

LANDMARK REMOVED

Old Gold Commissioner's Office Torn Down

The Scene of Fierce Rushes and Fiercer Grafting in an Early Day.

The passing of the old gold commissioner's office on First avenue near the barracks, its obliteration and destruction, removes a landmark which has always been regarded as one of the most important in the early history of Dawson. More persons have had dealings with that department in the past four or five years than with any other branch of the government, and the total amount collected through its wickets in the way of fees, exclusive of royalty, is a sum so enormous as to be staggering, almost beyond belief.

At the time of the discovery of gold in the Klondike the only representative of the government in this portion of the entire northwest territory was Captain Constantine who was in command of a small detachment of N. W. M. P. stationed at Fort Cudahy, near Fortymile. Captain Constantine's duties were numerous and the departments he represented were as many as those over whose destiny Pook-Bah presided. He was really the gold commissioner though officially he was known only as the mining recorder and the fall and winter of '96 all claims staked here application for record had to be made before him at Fort Cudahy. With the arrival of the spring of '97, however, the rush for claims had become so great that Dawson was soon the metropolis, Fortymile and Circle City practically depopulated. It was about that time, too, that Orlawa was informed through the medium of the Mr. William Oglivie's reports that here in the far northern part of his majesty's domain was a golden Eldorado the like of which the world had never before seen. Captain Constantine and his troop were transferred from Fort Cudahy that summer and soon afterward Thomas Fawcett arrived, the first regularly commissioned gold commissioner of the Yukon territory. A building was erected on First avenue about the spot where the Ames Mercantile Company's establishment now is, a little shack of but three rooms, and there during the fall and winter of '97 the business of the department was conducted. The rush to the Klondike, which was begun with the arrival at San Francisco and Seattle of the treasure ships Portland and Excelsior, by the fall of '97 had assumed such proportions that the

little building in which all the claims and transfers were recorded was totally inadequate to meet the demands. In the winter of '97 stampedes were of almost daily occurrence and lines of a block or so long would often be found stretched from the door up the street, weary mushers waiting their turn to record the claim that was to bring them the homestake for which they had traveled so far. Dozens of times have stampedees had robes and a lunch brought to them and camped for 24 hours or more in the street with the thermometer 50 below zero in order to not lose their place in line.

In the spring of '98 the building now being torn down was erected, an additional force of clerks was employed. Still the rush to record claims was so great that the crowds could with difficulty be handled. Everyone had money, the clerks received a miserable little pittance in the way of salary and the opportunity to make a few dollars on the side was so great that few resisted. Grafting finally became the rule instead of the exception, the famous \$10 door sprang into existence and before the summer of '98 had passed the entire country was aroused by the rottenness and dishonesty of the office and the incapacity of the gold commissioner. The complaints became so serious that Mr. Fawcett was finally removed and the present incumbent arrived and proceeded to straighten out the tangles left by his predecessor. How well he succeeded is shown by the excellent administration of the office ever since. The most notorious of the grafters were relieved instantly, men more honest and capable were put in their places and many of the wrongs previously committed were righted. The old building which had been the scene of so much crookedness and which had proven such a mint in revenue producing qualities continued to do service until last fall when everything and everybody, bag and baggage was removed to the magnificent Administration building where the department is now quartered and which will answer all requirements probably for many years to come.

The old log building with its moss chinking and dirt roof, its handmade doors and fixtures and little 8x10 window panes was considered quite pretentious when first erected. Two story log structures were uncommon in Dawson in those days. It served its purpose, but has now outlived its usefulness and will be relegated to a life less prominent than that for which it was originally intended. As each log is taken down it is numbered and a few days later the same relative position will be occupied by every one, except that the familiar landmark will be found in the barrack's enclosure instead of adjoining the executive mansion. To what use it will be put is undecided; it may serve as a shop, possibly as a storehouse, and may be converted into a stable. Its day is done as far as its part in making history is concerned, but if those walls could but speak there would be month's work for a biographer in the prepar-

ing of the tales that could be told. And the reading would not be dull and prosy, either.

ORDER IN COUNCIL

Received by Commissioner in Last Mail

One Deals With the Renewals of Claims, the Other With Recording Fees.

Two important orders-in-council were promulgated at the administration building this morning, both to come into force July 5th next. The first one is in regard to immediate renewals. A great many miners have been under the impression that they did not have to take out their renewal license immediately it was due, if the necessary work had been done on the claim. They would take out their certificate of work and thus prevent the claim from being open to relocation, but postpone paying the \$15 for a renewal of the lease on the ground. This dog-in-the-manger policy on the part of the miner has been done away with by the following order, which takes effect July 5th:

"The governor-general in council, in virtue of the provisions of clause 47 of the Dominion Lands Act, as enacted by section 5 of chapter 15 of 55-56 Victoria, and of section 8 of the Yukon Territory act, as enacted by chapter 3 of chapter 34 of 2 Edward VII. is pleased to order and doth order that clause (a) of section 61 of the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon territory, established by order in council dated 13th March, 1901, shall be amended by adding the following paragraph thereto:

"If a claim is not re-recorded within three months subsequent to the date up to which it was recorded, the claim shall then be deemed to be abandoned and open for occupation and entry by a free miner, even although the required amount of work may have been done within the year for which the claim was recorded, or the commutation fee paid in lieu thereof and the certificate called for by the regulations obtained."

The second order in council has reference to the fees charged for recording bills of sale, and provides that instead of paying \$2 for every entry \$2 is to be charged for the first and \$1 for each other claim in the same bill of sale. It reads as follows:

"The governor-general in council in virtue of the provisions of clause 47 of the Dominion Lands act as enacted by section 5 of chapter 15 of 55-56 Victoria and of section 8 of the Yukon Territory act as enacted by section 8 of chapter 11 of 62-63 Victoria, is pleased to order and doth order that clause 38 of the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon territory, established by order in council dated 13th March, 1901 as amended by order in council dated 27th November, 1901, be amended by providing that the fee of \$2 therein mentioned be the fee for the registration of the instrument therein referred to for one claim, and \$1 for each additional claim or fraction of a claim described in said instrument."

A Lurid Jag
William King got a compound centrifugal thirst upon him at six o'clock this morning and tried to kick in the door of the Bank saloon on First avenue. A policeman caught him in the act and took him to the barracks for a drink of water. At the police court this morning, when he was charged with this disorderly conduct, prisoner said, "I didn't know nothin' about it." Magistrate Starnes said, "You've got to stop your kicking; \$5 and costs or ten days."

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INTERESTING PROGRAM

Closed Session of St. Mary's School

Governor Ross and Father Bunoz Deliver Appropriate Addresses.

The closing of St. Mary's school for the summer vacation, mention of which was made in yesterday's Nugget, was attended with highly interesting exercises which not only reflected great credit on the enthusiastic little scholars but on the accomplished and untiring teachers, Sisters Mary Edith and M. Zenaide as well. The following was the order of the afternoon's exercises:

- Welcome song—School.
- Opening Address—Edwin Hemen.
- Reading and spelling—Third Reader.
- Diagram sentences.
- Reading and spelling—Second Reader.
- Grammar.
- Recitation, "The Violet" — Lena White.
- Physiology in action.
- Analysis of sentences—Grammar (1st div.)
- Object lesson, "The Beaver."
- Song, "The Maple Leaf"—School.
- Recitation, "Christopher Columbus"—James Smart.
- Reading and spelling—First Reader.
- Colors—Small pupils.
- History, Drawing, Geography illustrated.
- Reading—2nd Division.
- Recitation, "Lost"—Flora Davis.
- Object lesson, "Gold."
- Song, "Yukona."
- Spelling class, general lessons.
- Physiology, Arithmetic.
- Dialogue, "The Three Graces"—Flora Davis, Bertha Swartz and Lena White.
- Address—Flora Davis.
- Song, "God Save the King."

At the close of the program Governor Ross, who had all through it been an interested spectator, made one of his peculiarly happy and appropriate addresses in which he not only complimented the advancement and deportment of the school but paid a glowing tribute to the teachers; Sister Superior and the good fathers to whose unceasing efforts is due the existence of the flourishing little educational institution.

Rev. Father Bunoz also made an appropriate address which showed that in him the Sisters' school will have a staunch supporter as it had in his predecessor, Rev. Father Gendreau.

The fall term of St. Mary's school will open about the middle of August.

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SHOT

To pieces—that's what the druggists are getting about prices on Drugs; that is all except CRIBBS, who says that while his prices may seem to be low for this country, that he is perfectly satisfied as he is a believer in the profit, quick-sales theory, thereby being able at all times to give his patrons new goods virtually outside prices (freight added).

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The Daily Nugget
San Francisco, June 27.—B. president of the Trans-Alaska Railroad which is being built across Alaska took the inlet to Nome, has a here from New York where he was with F. T. M. Jr., financial enterprise. Interviewed concerning his plans he said: "We are proceeding favorably with every part of commencing construction near future. Work would have commenced ere this but that the projectors in connection with those undertaking the backing determined to original plans for light and cheaper line, to one essential and consequently more expense and more steam contemplates about a main line, 50 more miles and it will cost a \$20,000 per mile." The first sections to be completed, says, will be a five-mile section near Nome to Council City. The first section to be completed from that day to cover the range. On this is a small tunnel to be both sections it is hoped started this season. The section work can be completed. Ward said all financial interests of New York alive to the importance of development and for investment there especially. man and cake served
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