

THE BOARD OF TRADE

Regular Monthly Meeting Held Last Night.

MINING COMMITTEE'S EXHAUSTIVE REPORT

Will Be More Fully Discussed at an Adjourned Meeting.

Sign Nuisance Will Be Abated—Dominion Telegraph Will Not Supply Office Telephone—Water Communication.

(From Friday's Daily.)

At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade held in its chambers in the A. C. building last night there was a fair attendance; Second Vice President Dr. H. W. Yemans presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the board, also of three meetings of the board of trustees held in the meantime were read and approved.

A communication from Dr. J. N. E. Brown, secretary to the governor and the Yukon council informed the board that an ordinance is now being prepared which will abate the sign nuisance in the city.

A report from the committee on sanitation advised that arrangements be made for dumping garbage in such places as to cause it to be at once carried off by the current of the Yukon; also that the Yukon council be asked to appoint a sanitation committee in order that the two committees be enabled to co operate. The report was referred back to the committee with power to act on its own judgment.

The following communication was read and ordered filed:

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 30, 1900.
F. W. Clayton, Esq., Secretary Board of Trade, Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Sir: Referring to your request that we have a telephone placed in our office here for the convenience of the public. I have placed your request before our superintendent, who rules that the benefits that would accrue from such arrangement are not of sufficient importance to warrant the necessary expenditure.

I shall continue to give you prompt notice of arrivals and departures of steamers at Skagway so soon as such notices reach me. Yours truly,
ALFRED B. CLEGG, Mgr.

E. B. Condon, chairman of the standing committee on mines and mining, the other members of the committee being Messrs. Leroy Tozier and John D. McGillivray, submitted that committee's report, a voluminous document comprising several pages of closely typewritten matter in which many new laws regulating mining in the district are suggested. In many respects the report does not vary materially from the mining laws now in force, while in other respects radical changes are suggested. The report was read a second time, each section being fully discussed by the majority of the mine owners and operators present.

As discussion of the mining report consumed the night until 11 o'clock, further action on the report was postponed until such time as the meeting should be adjourned to meet.

A communication from H. M. Henning stated that an exclusive franchise is about to be issued for the sinking of wells for the purpose of supplying water for use in the city, and asking that the Board of Trade discountenance and discourage the issuing of the exclusive franchise. The correspondent further explained a plan of his own to construct and operate a water system, which he said said would be effectual and complete and cost \$40,000. The communication was referred to the committee on fire, light and water.

The meeting was adjourned until next Wednesday night.

The following is the report of the committee on mines and mining as submitted by Messrs. Condon and Tozier, McGillivray not being present:

To the Officers and Members of the Board of Trade, Dawson, Y. T., February 7th, 1900.

Gentlemen: Your committee on mines, mining and smelting, acting under your instruction, beg to submit the following report and suggestions regarding a change in the present mining regulations governing this territory.

Using as a basis the present mining regulations we suggest: (1) adoption of interpretation:

FREE MINERS AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

Adoption of clause 1.
Clause 2.—A free miner's certificate may be granted for one or more years, to run from the date thereof or from the expiration of the applicant's then existing certificate, upon the payment thereof of a sum at the rate of \$10 per year, unless the certificate be issued in favor of a joint stock company, in which case the fee shall be \$50 per annum for a company having a nominal capital of \$100,000 or less, and for a company having a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000 the fee shall be \$100 per annum. Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in a certificate.

Adoption of clause 3 for — years.
Clause 4.—In person or by agent at the department of the interior at Ottawa, etc., or from the agents of dominion lands at Winnipeg, etc."

Adoption of clauses 5 and 6.
Clause 7.—No person or joint stock company will be recognized as having any right or interest in or to any placer claim, quartz claim, mining lease, bedrock flume, grant or any minerals in any ground comprised therein, or in or to any water right, mining ditch, drain, tunnel or flume, unless he or it and every person in his or its employment shall have a free miner's certificate unexpired, and on the expiration of a free miner's certificate the owner thereof shall on or before the day following the expiration of such certificate obtain a new free miner's certificate and any person or joint stock company who mines or works as a miner without having taken out and obtained such certificate shall on conviction thereof in a summary way forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding \$20 for an individual, \$100 for a company with a capital of \$100,000 or less, and for a company with a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000 the sum of \$200, besides costs, provided always that nothing herein contained shall prejudice the right to collect wages or payment for work done by any person or company who through not being a free miner has rendered himself or itself liable to the above penalty.

Adoption of clauses 8 and 9.

NATURE AND SIZE OF CLAIMS.
Any placer mining claim may equal but shall not exceed 500 feet square and shall be as nearly as possible rectangular in form and shall be marked by four legal posts firmly fixed in the ground, one at each of the four corners of the claim. The lines between the four posts shall be well cut out. One of such posts shall be marked "No. 1 post" and on the flatted side of that post, facing the claim shall be placed a legible notice in writing, stating the name or number of the claim, or both if possible, its size in feet, the day when staked, and the full christian and surname of the locator. The other posts shall be marked with the name of the claim the locator and the date of location.

Strike out clauses 16 and 17, and substitute therefor: "Any location made upon Sunday or any public holiday shall not for that reason be invalid, any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding."

Adoption of clause 18.
Strike out clause 19 and substitute therefor: "To one discoverer two contiguous claims. To a party of two discoverers four contiguous claims. To each member of a party beyond two, in number a claim of the ordinary size only."

Adoption of clause 20.
Adoption of clause 21, striking out that part of clause 21 in form "I," relating to royalty, and that part of clause 4 in form "D" after the words "unless the claim is" and inserting "unless the claim is worked according to law by the said — or his or their associates."

Adoption of clauses 22 and 23; 24, with corrections in form "I"; and 25 to 29.

Strike out clause 30. (Alternative 5 per cent according to former report).
Strike out clause 31. (Subject to alternative of clause 30).

Adoption of clauses 32 and 33.
Strike out clause 34, and substitute therefor, "A free miner may at any time abandon any claim that has been entered by him by giving notice in

writing of such intention to abandon to the gold commissioner, upon making satisfactory proof to that officer that he has thoroughly prospected his claim without satisfactory result, and such free miner shall have the right to another claim by entry, in the division in which the abandoned claim is located.

Strike out clause 35. Substitute as follows: "Any creek or gulch exceeding five miles in length shall constitute a mining division and no miner shall receive a grant for more than one mining claim in a mining division the boundaries of which shall be defined by the gold commissioner, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, provided, however, that nothing in this clause shall prevent a miner from obtaining a grant for a mining claim under the abandoned clause."

Adoption of clauses 36; 37, except that portion relating to royalty; and 38.

Alteration of clause 39 as posted in the office of the gold commissioner on the 9th day of December, 1899, so that the same shall read as follows:

Adoption of the following: Any co-owner making default in the payment of his share of the cost of representation or the commutation fee in lieu thereof after receiving a notice certifying the amount due by him if such amount be correct, be personally liable therefor to his co-owner and his interest in the claim upon which such labor has been performed or payment has been made, shall be and become forfeited to his co-owner, provided, however, that the co-owner shall first post notice of such default in the office of the gold commissioner for a period of 90 days from the date for the renewal of the claim and shall cause such notice to be published semi-monthly in a newspaper published in the town of Dawson, Yukon territory.

Adoption of clause 40.
Adopt form "J" certificate of assignment of placer mining claims, except that portion relating to royalty.

39. Any free miner having duly located and recorded a claim shall be entitled to hold it for a period of one year from the recording of the same, and thence from year to year by re-recording the same; provided, however, that during each year and each succeeding year such free miner shall do, or cause to be done, work on the claim itself to the value of \$200 dollars and shall satisfy the mining recorder that such work has been done by an affidavit of the free miner, corroborated by two reliable and disinterested witnesses setting out a detailed statement of the work done, and shall obtain from the mining recorder a certificate of such work having been done, for which a fee of \$2 will be charged.

Provided, that all work done outside of a mining claim with intent to work the same shall, if work has direct relation, and in direct proximity of the claim, be deemed, if to the satisfaction of a responsible government officer, to be work done on the claim for the purpose of this section.

And the cost of survey of a claim when the same has been made by a Dominion land surveyor shall be deemed work performed upon the claim for the purpose of representation.

Provided, further, that any free miner or company of free miners, holding adjoining claims not exceeding eight in number may, notwithstanding anything in the regulations to the contrary, work the same in partnership under the provisions of the regulations upon filing a notice of their intention with the mining recorder and upon obtaining a certificate from him, for which a fee of \$2 will be charged.

This certificate will entitle the holders thereof to perform on any one or more of such claims all the work required to entitle him or them to a certificate of work for each claim as held by him or them. If such work shall not be done, or if such certificate shall not be so obtained and recorded in each and every year, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to relocation.

The holder of a claim may at his option, in lieu of the work required to be done thereon each year, pay to the mining recorder, in whose office the claim is recorded, the sum of \$200 for each of the first three years, but for the fourth and succeeding years the sum of \$100 must be paid in lieu of work done on the location or in connection therewith, as provided by the regulations. A certificate from the mining recorder that such payment has been made shall relieve the person making it from the necessity of doing any work during the year.

If at the end of the year the annual amount of work has not been performed, nor the commutation fee paid, as above stated, the sum of \$250 shall be charged against the claim, and said amount shall constitute a lien on the claim, and no transfer of title to such claim shall be recorded until the said amount of \$250 shall have been paid to the mining recorder.

If the lien is not discharged by pay-

ment, at the expiration of three months from the end of the year, the claim shall revert to the crown, and shall be open for relocation.

Any amounts received in lieu of assessment work shall form part of the consolidated revenue.

WAITERS ON GAMING TABLES

A large number of those who, in legal parlance, have no peaceful calling or profession, but in the main part support themselves by gaming, appeared before Major Perry in police court yesterday and paid the usual fine of \$50 and costs, the total in each case being \$56.

Wm. Malone, whose hair has been powdered by the snows of not less than 60 winters, was in court this morning on the charge of having indulged too freely in the fluid extract of rye with the result that he became boisterous and noisy at the Aurora saloon last night, when a policeman gathered him in and escorted him to the guard house. William plead guilty, but in effect said in extenuation that he had been out of town for some time and his interior realms not being innured to Dawson whisky, the few drinks he took proved too much for him, and he supposed he had been pretty drunk. He was given the option of paying \$10 and the costs of the court, total \$15, or of donating seven days at hard labor on the royal woodpile. After due deliberation he chose the former, and the fine being paid, he re-entered the "world a free, but sadder and wiser man."

J. G. Jeffords plead not guilty to the charge of having no peaceful calling or profession and of supporting himself in the main by gaming, and the trial of his case brought to the attention of the court certain features connected with gambling houses which have hitherto been overlooked. Several constables corroborated the testimony of Corporal Frank Smith, that Jeffords is a habitue of the Aurora gambling room; that he frequently occupies a stool at a blackjack table and has been seen keeping cases at a faro table. In his own testimony Jeffords admitted sometimes taking a seat at the various tables, but said that he is not employed by the management of the games. On the contrary, he said he is employed by Tom Chisholm to wait on the gaming tables from the bar, take their orders and carry the same to them but that is the only way in which he is connected with the business of gambling. The court, while accepting this testimony and admitting that Jeffords was employed only as a waiter on gaming tables, held that the defendant is guilty of earning his support from a source of illegal practices, and therefore stands in line for conviction, the ruling being that while defendant may not be connected with the games as owner, manager, dealer, lookout, casekeeper or booster, yet being dependent on the games for a livelihood, he is amenable to the law relating to games and gaming. The court cited as precedential examples that a person who is employed in a house of ill fame in the capacity of cook, is subject to arrest and fine for being an inmate of a house conducted for immoral purposes. Jeffords was allowed to go pending sentence, although he was assured of his conviction according to the law and his own evidence. The court instructed Corporal Smith to ferret out and bring before him all persons employed about gambling houses in the same capacity as is Jeffords.

Amateur Athletics.

At Ford's gymnasium last night a number of athletic enthusiasts entertained quite a gathering with wrestling and boxing exhibitions. There were several lively bouts and much hilarity and a general feeling of good fellowship was evident.

On next Thursday night a ten round go is announced between a colored gentleman and an ambitious white man whose ambition by the way, is circumscribed by the desire to punch his dusky opponent into sweet forgetfulness, as "he has it in for him."

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