

POSSIBLE CHANGES

Rumors Regarding Various Political Plums

Permanent Successor to Ex-Crown Prosecutor Congdon is Still Hanging Fire.

For the past week or two there have been all kinds of rumors relative to political changes that were on the eve of taking place in the personnel of officials located at Dawson, some of them being of a nature of the wildest. A week before the appointment of Mr. F. T. Congdon as commissioner of the territory became public, such being first given publicity Monday afternoon upon the receipt of a wire from Ottawa, a gentleman here who has charge of one of the departments had word from a friend at Ottawa to the effect that the appointment had at that time already been made, all that remained to be done being its publication in the official gazette.

Another office the permanent disposition of which does not seem yet to have been definitely settled is that of the crown prosecutor. Shortly after the departure of Mr. Congdon, following the federal election, Mr. J. B. Pattullo was named as the acting prosecutor for the crown and in a letter that was received from the minister of justice it was intimated that the permanent appointment would soon follow. In a communication received from the deputy minister, however, that which informed Mr. Pattullo of his temporary selection, nothing was said in regard to whether or not the preference was likely to be permanent. In the meantime there are others who would not be averse to accepting the plum, one of whom may be considered quite a factor in the race if such it could be called. Auguste Noel has been often mentioned in connection with the office, and, in fact, it was at one time reported that he had been appointed with Mr. Pattullo as joint crown prosecutor. The truth of the rumor was, however, not believed by the bar in general as such a thing as the appointment of virtually two prosecutors would be a precedent never before heard of. Mr. Noel's brother has been at Ottawa all winter and it is a known fact that they have considerable prestige with the administration. In the meantime Mr. Pattullo is still acting as the crown prosecutor, and will continue to do so until his appointment is either made permanent or his successor is named.

Still another change that is liable to transpire almost any day is the appointment of a successor to Mr. Justice Macaulay as police magistrate. Every effort has been made by the bench to have his lordship relieved from police court duty in order that his time might be devoted to matters in the territorial court, and there is reason to believe that the department of justice may have given heed to the earnest requests that have been forwarded from here. Mr. Justice Craig has been greatly overworked this winter, particularly since the absence of Mr. Justice Dugas who is outside on his regular biennial vacation, and were a new police magistrate appointed so that the junior member of the bench could devote himself exclusively to the higher court it would greatly expedite litigation now pending. The only man that has been mentioned in connection with the office of police magistrate is that of Charles Macdonald, the present clerk of the court, and even if the appointment were tendered him it is very doubtful if he would accept it. The honor would be no greater and there would be but little difference if any in the question of salary.

There has also been a rumor afloat in regard to the elevation of Mr. Justice Dugas to the office of chief justice. It was said a short time ago that his lordship had been made chief justice of the Northwest Territories and would not return to the Yukon, but the fallacy of that statement was confirmed yesterday by the receipt of a letter from his father by Aime Dugas in which he stated that he would leave Montreal for Dawson on the 11th of the present month and may be expected here within two weeks afterward. It has been also stated that his lordship would before leaving Ottawa have the title of chief justice of the Yukon Territory conferred upon him, but that lacks confirmation. Legal Adviser Newlands is expected back about the same time as Mr. Justice Dugas and may accompany him on his return. Commissioner Congdon will also arrive about the latter end of the month.

See the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at Auditorium on Thursday, March 5th. Price of admission—Boxes, \$2 per seat; balcony, \$1.50 and \$1; stalls, \$1; general admission, 50 cents. ONE NIGHT ONLY.

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FINE ICE.

At Skating Rink—Business Has Largely Increased.

The warm weather now being experienced has given business at the skating rink a great impetus. Crowds are flocking to the rink every afternoon and evening and enjoying to the greatest degree the pleasure afforded by gliding swiftly and gracefully over the smooth surface of the ice.

The moderation of the temperature has greatly benefited the condition of the ice giving it a softer and smoother surface so that it is now just like a sheet of glass.

From now until the thaw comes the attendance at the rink is sure to have a large increase as everyone will want to get all the pleasure possible from this source before the ice is gone.

WILL BUILD RAILROAD

From Coal Mines to River Bank

Dawson to Have Plentiful Supply of Fuel in the Near Future.

The question of the future fuel supply not only for the city of Dawson but for the whole mining district, which has caused some considerable uneasiness, will no doubt be solved this coming summer. The fuel which will be used in the future must necessarily be coal, as it is only a question of time when the timber within reasonable distance of the district will be used up and the cost increase in proportion to the distance which it has to be moved.

Several good coal properties have been located in this country and its value for heating and steaming purposes has been proven beyond a question. The only proposition that remained to be considered is as to the cost of mining and delivering into the market. That question is to be given a complete test this summer and if the present calculations are well founded Dawson will have a supply of coal before the close of navigation next year large enough to last through the winter, and at a price which will compel its use by every one who uses fuel.

Mr. J. A. Williams, who is interested with Mr. Falcon Joslin in the Coal Creek coal mines, situated about six miles below Fortymile and about 10 miles back from the river, purchased a complete railroad outfit for the use of the mines during his recent trip and expects to have it in operation for the delivering of coal about the 1st of August.

The outfit consists of one 14-ton saddle tank locomotive with five 70-ton self-dumping hopper cars and 12 miles of rails. The road will be the regular narrow gauge—3 feet—the same size as the White Pass, and will be constructed from the edge of the river direct to the mines.

Several surveys of the proposed road have been made and about the first of next month an engineer will be sent over the route to lay out the line the track is to take, so that the ties can be laid as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

Within a few days the first corps of men will be started to work cutting ties as it is the intention to have them all cut before the sap begins to run in the trees.

The material for the railroad will arrive with the opening of navigation, when it is the intention of the owners of the mine to put a large force of men to work constructing the road bed so as to have it completed at the earliest possible moment.

Some fear is expressed as to a shortage of labor but if there is any grounds at the present time for such a possibility the chances are that it will be overcome by the fine the season opens up.

Mr. Williams feels assured that the Klondike Mines Railroad to the mining districts will be built this summer and expects to supply a large percentage of fuel to the miners from the coal mines next winter.

Has the Funds. Washington, Feb. 19.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador here, today notified Assistant Secretary Pierce, who represented the United States in the arbitration of claims of certain American sealers against the Russian government, that he was in receipt of funds from St. Petersburg to pay the amount of the award. Accordingly Mr. Pierce had an expert compute the interest which had accrued in these cases and submitted the statement to the ambassador. As it stands, the total is now \$165,315, made up of the following separate awards, which include interest: Cape Horn Pigeon, \$63,033; James Hamilton Lewis, \$47,654; C. H. White, \$52,169; Kate and Ann, \$2,427.

There's quite a difference between convincing a man that he is wrong and convincing him that you are right.

McARTHUR CASE NOW ON

Crown Subpoenas Over Thirty Witnesses

Little Trouble in Securing a Jury. Trial Will Probably Last Two Days.

The case of the King vs. Frank McArthur, charged with the keeping of a common gaming house, was begun this morning before Mr. Justice Craig following the sentencing of the prisoner Dick, convicted yesterday. Before the empanelling of the jury was begun counsel for the defense raised an objection to the indictment upon the ground that the charge was not sufficiently definite, it stating that the offense had been committed on February 13 and on sundries and drivers dates prior to that date. After some argument his lordship caused the indictment to be amended by confining the dates to February 13 and the two months immediately preceding that date.

In selecting the jury the crown exhausted two challenges, A. C. Moffatt and J. A. Donald, and the defense four, F. Hiles, J. A. Bruce, R. Moncrieff and F. S. Long. The jury is finally chosen consisted of C. V. Anthony, T. Ross Moulton, F. C. Flecker, J. A. Doyle, J. T. Bethune and A. A. Jones.

All the witnesses in the case, both for the crown and the defense, were excluded from the court room and they were warned not to communicate with the others having once been examined. Crown Prosecutor Pattullo made a short address to the jury in which he outlined to a certain extent the facts which he hoped to be able to prove. The majority of the witnesses for the crown were members of the club which the accused had been managing and whose rooms had been raided and the jury's attention was called to that fact as they would all doubtless prove unwilling witnesses and be hard to get incriminating testimony out of.

The crown in that respect was laboring under a disadvantage. The club rooms were described, the manner in which they were furnished and the purposes for which they were used, and in speaking of the latter it was stated that while the club was ostensibly a social organization, yet he hoped to be able to prove that it was such in name only and was really a place where gambling was carried on without interruption. The manner of intimidating club members was gone into, the prosecutor stating that anyone could become a member by paying one dollar and signing a book which would entitle them to the privileges of the club and to set in the games if they so desired. The names of the members were not posted nor were they balloted upon the same as is usually done in social clubs.

Sergeant Smith was the first witness for the crown and in his testimony he went into detail concerning the raid and arrest, the authority he was acting under, the seizures made, and other things that would tend to show the nature of the house. The examination was very exhaustive both as to direct and in the cross examination; the sergeant being in the box considerably over an hour.

This afternoon other witnesses for the crown are being examined and it is thought the case will take the greater part of today and tomorrow. There are all together 32 witnesses for the crown, among whom are the following: Herbert Scofield, John Conklin, Stephen Barrett, Gus Zempel, Frank Mason, Eugene Brunell, K. F. Clark, Max Heilburger, John Marshbank, R. H. Riddle, H. D. Campbell, Dave Blankfield, Wm. Burwash, C. Brockmuller, E. M. Payne, Frank Cooling, George Takenaka, Clark Ellsworth, C. Kinney, Matson, Kelley, Dennis Dugan, John Smith, A. G. Wright, Pete Farrell, Cliff Welsh, John Broderick, A. Scurry and Joseph Nucci.

The witnesses for the defense are N. G. Cox, H. Cloes, O. W. Hobbs, J. Wallis, A. Ritzwaller, J. Mullen and H. Gould.

The McArthur case is the last of the jury cases to be tried this session and those not in the panel now sitting were excused from further attendance at court. Following the case now on will be taken up that against Paulsen, Wubbenhorst and Bessler, the latter being set for Friday. The last three named will be heard by the judge alone.

Power of Attorney Blanks for the Tanana—Nugget Office.

ANOTHER GONE

Peter Steil Joins the Tanana Stampede.

Peter Steil, the well known commission merchant, joined the ranks of the Tanana stampede this morning. Mr. Steil took a restaurant outfit and will start a first class hashery. He will also secure a location and make arrangements for receiving consignments of goods on the opening of navigation in the spring. If the camp is as represented he will dispose of his restaurant and return to Dawson before the opening of navigation and make preparations to return immediately after the break-up.

The A. B. dances are always enjoyable. The sheet and pillow case ball Friday night will be no exception.

DISHONEST DEBTORS

Skip In the Darkness for the Tanana

Merchants Losing Thousands of Dollars by Reason of the Stampede.

Few people outside of the merchants and others who are directly interested realize the number of people who have left for the Tanana in the past two or three weeks owing bills which they have neglected to settle before taking their departure. Several thousand dollars have been lost in such manner, the principal loss naturally falling upon the large companies who during the winter extend extensive credit. No less than seven collectors are kept on the qui vive all the time looking out for dishonest debtors who would evade the payment of their just obligations, but in spite of all their vigilance many have succeeded in getting away and are now safe across the line free from molestation. Saturday night has been the most favored time for the departure of such persons as with a good team of dogs they run to the boundary line which is made before Monday morning and they need have no fear of the capias as a writ can not be issued on Sunday. Last Saturday night between the hours of 11 o'clock and 2 in the morning no less than 22 persons got away under the cover of darkness and from the fact that they chose to take their departure at night it is stated that many of them owed bills that they wished to avoid paying.

Some of the merchants have made an effort to have a police patrol established at Moosehide and compel every person passing to register, but they have so far been unsuccessful. A private collection agency did establish and maintained such a station for several days, but when it became known that the registration was not compulsory those who wished to conceal their identity refused to register and the project was abandoned. The scheme, however, was quite efficacious five being turned back yesterday. On Monday there were 21 departures registered and yesterday 46 which does not include those who may have slipped away in the night. As it is manifestly impossible for the collectors to know every debtor who may owe a bill, it becomes a comparatively easy matter for a man from the creeks to come to town after dark and slip off down the river without anyone knowing it. Such a person might be absent a month before his creditor would know it.

TWO HUNDRED

Left for the Lower River Last Month

During the month of February 200 stampedees left Dawson for the lower country. A few of them were en route for the Koyukuk but the large majority were headed for the Tanana. The report was given to a Nugget representative this morning by Major Outhbert, and was taken from the monthly report of the detachment of the N. W. M. P. at Fortymile.

A record of all who pass through Fortymile on their way to the lower river points is kept by the police and their destination is also noted so that an accurate count can be made of those traveling northwards.

The A. B. sheet and pillow case dance on Friday night will be a most pleasing event.

PURCHASED LARGE PUMPS

Will be Installed on King Solomon's Hill

Two Specially Constructed Centrifugal Pumps With Large Capacity.

The present pumping plant of the Dawson Electric Light and Power Co. on King Solomon Hill and Orofino Hill will be supplanted shortly by another plant with double the capacity of the present one.

Mr. A. Williams, president and manager of the Dawson Electric Light and Power Co., returned last Sunday evening from a four months' pleasure and business trip combined, and in conversation with a Nugget representative this morning said that the present pumping system, which consists of two plunger pumps with a combined capacity of 500 gallons per minute, is entirely inadequate to supply the demand. The plunger pumps are also in constant need of repair, which is a large item of expense as well as causing a great deal of inconvenience, and therefore they are to be replaced.

The new pumps are the Byron Jackson centrifugal pumps, specially constructed for high duty, and will have a capacity of 1000 gallons per minute, which amounts to two slice-heads of water. They will be run by a 50 horsepower motor, the power for which will be supplied from the Dawson power house.

The pumps will be set up on King Solomon's Hill and will work both ways, putting water onto French Orofino and King Solomon's hills. The water will be obtained from Bonanza creek and will be raised a distance of 350 feet.

It is expected that the new machinery will be here by the first of April, three teams being used to bring it in and immediately upon arrival it will be taken to its destination and installed, so that it may be in place for use when the first thaw comes.

There are about a dozen claims in the vicinity to be supplied and Mr. Williams is satisfied that his new pumps will give them all a plentiful supply of water for the washing up of their dumps.

MISSING.—If there is any one who knows the whereabouts of P. Chris Peterson please notify Mrs. S. Peterson, 12 Schuyler avenue, Kankakee, Illinois, U.S.A.

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D. A. A. A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association, Ltd., will be held in the Board of Trade rooms, N. C. Co. building, on Wednesday evening, March 4th, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance. C. B. BURNS, Secretary. Tanana. Any one or party desiring to go to the Tanana will do well in seeing A. Cloes, 133 Second avenue. Can take 600 pounds. Rates very low, as party wants to go right away.

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