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FEDERAL REPRESENTATION.

Direct representation from the Yukon territory in the Dominion parliament is the next important concession which should be sought from the federal government. Questions of moment are arising every little while which must be decided in Ottawa and not infrequently an exparte decision is given simply for the lack of disinterested and impartial advice at the capital. If two members of parliament were chosen by popular ballot from the territory to represent us at Ottawa during the sessions of parliament many difficulties would thereby be obviated.

Men responsible to the qualified electors of the territory would naturally advise the government in accordance with the views of the majority of the constituents and any policy which meets the approval of the majority is the proper policy to pursue.

We are convinced of the fact that it is the desire of the federal authorities to administer the affairs of this territory as nearly as possible in accordance with the wishes of the people.

In the attainment of their purpose the advice of two elected members of parliament would be of the utmost assistance.

CHEERING NEWS.

The cheering news has come ticking over the wire that the royalty has been reduced to five per cent. The information is not confirmed officially as yet, but it is anticipated that such will prove to be the case within a very short time.

It will not be forgotten that definite assurance was given from the interior department last fall that before the arrival of the cleanup this spring the royalty would either be entirely removed or in any event materially reduced. Since that time a memorial bearing the signatures of all the members of the Yukon council has been forwarded to Ottawa, in which document the necessity of reducing the royalty was most strongly urged.

The Nugget is of the opinion that the unofficial news which is published today will be fully authenticated by receipt of orders from Ottawa within a very short time.

It has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated in the past that any concessions, in requesting which, the people of the territory are practically a unit, will be granted from Ottawa without much opposition.

There can be no doubt in the interior department as to the sentiment of the public in this territory with respect to the royalty. We do not believe that in the entire territory ten men could be found who would place themselves on record as being favorable to the royalty as imposed at the present time.

Abolishment or reduction of the royalty has been advocated by every newspaper in Dawson, by all officials who have expressed their opinion on the matter and by every miner, merchant or professional man whose views have been given publication. The royalty has been a fruitful theme for discussion for three years, and there is nothing that can possibly be said on the subject that has not already been said time and time again.

The government at Ottawa knows what is thought about the matter so far as this territory is concerned, and for that reason we express the opinion that the report published elsewhere in this paper will receive official confirmation in the near future.

Nome has a better reputation outside at the present time than it ever had before. Since the decision whereby Receiver McKenzie is to spend a year in jail was announced, confidence in Nome has been restored. Capital is looking that way and men with means are no longer afraid to invest their money. The lesson which has been taught as a result of the McKenzie case

will prove invaluable, not only to Nome but to all other portions of Alaska. There is absolutely nothing which will serve to retard the development of a new country as a lack of confidence in the governing authorities. The McKenzie-Noyes episode serves to explain in a large degree the disappointment which met thousands of expectant claim hunters who went to Nome last summer. It is quite evident that an entirely different atmosphere will prevail in that camp in the future.

The mayor of Minneapolis has decided that for the balance of his administration, which covers a period of nearly two years, all athletic sports are to be tabooed. There will be no prize-fights, glove contests, baseball, football or any other games in which there may be the slightest danger of injury to any of the participants. It is very doubtful if the mayor's intentions will be carried out. Before many months have passed the people of Minneapolis will begin to sigh for the pastimes of their youth and when that sigh becomes general it is altogether likely that the mayor aforesaid will experience a distinct change of heart. There are very few mayors or any other officials for that matter, who will care very long to stand in the way of united public sentiment.

It has been the custom for outgoing presidents of the United States to ride in the same carriage during the inaugural parade with the newly elected executive. Mr. McKinley being both the outgoing and incoming president, selected Senator Mark Hanna as his companion for the parade. This action has roused a storm of condemnation from the opposition press, which is agreed that the presence of Hanna in the president's carriage is an admission that Mark has McKinley safely located in the hollow of his hand. In view of the fact that Hanna's pet measure, the ship subsidy bill has been defeated in congress, it does not appear that he has the grip on the administration with which he is credited.

It is a very peculiar thing how opinions of different men vary in respect to the same matter. A short time ago an interview was published in this paper in which a very glowing future was drawn of affairs in the lower country. Last night we published a letter in which an exactly opposite opinion was expressed. In each case the parties concerned had been over the ground and each was, beyond question, absolutely sincere and honest in expressing his views. All of which merely goes to prove the truth of the old saying that no two people ever see the same object exactly alike.

If every quartz location that has been recorded within the last year develops into a quartz mine, Dawson will be a city of 25,000 inhabitants with two years. That troublesome "if" is quite likely, however, to stand in the way of a realization of this hope. Meanwhile, the outlook for placer mining is so good that quartz or no quartz, Dawson will be the center of a flourishing mining community for a long time to come.

The Board of Trade is taking practical steps toward organization on the same lines as are ordinarily pursued by similar organizations elsewhere. We hope to see a re-awakened interest in the board which is capable of accomplishing much work of benefit to the community.

The difference between \$290 and \$95 is \$195, which is just the difference between the maximum and minimum freight rates which will be charged this summer. It must have required some mighty deep study to figure out such a system.

Dawson has come out of a long, hard winter, looking as healthy and prosperous as the most optimistic could expect.

The man who had been wise enough to buy up all the gambling paraphernalia in Dawson last Saturday night

would have been able to turn a comfortable little sum inside of forty-eight hours. What an opportunity—and no one profited by it.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has appropriated \$5,000,000 of his fortune for the benefit of the employees of his company. It will now be due from so-called friends of the laboring man to suggest the deep, dark, villainous motive which is behind Mr. Carnegie's latest act.

The new steel bridge across the Klondike will be ready for use long before the ice in the river thinks of going out. It actually begins to look as though the toll bridge and ferry monopolies will soon be numbered among the Yukon's historic relics.

Uncle Sam will soon begin construction work on the proposed cable from Juneau to Skagway. While the work is being done the cable might just as well be extended down to Puget Sound

in which event it would serve a useful purpose.

Steamboat competition on the Seattle-Skagway run will be stronger than ever during the coming summer. We wish the same thing were true of traffic between Skagway and Dawson.

Yesterday the News announced that it is a "dignified, reliable" journal. This is the only real, genuine piece of humor we ever saw in the columns of our amateur neighbor.

All taxes which are paid before the first day of May are discounted ten per cent. Everybody look pleasant now and prepare to pay.

And still the sour doughs continue to return.

WHEN PA WAS A BOY

My papa's always tellin' how good he used ter be. Ter always mind his parents, when he was a boy like me. Never got in any mischief and always liked ter work. Got all his lessons when at school and never tried to shirk.

I've always had my 'pinion of a boy that's awful good. Who never grumbles when he has ter carry in the wood. Who never gets in mischief and never wants a gun. For what's the use of livin' if yer can't hav any fun?

But one day pa was talkin' when he thought I Ter a man he used ter play with, and it made me made me laugh to hear Him tell about his funny tricks and how he used to be A-gittin' in ter mischief when he was a boy like me.

He told about the time he let a squirrel loose. He didn't know the thing would run and act so like a fool. The teacher tried to find him out, but 'twasn't any use. And once, he said, he trun a stone and killed a neighbor's goose.

He used to tease his sister when she had a beau. Always liked a circus and like a wild west show. Had a dog named Carlo, hitched him to a Licked a boy for teasin' him and got sent to bed.

I tell yer, boys, I'm proud of pa, he's always full of vim. And when he was a boy like me their wasn't no flies on him. And when I git ter be a man I'll be like him, yer see. I'll tell my boys that I was always as good as I could be. R. H. SHAFTOE. Omaha, Neb.

Routine Work of Council.

The regular meeting of the Yukon council last night was a long drawn out affair and was productive of much business being disposed of in proper form. The more important features of the meeting are mentioned elsewhere in this paper. The members present were: Messrs. Ogilvie, Dugas, Senkler, Wood, Wilson and Prudhomme.

A petition from Attorneys McKinnon and Noel asking for the incorporation of the Whitehorse Light & Power Co., was referred to the committee on civil justice.

Applications for the position of inspector of drifts in mines were laid over until a future meeting.

A communication from people at Selkirk was read asking that the season for killing game be extended to April 1st, as the present law, January 1st, will work a hardship on Selkirk Indians; no action was taken.

A bill from Whitehorse of \$14 for burying James Smith, drowned in the rapids at that place in '99, was allowed.

Bills from public vaccinators on the creeks, Dr. La Chappelle and Lambert, for extra work such as taking affidavits, were not allowed, it being the unanimous sentiment of the council that as the doctors are paid \$30 per day each for his services, no charge for extras would be allowed.

A communication from Attorney Wm. McKay, secretary of the Dawson Bar Association, asked that no action be

taken by the council relative to the appointment of official stenographer until conference is held with the association represented by him. The finance committee reported as being willing to allow \$400 on a claim of \$630 for vaccinating people at Whitehorse last fall.

Judge Dugas said doctor bills were coming in rather too thickly to conform with his ideas of economy and suggested that efforts were being made to work the council as a charitable institution.

Bids from the various newspapers in Dawson for printing had been received and placed on file. On motion, the finance committee's report was adopted.

Councilman Wilson asked why bids for printing had not been acted upon and was informed that it had not been the intention to award contracts when calling for the bids; that there are times when any paper may be awarded a job of printing and in such cases it is desired that it be known what price will be charged.

The secretary was instructed to inform the Yukon Trust Co. that it can incorporate on payment of the usual fee.

Mr. Wilson wanted information as to whether or not the report that the government is paying men employed on the Klondike bridge only 70 cents an hour is true. Mr. Ogilvie said the men get \$7 per day and Mr. Wilson wanted to know how that could clear the \$5 per day as required by ordinance regarding public works laborers. He thought the laborers on the bridge should be paid \$8 per day. He was informed that \$2 per day was the living expense estimated in the government labor ordinance.

Major Wood asked for permission to furnish a grubstake to the old man Ellis who has been taken care of at the barracks all winter, the latter expressing a desire to go up to Last Chance where he has an interest in a claim. Ellis is an old man and is a source of considerable annoyance not only to Major Wood but also to Mr. Ogilvie whom he persists in visiting for several hours each day. A motion instructed Major Wood to use his discretion in outfitting the old man.

Major Wood asked if anything was being done relative to the appointment of an inspector of mines, adding that he had been furnished with a report from Mr. Powers who had been appointed by Magistrate McDonnell to inspect C. E. Carboneau's claim, 41 above on Bonanza, in which Samuel Nelson was killed two weeks ago, and that negligence on the part of the owner was charged in the report. Mr. Senkler read the law giving to the mining inspector authority to inspect claims as to their safety, but said his other duties are so onerous as to not allow him time for such inspection.

It was recommended that one or two mine inspectors should be appointed and that Ottawa pay the bills as it gets all profits from the mines.

Mr. Wilson asked what action had been taken regarding the establishment of a postoffice on the government concession on Hunker creek. Mr. Ogilvie said he had taken steps to have it established; had spoken to a postoffice inspector about it and had written to Ottawa. Postmaster Hartman had been instructed to inquire further about the matter on his present visit to the Dominion capital.

An ordinance relating to barroom window blinds during prohibited hours was introduced by Major Wood and put on its first and second readings.

An ordinance reopening the court of tax revision was introduced by Judge Dugas and, being a matter of urgency, was read three times and passed.

For school trustee Mr. R. P. McLennan was named by the Protestant element and unanimously elected.

Mr. Henry Macaulay was named by Mr. Prudhomme as the Roman Catholic member but as he had not definitely stated he would accept, the latter appointment was deferred until Monday night when a called meeting of the council will be held. In the meantime Messrs. Dugas and Prudhomme will agree upon a Catholic member for the board of school trustees.

The appointment of a boiler inspector was left to the commissioner of public works.

The council adjourned to meet in special meeting at the chamber, the territorial courtroom, next Monday night, when all unheard petitions regarding assessments will be heard.

Badly Scalded.

Word has reached Dawson that a man whose name has not been learned was badly scalded on claim 2, Gold Run, last Sunday, the cause being the blowing out of a boiler plug allowing the boiling water and steam to spurt all over him. The report received here is that the unfortunate fellow's condition is critical as the result of the accident.

Tom Cameron, of 25 Eldorado, is registered at the Regina.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

MANY FIRES.

Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co.'s Plant at St. Louis Burned

BISMARCK, MO., ALSO CREMATED

Minook, Illinois, 10 Miles From Joliet, in Ashes.

AN UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.

Sleeping Car With 4 People, Donkey and Bloodhounds Burned at Missoula, Montana.

From Friday's Daily.

St. Louis, March 18, via Skagway, March 22.—Fire last night which started in the Anheuser-Busch Brewing plant has already destroyed 12 large blocks and is not yet under control but is thought soon will be. The estimated damage at this writing is one half a million dollars.

A telegram from Bismarck, Mo., 75 miles from here, said half the town was destroyed by fire which was still raging. As the telegraph office there was later burned it is feared the whole town has been destroyed. The population was about 750.

Another Town Burned.

Joliet, Ill., March 18, via Skagway, March 22.—Minook, a town of 600 people, ten miles from here, is on fire and as there is no means for fighting it except by buckets, the place will doubtless be entirely consumed.

Roasted Alive.

Missoula, Mont., March 18, via Skagway, March 22.—The special car of an Uncle Tom's Cabin company was burned on a sidetrack here last night. The fire broke out in the sleeping compartment and three musicians and the cook were burned to a cinder. The donkey and blood hounds were also burned.

SEVEN DOLLARS

Will Be Allowed Steamers on Seattle-Dawson Freight.

Skagway, March 22.—While the parties to the agreement decline to make a full statement, it is understood that the White Pass & Yukon Route has agreed to allow steamers from lower points to Skagway \$7 per ton in freight. This rate will apply to all Sound and British Columbia points. Passenger rates by the new schedule are the same as last year, while freight rates have been slightly increased.

Played in Luck.

Vancouver, March 17, via Skagway, March 22.—Coolgardie Smith made clean up here of \$5000 at black jack on the 13th.

Old Editor Dead.

Boston, March 17, via Skagway, March 22.—Patrick Donahue, editor of the Pilot, is dead at the age of 90 years.

Old Timers Coming in.

Reports from along the trail are that many teams freight laden are headed for this place from Whitehorse and that the majority of the teams and freight are the property of old timers, many of whom left the Klondike last year not expecting to return. Among the latter is Angus McDonnell who for many years was a driver for the A. C. Co. and who left here for Nome last year. "Big Mac" is reported as due to arrive Saturday with a fine span of horses and a general freight cargo.