

WE ARE NOW THE YUKON TERRITORY

An Act of May 27 Separates Us From the Balance of the Northwest.

A Commissioner and Six Others Form a Council and a Majority of the Body Will Constitute a Quorum.

By a proclamation dated August 16, 1897, the Dominion of Canada set apart that part of the Northwest Territory roughly lying west of the Liard river and denominated it the Yukon District of the North West Territory.

By a bill which passed the senate May 27, 1898, and which is now in force, a government is provided for that territory set apart by proclamation as a judicial district. The act is as follows:

1. This act may be cited as the Yukon Territory act.

2. The Yukon judicial district, as constituted by the proclamation of the governor in council bearing date of August 16, 1897, and contained in the schedule to this act, is hereby constituted and declared to be a separate territory under the name of the Yukon Territory, and the same shall no longer form part of the North West Territories.

3. The governor in council may, by instrument under the great seal, appoint for the Yukon Territory a chief executive officer to be styled and known as the commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

4. The commissioner shall administer the government of the territory under instructions from time to time given him by the governor in council or the minister of the interior.

5. The governor in council by warrant under his privy seal may constitute and appoint such and so many persons from time to time not exceeding in the whole six persons, as may be deemed desirable to be a council to aid the commissioner in the administration of the territory, and such persons so appointed to the council shall before entering upon the duties of their offices take and subscribe before the commissioner such oaths of allegiance and office as the governor in council may prescribe.

6. The majority of the council, including the commissioner, shall form a quorum. Each judge of the superior court shall be ex-officio a member of the council and the total number shall not exceed six.

7. The commissioner in council shall have the same powers to make ordinances for the government of the territory as are at the date of this act possessed by the lieutenant governor of the North West Territories, acting by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly thereof in like manner as the lieutenant governor of the North West Territories, except as such powers may be limited by order of the governor in council.

8. A copy of every such ordinance made by the commissioner in council shall be deposited by him to the governor in council within 10 days after the passing thereof, and shall be laid before both houses of parliament as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, and any such ordinance may be disallowed by the governor in council at any time within two years after passage.

9. Subject to the provisions of this act, the governor in council may make ordinances for the peace, order and good government of the territory and of her majesty's subjects and others therein, but no ordinance made by the governor in council or the commissioner in council shall:

(a) impose any tax or any duty of customs or any excise or any penalty exceeding \$100, or

(b) alter or repeal the punishment provided in any act of the parliament of Canada in force in the territory for any offence, or

(c) appropriate any public money, lands or property of Canada without authority of parliament.

Provided, that this section shall not apply to any law extending or applying or declared applicable to the territory by any act of the parliament of Canada.

10. Subject to the provisions of this act, the laws relating to civil and criminal matters and the ordinances as the same exist in the North West Territories at the time of the passing of this act, shall be and remain in force in the said Yukon Territory in so far as the same are applicable thereto until amended or repealed by the parliament of Canada or by any ordinance of the governor in council or the commissioner in council made under the provisions of this act.

11. There is hereby constituted and appointed a superior court of record in and for the said territory, which shall be called the territorial court.

The said court shall consist of one or more judges, who shall be appointed by the governor in council by letters patent under the great seal.

(2) Any person may be appointed judge of the court who is or has been a judge of a superior or a county court of any province of Canada or the North West Territories, or a barrister or advocate of at least 10 years' standing at the bar of any such province or of the North West Territories.

(3) A judge of the court shall not hold any other office or emolument under the government of Canada, or of any province of Canada, or of the said territory; but this provision shall not prevent a judge from being eligible for appointment as a member of the council of the said territory.

12. The law governing the residence, tenure of office, oath of office, rights and privileges of the judge or judges of the court, and the power, authority and jurisdiction of the court shall be the same, mutatis mutandis, as the law governing the residence, tenure of office, oath of office, rights and privileges of the judges, and the power, authority and jurisdiction of the supreme court of the North West Territories, except as the same are expressly varied in this act.

13. Sitings of the court presided over by a judge or judges shall be held at such times and places as the governor in council or the commissioner in council may appoint.

14. The governor in council may appoint such officers of the court as may be deemed necessary, and may define and specify the duties (and emoluments) of the officers so appointed.

15. The judge of the supreme court of the North West Territories assigned to the Yukon judicial district at the time this act comes into force, and the officers of the court for the said district shall be the judge and officers of the territorial court until otherwise provided; but the said judge may at his option, at any time within twelve months after this act comes into force, resume his office as one of the judges of the supreme court of the North West Territories; his transfer to that court being, in such case, made by order of the governor in council.

16. The procedure in criminal cases in the territorial court shall, subject to the provisions of any act of the parliament of Canada, conform in like manner as possible to the procedure existing at the time of the passing of this act.

17. While, in the said Yukon territory, the commission of the territory, each member of the council thereof, every judge of the court and every commissioned officer of the North West Mounted Police, shall ex-officio have, possess

A RESUME OF LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Dawson's Teamsters Organize and Streets Will be Improved.

Death of Officer Dundas - The Salvation Army Prospering - Consul General McCook Entertained at West Dawson.

The local teamsters have formed an organization for the double purpose of placing the streets of Dawson in good condition and for the protection of mutual interests. The official name of the organization is "The Klondike Teamsters' Association." The officers are Robert Pickett, Pres., and R. W. Calderhead, Secretary.

Mr. Calderhead states that nearly all the street improvements that have thus far been made are the result of slabs and saw dust free of charge and a few property owners have contributed money or labor. Organized effort will now be made to place the streets of Dawson in good condition. Capt. Stearnes has signified a willingness to assist in any manner possible and with the combined efforts of the mills, property owners and teamsters Dawson's streets bid fair to present a very respectable appearance before long.

The teamsters advance the fact that they are doing so much work on the streets as an argument in favor of sustaining the present schedule of prices. They maintain that if prices are lowered, they will have to quit work on the streets. They are now engaged in building a saw dust and slab road from Harper & Ladue's mill to the hospital.

Like a Soldier They Laid Him to Rest. The body of Harry Dundas was interred on Saturday afternoon with military honors. The ceremony was quite affecting. A procession formed at the barracks and moved thence to the graveyard on the hill. The procession was headed by a squad of mounted police in full uniform under Sergeant Major Tucker, all fully armed but with guns reversed. Then came a wagon drawn by two horses, containing the coffin draped with the pall bearers on either side with the national flag. The dead constable's horse followed across the point of the empty saddle was fastened the dead man's gun, his reversed boots were hung in the idly swinging stirrups.

Twenty more policemen, in the customary brown uniform of the country and then followed Captains Stearnes and Harper, Judge McGuire, other officials and a company of citizens. At the grave a volley was fired over the uncovered coffin; then the bugles sounded the first half of the "Royal salute." Another volley and more bugling and then the final volley brings out the pathetic call of "Taps" or "lights out" as it is interpreted by the uninitiated. The Rev. Grant and Rev. Dickey led the burial services.

Flaking Headway. The local corps of the Salvation Army is making good progress with their barracks. There is going to be great need of them the coming winter, and we are glad to note that some willing hands are being lent by willing hearts to the rolling together of the logs for their quarters. Good progress is being made and by the time the first snow flies they will be well under cover.

The War Cru. The organ of the Salvation Army, is the only outside paper that the Negro exchanges with. The representatives of other papers may think this works a hardship on them but they can better afford to buy what they want than can the Salvation Army corps.

One on the Purser. A purser on one of the last stambots to arrive from St. Michaels was anxious to secure some small specimens of Klondike gold. Landing at the wharf he asked the one-legged newsstand man where he could see some nuggets. The news man knows more about periodicals than about gold and referred him to the first newspaper office down Fourth street. When Mr. Purser asked for a sample of Nuggets we got him our file. No, he didn't want that kind; he wanted gold nuggets. Of course, in common politeness we produced the two or three bushels we always keep for the inspection of visitors, and he wanted to buy one, not to exceed \$1.75 in value. Seeing that we never save any value at less than \$500 or \$600, we could not oblige him, so we had to go to our pains to explain the point of the one-legged man's humor in sending an individual to the office of the KLONDIKE NUGGET for a Klondike nugget.

A Dinner to the Consul General. Mrs. Admiral Hitecock and Miss Edith Van Buren, the two distinguished ladies who are taking in the Klondike just as they have taken in Paris and London, gave a select dinner in honor of the United States Consul General McCook, now stationed at Dawson. The ladies are on their way to West Dawson and the dinner was given in what is probably the largest tent canvas in Klondike. The gentlemen invited to the affair were Messrs. Allan, Dr. Bow, Misener, Willison and Rank. Mrs. Crane, the popular scientific lady stationed for the winter at West Dawson, added the two hostesses in entertaining the guests of the evening. The ladies carry their own chef and the repast was much enjoyed. After dinner the party adjourned to the new cabin of Mrs. Crane and it was there the late reports from the scene of the war were received. The party immediately devoted themselves to adoration of "Old Glory" and the cheers were enough to alarm that peaceful neighborhood.

Fined for Fishing on Sunday. J. Dugard and P. Fleming thought they would go and examine their fishing-nets last Sunday, and now they wish they had let them alone. Fishing is well as labor of any kind is unlawful in Dawson on Sunday, so Messrs. Dugard and Fleming were asked to contribute \$2 and \$3 costs for the good of the nation.

The Bruiser Bruised. Ex-Private Detective McKeown got on a tear on Monday. Monday night he had reached the stage when one would give a hundred dollars for some one to stand up before them for just "steep" seconds. Report has it that Mr. Barney Sargue stood up for many times "steep," but that McKeown did not. Justice Starnes dismissed the charge of disturbance against Mr. Sargue and continued the case against Mr. McKeown until Monday.

Oasley Sister's Concert Hall. The crowds that throng the above concert hall are an indication of the extreme popularity of these public entertainers. It seems as if their list of songs were endless.

A Dawson Oddity.

Everyone has heard how Jay Gould once upon a time bought a railroad for \$2,000,000 and drew up a check for it on the back of an old envelope which he happened to have in his pocket. The check was considered a curiosity, and was photographed and reproduced in thousands of journals. But it remained for Dawson to produce a still greater curiosity in the way of a check. The following was drawn up on a piece of inch-board, about six inches square. A wire nail was toe-nailed through the upper edge:

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE: Gentlemen.—Please pay W. F. Foster \$3.00 for services rendered. J. C. HOINE & CO. By Bu.

DAWSON CITY, Aug. 4, '98. The inch-thick check was properly indorsed on the back, "W. F. Foster," and was stamped "paid" in the usual manner.

The cashier was puzzled somewhat, about the toe-nail in the upper edge and was compelled to ask Mr. Foster for an explanation. Mr. Foster thought the nail was there for filing the check.

The Record Broken for Speed.

The N. A. T. Co. boat, John Cudgahy, arrived Wednesday evening, making, as far as we are able to find out, the banner trip that was ever made on the Yukon river. She was loaded down five feet in the water until Circle City was reached, when she was lightened about a foot, yet she overtook and passed eleven river boats, all headed for the tid. Barring that 24 hours lost time, she was just 12 days and 15 hours from St. Michaels to Dawson. She brings in about 300 tons of supplies.

MINING NOTES.

No. 9 below on All Gold has been sold for \$25,000. The new owners are Messrs. Hebb and A. H. Morrison.

There was a small sized stampede to Bear creek on Tuesday night. The creek empties into the Klondike some few miles up the stream from Dawson, but that did not prevent the streets being filled next day with men so foot-sore and lame they were remarked from one end of town to the other.

Mr. F. J. Bissell has formed a partnership with two other gentlemen and purchased a bunch of five claims on "Little Eldorado," a gulch leading to the main stream of Eldorado about claim No. 21. The claims acquired by Mr. Bissell are Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Work has been commenced on two shafts both of which show 15 feet of muck before the gravel is reached. Only the future can tell what the claims contain.

Messrs. Stitek and Stetson have sold their claim No. 4 below the lower discovery on Dominion for \$22,000. The purchasers are Messrs. A. H. Morrison and Lieb, who take a one-half interest, and Messrs. Pawn, Lathrop and Fairbanks, who take the other half. The new owners have gone over the dome to decide on a course of sinking for the winter. The work of excavation will be pushed as soon as the weather permits.

Joseph P. Staley will go outside on the Bella's next trip. About the 15th of March he was the fortunate discoverer of gold on the top of French Hill, about opposite No. 15 on Eldorado. With his partner "Caribou Bill" he immediately went to work with a will and the gentlemen have succeeded in working out about one-fourth of the claim already this season. From reports they have taken enough out which when divided will allow Mr. Staley to enjoy a few of the pleasures incident to an extended trip through the East with possibly an indulgence in a few of those luxuries so dear to the heart of the "sour dough" miner. Mr. Staley intends returning to his work in the early spring.

The energetic Captain Anderson was in town for a few hours this week. With Col. J. C. Jenks he some time ago took out three men and the necessary outfit to give their properties on Brimstone creek a preliminary test. Three holes were sunk to bed rock on the creek averaging a depth of 18 feet, and four holes were put down on the benches, reaching bed rock at 14 feet. The gentlemen are not discouraged at the fact that they found nothing but a trifle of coarse gold, but not in paying quantities. As the captain says: "If we got a mine every hole we sunk they would have no value." The captain, the colonel and their men are going to give Champion creek a whirl next. Champion enters Dominion at No. 12 below lower discovery.

George Beale, of Rosslyn, Wash., has returned from an arduous trip with his party up the Pelly river. They went up the big Salmon's gulch to a point 300 miles from its mouth. They made several locations but are not over sanguine of them as they were unable to stop and sink for want of provisions. If the food supply had held out the trip would have been extended still further as the party were endeavoring to reach a point which is supposed to have been visited before by a man who it is claimed returned to the states with a big fat roll after but one short season's work. The party does not feel so sanguine about the story now. Mr. Beale will return to his Rosslyn home on the first boat.

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