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HOW YOU MUST VOTE

Regulations for Yukon Council Election

Every Vote Will Have to be Sworn in and You Can Only Vote Once.

A number of enquiries have been received at this office in regard to the voting lists for the territorial election, and the manner in which the election is to be carried out. In response to this it may be said that there are no official voting lists, and that every voter swears in his vote, so to speak, by signing the following before he is handed his ballot:

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I am a natural born, or naturalized, male British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and that I have continuously resided in the Yukon Territory for a period of not less than twelve months prior to the date of this election and that I have not voted before at this election at this or any other polling place. So help me God.

Je, _____, dans le Territoire du Yukon jure positivement que je suis sujet Britannique par naissance, ou par naturalisation, de sexe masculin, que j'ai 21 ans accomplis, que j'ai continuellement résidé dans le Territoire du Yukon depuis au moins 12 mois précédant la date de cette élection et que je n'ai pas déjà voté à cette élection, et à ce bureau de votation ou à aucun autre.

Other enquiries are made in regard to the wild statement made publicly by an irresponsible person that in this election a voter may vote in this city and afterwards at as many places on the creeks as he might be able to reach before the polls closed. It was also stated that rigs would be provided to convey voters from here to the creeks and from the creeks here on election day, in order that they might vote more than once and for more than one candidate. This, of course, is nonsense, but it may be as well to call attention to another oath that the voter has to take and sign when voting for the territorial council. It is an oath that the voter has received no bribe or other consideration, and reads:

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I have not received anything nor has anything been promised me, nor have I asked for anything directly or indirectly, either to induce me to vote at this election or for loss of time, traveling expenses, hire of team or for any other service connected therewith, and that in the casting of my vote at this election I am not impelled or influenced by fear or by expectation of favor. So help me God.

Great Foot Ball Game

This is an account of a football game as seen by the sporting editor of the Wellington, Kan., News:

"The hardest fight the high school team has had this year was handed to them yesterday by the Roberts team from Mayfield. It was a royal contest and wound up with the score at 6 to 0 in favor of Mayfield."

"We couldn't tell much about it, but in the first place some men from Mayfield went up to the ball and gave it a vicious kick, and everybody in town started after it. Some men from Wellington got hold of it and every man that was registered in the first ward and a few people from the rural routes jumped right square on top of him. We never saw him again, but when everybody got up the ball was lying all right."

"Then some man jumped over and put his hands on the ball and dared anybody to take it away from him before he could count twenty. When he had counted up to about ten he tried to play a dirty trick on the whole gang and handed the ball back between his legs to a red-headed fellow who had a chunk of liver sized over his nose. The red-headed cuss tried to sneak off up into the Bowers pasture with the ball, and he didn't have a friend in the crowd."

"They downed him in about a second, even his own crowd jumped on him just like the people on the other side. They took the ball away from him and a man they called the umpire asked a man from Mayfield if he could kick the darned thing over the fence and they would get another one and start over again. And then it was only a repetition of what they had done before. It seemed like as if they wasn't willing anybody should have the ball but the man they called the umpire."

"When he would get the ball he would carry it around just as he darned pleased, and they didn't dare to touch him, but just let anybody else take the ball and begin to count and it made everybody else so dog gone mad it looked all the time as if there was going to be a riot. And so after they had tried for an hour to tear the ball to pieces, the umpire said he guessed they had better knock off for the day and try it again some time, and everybody went home."

Send a copy of the Nugget's Christmas edition to your outside friends.

PRESERVATION OF FORESTS

With Portrait of Sir Henri Joly de Lothiniere, an Enthusiast on the Subject.

Conditions of Successful Growing of Trees from Seed are More Favorable on the Island of Vancouver, or at All Events at Victoria, than on the Mainland of British Columbia.

The splendid annual report of the Canadian Forestry Association, with its many fine engravings of different forest trees and lumbering operations must exert a good influence in the right direction. Here in the Yukon territory very little interest is at present taken in the important question as to how best to preserve the forests while at the same time using their timber, but, although the clearing of large tracts of land for agricultural purposes may be some years hence, the denudation of all the banks of the streams for wood to be used in mining is becoming a matter to be early taken into consideration. For the great necessity of the mining industry, as it is of the farming industry, is water, and all authorities are now agreed that trees

so perchance to elicit ideas how the object of this paper can be best attained. It is only by united effort that we can hope to attain what I am sure is the heart's desire of all of us, viz., to conserve the forest wealth of the country for the general good, not only of the present generation but those to follow, and to preserve for posterity if even a vestige of the glories of the primeval forests.

"Let me first try and picture to you a forest in whose bounds are included towering snow-capped mountains, pellucid lakes, streams fed by the glaciers above, thundering down the dizzy precipices of the mountain sides, and anon finding resting places in the still, forest-protected pools, then rushing on to their destination, through pebbly reaches between moss and fern-covered banks, and above all the grand giants of the forest, standing like the sentinels that nature has created them; guarding the stores of precious life-giving water. This is a true picture, one of many to be witnessed, and one in which my good friend Dr. Fletcher shared with me during a trip up Mount Arrowsmith last year. But what of this picture which I have so feebly attempted to describe? How long will it last? Any time we may see the ruthless hand of man despoiling it of its sylvan beauty, or the devastating forest fire consuming alike its beauty and its value. Then consider the picture of ground denuded of vegetation, the vegetable mould burned away leaving the blackened roots and bare rock or gravel soil exposed, trees, veritable monarchs of the forest, lying in blackened ruins forming an impenetrable embarras, the watercourses exposed to the summer sun, reduced to but a shadow of their former selves, like the sixth age of man, adapted, 'tis but a world too wide for its shrunken stream."

"I dare say you have all seen such sights, they are but too common, especially so in our western province, where the forest wealth has been lavished by nature with such a prodigal hand. There the forest has been looked upon, except by those whose vocations teach them that it is a source of wealth, but as a barrier to settlement and a hindrance to the prospector seeking for mineral wealth, to be destroyed and got rid of at any cost. It is well indeed that this association should now sound the note of alarm; it is none too soon, for we all, in our day, have seen the effects of procastination. Whole districts have been deforested by wasteful methods and culpable carelessness. Failing to take warning from the older settled portions of the continent, the dried-up water courses, lands washed bare of soil, floods, and all the consequent evils bear silent but indubitable witness to the effects of procastination. Failing to take a lesson from the provident methods of our own mother country and other lands, we have allowed, and are allowing, the land to be denuded of its forests, and have not made provision for its reforestation. In British Columbia we have vast forests of valuable timber, but even in my time whole districts have been rendered treeless, and were it not for the provident hand of nature which itself reforestors in its own way, there would not now be a vestige of timber growth where the destroyed forests existed; and even in many tracts which have been thus reforested, fire has often, again and again, been allowed full sway. Under these conditions it is not difficult to foresee that, if a halt is not called, we will live to regret that the bountiful gifts of nature. Let it not be understood that I mean impering the lawful business of the lumberman, or placing vexatious restrictions to his detriment and loss; on the contrary, I truly acknowledge the value of his calling, and the immense importance of the industry to our country. But I do maintain that the method pursued should be put under strict supervision, and under equitable safeguards, not only in the interest of the country generally, but in those of the lumbermen themselves."

"Now as to the safeguards whereof I speak, I feel that I am helpless in offering adequate suggestions, and whilst it is possible to enact laws and to carry out their provisions regulating the timber industry, I feel that the further and far more difficult question of preservation from the other causes of destruction, still remain to be solved, questions which we know will tax the ingenuity of the cleverest to suggest practicable

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Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 26.—The blockade is now in effect, the warships of Great Britain and Germany having jointly sailed the customs houses. Citizens are very much surprised at this, and do not understand how it can be done if the matter has really been left to arbitration.

SOCIETY.

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Mrs. White-Fraser, rear of the Administration building.

Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. Macaulay had quite a Bûche party on Christmas, a sort of family reunion. The guests were Mr. Justice and Mrs. Macaulay, Mr. Hubert Macaulay, Mr. Vincent Keenan, Mr. H. E. A. Robertson and Mr. H. Milton Martin.

A pretty home wedding of two of the popular young folk of Dawson will be celebrated on New Year's eve when Mr. Erwin Huberman leads to the altar Miss Edwards. The affair has been kept rather quiet, but in spite of their vigilance the secret has leaked out. I am sure that all will join me when I say that I hope the approaching New Year will be the happiest of their lives. At least such is the wish of

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