word or two may be said with reference to certain of the more important sections. Two points in particular, affecting to a large extent, the amount of litigation in the territory commend themselves to us as worthy of special consideration.

The council recommends an absolute and specific definition of claim boundaries—the length of creek claims to be 500 feet and the width 700 feet. A regulation of this nature would serve to prevent a very large proportion of the boundary disputes which form the bulk of litigation in the gold commissioner's court. The present regulation covering claim boundaries is indefinite in the extreme, and it has occurred in frequent instances that one man has located a paystreak only to discover when the matter has been brought to an issue that he was on the property of another party. By the terms of the council's recommendation creek claims would be enlarged to double their present length and of sufficient width to cover the average creek bed. Under such a

system the stakes, once properly placed, would define the limits of a claim for all time, and the possibilities of boundary disputes reduced to a minimum. Equally important is the establishment in Dawson of a court of appeal before which cases may be determined without being carried to British Columbia or Ottawa. The cost of taking an appeal from the local courts at the present time is so great that few litigants can afford to avail themselves of the rights to which the law entitles them. So far as practical effect is concerned there might almost as well be no appeal court at all for in comparison with the amount of business handled by the local courts the number of cases sent up on appeal is almost nil.

Ottawa can no longer enter the plea that denfite information respecting the wants of the Yukon territory is lacking. The memorial from the council is plain and definite in its terms and sets forth with clearness and conciseness every important concession asked from the government during the past three years, aside from those which have already been granted.

It was authoritatively announced in parliament last spring that when such information was at hand action would be taken accordingly. We confidently expect that the promise held out in that announcement will ere long be fully redeemed.

Some time ago extended reference was made in these columns to the opportunities before the cities of Vancouver and Victoria in the way of securing their share of the Dawson trade. From our telegraphic columns today it will be noted that the C. P. R. is working along the lines as suggested by this paper. The railroad has now absorbed the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. and purposes according to our telegraphic advices placing a line of swift steamers on the run between Vancouver and Skagway. This is the first step toward the control of the trade of the Yukon country and if successfully followed up will cause Seattle to look well to her laurels.

The points brought out by our correspondent who signs himself "An Editor," are very well taken. The News has a habit of commenting upon matters of which it has little or no actual knowledge and the case in point is only another illustration of that habit. No country was ever developed under greater hardships than have been experienced by the pioneers who have opened up the Yukon territory. There should be no necessity of telling that fact to anyone, and it probably is known to everyone in the territory but the News, which day by day gives further evidence of its Bourbon qualities. The News has never learned anything since it began publication.

The story of another man lost on the trail is told in our local columns today. As has almost invariably proven to be the case in such instances the man was traveling alone and apparently lost his way and perished from the cold. Frequent attention has been directed to the danger of thus traveling alone in the midst of a Yukon winter. The solitary traveler is in constant danger of freezing or losing his way. In fact, he takes his life in his hands. Why men will take such chances it is difficult to see, but the fact remains that they probably will continue for all time to do so.

A reduction of twenty-five per cent in freight charges would do more for the future of the Yukon territory than will be accomplished by the removal of the royalty. In respect to the latter we are assured that it will be done away with entirely, or at least substantially cut down before the clean-up season is again at hand. Some information of a similar nature regarding the freight question would be very cheerful intelligence to receive at this time.

While the sound of the mocking bird and whip-poor-will has not yet been heard abroad in the land, the occasional glimpses of sunlight which we are re-

ceiving revive the hope that sooner or later winter will relax its grip and the season of running water and eternal sunlight will again be at hand. Just a little matter of four or five months—that's all.

The sour dough weather of last week has given way to a very respectable quality of temperature. Apparently the "hop yeasters" are going to have their innings now.

## POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth presided in the police court this morning, the session being a brief one.

May Howard, wearing a December look, was up on the general charge of vagrancy, prostitution and being a general nuisance. She denied the consolidated allegation and a number of witnesses were called to give testimony. It came out in evidence that the winsome May is imbued with borrowing proclivities in that she visits her neighbors frequently for that purpose, and when her errands are successful she invests in bald-faced whisky and a skate. She had followed her usual habit yesterday morning and borrowed \$10 on the allegation that she was sick and wanted medicine. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon she was drunk. One witness testified that she was sick and he, with his own money, had provided her with some eggs and "a cup of toast." A fine of \$50 and costs or one month in jail was imposed. May had no money, but her friends rallied to her support and stood between her and the skookum house.

A number of wage cases were set for hearing this afternoon.

## Card Playing in Church.

Frequent cases of card playing occurred in churches in olden days in the high or curtained family pews that were to be found in several parts of this country. A case of card playing was mentioned by the poet Crabbe as having occurred in one of those pews in Trowbridge parish church. Mr. Beresford Hope stated that card playing was not uncommon in churches having curtained pews, where those occupying them were screened from the observation of the rest of the congregation, and that one of the Georges is credited with taking part at a game of whist in the church he attended. The church at Little Stanmore, in Middlesex, has a luxurious room pew which is approached by a special door and staircase. The old St. Paul's cathedral before the great fire of London was used by business men as a sort of exchange. The portico was let out to hucksters, and in those days gambling and cards are both said to have been indulged in without let or hindrance within the cathedral.—London Standard.

## Relished the Punishment.

An old Scotsman, Andrew Leslie by name, always rode on a donkey to his work and tethered him while he labored on the road or wherever he might be. It was suggested to him by a neighboring landowner that he was suspected of putting the animal to feed in the fields at other people's expense. "Eh, laird, I could never be tempted to do that, for my cuddy winna eat anything but nettles and thistles." On a subsequent occasion, however, the laird, while riding along the road, saw Andrew at work, his faithful beast up to the knees in one of the laird's clover fields feeding luxuriously. "Hello, Andrew!" exclaimed the laird. "I thought your cuddy would eat nothing but nettles and thistles." "Aye, aye," was the response, "but the brute misbehaved the day. He nearly kicked me over his head, so I put him in there just to punish him."

## Making the Plants Go Round.

The new reporter, in his story of the wedding, wrote, "The floral display stretched from the chancel rail to the doors of the church."

The city editor, in a mild manner, as is the custom of city editors with new reporters, suggested:

"Couldn't you have used a better word than 'stretched'? Say the floral display 'nodded' or 'twined' or something like that—some word more suggestive of flowers."

"Stretched is all right," replied the new reporter, with the stubborn courage of a realist. "The decorations consisted of six rubber plants, and they had to stretch to go the distance."—Baltimore American.

## AILEEN.

I know a winsome little girl  
Whose dancing feet are light  
A thistle down that breezes whirl  
To float in sunshine bright—  
A little girl with witching eyes  
That smile like sunny summer skies  
Upon whose blue no clouds arise  
And in them mischief lies.

A happy heart that singing goes  
To mate with dancing feet,  
A golden heart that only knows  
Whate'er of life that's sweet;  
A dainty blossom, pink and white,  
Capricious as a fairy sprite  
That could not live without sunlight  
And careless love would blight.

Tis sad to think that years may fleet  
And bring a woman's dower  
To still those happy, dancing feet  
With sorrow's heavy power,  
But love that watched the blossom rare  
Will surely keep the ripe fruit fair  
And teach the woman's heart to bear  
Whate'er may come of care.

—Mary Devereux in Boston Transcript.

## Dr. Grant Explains Funerals Tomorrow

As a result of the steps taken by the Yukon council for the relief of Mrs. O'Connor, the indigent patient taken from Dog Island, the woman was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where her child, a boy, was born on the day of her arrival at the hospital, where both the mother and child are said to be doing well.

Concerning this particular case and the manner in which it was brought to public notice, Dr. Grant has not a great deal to say, at least not for publication, but from the general air at the hospital this morning one might infer that the words of the ancient wise man who said: "The half has not been told me," might apply.

There are deep mutterings conveying in some vague way the impression that a thunder storm is brewing, but there is great uncertainty as to the exact quarter from which the vials of wrath are to be emptied after being uncorked.

Dr. Grant said this morning when asked for some information: "This institution is neither a maternity hospital or an insane asylum, yet it has been used as such by the government, and at a less cost than the same services could be otherwise obtained. We have about twenty-five government patients for which the pay received is \$250."

"In this instance we are said to have refused the patient admittance, which is a falsehood. We did not refuse the woman admittance, but we did refuse to receive her at the ordinary indigent rate of \$2.50 per day, because the case is one requiring much greater expense than one of ordinary sickness, and when all things are considered, \$15 per day is a very low rate. Of course, this applies only to the time of the woman's seclusion. When she is able to look after herself and the child, the ordinary charge will apply."

"There is yet another factor in this case which does not seem to have been taken into consideration at all. That is O'Connor, the husband of the patient."

"He came here yesterday and asked me who was paying for his wife's care, and I asked him if he had any money, to which he replied that he had not."

"Then I told him that if he was not prepared to pay the bill himself that I did not think it was any of his business who paid it."

"I believe that all this fuss is the result of ignorance on the part of the people who make a demand for an investigation. I don't think they know anything about the expense of such a case, and for that reason when \$15 a day is mentioned they make all this hue and cry."

"So far as an investigation of the law on the subject is concerned they are at liberty to make all the investigations they see fit, and at any time they see fit to take the government business elsewhere they are at liberty to do so, as we do not solicit it in any way."

## An Impudent Fraud.

An impudent fraud was perpetrated upon a Manchester bank by one of its customers, who opened an account with some few hundreds of pounds. The man, after a few weeks, drew two checks, each within a pound or so of his balance, and, selecting a busy day, presented himself at one end of the counter, while an accomplice, when he saw that his friend's check had been cashed, immediately presented his own to a cashier at the other end. Both cashiers referred the checks to the ledger clerk, who, thinking the same cashier had asked him twice, said "right" to both checks. The thieves were never caught.

## Nye's Introduction.

When James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye traveled together giving a joint entertainment, the humorist had great fun with the poet. Once, in introducing Riley and himself to an audience, Nye remarked, "I will appear first and speak until I get tired, then Mr. Riley will succeed me and read from his own works until you get tired."

The remains of Wm. Levy, who was recently killed on Hunker by the caving in of a mine, and A. J. Kronquist, who met a similar death on Bonanza Saturday afternoon, will be buried tomorrow from the M. E. church at 2 o'clock. Both men were members of the order of K. of P., Levy belonging to Carbon Hill, (Wash.) lodge, No. 20, and Kronquist to Seattle, No. 51. All K. of P. members in the city are expected to attend the double funeral.

## Canadian Briefs.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A. Jardine, president of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Company, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. Heart disease was the cause of death. He was 63 years old.

Rev. Mr. Potts says the prospects are that the Methodist century fund will exceed the million dollar mark.

Mayor Macdonald, Alderman Spence, ex-Mayor John Shaw, C. Woodley and O. A. Howland were nominated for mayor today.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Lieut. Col. Peters, formerly D. O. C., Victoria, and for the past year D. O. C., Toronto, replacing Col. Otter, is to assume the duties as D. O. C. of Montreal district on January 3rd, vice Lieut. Col. Roy, who is to devote his whole attention to District No. 6, St. John's, Que.

Halifax, Dec. 31.—It is understood here that Senator Power has been definitely chosen as speaker of the senate in succession to Sir A. P. Pelletier.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—There is talk of disqualifying the members of this year's council for having voted to authorize an indebtedness greater than what is allowed by the municipal act.

The Canadian patriotic fund now amounts to \$336,653.

Kingston, Dec. 31.—Pare, the Napanee bank robber, is said to have willed \$20,000 of railway stock to his sister prior to being operated upon a few days ago. He said to have held \$32,000 in bonds.

Windsor, Dec. 31.—Through the efforts of M. K. Cowan, the Dominion government has forced the United Gas Co., of Detroit, to supply Canadian factories and houses with their product.

Weston, Dec. 31.—The principal business part of the town was destroyed by fire last night, the origin was unknown.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000; insurance unknown.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Adamson & Co.'s dry kiln and picture frame factory, Pearl street, was damaged by fire late last night to the extent of \$14,000.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Gatien Blais, a farmer and lumberman of Chelmsford, Ont., lies almost at the point of death in Water street hospital here, as a result of injuries received in being held up by highwaymen at Sudbury a few weeks ago. He was about to board the night C. P. R. express at that point after having transacted some business, when he was seized by three masked men, who gagged, blindfolded and choked him into insensibility and relieved him of \$200. He is 55 years old.

Kingsville, Dec. 29.—Steps are being taken here to petition the Dominion government to either stop the exportation of natural gas to Detroit or compel the Interior Construction & Development Co., of that city to comply with the order in council which provides that the company shall supply factories or houses along its lines in Canada, which they have so far declined to do.

## Police Court News.

In police court this morning W. A. Cunningham pleaded guilty to having been drunk and disorderly in the Bank saloon between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning. His disorder consisted in his desire to fight with one of his friends. A fine of \$15 and costs or 15 days on the reduction works. Not having the wherewithal to liquidate he will manipulate a saw.

Jas. Mikels claims that he was acting in the role of peace maker in behalf of Cunningham when confronted with the charge of a and d. His case was remanded until this afternoon when further evidence will be heard.

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