QUARTETTE OF DELEGATES

May go to Ottawa to Represent Klondike in Her Rights Versus Treadgold—Concilman Wilson Sent by Creeks—Three Others From Dawson.

The meeting of the committees appointed to consider the best means of defeating the Treadgold concession, held in the rooms of the Board of Trade on Saturday night and yesterday morning, resulted in the election of two delegates to be sent to Ottawa, J. F. Sugrue and A. D. Williams. This was the result of the second ballot. On the first ballot F. T. Congdon had 12 votes, and Sugrue the next highest vote, 9. The change resulting from the second ballot did not seem to suit the committee, and there was a suggestion to set the ballot aside also Mr. Williams offered to withdraw in favor of Mr. Congdon, and another suggestion was made that the number of delegates be increased to four, including Arthur Wilson, the chosen delegate of the creeks. Mr. Congdon, after the second ballot, which had defeated him, resigned from the contest, and even declined the offer of Mr. Williams to retire in his favor. But the suggestion that his name be added to the two chosen by the committee he promised to consider and to give his decision at the meeting to be held this afternoon.

Mayor Macaulay presided at the meeting Saturday night, and Mr. Black was the secretary. There were present: A. F. Nicol, J. C. Noel, Neil McGregor, Davison, Bethune, Belfoy, Matheson, Woodworth, O. H. Clarke, Arthur Palmer, Williams, Prudhomme, Boulais, George, F. T. Congdon, Sugrue, Hebb, John Joslin, Miller and Ashley. Some few of these were only advisory members of the committee, and when the voting took place for delegates the number entitled to vote was eighteen.

It was reported to the meeting that delegations were in town from the meeting at Grand Forks and that at Gold Bottom on the previous evening. An invitation was extended to these gentlemen to be present and shortly after they entered the room. Mayor Woodburn, Kerney, Kehoe, Bishop and Byrne were the representatives of the Forks and from Gold Bottom came Dr. Clendennen, Schalkenbach, Couture, Ballentine, Price and Lennox.

Mr. Bethune then read the following report:

The undersigned, who were appointed by the general committee nominated at the mass meeting held in Dawson on the evening of Monday, the 17th of February instant, as a subcommittee to collect information and make a report in regard to objectionable features of the Treadgold concession, beg to report as follows:

It is easy to understand how intelligent gentlemen at the capital should be mislead both as to the value of the water supply contemplated by the Treadgold concession, as to the size of the capital proposed to be invested by him and as to the value of the concessions made to him, but in the opinion of your committee no one in possession of the information which your committee has been enabled to obtain by search at the gold commissioner's office, by numerous interviews with miners, engineers and other men practically acquainted with the conditions of this territory and from every source available, can doubt that the supply of water contemplated by the scheme of the applicants for the concession is a mere stalking horse under cover of which he may obtain absolute possession of enormous mining tracts practically embracing the richest known mining district in the territory.

It seems to your committee that while from a logical or scientific point of view the instruments containing the Treadgold concessions are of a most imperfect and inartistic kind they are from the point of view of Mr. Treadgold and his associates crowned with clever adroitness. They are complex, involved and obscure, and as a consequence difficult to readily understand, and appear to have been purposely framed in that way to deceive into the belief that the Treadgold people were conferring an enormous benefit on the country and were receiving small return, whereas they are in effect giving little or nothing and receiving vast benefits.

Your committee has had special reports made by individual members of the committee on the features of the concession, which reports have been submitted to the committee and approved by it, and are herewith attached and returned to the general committee for its information.

To summarize the many opinions and views adverse to the concession is most difficult, but your committee desires to lay special stress on the following particulars:

1.—That the concession instruments ignore to a very large extent and over-ride rights and vested interests already created by private enterprise and private capital.

2.—That Treadgold makes no adequate covenants to insure fair and reasonable supply of water to miners who may require it.

3.—That the maximum of price is too high and that his powers of impounding water and obtaining abandoned claims, and his exclusive, sole and prior right with regard to water, afford him a most potent lever to compel payment of his exorbitant rates or abandonment of property.

4.—That the closing to the prospector and the miner of large tracts of country, the ignoring of private rights, the exclusive rights, and the other special privileges granted to the concession, will create a state of uncertainty in the most important section of the community that will be most injurious to the interests of the territory and will tend both to deprive the government of revenue and the business community of the territory of a large branch of trade.

5.—That the expropriation clauses are not framed with due regard to the rights of individual owners and have no adeguate provision for indemnification.

In conclusion your committee very greatly fear that if the concession is allowed to stand in its present form and without most radical amendments and alterations that a monopoly will be created that will practically dominate the richest part of the Yukon Territory. In the opinion of your committee the best scheme for supplying water for mining purposes would be one initiated, operated and controlled by the government, but above all it is undesirable that a monopolist of the water supply should at the same time be a competitor in mining operations with miners dependent upon him for their water supply.

Your committee believes that the government has been deceived in this matter and that if a commission were appointed to obtain evidence regarding the true facts of the matter ample grounds would be furnished to justify the government in rescinding the various orders-in-council and other instruments relating to the concession if not in toto at all events in so far as they are most objectionable.

Your committee think that great pains should be taken by every person interested in the well fare of the territory to furnish to any gentleman who may be sent to Ottawa to represent the views of the territory, all possible information that will be of service in properly presenting the case to the government that the delegates should be instructed to prepare as complete and able a brief upon the subject as possible, and to proceed to Ottawa and interview, first, the honorable minister of the interior, endeavor to obtain a hearing before the governor-in-council for the purpose of remedying the wrongs done to the people of this territory by the Treadgold concession.

If these efforts fail to secure the desired end the delegates are instructed to request, and to demand as a right, an opportunity to appear at the bar of the house of commons to present their case and to urge such request and demand on the ground that the Yukon Territory is without representation in parliament.

It is confidently believed if this is done with moderation, vigor and skill the interests of the territory will be amply protected.

Dated at Dawson this 22nd day of February, A. D. 1902.

FRED. T. CONGDON,
Acting Chairman.
J. S. BETHUNE,
Secretary.
G. H. DAVIDSON,
C. M. WOODWORTH,
G. EDWARDS.

Mr. Woodworth read a special report upon the legal points embraced in the Treadgold concession, which was very lengthy and appeared to be able. He first took issue with the constitutionality of the statues themselves under which the concession was granted, and then discussed the statutes as if they were legal, which he held was doubtful. Taking these with the concession clause by clause, he showed that there was no authority whatever for granting such a concession and suggested that as a dernier resort the matter be brought before the supreme court of Canada.

Mr. Sugrue reported from the finance committee that in regard to securing the money to pay the expenses of a delegation the committee had only called upon 23 people and from them had obtained subscriptions amounting to $1550. None of this money had been collected, as there were several who first desired to know who were the delegates before they subscribed.

At this point one of the creek delegates asked that some idea be given them of what had been done in the matter by the Dawson people.

Mr. Congdon was called upon to state this, and did so very ably, incidentally remarking that in Dawson there were more facilities for looking into the merits of the question than was possessed by the people of the creeks. In regard to delegates, if it was decided to send three, two of them should be sent from Dawson. A committee was appointed to attend the meeting at the Forks, but with no intentions of dictating to them or others outside of Dawson.

Dr. Clendennen arose with blood in his eye. He said the Dawson committee came to the Forks, and they were very glad to have them, as they had probably information not possible to obtain at the Forks, But although they lived up the creeks they were not going to be dictated to.

Someone asked if the committee exceeded its duty, and Dr. Clendennen answered that they were kept in their bounds.

The discussion was becoming acrimonious and Mr. Congdon poured oil on the troubled waters, and it was not the only time that his diplomatic skill was called into requisition in the course of the evening.

Mr. Bethune next read the alternative proposition to the Treadgold gold plan, a gravity system of water supply to be undertaken by the government, for which it should float two millions in bonds. Dominion Land Surveyor Edwards read another plan, and was followed by J. H. Davison reading another. It was stated that one had been received from L. L. Foley, but in the midst of indiscriminate discussion the reading of this was probably overlooked.

It was 10:40 by the time these reports were all read and adopted, and Mr. Clendennen made a capital argument against offering any substitute scheme for bringing water on the creeks, arguing that the whole force of the delegation should be directed to wiping out the Treadgold concession. It was foolish, he said, to argue that the delegates could carry this alternate proposition up their sleeves, as it would be known at Ottawa through the newspapers before the delegation left Dawson. Hunker had a substitdte to offer to the delegate proposition, and that was to use the electric telegraph wire to electrocute Treadgold. They proposed for consideration that the government at Ottawa be warned that they would received red hot telegrams, expressing the indignation of the people of the Klondike, every day until the Treadgold concession was wiped out.

Without any motion before the meeting a very lively debate went on until eleven o'clock, the contention of the creek men being that they had had no time to offer their views on the reports. Nearly all of them spoke, and with good sense, and cool deliberation. Then it was proposed and carried that the resolution adopting the reports be rescinded and that they be reconsidered. A general discussion followed which resulted in the reports being again adopted.

Mr. Hebb moved that the committee endorse Arthur Wilson as one of the delegates. This was seconded by Dr. Clendennen, but, it being stated that Mr. Wilson had not been properly elected by the people of the creeks, Mayor Woodburn stated what had been done. He said their committee had gone around collecting subscriptions and each subscriber was asked to name his candidate for delegate. Then these preferences were counted and showed an overwhelming majority for Mr. Wilson. The creeks had already collected 75 per cent. of the subscriptions in cash, with the understanding, of course, of the large majority of the subscribers, that Mr. Wilson would be the delegate.

There was a lot more discussion after this and it seemed impossible to arrive at any conclusion or to have the motion put, so at ten minutes past midnight, the creek men asked leave to retire and await the decision of the Dawson committee.

O. H. Clarke then moved an adjournment, which was seconded, but the motion was voted down. A motion was next made that the meeting proceed to elect three delegates, to which Mr. Congdon moved an amendment "and that Mr. Wilson be one of the three." This was carried by eleven to two.

Nominations were now declared to be in order and Mr. Congdon was the first name offered. Mr. Boulais nominated A. D. Williams; Mr. Davidson, J. F. Sdgrue; Mr. Matheson, W. A. Beddoe; and Mr. O. H. Clarke John Joslin. The result of the balloting was as follows:

	First Ballot	Second Ballot
Congdon	12	8
Sugrue	9	10
Williams	9	9
Beddoe	1	
Joslin	2	

A rule had been made that the one getting the lowest number of votes should be withdrawn. After the first ballot Mr. Beddoe was stricken out and Mr. Joslin asked to have his name withdrawn. After the second ballot Mr. Congdon said he withdrew.

Mr. Sugrue remarked that they seemed to be getting in a deadlock, as he did not see how they could send a delegation to Ottawa without a lawyer in it, and he hoped Mr. Congdon would reconsider his decision.

Mr. Congdon said he would have to go to a great sacrifice to accept, and he would have gone to the greatest sacrifices, but under the circumstances he would not become a delegate.

In the discussion which followed Mr. Williams twice offered to withdraw in favor of Mr. Congdon, and Mr. Matheson suggested that another ballot be taken. Mr. Congdan said: "I absolutely will not go to Ottawa as a delegate."

Then a suggestion made earlier in the discussion, that Dawson send three instead of two members of the delegation, was taken up and carried, and a unanimous vote was cast to request Mr. Congdon to reconsider his decision. Mr. Congdon slowly acquiesced, but said he would not give his answer before the committee met today.

When the adjournment was taken it was nearly half-past one on Sunday morning.

MOTIONS AND ARGUMENTS

Chamber Day in Territorial Court.

But Little Business Now Occupying the Attention of the Barristers.

Territorial court convened in chambers this morning, though there was but little to occupy the attention of his lordship and the session lasted scarcely an hour.

Bank of British North America vs. Hartney came up on an application for a commission to issue to examine witnesses in Vancouver. Allowed.

In Monroe vs. Morrison, a motion was argued to grant an enlargement of the time required in which a notice of appeal shall be filed. The case was heard by Mr. Justice Craig, who gave judgment from which it is now desired to appeal to the British Columbia court of appeals. The motion was opposed by counsel on the other side upon the grounds that the twenty days allowed by the rules of the court in which to file such motion had expired. Mr. Noel for the motion insisted that he had filed his notice of intention within the prescribed time but that he could not file his notice of appeal until he had reviewed the evidence which had not been transcribed from the court stenographer's notes. His lordship was inclined against the motion but reserved his decision until he had consulted some authorities. Another motion in the same case asking for a stay of proceedings rests pending the decision of his lordship upon the original.

In the motion for security for costs in the case of Grotschier vs. Morrison an action that was begun subsequent to the departure of the plaintiff for the outside, a stay of proceedings was granted until April 2.

In Maguire vs. Boyle the time in which plaintiff may deposit security for costs was extended to five months. Maguire is at present in New York.

An application for the particulars of the fraud alleged in the case of Beaulac vs. Lumpkin et al was allowed after a little argument on the part of counsel. The costs of the application were reserved for future adjudication.

McKay vs. Sullivan was enlarged one week.

For Sale.

THREE-QUARTER interest on lower half left limit hillside, 27 Gold Run, at a bargain. Apply R. N. Robertson, Log Cabin Hotel, South Dawson.

THISTLE LOOKS GOOD

Considerable Work Now Being Done.

Those Who Have Stayed With It Are Being Repaid for Their Confidence.

Mr. F. Kramer, an old timer on Thistle creek, reports that work on this creek has resulted in the installation of machinery and some large dumps will be taken out by spring. Mr. Kramer in speaking of the work says that while the creek has had a black eye among some people, results now shown will repay those who have had the faith to stay with it. Everybody, he says, seems satisfied with the outlook.

The hillsides opposite discovery are taking out good pay. This paystreak seems to run spotted, $22 being the largest pan taken out.

Mr. J. McPheil has run a tunnel 75 feet into the hillside but would have to tunnel 125 feet more to tap the pay streak from which Ed. E. Mortimer took the gold in 1901. Claims 15, 18 and 19 above have good prospects and the representation work is being done on 16 and 17. Work is being done in the 20 block, also 40 and 80 blocks. 104, 105 and 175 are good, $600 having been taken out of one of these claims. Mr. Thayer is interested in these and also owns a one-half interest in 9 above and one-half of the 30 block below. Mr. Thayer left about the middle of January for his former Maine home to interest capital to work the ground. Mr. Thayer has stayed on the ground for some time and believes he has a good thing. On 15 below, owned by Mr. Kramer and Mr. Shaffer, formerly of Seattle, 50c pans have been taken out on the edge of the pay streak. Mr. Shaffer is now returning over the ice and work will be pushed all summer.

On 16 and 17 below, owned by Mr. Quackenbush, of Washington, D.C., Geo. Ladd and Jacob Stoerkel, formerly of Detroit, Mich., a 12-foot pay streak has been located so far with $6.40 to the bucket of 4 pans. A $36 nugget was found. A steam thawer will be erected by the middle of March.

Mr. Calp, Fred Bantee and Kennedy are operating a steam thawer on 19. $4.40 to the bucket is the best pay so far on this claim.

Mr. Thartee of 31 below has just struck pay. Work is being done on 34, 38 and 39.

Three parties are working in the 40s, having commenced work about the 1st of January.

No. 52 has good prospects.

Mr. Kuntz and Fitzgerald of 53 have taken out $5 pans.

One party of three are working in the 60s. They commenced work about the middle of January.

Mr. Thompson of 91 below has good prospects.

On 13 above owned by Fred Hood very coarse gold has been struck in his last hole.

Will Saw Two Days.

Oscar Albert Endlung, a boy of about seventeen, who described himself as a miner, was at the dock in the police court this morning, charged with the theft of a huskey dog, valued at $150, the property of Geo. B. Sproule. The boy testified in his own behalf and said that a man named Watson, who was going up the creeks for a couple of days, said he could use the dog in the meantime. As the man Watson could not be found Captain Starnes thought this excuse too thin, but on account of the youth of the prisoner he made the punishment two days imprisonment only, with hard labor.

Did'nt Steal the Cat.

Walter B. Ross, of the White Pass Company, went to the A. B. circus on Friday night and took Mrs. Ross with him. They locked up their residence at Ninth and Queen, but robbers got in nevertheless. They were exceedingly wary robbers. They took the contents of Mrs. Ross' purse, about $7, but left the purse, a gold watch and other valuables capable of identification. Mr. Ross thinks this is the reason they did not steal the cat.

Discharged Today.

Ivan Josef Lilliovitch, who has been sick at St. Mary's hospital, was discharged today, and will leave on the next White Pass stage for the outside.

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