

MINING COMMITTEE REPORT

Passed After Much Discussion and Slight Alterations.

Size of Claims Will Be Fixed Later—Two Per Cent on Net Output Is Sufficient Royalty.

The meeting of the Board of Trade adjourned from the 7th instant was continued last night with Second Vice President Vemans in the chair. The report of the committee on mines and mining was taken up where it was left off at the previous session, section 19, the previous sections being passed over hurriedly with the exception of clauses seven and ten, which were discussed for two hours when the former clause was turned over to Attorney Woodworth for reconstruction. Clause ten, regarding the shape, size, base, rimrock, level and various other features of a claim came in for discussion in which Messrs. Woodworth, Wilcoxon, Gates, Olson, Alex. McDonald, Condon and Tetzler took part. Fritz Kloke, the first white man who ever saw the Klondike country, gave it as his opinion that the present law governing locations, metes and bounds of claims is good enough, and that there would be no likelihood of securing a change even if such change be recommended by the board. On motion of Condon, seconded by Woodworth, section 10 was adopted, leaving the metes and bounds of claims vacant to be supplied later, which portion of the clause was referred back to the committee. That portion of the report striking out the present mining law clause giving to the crown every alternate ten claims was adopted. After considerable discussion all clauses up to 30 were adopted with the corrections and omissions above mentioned.

When the royalty clause was reached Attorney Woodworth spoke forcibly and at length on the flagrant injustice of the present law which demands royalty on the gross returns. He stated that the present law is driving from the mining business the operators now here. He moved that it be recommended that the royalty be fixed at 5 per cent on the net output in case royalty is at all imposed. Alex. McDonald thought 2 per cent, the rate charged elsewhere, was sufficient. Mr. Woodworth thought Canadians were glad to have aliens come in and develop their country and that the only class objected to is Chinese. He thought there might probably be some grafters in the Dominion but that they did not voice the sentiment of the masses of the Canadian people. The question of 5 per cent royalty was amended to recommend that the royalty be placed at 2 per cent on the net output, which amendment was adopted.

The clause governing prospecting claims was referred back to the committee for correction, it being suggested that the committee incorporate that the prospector be required to do work underground to the amount of \$200 before he be allowed to abandon his claim without forfeiture of his rights to further prospect and locate in that particular district. The remainder of the report as previously published was adopted, with the exception that clauses 31 and 32 be repealed, and that it be added to the report that in case of death of a mine owner his mining property be handled by the deceased's duly selected administrator or executor the same as his other property.

Midnight having come and gone, a motion to adjourn for one week carried without a hesitating vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lowe.

Under the heading "Romance of the Klondike," a Chicago paper produces the following:

"Richard R. Lowe, a Klondike millionaire, and his wife, who nine days ago was Miss Virgie Graves, who had played ingenue parts in the Olga

Nethersole, Frohman, and Daly companies, are at the Auditorium Annex on their way to New York city. The news of their marriage, which took place on Dec. 21 in California came as a surprise. It took place secretly at a hotel in Oakland, just across the bay from San Francisco, and Mrs. Lowe says that she is ready to renounce her theatrical profession and accompany her husband to the Klondike, where the foundation of his fortune was laid.

Mrs. Lowe is a Southern woman. She has already made two trips to the Klondike, and considers herself well acclimated to the country. Her husband, Richard Lowe, is a rugged type of the Klondike miner, and has been a resident of Alaska since 1885, before the renowned Captain Healy went to that region. However, he got there only in the spring of the year that Captain Healy arrived, so that the difference in the time is not great.

"I have been to the Klondike by two routes," said Mrs. Lowe yesterday, "and now Dick and I are going there by the third route, over the ice next time. We expect to start some time in February, and will leave Seattle with the dog team. I don't suppose I shall ever go on the stage again, but of course my husband will decide that question. I don't care much about that, though, for I like the Klondike as a place of residence, and know what I am talking about, for I have already been there twice."

Persons Inquired For

Inquiries are made for M. L. English, formerly of Oskaloosa, Iowa, by his sister of the same place. Last heard from at Lynn Canal, July 9th, '98, and was then en route for Dawson. Address C. Lighton, Wade Creek, Alaska.

Thomas Graham Patterson; last heard from Aug. 11th, '98; inquiries made by C. S. Reed, chief of police, Seattle, Wash.

Michel Lane was around Dawson in the spring of '99, and is asked for by Bridget Lane, Milan, Rock Island county, Illinois.

Stanton Gantz, inquiries made by Wm. B. Alwood, Blacksburg, Va., U. S. A.

The Probst Benefit.

Sunday evening, February 25th, is the time which has been selected to give the concert for the benefit of Mat Probst, the injured fireman. The Palace Grand theater has been secured for the purpose. A few of the leading actors and actresses have volunteered their services, and Chief Stewart of the fire department earnestly requests the co-operation of others.

Mr. Probst is now on the department payroll. His salary amounts to \$150 per month, which sum merely pays his hospital expenses. He has a wife and family on the outside, who are dependent upon him for a livelihood, and the profits accruing from the benefit, will go towards their maintenance and support.

One double engine noist, 8 horse power, friction brake, for sale at Shindler's.

The Ketchikan District.

For the past year or so infrequent reports have reached Dawson respecting the mineral wealth of the country surrounding Ketchikan, Alaska. Recently Mr. Gus Baake, received a letter dated January 22d, from a friend in Juneau regarding the district. It says:

"Ketchikan is about 100 miles below Fort Wrangel. There is a quartz excitement there, and over 400 claims have been recorded already, and one mill has been erected. Indeed, quite a town is located there now. Ex Governor Swinford of Alaska, is the recorder. The rush was started by the finding of \$13,000 worth of ore in one pocket."

In speaking of Juneau and vicinity, Mr. Baake's correspondent says:

"Juneau is very dull; but everyone expects good times next spring. The Treadwell company are employing over a thousand men, and there are five mills operating on the island. Rich ore has been struck at Sandum. The Bald Eagle and the Sandum Chief are

fabulously rich. Ore is being hoisted from these mines which runs as high as \$1000 to the car. Last night it was reported that the Bald Eagle had struck ore, which assays \$7000 to the ton. Charles Reynolds and William Wright sold their claims on Prince Edward's island for \$100,000. Jim Birch will start a dance hall at Ketchikan."

Found in the Ashes.

Eddie O'Brien is the luckiest man in Dawson and is the proud possessor of the most unique and valuable souvenir of the recent fire.

Sammy Jones took a notion to rake over the ashes on the Monte Carlo site yesterday, resulting in the uncovering of a cuff holder, a golden bracelet set with jewels and a diamond stud. The bracelet was worn by his daughter Annie and is ruined. The other property was recognized as belonging to O'Brien and returned to him.

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Dated, at the City of Ottawa, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Administrators of the Estate.

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