

## CANADA DRAWING

Many Thousands of Residents  
From Uncle Samuel's  
Domain.

### INSURANCE COMPANIES LOSE MONEY

In Canada During the Past 12  
Months

### BY THE HULL-OTTAWA FIRE.

Another McKenzie-Mann Deal—Wm.  
J. Bryan Talks 16 to 1 in  
Michigan.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Ottawa, May 2.—Before the agricultural committee, Mr. Pedley, superintendent of immigration, testified that during the last year 12,000 immigrants from the United States settled in Canada. He was unable to state the cost of securing these settlers, but promised to look it up and give the information later. He pointed out that according to the statistics collected by train conductors 50,000 more people came to Canada from the States than went the other way, counting all classes of travel. During the year Canada advertised in nearly 7000 newspapers in the States.

#### The Insurance Question.

Montreal, May 4.—A special cable to the Star from London says: "The Hull-Ottawa fire has caused British insurance offices to carefully consider their position in Canada. Their books show that during the past thirty years, fire losses in Canada consumed 68 per cent of premiums, while commissions and other management expenses consumed 35 per cent, leaving a loss of 3 per cent. But they will hang on in hope of better times."

#### Another McKenzie-Mann Deal.

Kington, Ont., May 2.—Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, are reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the Kingston Locomotive works.

#### Bryan Visits Michigan.

Port Huron, Mich., April 30.—Nearly all the leaders of the Michigan Democracy and hundreds of the rank and file came to Port Huron today for the dual purpose of seeing and hearing the party's national standard bearer, William J. Bryan, and of attending the state convention, which will meet at noon tomorrow to select delegates to the national convention. Another incident of the gathering today was the Seventh district Democratic congressional convention, which this afternoon unanimously nominated Congressman Justin R. Whiting as representative.

On account of the presence of Mr. Bryan the congressional convention was held in the city's largest and handsomest auditorium. The colonel appeared toward the close of the congressional proceedings and received an enthusiastic reception. Tonight Mr. Bryan addressed another crowd of 4000 in the same hall.

The speaker was loudly cheered when he reiterated his belief in free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Concerning the Philippines issues he said: "If we abandon the idea of self-government in the Philippines we cannot long retain self-government in the United States. If we send an army of 65,000 men to stifle aspirations for liberty in the Orient, those soldiers when they return home will surely have become impregnated with those ideas of oppression. The Filipino must be either a citizen or a savage. I challenge any one to cite any despot in all time upon whom more autocratic power has been conferred as a ruler than that conferred upon the president by the Puerto Rican bill."

Mr. Bryan warned the people against being misled into the notion that the president could rightly depart, in governing the new dependencies, from the plain provisions of the constitution which he has sworn to uphold.

#### Chief Westbrook Skips.

Acting Fire Chief Westbrook is no longer in position to be censured when

steamboats burn up under his nose. He is not here to censure. This morning about 4 o'clock when all nature was supposed to be wrapped in the long white robe of sleep, the acting fire chief stepped into a small boat and dropped down the river as quietly but surely as the falling due of a 90-day note. It is alleged that Westbrook was in the same position as the man who has a porterhouse appetite but a liver income; his expenditures were in excess of his earnings and he got into debt at various, divers and sundry places in the city. From his more frugal mates of the fire department he borrowed money until, it is said, he owes nearly each member a few dollars. Finding himself in this predicament, he departed for pastures new.

In case a fire should break out on a steamer now it probably—well, it would probably do just as it did before and burn up the boat.

#### POLICE COURT NEWS.

Owing to the absence of the court stenographer this morning, Magistrate Scarth took notes himself with the result that progress was not as rapid as usual.

The first case was that of Joseph Bunyon, charged with having, while drunk, created a disturbance on the street by the door of the Northern Annex by fighting with Ben Ferguson. Bunyon had an attorney present to plead guilty for him; and when information was asked for as to the gravity of the offense it came out that in the "mill" Bunyon had chewed up one of Ferguson's thumbs a la "sugar test," and that in his efforts to extricate his thumb, Ferguson dislocated Bunyon's jaw. A fine of \$20 and costs was assessed.

W. B. Miller came down from the creeks yesterday to see some friends off on the steamer Merwin. Just how Miller got a hunch as to when the Merwin would sail is not known, but at any rate he was on hand, and as friends at parting are apt to be convivial, Miller took aboard a large sized and lurid jag which caused him to get funny. In his exuberance of spirit he endeavored to push a number of people from the dock into the river about 10 o'clock last night, and in such actions became a menace to people who were on the dock. An officer was called and the festive Miller was marched up to the guard house. He looked somewhat downcast this morning, his spirit of fun having died down like a brush fire. A fine of \$20 and costs was imposed and the man from the creeks who came down to see his friends leave for Nome, and who got into jail before they started, walked back to the guardhouse wearing a penitential look as big as a piano cover.

C. S. Cameron likewise looked upon the nootch when it was red, when it stood aright in the glass, yesterday. But he did not go asleep on the streets; he went to the Bank cafe to become helpless. The proprietor sent for an officer and Cameron was taken away. This morning he stood up before his honor, "fessed up" and was fined \$10 and costs which he paid.

James McNeil learned this morning that to interfere with a peace officer in the performance of his duty is entailed with more or less, principally more, expense. When Constable Barry was going to the barracks last night with W. B. Miller, the man whose drunken propensities ran to pushing people from the dock into the water, McNeil took it upon himself to give the officer a few words of advice relative to the handling of his prisoner who was somewhat obstreperous. The officer warned McNeil to keep quiet, but he persisted in giving orders to the officer. When the latter had delivered his prisoner at the guardhouse he came back down street, found McNeil whom he also arrested, and took to the bastille. This morning, on realizing the gravity of his offence for which a sentence of 10 years is provided as the maximum, McNeil was as meek as the little lamb Mary is alleged to have had. As he does not look like an obstructionist, and as he had acted without due consideration of what he was doing, the court handed him some pointed advice and fined him \$25 and costs, which amount was paid; and from now on it is probable that McNeil will not interfere with even a spark arrester.

On the charge of creating a disturbance by mixing up in a "mill" with Bunyon, Ben Ferguson introduced some strong evidence to show that in dislocating Bunyon's jaw he was only trying to withdraw his thumb from the latter's mouth where it was being "molaried" into pulp. Ferguson was let off on the payment of \$5 and costs.

#### Gay and Giddy Bennett.

With the completion of the railroad to Whitehorse, Bennett will be relegated to the list of has-beens, as there will not then be a reasonable excuse for her remaining on the map. Yet, in spite of her pending doom to future quietude, her people, like Belschazzar of old, go on with the frivolities regardless of the handwriting on the wall, as is evidenced by a Bennett note of the 16th which says:

"Bennett is not short of amusements. Last night a big concert and entertainment was given for the benefit of Mr. Bindley, organist of the Presbyterian church. Tomorrow night a big amateur minstrel performance will be held. Business men of the town are taking an active interest in the show and some of the most prominent merchants of the city will appear as burnt cork artists."

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

## UNCLE SAMUEL

Takes a Hand in the Matter  
of Steamer Merwin's  
Agents.

### WHO WERE CONFINED IN THE JAIL

Without the Privilege of Giving  
Bail.

### THE CASES BEING DROPPED

When Called Up for Trial at a Later  
Date—Agents Are Very  
Indignant.

The fact that the Merwin eventually got away last night on her trip to Nome appeased the wrath of her many passengers who for nearly a week had been on the wire-edge of anxiety as to when, if ever, the steamer would be able to fulfill her contracts with them; and notwithstanding the fact that when the Merwin left, many of her passengers were hanging on to her with their toenails, all of them appeared to have forgotten all past woes and were apparently happy.

But her agents left behind, a full account of whose arrest and confinement in jail without being permitted to give bond for their release, or even to know who their accusers were, are not in such a happy mood as were the Merwin's passengers. The former feel that they have been outraged in that they were thrown into jail, not even knowing by whom they were accused, and by bail being refused them until they had passed 18 hours in the jail; that later their accusers departed without giving to them an opportunity for vindicating their names and their honors. In view of this seemingly arbitrary proceeding the three agents, Messrs. Kinghorn, Craden and Wilcox, have enlisted the aid of U. S. Consul McCook whose deputy, John Q. Adams, states that a document purporting to be a statement of facts has been drawn up, that it will be forwarded to Washington, and that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the English ambassador to America, will be called upon to explain the treatment accorded to American subjects in the Yukon.

Purser Spence, after 18 hours spent in jail was released on \$3000 bond and was told by the officers two hours later that he could go, as there was nothing against him.

After being in jail 20 hours, Capt. Ritchie was told last night to go, that there was no charge against him. The captain is a British subject, and, therefore, doubly feels that he has been deeply wronged. He says "Never in my 55 years' life was a key turned on me before."

At this afternoon's session all the Merwins cases came up for trial and was dismissed one after the other, the prosecution not presenting any evidence. This, of course, was an impossibility as all the witnesses for the crown were allowed last night to depart on the steamer Merwin.

The first case called was that of Wilcox and he requested to be allowed to make a statement of facts in his case. He was allowed to do so by the magistrate. His statement gave a detailed account of his connection with the steamer up to the time of his incarceration. After listening to the end the court ordered the case dismissed as noted above. The case against Lew Craden followed and was dismissed.

Frank Kinghorn then, through his attorney, presented a type-written document which he demanded should be placed on record. The request was granted and his case dismissed also. Following is a copy of the statement of facts presented:

In this case the defendant submits: That on May 29th, 1900, he was arrested on the charge of obtaining, by false pretences, the sum of one thousand and fifty (\$1050) dollars, and that the officer making the arrest refused to divulge the name of the party or parties on whose complaint said warrant was issued; that said defendant was promptly served with said warrant, confined in

jail forthwith, and that within one-half hour from time of service he had provided responsible bondsmen who were at that time in person present at the barracks and who made diligent and persistent search for the committing magistrate, at whose direction the warrant had been issued, presumably within the preceding hour, but who was nowhere to be found for the purpose of granting bail during the night of his incarceration; that these bondsmen appeared in court at 10 a. m., May 30th, 1900, ready to qualify as sureties for defendant's subsequent appearance, and that the request for bail was peremptorily refused, without stated reason, and that until 2:30 p. m. of said day, when the same bondsmen were accepted, defendant remained incarcerated in jail.

Defendant further submits that he requested the court to bind over complaining witness or witnesses to appear at the time to which his trial was adjourned, namely, Thursday, May 31st, at 2 p. m., in order that the charge against him might be fully investigated, which request the court peremptorily refused, without stated reason, enabling the complaining witness or witnesses to leave the jurisdiction of this court and so escape the consequences of the charge against the defendant, which charge defendant is, at this moment, prepared to prove, by documentary evidence and by witnesses now present, to be palpably false, irresponsible, and without any semblance of foundation.

Defendant further submits that the charge upon which he was arrested was based upon information given by him, freely and voluntarily, to an officer of the court, to whom defendant, without stress or persuasion, submitted all records of accounts with the steamer W. K. Merwin, which said record evidenced the fact that defendant ceased to act as agent of said steamer at the time default was made in sailing on the day originally appointed and publicly announced, and that up to such time, defendant was, in good faith, the properly authorized agent of said steamer. The said record, submitted to and inspected by an officer of this court and so noted by him, showed that full settlement had been made with the steamer for all business transacted, and that 11 tickets only had been sold by defendant, resulting in a gross revenue of one thousand and fifty dollars, which was the exact sum reported by him to his superior officer, and so stated in the warrant which was issued following his report.

Since the failure of the steamer Merwin to sail upon the day originally appointed said steamer has never had access to the defendant's place of business, namely the Yukon dock, this fact being a matter of general and public information, and being positively known to the officer of this court upon whose information warrant of arrest was permitted to be issued, nor has any business of said steamer been transacted there.

Defendant is reliably informed, and verily believes that owing to the court's peremptory refusal to grant him his rightful privilege of being faced by his accuser or accusers, the opportunity to escape has been embraced, and he or they are now safely beyond the jurisdiction and mandate of this court.

Therefore, in view of the personal indignity and financial loss inflicted upon defendant by reason of the issuance of this warrant of arrest, defendant demands in addition to an order of discharge that he be granted his right of producing testimony for the establishment of his innocence of this charge, and that such testimony be heard and examined without delay or adjournment.

Defendant refuses to rest upon acquittal or discharge following the absence of complaining witnesses, and demands that his testimony and witnesses be heard so that the record of this court will show that full and free investigation preceded the final verdict.

Dated at Dawson, May 31st, 1900.

FRANK J. KINGHORN.

#### BRIEF MENTION.

N. D. Walling is at the Regina. W. H. Warren is registered at the Regina.

Julian Blaker has taken a lease on the Fairview and will open a bar and dining room in a few days.

Miss Mullooney is now attending to her mining interests and visits her property every week.

Wm. De Wolf is registered at the Fairview. Other arrivals are Walter Hunter, T. J. Murphy, Mrs. S. J. Scollard, W. E. James, W. E. Thomas, Miss Fosslein, W. A. Murray and James Hogarth.

Today's register at the Yukon hotel shows the names of F. W. Payne, E. Tarbox, P. M. Madale, H. A. Davis, C. J. Reilly, Jas. Appleby, A. Weir, A. Froseth, F. M. Schroeder and Jas. Fulton.

Dr. Wilcoxon wishes to advise his friends that as yet he has not been arrested for any misdemeanor and hopes to escape the car of jaegerhaut which has recently overtaken another with a somewhat similar name.

## MANY WILL GO

On the Steamer Gustin, Which  
Sails Next Monday  
for Nome.

### YUKONER WILL START SATURDAY

Kersey's Successor, Elliott, at  
Bennett, En Route.

### HEARST'S BOAT REPAIRING,

Sawmill Plant Will Go to Koyukuk  
on the Lalla Lee Collins—  
Marine-Flatters.

The A. E. Co.'s steamer Gustin will sail as advertised on next Monday. A large passenger list has been booked.

Capt. Wood, of the T. & E. Co., says the steamer Yukoner will sail for Whitehorse next Saturday. The boat is thoroughly repaired and will be in as good shape at date of sailing as she was before the fire.

Tom Davies, of the C. D. Co., is in receipt of a telegram from Secretary Elliott advising him of his arrival at Bennett. He is on his way to Dawson and will come down with the first boat.

The Flora is expected to arrive from up river next Saturday by her agents.

Lancaster & Calderhead have fitted up their place on their dock with all the adjuncts of a steamboat office.

The Agulla, formerly owned by Will Hearst, of Examiner-Journal fame, is being repaired and will be sent down the lower river on a barge for completion.

The little steamer Lolla Lee Collins is being completed and will sail for the Koyukuk in a few days. Dave Cobb and S. M. Hirsh are the principal owners. They expect to navigate their boat far up the river as she draws but eight inches of water. A small saw mill plant and trading outfit will be taken along and as soon as they arrive at the diggings they will go in for a share of the merchandise business. A party of prospectors will accompany the boat to her destination.

The launch Wyvern is reported to have been unable to continue down the river under steam as her machinery has broken down at Cliff creek. She is now using sweeps and will continue down the river to her destination.

#### Meyer-Carlton.

Mr. Louis A. Meyer, of this city, and Miss Ella Lorena Carlton, of Grand Forks, were quietly married last night at the groom's residence on Third avenue. Rev. E. A. Hetherington officiating. Mrs. Meyer will leave for the outside in a few days on a visit to her mother in Illinois. Mr. Meyer will go to Nome, where he will be joined later in the summer by his wife.

#### Library Reopened.

The library will be reopened at the corner of Harper street and Third avenue, on Monday night next, when the committee propose giving one of their well-known concerts. As the library has to depend on the public for support for a short time, a contribution box will be found near the door the night of the concert. Come everybody and encourage the committee.

#### To Meet Tonight.

Every man in Dawson who is interested in having the Fourth of July duly observed, and appropriately celebrated should be at McDonald's hall tonight to participate in the meeting which will begin promptly at 9 o'clock. The remainder of the members of the various committees will be named tonight, and the creek committee appointed Monday night will report as to its progress. Suggestions regarding sports as well as other features of the proposed celebration are solicited. Let there be a good attendance tonight.

#### More Mail Arrives.

Fourteen more sacks of mail was received by the postoffice today. This will be ready for general distribution early tomorrow. The mail arrived in a Peterboro. No more mail will come in this manner this season as the next will be brought down by steamer.

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