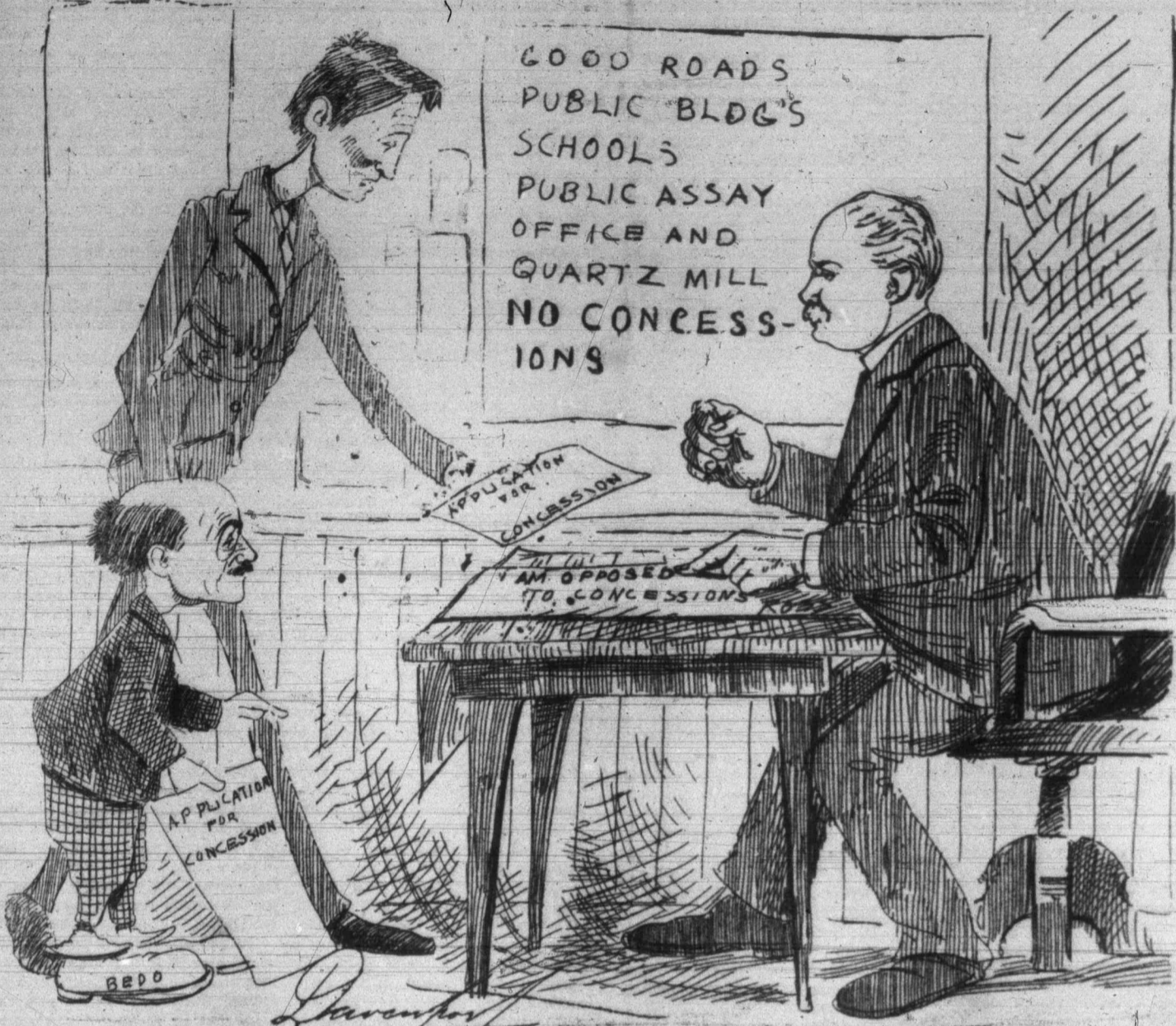


The Nugget Circulates From Skagway to Nome

NEW ROADS AND TRAILS.

Liberal Policy Inaugurated by Mr. Ross is Being Carried Out—Network of Wagon Roads and Trails Connecting Far Distant Discoveries.

Commissioner Major Wood is pursuing the liberal policy in regard to roads and trails which was inaugurated by James Hamilton. Mr. Ross not only believes that roads should be provided wherever a public need for them, grew out of the necessities of the country, but he is strongly believed in being a benefactor of the people, and making the roads themselves aid as factors in the development of the country. The road which was made to Skagway last summer was an instance of this. There was very little cost for it at the time it was under construction; furthermore, there was no appropriation to meet the cost of building it. But Mr. Ross is "going ahead," and the road was built. That it has led to a large development of the mineral lands to the west of the Yukon and as far as the international boundary is now apparent to everyone. It undoubtedly led to the discovery of Boucher creek, and following the same wise policy the government immediately after that discovery had a trail constructed to serve the pioneers of the new Klondike, and those which will shortly be discovered in that neighborhood. It was the same with the Sulphur road which was built last year. There was very little call for it at the time it was proven of value as a developer of activity in the district. And so with many other roads all over the country. Major Wood has been preparing an estimate of the roads to be built next year, of which the following is a copy as far as it has gone, but there are likely to be several additions to it. This, as will be seen, adds up to an expenditure of \$193,000 for the roads already decided upon, which are as follows: Wagon road from the mouth of Steel creek to its head connecting with Henderson creek, distance about 32 miles, estimate of cost \$2500 per mile \$80,000. Wagon road from 32 below discovery Sulphur creek to its mouth connecting with Dominion wagon road, distance about 8 1/2 miles, estimate of cost \$2,500 per mile \$21,350. There is work going on on that creek from one end to the other. Wagon road from the mouth of Steel creek to 60 pup Henderson creek, distance about 22 miles, estimate of cost \$1000 per mile \$22,000. Wagon road from Bonanza road to Gold Hill, distance two miles, estimate of cost \$1000 per mile \$2,000. Wagon road opposite Dawson from the ferry to steamboat slough about 1 1/2 miles, estimate of cost \$5000 per mile \$7,500. This road to be part of a road to Boucher creek and other tributaries of Sixty-mile gold fields. Wagon road from the north end of the city to Moosehide creek, this road to be part of road to Lepine creek quartz mines and to Twelvemile quartz mines, estimate about 1 1/2 miles, estimate cost per mile \$5,000 \$7,500. Pack trail and winter road from the mouth of Arkansas to the mouth of McQuestin river, via Clear creek, distance about 55 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250, \$13,750. Pack trail and winter road from Gordon's Landing to Duncan creek, distance about 20 miles, estimate of cost per mile \$250, \$5,000. It is necessary to build this road immediately, on account of the large number of miners on Duncan creek who depend on it for their supplies, the steamer Prospector having failed to reach Gordon's Landing. Winter road and pack trail from Boucher creek to Miller creek, distance 12 miles, estimate of cost \$250 per mile \$3,000. Winter road from 8 above discovery on Last Chance up creek, distance 3 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile \$750. Winter road and pack trail from Whitehorse to Dalton post, distance 120 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile \$30,000. \$193,000.



NO WONDER THESE [WOULD-BE] CONCESSIONAIRES ARE OPPOSED TO ROSS.

TO BLAME FOR EXPORT TAX

Opposition Party Try to Saddle it on Ross, While as a Matter of Record he Recommended That Royalty Should be Wiped Out Altogether.

One by one the ridiculous charges brought by the opposition party are squelched by the facts or by the contradictory statements of its candidate or his supporters. But a little time ago they were taking all the credit for having done away with the royalty of five per cent, and having had an export tax of only two and one-half per cent substituted. They did deserve some of the credit for that change, inasmuch as they were of the community which favored that measure. This export tax, however, did not remedy for the existing conditions. It worked an injustice to the smaller miner. Their immediate, soured claimers for the credit of having obtained it sought, and they disclaimed the credit. They did not accept the responsibility and call another meeting to make new representations to the government. They do not point out that the tax was not working as they expected it would work and that therefore it should be repealed. They kept quiet. There was not a word said about it by Joe Clarke or his assistant demagogue Mr. Peddoo until the candidacy of Mr. Ross was announced. It was then a still and stealthy hunt for charges which could be brought against his official record. They could not do this one thing, they had listened to their appeals, had sympathized with their endeavors to rid the country from the incubus of the royalty tax. Here was their chance. Throw the whole responsibility of the export tax upon his shoulders. Make his act ignominious and infamous. This was at once accepted as the slogan of the opposition campaign. In doing them a kindness Mr. Ross receives in return this demonstration of utter ingratitude. For the men who make this charge against Mr. Ross are thoroughly well acquainted with the facts. They know that Mr. Ross was not in favor of maintaining the royalty tax. They knew, because they had it from his own lips, in consultation with him upon the subject, that he was far in advance of their own views, that he was in favor of recommending to the government a far greater reduction of the taxation than had been asked for. They knew that he was in favor of wiping out the royalty altogether. The following excerpt from a letter written to the minister of the interior by Mr. Ross shows the masterly way he introduced the subject, and the boldness with which he declared his own view THAT THE ROYALTY BE DONE AWAY WITH ENTIRELY. "The question of royalty upon gold is one that has received a good deal of attention, both of the government and the parliament of Canada; and it is also a very live question in the Yukon amongst the people from whom the tax is taken. When we consider the richness of such claims as those on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, and the immense expense which was necessary for the government of Canada to make in the opening up and providing for the peace, order and good government of the Yukon, together with the fact that it was the general belief that the placer mines would be worked out in a very short time—for these reasons the government acted wisely in making a provision that the people who benefited most largely by the opening of the country should pay the heavy tax. "During the last year the government have seen fit to reduce the royalty from 10 to 5 per cent, and I am satisfied that the move was in the right direction, in the interests of the development of the country, and has done a great deal towards making the miners much more contented with the conditions. The very rich claims are now practically worked out and mining is more of a business undertaking than a speculation. There are large areas of what is called low grade ground, and it is simply a question of moving dirt cheaply to make it pay. In many instances the profits are small, and in many cases the receipts do not cover the expenses. "In all such cases the royalty is, without a doubt, a great burden upon your government was of the opinion that a sufficient revenue was being raised from the Yukon through other fees I would be pleased to recommend THAT THE ROYALTY BE DONE AWAY WITH ENTIRELY."

File The r Shackes Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 18.—Officers of the Federal penitentiary discovered last evening that Gilbert Mullins and Bob Clark, two of the five convict murderers about to be tried for murder, had fled from their shackles and were making preparations to escape during the progress of the trial yesterday. A file was found in the cell of one of the prisoners, and it is believed by the prison officials that it was slipped to the convicts during the crowding about the corridors of the courthouse. The convicts had the chain shackle filed off and tied with a string where it was fastened about the ankle. The deputy marshals helping guard the convicts while at the government building believed they discovered signs of a plot Thursday when a man was noticed trying to signal to the prisoners. The man was watched closely but was not arrested. The five men are to be tried for murder for killing Guard Waldrop during the outbreak last November, when 10 convicts escaped. Ten other prisoners were today indicted for the murder. One of them is still at large. Dawson Amet or (The) Company A special chorus in honor for the ladies of the Dawson Amateur Operatic Society will be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mr. Searell's residence opposite the Presbyterian church, when instruction in the various dances to be introduced in the forthcoming production of the "Bohemian Girl" will be commenced. OPENED NOV. 18th I shall appreciate an away of free operated in conjunction with the quartz mill charge can be tested free of charge. James Hamilton Ross.

qua post to winter road, distance about 32 miles, estimate of cost \$2500 per mile \$80,000. Glacier trail, repairs to the extent of about \$10,000 would make of it a fair wagon road \$10,000. Winter road and pack trail from McQuestin to Gordon's Landing, distance 60 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile \$15,000. It is necessary to build this road immediately, on account of the large number of miners on Duncan creek who depend on it for their supplies, the steamer Prospector having failed to reach Gordon's Landing. Winter road and pack trail from Boucher creek to Miller creek, distance 12 miles, estimate of cost \$250 per mile \$3,000. Winter road from 8 above discovery on Last Chance up creek, distance 3 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile \$750. Winter road and pack trail from Whitehorse to Dalton post, distance 120 miles, estimate cost \$250 per mile \$30,000.

LARGE MAIL ARRIVES IS VERY MUCH ALIVE Seven Days En Route From Whitehorse Leroy Pelletier Writes a Dawson Friend

Roads Are Still Rough and Slow Time is Made—Second Class Mail Due Tonight. The overland stage arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon seven days out from Whitehorse with 17 sacks of mail for Dawson and three for the lower river, weighing 686 pounds, and 897 pounds of express matter. The only passenger was Mrs. Brenner from Stewart, there being none from the outside. The driver reports the road very rough though the snow yesterday has made a tremendous improvement. Last night we spent at Indian River and the run in from that point was made in five hours. The main reason for the delay in the stage reaching here sooner has been on account of the rough roads and the time lost in making the crossings. Both the Yukon and the Pelly were ferried in a small boat which on account of the large mail and amount of express required a number of trips. Each trip was slow and laborious and not without an element of danger, the crossing in the midst of a field of ice being anything but a pleasure trip. Hereafter the run will be made in much nearer schedule time as the crossings are now all closed and in a day or two will be so solid teams can proceed directly across. The next mail was expected at the Yukon crossing this morning and should arrive by Monday or Tuesday. Calderhead's stage with 700 pounds of second-class matter is expected this evening.

Leroy Pelletier, well known to all old timers in Dawson, writes the following letter to a friend in Dawson. Mr. Pelletier is in New York City and instead of being dead as reported is evidently very much alive. The letter is as follows: "I have about decided to accept a proposition from a syndicate of New York newspapers and magazines, and make a try for the 'hole.' I'll go. I will start in the spring, and there are two or three of my dogs that I should prefer to take than strange ones if I can get them. "I left them with Mr. Tinkham, but during a long and severe illness which I had, I lost track of him and about everything else—altogether. "I understand he went down to the lower country. Do you know who his dogs now? I would like to get 'Sammy'—the leader, 'Quo Vadis' the little short legged black (or brown) one, and 'Skookum' the wheel dog. If not all, would like to get any one of these three. Will pay what good dogs are worth. "Will you be so kind as to let me know if you are aware of their present whereabouts? I shall esteem it a great favor and will return it at the first opportunity. "I heard that I was 'dead.' Would be glad to have a copy of the paper with the obituary. I am very much alive, however, though I have gone through enough in the last two years to kill an ordinary man. Guess his Satanic Majesty is just a little afraid to get me down there too soon. I generally manage to make trouble you know. "Give my kindest regards to any of my friends in Dawson (there are a few—only a few—who understand) and who are therefore friends. As for the others—well they never did worry me much. "I see Adney frequently. He is doing fine. Is lecturing just now on Animal Life, for the S. P. C. A. and writing 'tween times. I have written one play and three vaudeville sketches—all successful. So I have no kick coming. "This last offer, however, best suits my restless spirit, and I think I shall accept it. If I do, will send you particulars. "With kindest regards, I am as ever, yours very sincerely, "LEROY PELLETIER."

CHILDREN'S RINK Petition to Major Wood Immediately Grant-d. Acting Commissioner Major Wood and Mayor Macaulay are working together to give the public school children the skating rink they so cleverly petitioned for. Late this afternoon an officer from the barracks with two prisoners came up and staked off a portion of the playground in front of the school, and the two prisoners with pick and shovel worked away at leveling the ground and raising an embankment around the rink site. Tomorrow Mayor Macaulay will have the firemen flood the ground, and on Monday morning there may be a good ice surface for skating. But the boys must not forget their part of the contract with Major Wood. It would be a poor return for his kindness, if they permitted the snow to gather on the ice and spoil it. Takes Exception The caretaker of the postoffice building has taken exception to the statement in the News of yesterday evening in reference to the accumulation of snow on the steps of the postoffice. The snow is removed from the steps every day he says and he considers further that none are so blind as those who will not see. She: "Reggie, dear, there is something of the old-time love-light in your eyes tonight—something about you that reminds me of those sweet days of long ago. I hope you have— He: "Yes, I have a little left. How much do you want this time?" Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

REPAIRS NEEDED Murry Ends Charged With Violating Fire By-law. Murry S. Eds was in the police court this morning charged with violating the fire by-law. When called upon to explain why he had been so negligent he stated that he had only been notified a few days ago to put in a new safety. He had ordered one from one of the local hardware firms but they had neglected to fill the order promptly. It was being put in this morning and was probably completed by this time. He had not intended to violate the law, but it was simply a matter of dollars and cents. He was dreadfully hard up as things in the dance hall line were not what they used to be. Fire Inspector Bullock told of having notified the accused several times to make the needed repairs but he had given no heed to him. Up to yesterday evening things were just as they had been and he had accordingly laid an information. His lordship allowed the matter to stand until tomorrow in order to see if the repairs had been effected. "Is it true that your cashier has eloped with your daughter and a large sum of money?" "It is quite true. But he is an honest fellow and means to repay me. He has already returned me my daughter." A genuine snap in hay at Barrett's, Third Avenue. Job Printing at Nugget office.

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