

MATTER OF PUBLIC MUSEUM

Given Much Encouragement at Last Night's Meeting.

Messrs. Ritchie, Purchase and Tyrrell Make Good Suggestions—Mr. Ogilvie and Dr. Brown's Report.

A meeting was held last night of the provisional committee appointed at a previous meeting to provide for the constituting, management and maintenance of a public museum in the city of Dawson for the benefit of the entire district.

Messrs. Ritchie and Purchase reported on the manner for establishing a museum and Mr. Tyrrell reported on as to what should go towards constituting such an institution. The tone of both reports were such as to cause them to be ordered consolidated and adopted. The joint report stipulates that specimens from bedrock on all the creeks will be placed on exhibition, also quartz and everything else of a geological and interesting nature found in the district.

Commissioner Ogilvie and Dr. J. N. E. Brown, who were appointed as a sort of general committee, reported as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to outline a scheme for the establishment of a public museum in Dawson, to be known as the Yukon Public Museum, beg to report to you the result of its conferences.

The committee met pursuant to the direction of the public meeting appointing it and agreed

First, that the museum be organized and placed under the control of a general committee or council of 30 or more members, to be as generally representative of the territory as practically possible, selected or elected as follows: From Dawson 10, Bonanza creek 4, Eldorado creek 2, Dominion creek 2, Gold Run creek 2, Sulphur creek 2, Hunker creek 3, Quartz creek 1, Selkirk 1, Fortymile 1, Whitehorse 1.

From these 30 representatives will constitute a general committee from which it is proposed to constitute a sub or executive committee consisting of five members which shall be styled: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and curator.

The duties of these several members shall be the same as those pertaining to the duties of similarly styled officers in any other association, the only one needing any special reference being the curator, who, it is intended, shall be practically in control of the museum, and officially receive and acknowledge the receipt of contributors to the museum, and extending invitations for such.

That this general committee shall meet from time to time and at convenient intervals and decide on the general policy and management of the museum, vote supplies for its maintenance, and generally controlling the whole management of the museum.

The duty of the special committee shall be to carry out the scheme laid down by the general committee, its duties properly being executive, while that of the main committee is legislative.

Nine members, of the thirty shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and of the executive any three shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Your committee looks forward confidently toward the incorporation of the museum, and having it made a permanent institution in the Yukon territory, subsidized by the local government to an amount consistent with its importance.

For the present your committee begs to submit that the accommodation afforded by the Dawson public reading room shall be availed of until means permit more extensive provision for the exhibition and care of the museum generally. It is proposed as soon as circumstances will permit, a more commodious building will be procured, and the museum placed on a more permanent basis. For this purpose your committee begs to enlist the hearty and active sympathy of the whole territory, looking as it has to, at the outset to this sympathy, for the erection of the museum and the furnishing of a considerable proportion of the means for the carrying it on, as it is not expected that the government of the territory will indemnify it largely until such times as it has attained a confident standing in the territory and been founded in the minds of the people as a useful institution.

Your committee considered it desirable to divide the work entrusted to it in the following manner: This report to be prepared by Mr. Ogilvie and Dr. Brown; a report on the method to be observed in collecting geological specimens to be prepared by Mr. Tyrrell, giving detailed direction for that purpose; a report on the commercial aspect of mining and exhibitions necessary to illustrate it to be prepared by Messrs. Purchase and Ritchie. These reports will follow.

It is hardly necessary to mention to you, ladies and gentlemen, the importance of a museum, such as is contemplated by your committee, to the territory. Its usefulness is a matter which must be accepted by mere statement by all right thinking people.

To refer to the pleasure it will give scientific men visiting the territory, tourists, at any length, is unnecessary on the present occasion. We have only

to speak of its commercial importance to have that aspect of it at once recognized and accepted as practical miners will see in Dawson in a few minutes what it would take them weeks of weary travel to learn otherwise. Moreover, speaking of these matters it is beyond the province of this report and falls more properly within the scope of the report of Mr. Tyrrell and Messrs. Purchase and Ritchie.

A Lucky Crap Player.

In Skagway there is a bakery which issues aluminum checks the size of a quarter, and in Dawson there are numerous crap games, and thereby hangs a tale which in all probability could not be truthfully related as happening in any other part of the world.

Last evening a young man was seen looking on at one of the crap games, with evident interest, and just when the player ahead of where he stood finished an eloquent appeal to the dice to show him a six and a four, by throwing seven, the onlooker produced from one of his pockets what was apparently a quarter, but what was really a bread check on the bakery in Skagway. He laid the aluminum disc on the line and, smiling confidently threw a seven. The dealer, eloquent in the good qualities of the field and the six-eight, as wealth producers, looked contemptuously at the quarter which was not a quarter and paid off the bets.

Then the player, who allowed the bet to ride, smiled again, and rolled out a six and an ace. Again the bets were paid, and one more seven was thrown. This was kept up, the player allowing his money to lie where it was bountied out to him, while he made eight more successive passes, or made his point, which doubled his bet and his winnings eleven times, making his capital on the line, amounting to \$256, less the value of the bread check.

After the tenth pass had been made and the dealer had changed the dice a second time, and the perspiration was profuse on the brows of the hard working rubbers, the bet stood a hundred and twenty-eight and ordinarily would have been cut down to, at most, \$100, but the chances seemed so greatly in favor of the game that the bet was allowed to stand, and it doubled, eleven being thrown on the eleventh turn. The young man raked out a 50 cent piece and two quarters from the bottom of the pile, and got a tab for \$255. It is needless to say that one of the quarters was the bread check.

It is said that there are men who can throw a point at will, but if the man with the bread check is one of these, no one at the game detected anything unfair in his play, and only one saw the discrepancy between the bread check and a quarter.

Thousands of Caribou.

"I would have given a hundred dollars to have had a camera with me when I came down the Fortymile river just before it froze this fall," said a gentleman who had just arrived from that section yesterday.

"The American people would not believe on any other evidence the almost countless thousands of caribou and moose which are to be seen in that part of Alaska. On some of the divides we had almost to drive them out of our way."

"The government scout at Eagle has killed upwards of 200, and the miners on Jack Wade creek have bagged upwards of 300."

The same gentleman killed this fall a moose which had, so far as known the largest pair of antlers on record, with a single exception. They measure 69 2-3 inches between the tips. The largest pair known to have been preserved previous to this were procured farther down the river a year or two since, and measure 72 inches. They were sold for several thousand dollars.

"My mother-in-law has gone to the mountains."

"You look pleased."

"Yes; she'll have to admit she has found something that she can't walk over."—Indianapolis Journal.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Nelson A. Soggs and Vincent Vesco, manufacturing jewelers and watch-makers, Third street, opp. A. C. Store, have succeeded W. H. Gorham. c10

For watch repairing see Lindemann.

Tuxedo dress shirt at McLennan's. c8

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

COMING AND GOING.

Macanley Bros. are putting in weigh scales in front of their new warehouse on Third avenue.

This morning there was a general storm on all along the upper river and rain was falling at Bennett and Caribou.

Attorney McGowan, who recently went down the river was caught by the ice at Fortymile and got back last evening by dog team.

Fred Sofer, a popular young merchant of Grand Forks, came down from there this morning on business connected with his store.

Tonight is to witness the ball to be given by Mrs. Alex McDonald, which, it is needless to say, will be attended by the Dawson four hundred.

Since the forming of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals the "mush" is heard the same as of yore, but the emphasis heard are different.

The police boys are soon to have a rink of their own. Pretty nearly the whole of the barracks yard is taken up by the square embankment which is to be filled with water.

The rink opened Monday evening and many knights of the hockey stick were on hand practicing the great art of putting knots and bight blue spots upon the persons of other knights.

R. S. Dunn, of the New York Commercial Advertiser, who recently came over the Valdez trail, expects to start out over the ice as soon as the trail is in good order.

Although tonight is fixed by ordinance as the time for a regular meeting of the council, it is believed that the legislators will only remain in session long enough to adjourn.

B. Shelton, after several days' sojourn in Dawson, has returned to his claim on Gold Run. Being an enthusiastic Democrat, he remained in Dawson until the count in the Nugget's election.

H. R. Turner will reopen the Monte Carlo club rooms to the public Saturday evening. All telegrams received bearing on the results of the American and Canadian elections will be read there Saturday night.

It has been decided by the sporting fraternity to have another meeting for pugilistic honors in the near future between the local knights of the mits. The next event will probably occur on Thanksgiving night.

A prominent government official who has thus far refrained from wearing felts or rubbers on his feet now advocates the wearing of creepers. He says the sidewalk in front of the Holborn should be set on a springboard.

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