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## IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

The Council is willing to grant Dawson the right to become an incorporated municipality. Gov. Ogilvie has said as much, and, doubtless, when he speaks he speaks with authority.

The terms upon which he desires to grant the right to incorporate account perhaps for the willingness of the Council to allow the incorporation act to be placed in effect. Briefly stated, the plan, as outlined by the commissioner, simply means that the Council is willing to turn over to the town its liabilities, but intends retaining under its own control all resources of any value.

There may be desirable features about this plan which we have not as yet been able to discover, that is to say, when viewed from the standpoint of the town. Looked at from the Council's point of view, we should say that the idea is not without its advantages.

Gov. Ogilvie says that the police court fines would all be retained under the control of the territorial government. Just why this should be the case, he does not say. The proportion of fines levied in cases originating outside the city is very small—indeed, amounts to little or nothing. Why, therefore, in the event of the organization of a municipality, this revenue should be considered "territorial revenue," is difficult to grasp.

Doubtless, the incorporation idea, as held by Gov. Ogilvie and the Council, has its good points, but they all point in one direction.

## CLAIM JUMPERS.

There are men in Dawson, as there are men in every mining camp on earth, who spend their time looking about for opportunities to defraud others of their rights upon purely technical grounds.

They make it their business to watch the development of a claim until they are satisfied that the ground has a value sufficient to justify the owner in making a fight for it. If such proves to be the case, search is made for some insignificant technicality upon which to base a contest action, more often, however, in the expectation of forcing a compromise than in the hope of securing a favorable decision.

The present status of litigation before the courts is favorable to the methods pursued by such schemers. There are more cases ahead than can possibly be adjudicated before the arrival of the vacation period, and in consequence a compromise often comes about merely for the sake of avoiding expensive and tiresome delays.

This condition makes the harvest time for the claim jumper, whose sole business in life is to prey upon the misfortunes of others. Whenever discovered, these men should be exposed and forced to do honest work or leave the community to which their presence is a continuous injury.

Complaint has been made at this office that water is being de-

livered in town which is taken from the river and sold for well water. The people buying this water, naturally, do not take the precaution in its use that they would if they knew from what source it came, and, consequently, sickness is bound to follow. The water from the river is now unfit to drink, and, under any circumstances, should be boiled before using. A visit to the water holes near the bank of the river will prove this to the most skeptical, as running water, foul with the poisonous sewage of the city, is seen flowing down the banks of the river. The authorities should make an example of anyone caught peddling river water for household purposes.

The bicycle, as a means of winter travel, has become an established fact on the Yukon river. The season during which the trails may be said to be in good condition for bicycles is necessarily short, but during that time the bicycle has excelled every other means, both for speed and economy. Wheels built specially for the Klondike will soon be advertised to catch the eye of the prospective musher from the outside.

There is more beef now in Dawson and coming in than can possibly be consumed, before the arrival of warm weather will render more or less of it unfit for use. Whether parties who are handling beef have made or lost money, they had much better put the price down within the reach of everyone than run the risk of consigning large quantities to the river upon the break-up.

Steamship companies in Seattle, operating vessels for the Nome traffic, are reserving their first-class accommodations for those persons who may have heavy freight shipments to make. It is difficult now to secure a ticket for first-class passage, unless the would-be purchaser is also prepared to make a heavy freight shipment as well.

The "sour doughs" are coming back to town. No matter to what corners of the earth they may scatter during the winter, spring time invariably sees them wending their steps toward Dawson. The Nugget welcomes the old-timers back, and expresses the hope that the winter spent on the outside has been an enjoyable one for them all.

## Fire Whistle Abandoned.

The use of the siren whistle to give fire alarms has been discontinued. It has been the custom of the department to secure the steam necessary to blow the whistle from a boiler, operated by the A. C. Co. During the winter large quantities of steam were constantly generated by the company for the purpose of warm storage and in order to run the electric light dynamo of the company. The long days and warm weather have occasioned the company to stop its steam plant, and the whistle used by the fire department became useless. In the future, alarms will be given by means of the fire bell which was used last summer. The same ward signals will continue in vogue.

## New Stores Opening.

The daily arrival of freight over the ice is having a tendency to increase the number of stores and business stands in Dawson.

There is no denying the fact that four-fifths of those who are now arriving are finding conditions different from what they anticipated, and that there is but little demand among those already in business for the freshly arrived goods. The result is that in dozens of cases those who are coming in concluded to start a store or shop from which they will retail their own goods of whatever nature they may chance to be. Several new meat markets have opened in the city during the past few days and from three to five others are looking for locations in

which to open. The same can be said of other branches of business. Speculators are daily arriving with various small stocks of merchandise which they find will have to be sold below the actual cost of delivery, but in order to come out of the ventures as nearly whole as possible, they are striving to get all the money out of their goods there is in them instead of selling to the retailer who in turn will sell to the trade at a profit. But the shrewdest business maneuvering on the part of the importer, the fact remains that three in every four are destined to lose money on the proposition of bringing goods in over the ice which is the most expensive mode of transportation possible. Hauling freight from Bennett, from which place it is also necessary to haul all the horse feed necessary for the entire trip is so arduous that all freight thus brought to Dawson does not yield much profit when sold at less than from 60 to 75 cents per pound.

## THE SCOTSMAN.

You find him in the tropics, you find him at the pole;  
He can always earn a sixpence, he can always keep it whole;  
You can tell him by his cheekbones and his eyes, they're head of hair,  
And he finds a fiftieth cousin or a schoolmate everywhere  
He lives on kale and porridge and a drop of mountain dew,  
And if you try to take him in he'll maybe take in you  
To name his native village would make your throat quite sore—  
You can get a little hear it with three grunts and then a snore  
You need to hammer in his head to make him see your jokes,  
And he never fires condemning the sins of other folks.  
He's never missing from the kirk, where pepperminits he sucks,  
And he calls it fine, dry weather when it's only fit for ducks.  
There's nothing half so beautiful as heather hills, he thinks,  
And there's no game worth the playing saving golf upon the links.  
He says there isn't any day to equal the New Year  
And Bobbie Burns is greatest of all poets, that is clear.  
He thinks he is in Eden when he hears the bagpipes squeal;  
He puts on a kilt and dances a sword dance and a reel.  
Now I've given you the Englishman's idea of a Scot  
But is the portrait like him? Some people think it's not.  
—Tit-Bits.

## A Royal Sendoff.

There was a gala time at the Canadian Bank of Commerce mess house Saturday night, the occasion being a farewell to Mr. Arthur E. Maynard, who left early yesterday morning by wheel for Cloosleigh. Many toasts were proposed and drank and everything was done to impress the parting guest of the high esteem in which he was held by his associates in the bank where he formerly filled the position of cashier. Every man connected with the local branch of the big financial institution was present at the farewell to their departing associate.

## The Record Trip.

The fastest time ever made from Dawson to Bennett, either by steamboat or sled, is credited to Mrs. Mahoney, the wife of Mr. Thomas Mahoney, of the N. A. T. & T. Co. On last Monday afternoon, the lady received a telegram containing the information that her presence was urgently required at her home on the outside. She made immediate preparations, and 5 o'clock that evening she left Dawson with the consignment of American mail, which the C. D. Co. started up the river. Relay teams and drivers were obtained at the various stations along the route, and Mrs. Mahoney arrived in Bennett at 1 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The journey occupied exactly 4 days and 20 hours. She went from Bennett to Skagway on the railroad, and reached the latter place in time to secure passage on the steamship Cutch, which left that evening for Victoria.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

Every room a miniature home. The Fairview.

The most popular house in town, the Fairview; new management.

See the electric display of the Star Clothing House on Front street, the finest in the city. Suits are selling for \$15; hats \$3. A. L. Levine, manager.

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.....D. A. Shindler

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## THE WHITE PASS & YUKON RY.

Trains Will Be Running to Cloosleigh at the Opening of Navigation on the Upper River.

Transfers by Steamers Across Lake Bennett Until the Connecting Link Around the Lake is Completed.

S. E. ADAIR, COMMERCIAL AGT.

A. C. OFFICE BUILDING

## COAL AT THE A. E. CO.

## FIRST BOAT FOR NOME

STEAMER MERWIN is now in Winter quarters at Dawson, and will be ready to leave on opening of navigation, sailing direct to Nome, without delay or transfer at St. Michael. Tickets and berths can now be secured at

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OFFICE HOURS, 9 to 5.

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