

BROOM AT MAST.

The Palatial Steamer Yukoner Sweeps the River in Speed

TO DELIGHT OF WHITEHORSE FOLK

Who Present Capt. Turnbull With Memorial and Sweeper.

VOYAGE DOWN WAS PLEASANT

Louise for St. Michael—J. P. Light Will Return Loaded—Canadian Due Tomorrow.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The steamer Yukoner arrived early this morning with a new broom tacked, not to the proverbial masthead, but at the top nich of her forward flag pole. She has justly earned the distinction of being the swiftest boat on the Yukon and her officers and crew are jubilant over her success. The record trip was made on her last run to Whitehorse, and that she received a royal welcome upon her arrival is witnessed by a cleverly written testimonial which was presented to Capt. Wm. Turnbull, with the signatures of the "gang" before his departure for Dawson.

The round trip will be remembered with pleasure by the Yukoner's crew, for coming down river with her was the Savoy Theater Company, 42 strong, who made the journey down stream a continual round of pleasure, with music, songs and general good-fellowship. Purser Vifquam speaks in the highest terms of the company; they, he said, being not only clever, but decent people and entirely different from the usual theatrical companies which have made Dawson their mecca in the past. The officers of the Yukoner are Capt. Wm. Turnbull, Purser C. J. Vifquam, Cpts. Rabb and Green and Engineer Hewitt.

The following is the testimonial referred to: To the captain, officers and crew of the steamer Yukoner, greeting: Three days, fifteen hours and fifteen minutes is the best time record made by any boat between Dawson and Whitehorse. This record is held by the ever-popular steamer Yukoner, and with one acclaim the boys of Whitehorse say "Well Done," and hereby offer their hearty congratulations, and in symbol of your sweeping all previous records before you, on behalf of the proprietors of the Whitehorse hotel, present you with a broom, which we feel will never be lowered until a swifter boat manned by a more popular captain and crew sail between aforesaid ports, but the time is not yet nor shall it soon come to pass. Long may this symbol of success wave o'er the good ship Yukoner.

The Yukoner will sail tomorrow probably as yet. She brought seven sacks of mail and 63 passengers, whose names follow: F. Montquinet, N. H. Montquinet, Mr. Bell, F. Fraser, W. W. Petre, W. Fitzpatrick, E. Steel, Ed Young, C. Johnson, Framouth, Misses Walthers, Forest, Stanley, Scanlon, Eldridge, Montrose, Mr. F. E. Crosley, Messrs. Carp, Clew, Nelson, Fisher, A. Manar, W. H. Myers, W. W. Wyndon, W. P. Dixon, S. Levy, R. H. Herron, R. C. Rowie, H. H. Peters, H. Laughlin, P. G. Lee, Thos. W. Hardy, P. G. Washburn, Misses Cammetta, Lemar, Durrell, Rockwell, Demar, Bevis, DeLoey, Milville, Edgeton, Williams, Messrs. Hart, Rany, Wilkinson, Melden, Bryant, Ainslow, Mae Stanley, Miss McNeil, J. McNeil, Miss Lloyd, Steve O'Brien, W. R. Jackson, Greenball, Flynn, Mrs. Flynn, Alex McFarland, D. Buckley, A. H. Morrison.

The Louise is billed to sail this afternoon for St. Michael. The next boat to arrive up the river will probably be the Susie. She will be followed by the Hannah, another A. C. boat.

The J. P. Light started on her initial run to Whitehorse today. She will load the largest consignment of freight put on a boat from that point—probably 250 or 300 tons.

The Tyrrell will sail tonight. The Nora, which boat was to sail yesterday, is delayed until today. She is now repairing her engines.

The Flora sails for the Stewart river tomorrow.

The Canadian was reported coming down at Hootalinqua this morning at 8 o'clock. The Zealandian passed that point at 7 a. m. going up.

The Lightning passed Big Salmon, coming down, at 3 a. m. The Sybil was heard from going up at Five Fingers at 11:45 last night.

Will Plow Snow.

A fine new rotary snow plow has been ordered by the White Pass & Yukon road. It will be put to use this winter, and in addition to that received last fall the road will have two modern rotaries. The one lately ordered is to be built according to special instructions with the purpose of having the machine especially adapted to the peculiarities of this region. The experience acquired in last winter's work with the first rotary will be taken advantage of in the making of the new rotary.

Other rolling and motive stock on the road has been increased a great deal the last few months, and it has been within only a few weeks that several fine new engines have arrived. Two splendid Baldwin locomotives were put in use not long ago, and now a third is out on the track. While heavy and powerful of appearance they are beautiful and striking in their symmetry and form. All are just from the factory and have the most modern equipments.

"The Best Laid Plans."

"When I was a young fellow, I was a dreamer," said a benevolent citizen. "I thought that my greatest pleasure would be to give money to the poor and live a life of simple, unworldly devotion and gentleness. That was when I was about 20.

"At 25 I came into some money rather unexpectedly. The first thing I did was to give a dinner. I got tipsy—the first time in my life. I had a fight with a waiter and nearly punched his eye out. I was arrested and had to be bailed out by my lawyer. The waiter sued me for damages, and I was so angry with him and myself and the downfall of my great ideals that I refused to compromise as my lawyer advised. The waiter lost most of his savings, in fees and expenses, and his family came wailing to ask me to pay his doctor's bills and help him get a position and they would drop the suit.

"I came to my senses and did more than that for them. My old ideas, modified and modernized, took hold of me again, and while I am a hard-headed business man today most of my friends are poor people. But my first use of money shows how flimsy the pedestals of most ideals are and how foolish it is to say what we would do if we could."—New York Commercial-Advertiser.

BRIEF MENTION.

M. Campbell, of Hunker creek, is in town on business.

O. F. Shepperd is registered at the Regina.

Mrs. H. D. Wright, of 12 upper Bonanza is visiting the city.

The steamers Al-Ki and Seattle are in Skagway today and the Dirigo is due.

The construction of the arches for the reception of the governor general is progressing rapidly.

Al Smith, of 24 above, on Bonanza, is registered at the Regina. Mr. Smith is on his way to the outside.

Monday a large wood raft containing 125 cords of wood came down the river adrift and was captured by Dick Brown.

Mrs. J. L. Keeler and Mr. and Mrs. McKann will leave tomorrow on the Yukoner en route to Port Townsend, Wash.

The little steamer formerly known as the Burpee is to be rechristened and after receiving her new machinery will probably be put on the Stewart river run.

John Crowl with his wife and children, have arrived from Skagway. Mr. Crowl is an electrician and has accepted a position with the Dawson Light & Power Co.

Miss Alice M. McAndrews, representing the Butte Inter-Mountain, has arrived here and will remain for some time. Miss McAndrews visited Nome earlier in the season.

Capt. E. J. Smythe, who returned from the outside a short time since, has been quite ill at the Good Samaritan hospital for some days, but was seen on the streets again this morning.

Robert W. Jennings, esq., has returned from a business trip to the Jack Wade country and will leave for his home in Skagway tonight. He is much impressed with the future of Jack Wade as a mining field.

The preliminary hearing in the case of Ernest Jordan, who was licensed captain on the steamer Florence S. at the time of her upsetting and loss in Thirty-mile, was on for an hour or two in police court this morning, but was not completed.

A forest fire was started sometime this afternoon near the old slaughter house on the left side of the Yukon and almost opposite Swede creek. From the amount of smoke that is rolling heavenward from that place, the fire is evidently an enthusiastic one.

General Manager E. C. Hawkins, of the W. P. & Y. R., who has been in the city for the past three or four days, will leave for the outside in a day or two. He has urgent business for his company in Seattle, but expects to again visit Dawson the latter part of next month. He is very favorably impressed with what he has seen while here.

TAXES ILLEGAL

Is the Tenor of a Report Read and Submitted Last Night

BY THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT.

Report of Committee on Schools Was Much Modified.

WILL RECOMMEND LABOR LAW

Arrangements for Vice-Regal Reception Well Under Way—Mr. McGillivray's Invitation.

The fact that there are two grades of members of the Board of Trade caused a meeting of that body to be somewhat long drawn out last night. Every member of the organization appears to have the best interests of the city and district at heart, but there is a difference in the mode and manner of expression. One element of the board is disposed to call a spade a spade instead of referring to it as an implement of agriculture; while another element, just as zealous in the advancement of the local interests as their out-spoken co-workers, insist on administering a rubbing of goose grease on every measure that is up for hearing and disposition, and it was applying goose grease to a number of reports submitted last night that caused the meeting to be in session until well along towards midnight.

When the session was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting had been disposed of Dr. H. M. Yemans entered with General Manager E. C. Hawkins, of the White Pass and Yukon Route, whom he introduced to president Fulda, who in turn introduced him to the meeting in a few but well-chosen words. Mr. Hawkins was greeted by general applause. He spoke for several minutes on the subject of the work in which he has been for two years and is yet interested. His company, he said, is now satisfied with its investment, which at first looked like a risky and hazardous one. In answer to a question, Mr. Hawkins said his company's franchise extends to Fort Selkirk, but that there is no intention on the part of the company to extend its line north of the present Whitehorse terminus for at least two years, although, in his opinion an extension to a point on the Yukon below Rink rapids would greatly facilitate the matter of shipping, as that would preclude the necessity of steamers going into the more dangerous parts of the route as they are now required to do. Mr. Hawkins said that as all the money for the construction of the road comes from London, and as the present condition of the money market there is greatly depressed on account of war in Africa and contemplated war in China, it would not be possible to extend the line now even if it were so desired. Regarding the matter of a Sunday telegraph service, Mr. Hawkins said his company is ready to transmit any business that may be entrusted to it on Sunday.

A number of the regular committees reported progress in the matter of preparing reports.

The committee on architecture and education, of which committee Messrs. Crawford, Dawson, Wade, Parsons and Allen are members, submitted a voluminous report in which the action of the commissioner of the district in leasing Fraternity hall for school purposes was denounced, it being stated that two school buildings for non-sectarian schools are needed instead of one; that they should be located, one in the south and one in the north ends of the city; that Fraternity hall is not suited to school purposes; that it is poorly constructed, ill ventilated and is located in a portion of the city where there are few if any school subjects.

During the discussion of the report it came out that two months or more ago there were 286 school subjects in Dawson and that fully 100 have been since added to the number. It was the sense

of the report that the location of Fraternity hall will preclude a large number of children from attending school in severe weather. It was reasoned that economy is at all times a good thing, but that to practice it too rigidly where the interests of several hundred children are at stake is disastrous to good government and not in keeping with the broad spirit of free education which prevails in other parts of Canada.

An hour or more was spent in discussing and goose-greasing the report, and after it had been modified until its authors would not recognize it under an arc light, it was adopted.

Dr. Yemans, chairman of the committee on health and sanitation, submitted a partial report, but was not ready to report in full. Later in the evening the same committee, through Dr. Yemans, reported that the smallpox has been virtually stamped out from Dawson; that of the six cases, all are on the high road to recovery, and that there have been no new cases for the past three weeks and that no further apprehensions need be felt, although it is not advisable to relax vigilance or grow careless; as it is yet possible that the disease may be brought here from other points.

As chairman of the committee on Lord Minto's reception, Mr. Wade reported progress and activity on the part of those having the matter in charge. His committee had conferred with committees from other bodies and had satisfactory arrangements and everything is progressing finely. The matter of the grand parade of organizations, fraternities, pack trains, dog teams, etc., is now about all there is to work up and get ready.

The matter of preparing a nugget souvenir, for Lady Minto has been appropriately relegated to the miners. Mr. McGillivray has kindly issued an invitation to the vice regal party to visit his claim, partake of luncheon and see the work of sluicing and cleaning up. In behalf of the distinguished guests it is said Commissioner Ogilvie has accepted the invitation and will invite three members from both the Board of Trade and citizens' committee to accompany the party on its tour of the creeks.

Mr. Wade, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation, made a most complete report, a synopsis of which is that the Yukon council has no authority under the present law to levy, assess and collect taxes until there is local representation on the council; that such levy, assessment and collection of taxes prior to the representation of the district is illegal and could be successfully protested. The report was discussed at length, modified to some extent and adopted, the secretary being instructed to furnish the commissioner with a copy of the report today.

A motion submitted by Mr. Wade passed, to wit: That a committee be appointed to frame and recommend for passage by the Yukon council such laws as will protect the laborer in mines against loss of his wages; provide for a laborer's lien on dumps and otherwise protect him against the avaricious practices to which he is now subjected. President Fulda will name the committee provided for in the motion today.

In the Gloaming.

"George," she whispered, as she crept a little closer and placed her right auricular against his left-hand second-storey vest pocket—"George, I want to ask you a question—a very important one. Why do you allude to papa as a pirate? Surely you must have some good reason for doing so?"

"I have indeed," responded George, with a dreamy, far-away look in his eyes. "Pirates board people, you know; and I expect your father, if my plans work all right, to eventually board me."

"Oh, how clever you are, George! Do you know, I was awfully afraid you were going to get off that ancient chestnut about his being such an old freebooter, and I'm so glad you didn't, because all the fellows I've had have said that, and I was longing for something new?"

And, with a contented little sigh, she unscanned her northwest ear deeper than ever in George's upper left-hand vest pocket, and settled down for the evening.—Ex.

Rapid Transportation.

Mr. E. C. Hawkins stated in the Nugget office today that freight had lately been delivered in Dawson on the eighth day after having been shipped from Seattle. This, to the man who packed his outfit over the summit in '97 or early in '98, will appear in the form of almost an impossibility. Of course, all freight matter is not expected to make such phenomenal time, but perishable goods can be forwarded in this time regularly. Dawson is several weeks nearer civilization now than it was in the days of pack trains and raft building.

CLEMENT IN COURT.

The Public Administrator and Legal Adviser of Yukon Council

ACCUSED OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENT

Concerning the Settling of Estate of James F. Dennis, Deceased.

JOS. A. M'GILL FILES CHARGE

The Case Now on Preliminary Trial in Police Court—Story of the Prosecution.

Yesterday afternoon information was laid by Joseph A. McGill, charging Public Administrator W. H. P. Clement with making a false return in the matter of his administration of the estate of James F. Dennis, deceased.

Mr. Clement was not arrested and released under bonds to appear in the police court this morning, he was merely served with a summons.

This forenoon, after some minor matters had been disposed of, the case was called, and the principal witness for the prosecution, Joseph A. McGill, made the statement that on the 24th of last month he had received a letter from the executrix of the estate authorizing him to act for her as administrator of the estate here. On the second of August he called upon the public administrator and showed him his authority for demanding the effects of the deceased.

Mr. Clement told him that on the following day, August 3, he would have a statement prepared, and that he could get it then. At the time indicated he called, and was given a gold watch, which formed a part of the effects of the deceased, together with a statement of other effects and disbursements which had been made to creditors of deceased, and to pay bills consequent upon his death.

This statement showed \$699 as the amount of dust, nuggets and currency turned over to the public administrator by the police after the death of Dennis.

The informant had gone to Grand Forks, and at the police station there had seen a receipt given to the sergeant in charge by the officer from here for 52 ounces 5 pennyweights and 6 grains of dust, 11 pennyweights 12 grains of nuggets in a bottle, one nugget weighing 9 pennyweights and 12 grains, currency amounting to \$59.25 and one gold watch, which foots up \$859, leaving a balance of about \$160 unaccounted for.

Mr. McGill offered statements of several accounts, entered in the public administrator's statement as disbursements but they were denied admission as evidence by Magistrate Scarth, on the ground that they had not been made in the presence of the accused.

Undertaker Green was called and testified to the correctness of the bill rendered for the burial of deceased.

Mr. Clement did not testify in defense, but in answer to questions put to him by Mr. McGill, who conducted the prosecution, he stated that at the time the effects had been turned over to his office by the police he was not present, and had received no statement. He admitted the genuineness of the statement produced by the prosecution. He stated that he kept two books, one in the office and another which he carried in his pocket, and which is a duplicate of the one kept in the office. This is done in case of loss of the office books by fire.

Mr. McGill called for the production in the court of both books, and as it was then near the noon hour, court was adjourned till 3 p. m., when the administrator's books are to be produced.

Caught.

Onward came the frantic steed!
People, shrieking, fled its path;
From constraining forces freed,
On it came—a thing of wrath.

Bertie heard the noise and ran;
Saw the terror clear the street;
Something stirred this valiant man—
Thrilled him to his very feet.

Bertie's courage did not flag—
All the danger clear he saw;
Click! he'd caught the rushing nag—
Caught it with his camera!