

### THROUGH RATES TO DAWSON.

Steamboats Agree Upon Freight Tariffs From the Sound.

\$125 Will Be Charged on Five-Ton Lots and \$145 on Smaller Shipments.

The management of the steamer Clifford Sifton, the Whitehorse tramway and the Yukon Flyer line have just made a joint arrangement for the shipment of freight through from Bennett to Dawson over their respective lines. The Sifton is to carry the freight on Lake Bennett and the other connecting lakes to Whitehorse, the tramway will take it around the rapids, the Flyer line the remainder of the way to Dawson. It is expected to arrange with some other vessel or vessels to assist the Sifton on the run she is to cover.

The combination as now organized will, says the Alaskan, bill freight through from Sound or lower British Columbia points to Dawson or from Skagway to Dawson on through bills of lading at the same rates offered by the White Pass & Yukon route, now embracing the railroad and the Canadian Development company's steamers in its system. In other words, the rate on freight by this new and independent combination will be \$125 on merchandise of lots of five tons or more from the Sound to Dawson; on lots of less than five tons, \$145. From Skagway to Dawson the rate will be \$117 on five tons or more; \$135 on less than five tons.

The Klondike Corporation has made similar rates. These are the only two lines known as "independent" lines that have arranged the through rate. Their freight will be brought from below by any of the steamships plying to this port and will be forwarded to Bennett by the railroad, the roads having made the same rates possible through the Skagway gateway to independent lines as it has given in connection with its own river steamers.

The traffic agreement just announced by the Sifton Tramway-Flyer line people was arranged by members of the three lines, who met here this week. Nels Peterson, owner, and Ed Tonkin, manager, representing the Flyer line; Frank E. Burns, manager of the tramway, and James Wortham, manager, represented the Sifton.

#### Matters at Ottawa.

A late Ottawa paper, in its account of a parliament session, says:

"Sir Hibbert Tupper spoke for about four hours on Yukon affairs in the house tonight, asking for information in regard to the steamer Yukoner, which Collector Davis first cleared and afterwards detained. Sir Hibbert Tupper wanted the report which Mr. Paterson said was yet private. In reply Mr. Paterson said that he had acted throughout on the advice of the justice department."

An Ottawa telegram of May 4th says: "At the meeting of the public accounts committee this morning Mr. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, was called to explain his dilatoriness in not securing the attendance before the committee of J. D. McGregor, license inspector for the Yukon. It appears that Mr. Smart telegraphed to Brandon McGregor on April 26th, and was informed that he had gone west towards Dawson. Nothing more was done for several days, when Mr. Smart told the telegraph company to endeavor to reach McGregor. There the matter seems to have rested until this morning, when a telegram was sent to Skagway and Bennett to catch McGregor, and to tell him that he must return to Ottawa."

"Mr. Foster and other members of the committee expressed the opinion that Mr. Smart had made no effort to secure McGregor's attendance, and they protested most vigorously against the committee's order being thwarted."

#### Freight for Dawson.

The steamers Capilano and Amur, arriving yesterday, brought full cargoes from lower British Columbia, and the officers of these vessels report the freight that has been held back awaiting for the opening of navigation in the Yukon basin will now come freely. It promises to come even better and to assume the magnitude of a rush very shortly.

The steamship Tees, which has been in the "cannery" trade in British Columbia waters for some time, will be seen tomorrow with an "overflow cargo." The Tees belongs to the Canadian Pacific Navigation company, which was unable to handle all the freight offering with their steamers Danube and Amur, the regular ships of their fleet on

the Skagway run, and therefore called the Tees to their relief. The Tees will be sent here, it is understood, just when there is more freight than the other two ships of the line can handle, and at other times will cater to the canneries.

The Coquitlan, a freighter, not regularly in the trade, is expected to arrive in about ten days.

The Capilano, on returning to Vancouver, will bring to Skagway 100 cattle and 100 hogs for Mr. Howey, who will take them through to Dawson.

The Cutch, due Thursday from Vancouver, will bring, it is reported, a heavy cargo for the interior. The last trip she made she came light, and her officers said it was because those having freight for Dawson and Atlin were holding for the opening of navigation.

All the steamers referred to in the foregoing are under the British flag, and bring all their cargo for this port from British Columbia ports only. There is no question they have a good business in sight for some weeks if not months, but the prospects for the American steamers seem problematical.

The cargo brought yesterday by the Amur was the largest arriving in port in a single steam bottom for several months. It comprises 600 tons of merchandise for the interior, 125 tons of coal and 15 cattle.

The Capilano's cargo is nearly all hardware, for the big merchandise firm of McLellan & McFeeley, and is consigned to Dawson. Included in their consignment is a car of flour and a large steam boiler. They have 100 tons more of freight to come soon.—Alaskan.

#### After the Voters.

C. W. D. Clifford and Capt. John Irving are seeking re-election to the British Columbia legislature from the district of Cassiar, which extends from the Stikine river to old Cassiar and north to the British Columbia limits, including Atlin and Bennett, in all a district comprising 164,000 square miles. They are, says the Alaskan, now in Bennett, "on the hustings," as the English say, making speeches, button-holing and scattering a printed address.

Here are some excerpts from their modest address:

"We stand for the repeal of the placer mining act, 1899, known as the alien act, and the throwing open of our vacant mineral lands to prospectors of all nationalities, excepting Chinese and Japanese."

"We believe that labor and capital are allies, not enemies; that capital, home and foreign, should be encouraged, and the rights of workers protected; that the mining laws of British Columbia should be placed beyond the reach of legislative caprice; that the resources of British Columbia, more than those of any other province of the Dominion, require capital for their development."

"That the first and chief plank of any British Columbia platform should be the opening up of the province by railroads, wagon roads and trails; and that, although our province has suffered and is suffering through bad legislation and the tyrannical administration of the last eighteen months, which is discrediting us abroad, destroying our credit, preventing the investment of foreign capital and the influx of desirable immigrants, and that the people are now thoroughly aroused to the danger, and will send men to the legislature pledged to constitutional and responsible government."

"Men whom the lust of office cannot kill,  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,  
Men who possess opinions and a will,  
Men who love honor, men who will not lie."

"We are men of this stamp. Therefore we ask you, as intelligent men, to re-elect us."

#### Cook Inlet Opens Early.

Advices come by the way of Sitka that Cook Inlet is open for navigation, and that it opened earlier this year than for several seasons. H. H. Hidreth writes he left Sunrise March 20th in a small boat for Kink, and arrived there four days later, thus making the earliest trip on record.

The town of Sunrise has had a population of 150 during the winter, and is expected to have 200 in the summer. Hope on Turnagain Arm has 75 population.

#### A Man of Resource.

A big, uncouth looking stranger, with shoulders like a Hercules, walked into a department store late one afternoon, and, after gazing about a minute, stepped up to a salesman and made known his wish to buy a shirt. A couple of samples were shown him, and he informed the salesman that either one would do.

It was an article that sold for \$1.50, and in making payment the stranger pulled from his hip pocket a huge roll of bills. He apparently skimmed them over in search of a small bill, but he could not find one of less denomination

than \$500. One of these was handed the surprised salesman, but he arose to the occasion and sent it away with the cashboy. When the change came, it was nearly all in small bills. The stranger interrupted the salesman in his work of counting the bills by reaching for the pile and wadding it into his hip pocket.

"Oh, I guess it's all right, and you give that shirt to a porter if you can find one big enough to wear it. All I wanted was the change. You see, it was after banking hours, and I am a man of resources. Good day."—Philadelphia Record.

#### A Timely Event.

The bell at the parsonage went ting-a-ling, and, as the dominie was in his study and his wife getting the baby to sleep, Master Harold, aged 7, went to the door. On opening he found a couple, evidently from the country, both young and bashful; but, after looking at the boy a moment, the young man queried, "Is the parson to home?"

"Yes," said Harold. "Do you want to get married?"

"That's just what we're here for," said the prospective bridegroom as he looked fondly at the blushing girl by his side.

"Well, come right in then," said the boy, ushering them into the parlor, and when they had seated themselves on the edge of two chairs side by side he started off, saying: "I'll call pa, and ma too. She'll be awful glad, for she has all the marryin money, and I heard her tell pa this mornin' that she wished some folks would come to get married, 'cause she hadn't nough money to buy her new hat."—Chicago News.

#### Surely Clayson's Body.

Yesterday at time of going to press a wire was received from Selkirk giving a description of the clothing worn by a dead man found washed up on a bar near Selkirk. It is believed that the body is that of one of the Clayson party which disappeared last Christmas near Minto.

From the description of the clothing furnished by the police at Selkirk it is almost a certainty that the body is that of Fred H. Clayson.

Immediately before his departure from Dawson he called at this office to bid good-bye to the writer and in an extended conversation said he was wearing a suit of chamoise skin underwear. He was dressed at the time in knee breeches and sweater and was wearing felt shoes. This tallies exactly with the description of the clothing found on the dead man even to the leather underwear which is described by the police as goat skin, the long soaking of which in the water probably gave it that appearance.

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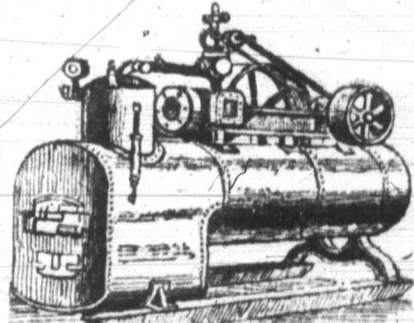
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