

MEAT MUST BE CONDEMNED

Because With the Game Yet to Come There Is a Surplus.

The Dealer, the Hunter and the Consumer Are Waiting the Action of the Council.

Many interests are represented by those who are waiting, with some degree of impatience to see what the Yukon council will do with regard to extending the time permitted by the recently passed game law for the marketing of game.

There seems to be no doubt whatever but what a large quantity of meat, either imported beef, mutton and pork, or game, principally caribou, that will have to be thrown away between now and the opening of navigation.

It is reported about town that there are about 1300 caribou carcasses which, if the time is extended, will shortly reach the city, and if this proves true it is estimated that about that amount of imported meat which has been in stock during the winter will of a necessity have to be condemned.

Concerning the beef market it can be said that among the 17 or 18 markets of the city there are fully 600 beef carcasses and pork and mutton in great abundance, with an ample supply of moose and caribou already in stock. This supply is considered very ample to supply the needs of the city till such time as the steamers can bring in a fresh supply.

Beef is now selling at 40 cents by the side with retail prices running from 45 cents to 75 cents for the choicest cuts. Pork and mutton are about the same and caribou is selling at 20 cents.

There seems no prospect of this state of affairs terminating in anything but a loss to someone, the only question to be decided being who shall bear the loss?

The meat dealers it is true have considerable capital invested in their stock, but on the other hand the most of them admit that the hunter has also his rights which are entitled to consideration. While he may not, doubtless has not, a great amount of money represented by his goods, he has his winter's work in it, and hard work, filled with cold and privation and danger, at that, and it is not fair, from his standpoint, to deprive him of all chance of realizing on that capital of labor invested by enforcing a law which was passed without his knowledge, and of which he has, in most cases had no opportunity of receiving notice till after he has finished his work.

There is still to be considered the important question of the preservation of the game in the country.

This year there has been without doubt the greatest slaughtering of caribou that has ever taken place, and there seems to be little doubt that if the passage of the present act had been postponed a little longer the result would have been extinction.

However, as the matter stands it is believed that while no more killing will be permitted, the game already prepared for market will be allowed to come in within a reasonable length of time during this year only, and that next year the game law as it now stands will be strictly enforced.

In the meantime the eyes of the hunter, the dealers in imported meats, the people who want to see the game preserved, and last, but not least those of the consumer, are turned toward the Yukon council, and all ears are open to hear its decision.

Number of Indians.

The number of Indians in the Dominion, as ascertained by the Dominion department, was 99,070 in 1899-1900, against 98,981 registered in 1898-9. The slight increase is, however, wholly due to immigration from the States, for there are rather more deaths than births among the Indians. Those of our own province of British Columbia have decreased from 24,696 to 24,523, there having been 779 births and 921 deaths, but our Indian population still larger than that of any other province, Ontario coming next with 20,703 Indians. The Indians of the Northwest territories show a gain by immigration of more than 700, and they now number 17,714. There is a very slight gain by increase of births over deaths amongst the Indians of Nova Scotia, who now number 2018. Deputy Minister Smart, in his report, pays the following tribute to missionary effort amongst the Indians, which does as much good amongst the natives as the villainous of drunken and debauched white men does harm. Mr. Smart says:

"Vice exists in flagrant forms among those who have not been reached by missionary effort. As a consequence of their tribal customs there is a common hereditary tendency among them to laxity with respect to the marriage bond and the relationship between the sexes, and this laxity becomes more pronounced until a stage of gross vice is reached. On the other hand, there are communities in which an excellent tone prevails, and it is no uncommon thing to find the Indians themselves requesting the intervention of the department in cases in which individual members may be guilty of conspicuous immorality."—Ex.

Railroad Man Robbed.

The local office of the W. P. & Y. R. is in receipt of a wire from John Walsh, section foreman for the company at Whitehorse, complaining that on the night of the 17th instant he was robbed of two time checks on the company of \$118.50 each, one of which was for December, the other for January. Walsh is of the opinion that the thief came on to Dawson and will probably attempt to pass the checks here.

Kitchener Reports.

London, Jan. 30.—Lord Kitchener reports to the war office under the date of Pretoria, January 29th, as follows: "Dewet has been engaged by Knox, 40 miles north of Thaba Nchu. No details."

"Dewet intends again attempting an invasion of Cape Colony."

"Smith-Dorrien has returned from Carolina, having dispersed the Boers."

"A force of Boers this morning entered Boysburg and damaged two mines. Commandant Marois is among the prisoners taken."

Bring Beef and Oysters.

Sam Ripstein in the language which is more expressive than poetic, is said by local meat dealers to be up against the real thing now.

This somewhat negligent expression is the outgrowth of the venture upon which he is now engaged, when looked at in the light of the present condition of the meat market, which light, by the way is neither the result of many powerful electric batteries, nor is it known as being as bright in its promise as sun light.

Mr. Ripstein is said to be wending his way towards Dawson, figuratively speaking, gourd-stick in hand behind nine yoke of large and weighty work oxen, who in turn are dragging along a large consignment of frozen oysters, pork loins and sausage. With the local meat market stocked to a point where some considerable overflow into the Yukon is threatened, the outlook for a prosperous season as a result of such ventures as Mr. Ripstein's is not thought to be particularly promising.

Mr. Martin Back.

Crown Timber Agent Martin who for the past year has been stationed at Fort Selkirk has been transferred to Dawson. He will hereafter, act as chief clerk in the office of Crown Timber and Land Agent Goselin.

Died at Caribou.

James Findlay, a native of Port Au Prairie, died Wednesday morning at Caribou on Dominion after an illness of only three days' duration from pneumonia. He was a single man and at the time of his death was destitute.

THE TURF RECORD.

John E. Gentry worked a mile at Goshen a few days ago in 2:11 1/4, last eighth in 14 1/2 seconds.

Abbie X, 2:23 1/2, by Hexameter, dam Abby, 2:26, by George Wilkes, has been shipped to a prominent horseman in Austria.

Frank Coyner, Delaware, O., has a filly by Lagonda Chimes, out of Lady Ruth, that is entered in \$52,000 worth of stakes.

Out of the 21 horses in the Lawson stable only seven will be taken to the races this year, the balance being kept for next season.

Creaceus, 2:07 1/4, has worked no fast miles yet at Cleveland, but is reported brushing eighths in 15 seconds apparently within himself.

Jewell, 2:09 1/4, pacing, owned by Hector Paquet, banker, of Montreal, has stopped a furlong in 14 1/2 seconds and a quarter in 20 1/2 seconds.

Since Bonham, Tex., was selected by the British government as a remount station 7,000 horses and mules have been shipped from there to Africa.

Arlington, 2:06 1/4, is stepping all right for William Brannigan at Tiffin, O. He showed Brannigan a mile recently in 2:08, last half in 1:03 and last quarter in 30 seconds.

Dog Sale.

Notice is hereby given that all dogs which have been impounded for 30 days or over and are unclaimed on or before the 26th inst., will be sold at public auction at 2 p. m. on that date.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

A man named Gogerty poured so deeply of the spirits of ferment yesterday evening as to cause him to wobble like a young calf when he attempted to walk. This morning his underpinning was firm but he had a chestnut brown taste in his mouth and a \$10 vacancy in his pocket after having faced Magistrate McDonell in police court.

The courtroom looked like a grocery store this morning except that the syrup barrel, crate of brooms and the man who "swipes" crackers were not there. But on the tables and judicial platform were canned goods including tomatoes, cabbage, milk, jelly, "goose-neck" clams and various other "specially prepared for the Klondike trade" goods which was there all on account of Wm. H. Marble being an easy going man who takes things as he finds them.

William has for some time past been employed as all round errand man by the Dawson Transfer & Storage Co., and it was from that concern's messhouse that the goods were taken. Sometime ago the lady cook at the messhouse concluded that canned goods were "evaporating," rather rapidly with the result that she marked nearly everything in stock although at the time she did not suspicion Marble. The goods continued to disappear with the result that Constable J. S. Piper, the local Pinkerton, was asked to investigate the matter. Piper was not long in locating the thief and yesterday arrested Marble who was carrying all his pockets full of the marked cans to the domicile of one Mabel Smith, alias Mrs. Phillips. Marble was taken to jail and a search warrant issued on the home of Mabel with the result that the grocery stock above mentioned was found in her keeping. At a preliminary hearing this morning Marble confessed to having taken a few cans of milk and one of jelly, but denied wholesale theft. He was held over to appear before the territorial court and is now quartered in the jail.

Mabel Smith, alias Mrs. Phillips, was in the prisoner's box charged with having knowingly received and concealed stolen goods, the same marked cans as had served to hold over to the higher court on the charge of theft Wm. Marble. When the noon hour arrived the evidence was not all in and an adjournment was taken until this afternoon.

Heavy Reinforcements.

London, Feb. 6.—The following announcement has been issued by the war office here:

"In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions, the government has decided in addition to the large forces recently equipped, locally, for South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. Recruiting for the imperial yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated that 10,000 will shortly be available."

The South African Mounted Constabulary, including those enlisted in the colonies, may be relied upon to extend to 8000, and the new colonial contingents, to replace those withdrawn, will probably reach 5000.

The remainder of the force will be made of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establishment.

The enlistment of volunteers to replace those that have already served a year in South Africa, is also being proceeded with.

Arrangements have been made for the prompt equipment and transportation of the force. The first consignment will leave on the Aurania on February 9th.

May Be Sent to India.

Calcutta, Jan. 30.—It is reported that Kitchener wishes to send ten thousand Boer prisoners to India. He proposes to locate them in the state of Nilgira, province of Risa, Bengal.

Don Indian Carb.

Bristow, I. T., Jan. 27.—Major G. W. Little (Pawnee Bill) with a posse including Capt. Edmund Harry, of the Creek light horsemen, three marshals and four Indian police, visited the bottle Creek stamping ground, six miles south of this place, at noon today. The Indians, who were holding a big feast, refused the posse admittance and declined to confer with them in any manner.

Many of the fullbloods who have been in the habit of wearing white man's apparel, were dressed in full Indian regalia. They are most bitter in their denunciation of the marshals for the arrest yesterday of Tom Tiger, captain of the insurgent light horsemen. Fearing that an attempt would be made to release Tiger he was taken to Muskogee. Last night the citizens of Bristow guarded the town.

At 3 o'clock this morning the weird chant of the Indian dance and beat of

the tomtem was plainly heard by the guards on the south side of the town. A telegram from Marshal Bennett authorizes the mayor and council here to arm and swear in all able-bodied citizens to protect their property until soldiers can be sent here from Henrietta.

Every Seat Occupied.

Last night being family night at the Standard, every seat in the building was occupied, the audience being a representative one. The play, "A Texas Steer," was well presented and as well received. In its Thursday night entertainments the Standard is making a great bid for popularity which is justly appreciated and rewarded by the people of Dawson.

John Goulet.

John Goulet died yesterday at St. Mary's hospital from pneumonia after a brief illness. Deceased was born 30 years ago at Lake Linden, Mich. For some time previous to his sickness he was employed at his trade, that of butcher and meat cutter, at the California Market in this city. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's church tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The Difference.

It all depends on the location as to what branch of animal life a society for prevention of cruelty is called upon to look after. Here in the Yukon horses and dogs are the principal subjects for protection, while out at Victoria chickens and cats demand attention. Probably further on it may be guinea pigs and white rats that demand protection.

A late Victoria paper contains a report of the society of that city for the month of January from which is taken the following:

"Twelve cases of cruelty were reported as having been dealt with during the last month. Amongst these were chickens left without food or water;

cat starving (was destroyed); horse starving and in such bad condition that it had to be shot; horse tied up for 16 hours without food or water (owner convicted and discharged on suspended sentence)."

Elegantly furnished rooms with electric lights at the Regina Club hotel.

Beef, chechako, 33c by the side, at P. O. Market, Third street.
To sell oats, hams and flour for cash see S. Archibald.

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