

SENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Memorial as Endorsed by the Yukon Council.

Many Important Concessions and Changes Demanded—Local Government a Leading Feature.

Following is the memorial forwarded to the federal government by the Yukon council, mention of which was made in the report of the meeting of that body as published in the Daily Nugget of yesterday:

To the Commissioner and Members of the Yukon Council:

Your committee appointed to draft a memorial to the federal government respecting the wants of the Yukon territory begs to make the following recommendations:

1. That the local council should control local matters, for this purpose a subsidy should be granted by the Dominion government to the territory of not less than three times the subsidy allowed to the provinces per capita and other territories in the Dominion for the reason that the population of the territory is at least 95 per cent adult, and productive, and produces a much larger revenue to the country than a similar number in any other part of the Dominion; and, also the fact that the country is new and a much larger initial expenditure is required than in earlier parts of the Dominion.

2. The reduction of the royalty to 5 per cent on the gross output, exempting a larger amount from royalty on each claim than at present exempted.

If this is objectionable the establishment of an assay office or offices in the territory would be preferable, the government to require by legislation the transport of all gold the product of the territory to this assay office or offices, the acceptance by the assay office or offices of the gold and the issuing of certificates for its value, negotiable in any part of the British empire or the United States, for the value of it less the assay charges, and such further tax as may be required to be exacted in view of the proper administration of territorial affairs.

If this is found impracticable or objectionable an export duty might be established on the gold, treating it as an ordinary article of commerce and collecting the duty from the person who carries it out of the country.

Your committee would strongly recommend the establishment of a branch of the imperial mint at some point convenient to the territory.

3. The regulation of the liquor traffic by the local government, it to be allowed the unrestricted privilege of enacting any legislation deemed expedient by it, in connection with the admission of liquors to the territory and the charges to be imposed on them.

4. Encouragement of schemes to secure water for the use of the miners on the creeks on an extensive scale; this is strongly urged on the attention of the government as being very necessary for the proper development of mining in all parts of the territory.

5. That only owners of claims and those interested in claims be asked to take out miners licenses.

6. That the order in council preventing all employees of the Dominion government from having any interest in mining property be repealed.

7. That the building of a hospital for the temporary care of insane patients in the territory be undertaken by the Dominion government.

8. That the territory be divided into electoral districts to be entitled to representation in the local council; the proposed division is as follows:

That the Klondike river with its tributaries constitute one district; the Indian river and its tributaries a second; the Stewart river and its tributaries a third; the City of Dawson a fourth, and that all that portion of the territory lying south of the southerly end of Lake Leaberge constitute a fifth, and as the population increases in other parts of the country, further electoral districts be created and representation given as necessity calls for it; and that the Yukon council be authorized to erect any such electoral district when necessary.

9. That the government at Ottawa should look as favorably as possible upon any suggestion made by the Yukon council as a body, with reference to changes or amendments to the mining regulations and other matters of interest in the territory.

10. Your committee further recommends the appointment of a third judge in the territorial court, and the con-

stitution of a court of appeal in the territory, constituted as other courts of appeal are in other parts of the Dominion, to hear and determine appeals from any decision of the judges of the territorial court and appeals from the gold commissioner's court.

11. No charters for tramways, railroads or other kindred works of an exclusive nature to be granted except under the most stringent conditions as to the good faith and capability of the applicant to perform the work, and complete it in a reasonable time.

12. That the Dominion government be asked to confer representation in the Dominion parliament to the Yukon territory, if the territory is entitled to it, under the same terms and conditions as it has been conferred on other outlying portions of the Dominion.

13. The extension of time, say to two years, in which to begin operations on bona-fide hydraulic claims. This is proposed in consideration of the great difficulty in connection with the transportation of heavy machinery into and through the country at present.

14. That the representation work on placer claims be placed at two hundred dollars (\$200) worth of work, or the payment of two hundred dollars (\$200) in cash in lieu thereof for the first year; five hundred dollars (\$500) in work or five hundred dollars (\$500) in cash in lieu thereof for the second year, and for the third year work to the value of one thousand dollar (\$1000).

15. That the representation work on quartz claims shall be for the first year two hundred dollars (\$200) worth of work or two hundred dollars (\$200) in cash; and the same for the second and third years; five hundred dollars (\$500) worth of work or five hundred dollars (\$500) in cash in lieu thereof for the fourth year, and the same for the fifth year. As an alternative sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600) worth of work will entitle the miner for certificate of complete representation.

16. Creek claims shall be 500 feet long and 700 feet wide, measured in the general direction of the creek or gulch, and the base or axial line of the creek on which the boundaries of the claim are founded shall be established by a surveyor under the instructions of the gold commissioner. The side boundaries of the claims shall be straight lines between points on the end boundaries 350 feet (measured on the surface) on each side of the base line, established by a Dominion land surveyor, under instructions of the gold commissioner.

17. Section 13, placer mining regulations should be repealed.

18. All other claims shall be 250 feet square.

19. 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 the first year of such occupancy such free miner shall do or cause to be done work on the claim itself to the value of two hundred dollars (\$200); during the second year of such occupancy he shall do or cause to be done work to the value of five hundred dollars (\$500); and during the third and following years work to the value of one thousand dollars (\$1000). He shall satisfy the mining recorder that such work has been done by a certificate to that effect made by the mining inspector or in charge over the district in which the claim is situated or by the affidavit of the free miner, corroborated by two 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 two dollars (\$2) shall be charged.

If during the year royalty has been paid equivalent to the sum required to be spent on the claim as representation work, the production of the royalty receipt as to such payment shall be sufficient evidence to the mining recorder upon which to issue a certificate of work as above mentioned.

20. Section 3 of the present placer mining regulation to read as follows: Upon receiving a grant for a mining location no free miner shall be entitled to locate another claim within the same district, the boundaries of which shall be defined by the mining recorder, until three years from the date of his former location. He may, however, abandon his claim at any time, provided he is sole owner thereof; by filing notice of abandonment in the mining recorder's office with a fee of two dollars (\$2) and thereby regain his right to locate in the same district. The abandoned claim shall not be open for relocation until six months after the date of its abandonment. But the same miner may also hold a hill claim acquired by him under these regulations in connection with a creek, gulch or

river claim and any number of claims by purchase.

21. Section 3 to be amended as follows:

A free miner's certificate may be granted to run from the date thereof or from the expiration of the applicant's then existing certificate, and shall expire on the second day of January next, after the date upon which it commenced to run; the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) to be charged for each three months or portion thereof between the date the certificate commenced to run and the date of the expiration thereof unless the certificate is to be issued in favor of a joint stock company in which case the fee shall be twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) for each three months or portion thereof, between the dates from which it commenced to run and the date of the expiration thereof for a company having a nominal capital of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less, and for a company having a nominal capital exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) the fees shall be double the amount above mentioned. Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in the certificate.

22. Section 7 of the placer mining regulations to be amended in such a way that the expiration of a free miner's certificate shall not cause a forfeiture, but that the person allowing a free miner's certificate to expire shall after the expiration of three months as provided by order in council be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) per month in the discretion of the gold commissioner who shall decide the amount of such fine to be paid taking into consideration the circumstances of each case.

23. In the case of the co-owners, a clause shall be added to the placer mining regulations providing for the protection of miners who own undivided interests in properties and do all the representation work. Every co-owner shall be made liable for his share of the representation work. If he does not pay his share, his portion on the claim should be made liable for the amount.

24. Any miner trespassing on any claim and taking any of its mineral contents therefrom shall be deemed guilty of an indictable offense, may be tried before a magistrate and, if found guilty, fined five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment for a term of not more than three months or both, in the discretion of the magistrate, but such fine or imprisonment shall not prejudice any claim which the owner may have of such trespasser by reason of his trespass.

25. All dams shall be built with a gate at least five feet in width and the opening must reach in depth to the bottom of the natural bed of the creek.

COMING AND GOING.

Moderation in the weather has had a noticeable effect upon the public school attendance which is again increasing.

Capt. Starnes is again under the weather, having been compelled by illness to leave his office this morning. It is not thought that his indisposition is of a serious nature, however, and he will probably be on duty again tomorrow.

Three dogs teams accompanied by an Indian hunting party arrived from the McKenzie this morning.

Justice Dugas is confined to his bed by a sore foot which he was unable to put to the floor yesterday.

In the future it will cost \$50 and the costs of action, or not more than three months on the woodpile appertaining to the prison, to be caught driving over a fire hose or in any manner destroying or injuring the property of the fire department.

An Impudent Fraud.

An impudent fraud was perpetrated upon a Manchester bank by one of its customers, who opened an account with some few hundreds of pounds. The man, after a few weeks, drew two checks, each within a pound or so of his balance, and, selecting a busy day, presented himself at one end of the counter, while an accomplice, when he saw that his friend's check had been cashed, immediately presented his own to a cashier at the other end. Both cashiers referred the checks to the ledger clerk, who, thinking the same cashier had asked him twice, said "right" to both checks. The thieves were never caught.

Nye's Introduction.

When James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye traveled together giving a joint entertainment, the humorist had great fun with the poet. Once, in introducing Riley and himself to an audience, Nye remarked, "I will appear first and speak until I get tired, then Mr. Riley will succeed me and read from his own works until you get tired."

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A SLUMBER SONG.

Sleep, my beloved. To sleep and dream is best. The night to us is peace, the day unrest. For-day, while parted, brings to us but pain; In dreams we live the dear past o'er again.

We weep not in our sleep; Our tears are for the day, Which smiles, while I but weep, For thou art far away.

Flushed be the voices of the garish day, Its frets and cares and sorrows swept away; Forgotten quite the interval of years Since last we met, with all their bitter tears.

Sleep, love. To dream is best— Our waking is but pain; In sleep alone we rest And live the past again.

Sleep, my dear love, and be thy dreams of me; Waking or sleeping, I still think of thee. But dreams make present time at the past; The night festers thee—would my dreams might last!

Dream, dear, till the day breaks And earth's shadows flee; Where mourn to grief we're wakened And I be one with thee. —Neil Macdonald in Harper's Bazar.

THEY GOT FRESH AIR.

The Door Remained Open After a Very Forceful Argument.

An old story is told of Joseph Robidoux, the founder of St. Joseph, that had its origin in Holt county in the early settlement of that section. The trader who started the city was returning to St. Joseph with a number of red men, and they stopped with an acquaintance of Robidoux's close to the house, and Robidoux went in to remain overnight as the guest of his friend.

The settler closed the front door after they had retired, and Robidoux, who was used to sleeping in the open air, went softly to it and opened it. The owner of the house waited until Robidoux was in bed again, and the settler closed it. That was repeated a dozen times. "The next time that door is closed there will be trouble," said the man who had founded St. Joseph. He resumed his couch with that.

The owner of the house closed the door, and Robidoux met him as he was returning to his bed. They clinched and fought by the light of the moon that came in through the window. It was a hard fight and lasted a long time, but at last Robidoux had the settler on his back and sat astride of him. He tangled his hands in his hair and bumped his head against the pinecheon floor. "Open or shut?" he asked. The settler struggled, but did not say a word. His head was bumped many times, and the question was repeated.

Finally the settler was exhausted. His head was bumped again, and Robidoux asked, "Open or shut?" "Open," answered the settler, and they went to bed with the door standing wide open, admitting the fresh air. —Kansas City Journal.

AILEEN.

I know a winsome little girl Whose dancing feet are light A thistle down that breezes whirl To float in sunshine bright— A little girl with winking eyes That smile like sunny summer skies Upon whose blue no clouds arise And in them mischief lies.

A happy heart that singling goes To mate with dancing feet, A guileless heart that only knows What'er of life that's sweet; A dainty blossom, pink and white, Capricious as a fairy sprite That could not live without sunlight And careless love would blight.

'Tis sad to think that years may fleet And bring a woman's power To still those happy, dancing feet With sorrow's heavy power. But love that watched the blossom rare Will surely keep us ripe fruit fair And teach the woman's heart to bear What'er may come of care. —Mary Devereux in Boston Transcript.

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