

respectable fortunes, made by the more fortunate speculators, a very large proportion of those engaged in the enterprises enumerated above made but little, if any, profit, while many met with actual loss owing to the fact that the market was greatly overstocked with the lines of goods they brought in. Moreover, a number of boats loaded with merchandise were wrecked in Thirty-Mile River and at the rapids, and the owners suffered a total loss of their cargoes. So the statement made in the former report still holds good, that while this field of enterprise yields enormous returns in case of success, the difficulties and risks are so great that conservative men who know the conditions are loath to enter it.

One restaurant kept open almost continuously during the winter, with the following bill of fare tacked on the wall: "Bowl of soup, \$1; mush and milk, \$1.25; dish of canned corn, \$1.25; dish of canned tomatoes, \$2; stewed fruit, \$1.25; slice of pie, 75 cents; doughnuts, pie, or sandwich, with coffee or tea, \$1.25; beans, coffee, and bread, \$2; plain steak, \$3.50; porterhouse steak, \$5." After small boats began to arrive in May restaurants were opened on every hand, and on June 20 seventeen were running in Dawson, the charge for a regular meal being \$2.50. Meals consisted of bread and butter, coffee, soup, fish, a small moose steak or stew, a potato, eggs, and pudding or pie. A porterhouse steak ordered by the card cost \$5; poached eggs on toast, \$2; hot cakes and maple sirup, \$1. A leading restaurant, having a seating capacity of thirty-two, employed three cooks, one of whom received \$100 per week, and the others \$1 per hour. Four waiters (two men and two women) were employed on the day shift and two on the night shift—wages of the men, \$50 per week, the women receiving \$100 per month. Dishwashers and yard men received \$5 per day. All employees were boarded by the restaurant, but were required to lodge themselves. The rental of the building, which is a canvas structure 20 by 40 feet in size, was \$900 per month.

The wine card of a leading restaurant for June 20 read as follows: "Champagne, \$20 per pint, \$40 per quart; sherry \$15 per pint, \$25 per quart; claret, \$15 per pint, \$25 per quart; ale, \$5 per bottle; half-and-half, \$5 per bottle; mineral water, \$3 per bottle." Notwithstanding the high figures appearing on a Dawson wine card, it is quite as frequently consulted as the more elaborate wine card of a first-class restaurant in our large cities.

Lodging in bunk rooms, containing from 12 to 24 bunks, costs \$1.50 per night. A single room costs from \$3 to \$8 per night. In order to secure a night's lodging it is necessary to make application forty-eight hours in advance, and the application must be accompanied by the cash.

The leading gambling house and dance hall employs three bartenders, two weighers, a bookkeeper, and a porter. Bartenders receive \$15 per day; the bookkeeper, \$17.50; weighers, \$15; and the porter, \$10. In the