

THE OPENING OF NAVIGATION

It Changes the Aspect of Water Front Affairs.

The Season is a Week Earlier This Year Than It Was in 1899—Many Boats Ready to Sail.

The commencement of navigation has completely changed the aspect of affairs on the waterfront; this portion of the city, which has been unworthy of attention during the past six months, is now of great importance, and the west side of First avenue has become the scene of great activity. The various transportation companies have made careful preparations for the freight and passenger traffic, and an excellent business is anticipated by the respective concerns for the approaching summer.

Navigation opened a week earlier this year than it did in the spring of 1899. Last season, the event was signaled on May 23d by the arrival of the Flora. The distinction of being the first steamer boat from Lower Lebarge to reach Dawson was merited again by the same vessel this year; for yesterday, she succeeded in reaching the local wharf, landing passengers, and reporting to the customs office, before her rival, the Florence S.

From now until next October, river traffic will be a matter of considerable consequence. Tomorrow the Canadian Development Company will launch at its shipyard on the west side of the river, the steamboats Canadian and Columbian. These vessels will leave for Whitehorse about the 24th instant, when it is expected that there will be no difficulty in navigating Lake Lebarge. The Closset will leave this afternoon. She has aboard a large consignment of mail, which will be given to carriers at Lower Lebarge, from whence it will be taken over the ice of the upper lakes to Bennett.

The steamer Flora, owned by the Klondike Corporation, Ltd., will start on her return trip up the river next Friday. She will sail for Whitehorse and no trouble is apprehended at Lebarge, for it is confidently asserted that the lake will be clear of ice when the Flora shall have arrived there.

The departure of vessels for Nome and points on the lower river will not be deferred this season as has been the custom in previous years. The W. K. Merwin will leave for Cape Nome on May 23d.

The John C. Farr will depart for Port Yukon on May 18th. There she will take aboard a cargo of pipe and fittings and then return to Dawson. After completing this trip, the boat will go to St. Michaels and will take in tow the barge New York.

The Lotta Talbot, which has wintered in the shipyard at West Dawson, will leave for Nome sometime during the latter part of the month. The barge Duff, which has been so arranged as to accommodate a large number of passengers, will depart from here about the same time.

Yesterday the F. K. Gustin, owned by the A. C. Co., arrived at her Dawson dock from her winter's quarters a short distance up the river. She will leave here for Nome just as soon as it is practicable to navigate the lower river.

The steamboats Hannah and Leah, of the A. C. Company, are expected here from Andreaski early in June, and immediately after landing their cargoes they will sail for St. Michaels.

The Seattle No. 3 and Rock Island are scheduled to leave Dawson within the next few weeks; both boats are still in their winter quarters opposite Klondike city.

All the companies which are interested in navigation, are making bids for the transportation business; and this fact will inure to the benefit of merchants and those persons who intend to travel either up or down the river.

Fraser for Governor.
A rumor was current in town yesterday to the effect that a telegram had been received here, which conveyed the intelligence that Hon. D. C. Fraser is on his way to Dawson to assume the official position now occupied by Hon. William Ogilvie. No credence is given to the report as it cannot be verified.

Recent Arrivals From Lebarge.
Quite recently a number of scows and small boats have arrived in Dawson from Lower Lebarge. The local market is now supplied with fresh eggs, vegetables and fruit, but the demand for such commodities is so great that prices are exceedingly high.

Several parties suffered accidents on the upper river, which have resulted in serious losses. N. M. Dickey had one

of his scows wrecked above Selkirk, and he lost about five tons of horse feed. He arrived in Dawson last night with the remainder of his outfit. Mr. N. B. Labree, whose boat was wrecked near Hutchiku, was a passenger to the city in Mr. Dickey's scow. A large boat with a cargo of fruit, was lost near Selkirk. This outfit belonged to a gentleman named Manley.

Among those persons who have arrived in town since yesterday afternoon are: Mr. and Mrs. Dowdell, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, H. H. Kent, H. B. Kent, A. Bruce, J. Montgomery, G. McGovern, Albert Daub, C. G. Sanford, Arthur Hill, Ernest Burash, Robert Burke, Ray Randall, Richard Rickard, Irving Meed, Phil Brenneau, Al Brenneau, W. H. Powers, J. Brooks, H. A. Harwood, H. J. Coleman, James A. Stoddard, Wm. Bourn, John Szarriss, R. Myer, George Christensen, Frank Forceman, Messrs. Hefner and Carroll.

En Route to Nome.
John P. Lindahl arrived in Dawson from Bennett yesterday afternoon with ten passengers and their outfits in a 30-foot boat which he built at Bennett, which place the party left on May 2d, making the trip in 14 days, which, considering the early season, is remarkably good time.

Mr. Lindahl named his boat after the famous ship of his country, the Viking, which, with her cargo, weighs only three tons. Owing to his light draught craft he was able to sail in through the shallow water over the ice on the lakes. He says it will yet be several days before the lakes will be navigable for steamers.

Of the 10 passengers who made the trip from Bennett to Dawson on the Viking, eight will continue on in her to Nome. Mr. Lindahl expects to continue on down the river in the course of two or three days.

Concerning Eggs.
A lady who has had very bad luck lately in the matter of buying eggs is desirous of knowing if some means cannot be devised for learning the condition of eggs before they are purchased. The lady asserts that to pay \$2.50 per dozen for eggs, the present Dawson price, and find from two to five or six of them bad is a hardship which she thinks should be in some way mitigated.

The matter was referred to the Pure Food editor of the Nugget, and after careful study and mature deliberation he has decided that it is in the province of the Yukon council to pass a law covering the ground in the matter. His suggestion is that a law be passed compelling egg dealers to pig each egg in the presence of the purchaser the same as watermelons are plugged to determine their stage of maturity. When egg plugging becomes in vogue, peace and serenity will reign in many kitchens where now all is tumult and bad language.

Territorial Court.
This morning, Justice Dugas was occupied in trying the case of John A. Webb and John P. Summers, plaintiff, vs. George Baird and Max Wolf, defendants. The action was brought to recover the sum of \$300, alleged to be due for freighting provisions from Dawson to Dominion creek. Judgment was delivered in favor of the plaintiffs for \$180.50 principal, \$50 counsel fees, and costs of suit. Messrs. Burritt and McKay were the attorneys for the plaintiff.

An action has been instituted by George T. Dun, plaintiff, against John F. Hielscher, defendant. The plaintiff is suing for himself and six other men, all of whom have been employed during the past winter by the defendant on his claim, No. 1 above discovery on Bonanza creek. It is alleged that wages to the amount of \$2894.57 are due the laborers, and apprehending that the defendant intended to leave the territory, a writ of capias was issued and served at the instance and request of Plaintiff Dun. Hielscher is now in custody, and in order to secure his liberty, he will be required to give bonds to the extent of \$3100.

First Load.
Fritz DeGix, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who has been representing that big financial concern on Dominion creek for some weeks, returned to Dawson yesterday. Mr. DeGix brought with him a consignment of dust valued at \$60,000. He thinks this clean up will greatly exceed what has been generally estimated. This is the first big consignment which the bank has received during the present season, but it will be followed by other and larger amounts in rapid succession.

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BRIEF MENTION.

L. J. Howard is visiting the city. Al Groudy is spending a few days in town.

W. C. Leak is registered at the Regina.

W. H. Warren is among the guests at the Regina.

Capt. John Pussell and wife are stopping at the Hotel McDonald.

W. Chappell, of 30 Eldorado, is shaking hands with his Dawson acquaintances.

W. Barnes and wife are visiting friends in the city. They are at the Hotel McDonald.

Thomas Lloyd, superintendent at 17 Eldorado, brought a quantity of gold dust to Dawson yesterday.

D. C. MacKenzie, who left here last winter and has since visited Toronto, returned to the city yesterday.

The steamer Burpee is being repaired, and it is quite likely that she will be scheduled for a trip to the Koyukuk district.

Charles A. Damon, a Chicago newspaper man who has spent the past winter in Dawson, will leave for Cape Nome tomorrow.

Messrs. Dan McLellan and George Merro have contracted to repair the steamer Yukoner. They expect to complete their work by the 1st of June.

Rose Blumpkin returned to town from Dominion creek last evening. She expects to monkey with the stern realities of life in Dawson during the ensuing summer season.

J. P. McLennan is in receipt of a wire from Selkirk stating that the steamer Sybil had left that point for Dawson at 9:30 this morning. She is expected sometime late tonight.

D. A. Shindler, the hardware man, leaves today on an inspection tour of his claims on Monte Cristo Hill. It is understood he will carry back with him a large poke of the yellow metal.

Mrs. Shindler is visiting Mrs. L. F. Cook on Chechako Hill for a few days. The latter lady is a charming hostess and will, without doubt, make the visit of her friend a very enjoyable one.

A large raft of logs was carried past the city at an early hour this morning. There were four men on the raft, but the united efforts were not sufficient to withstand the influence of the current.

Mrs. Purdy will discontinue the management of the Fairview hotel on the first of next month. Mr. E. H. Port, lately interested in the Palace Grand theater, will assume control of this well established hostelry.

Thomas Daniels, the agent of the Flyer Line, who departed from the city last Tuesday returned to town this morning accompanied by John Mooney. Mr. Daniels has resumed the management of his business affairs. Big ice floes are reported in the river below Dawson.

Meat Supply Exhausted.
Fresh meat is exceedingly scarce in Dawson. This noon, there were only ten carcasses of beef and two of pork which remained for sale in the several markets. The retail price for common cuts is \$1 per pound. The supply of mutton and game is exhausted. If no meat arrives until the opening of Lebarge, it is quite likely that before then the majority of people will be obliged to revert to the use of caudled meats.

A Good Runner.
Louie Carlinell, who is matched to race Geo Taylor for \$1000 a side in a 20-mile foot race on the Queen's birthday, has a record which indicates that Taylor will have to get a pretty last move on him to win.

Cardinal has been in the service of the Hudson Bay Company since boyhood and has made some phenomenal records for the company. The C. D. Co. secured his services last winter to handle the end of the mail run, and so satisfactory has been his work that the fastest time this winter has always been made on this end of the mail route. He has, however, to meet a man who has defeated many fast men, and as Taylor is working hard every day to get in condition this will be the sprouting event of the day. Both men have many friends who are willing to back their judgment and considerable money will change hands.

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