

# PROGRESS OF LA BELLE CASE

## Evidence in Connection With the Murder of Bouthillette Concluded Yesterday Afternoon—Decision Held Pending Examination on Second Charge.

When the Nugget went to press yesterday afternoon the preliminary trial of La Belle for the murder of Bouthillette seemed likely to be continued until today, but the crown prosecutor closed late in the afternoon, and the magistrate committed him for trial and ordered that the charge against the same prisoner for the murder of Beaudoin be heard this morning. The testimony which concluded the Bouthillette case yesterday was as follows:

Joseph Dowdall, second-hand dealer, South Dawson, was called to identify the blankets; before identified as belonging to Bouthillette, as those offered for sale and bought by him from the accused on June 30th. The latter came in with two other men. One came in and asked if he bought blankets. Witness said he did. Then the men went down to the boat near the slough and the three came up with the blankets, for which witness paid \$8.

Cross-examined by Mr. Noel: All three seemed to be interested in the sale. He could not remember which received the money.

Corporal Piper, who again appeared in uniform after a long time in plain clothes, was next called to the witness stand. He said he had been with the Mounted Police for thirteen years and in Dawson since 1898. He received instructions on July 15th to proceed up the Yukon to six miles from Indian river, where he found the body which has since been identified as that of Bouthillette. What led to this identification was the key ring found in the clothes, which carried a brass tag engraved with the name of Leon Bouthillette. As the corporal told the condition in which he found the body, how after he had washed off the mud the wounds began to bleed, it was noticed that the prisoner was paying intense interest to the recital. The rifle wounds in the head and the breast indicated to the corporal that there had been foul work done, and he lost no time in bringing the body to Dawson. When he reached here he was instructed to proceed to Selkirk where another body had been found. He went there and satisfied himself that that body had been in the water over three months, and therefore could have no connection with the present enquiry.

The corporal then told of his discovery of the camp where the murders had been committed and produced

about a hundred gruesome exhibits of the miscellaneous articles belonging to the deceased which he had there unearthed. One was the charred portion of a human skull, and there were buckles, buttons and other crumpled articles from the burned clothing of the men who had been found. He had charts showing the exact spot where each article had been found, and the whole showed a keenness of search and a piecing together of minute clues that was simply marvelous.

After Piper's long and carefully detailed evidence Alfred Horn, who had traveled on the same train with Bouthillette, gave evidence that he had seen four men leave Whitehorse in the boat with Bouthillette, while the other witnesses had only testified to seeing the three missing men and La Belle in the boat. R. L. Cowan of the Bank of Commerce identified the handwriting of La Belle and this closed the testimony, the crown prosecutor saying that he had other witnesses to call if the court should consider it necessary.

Magistrate Wroughton again formally charged La Belle, and then committed him for trial in the territorial court.

### TODAY'S SESSION ON BEAUDOIN CHARGE.

When the case of La Belle on the charge of murdering Guy Beaudoin was called in the police court this morning there was again a large crowd but not so large as at the two sessions of the court yesterday, neither had they so long to wait for the beginning of the proceedings. The magistrate took his seat yesterday an hour late, this morning only half an hour.

The proceedings were very brief. La Belle was brought in by Corporal Piper and Sergeant Smith, and looked worn and nervous after the mental tension of yesterday. The crown prosecutor said that it seemed to him a waste of time to go over the evidence which was taken yesterday and the fresh evidence to substantiate the charge against the prisoner as regards the murder of Beaudoin, and he would prefer that the hearing be adjourned from time to time so that it might be brought up at any time necessary.

Mr. Noel, for the prisoner, offered no objection to this and Magistrate Wroughton accordingly enlarged the case to Oct. 4th.

per annum from August 1, 1898, with costs against the defendant." A stay of proceedings was granted for fifteen days after the date of the judgment.

### Police Court

Charles Barnwell did not know whether he was drunk or not when he appeared in the police court this morning, and he asked the magistrate to adjourn the hearing that he might "find out about it." He was willing to pay all expenses, he said. The court did not see how he could adjourn the hearing without some reasonable plea being made and told the accused he had to plead either guilty or not guilty; Charles then pleaded guilty.

Constable Egan said the accused was abusing several people on First avenue and he gave him several chances to go home which the accused ignored and he consequently had to arrest him. He abused his captor all the way to the barracks, saying he was only a cheap guy and was arresting him for the money there was in it.

At the conclusion of the testimony Charles said: "I only want to ask him—but it's no good asking that. That's all" and he turned his back to the court with the air of a deeply persecuted martyr. Then he added: "I was forced to plead guilty, but I wish you would let it go over until tomorrow so I can find out something about it."

The court imposed a fine of \$5 and costs and loaned Charles an officer to go with him and "find out" where he could get it.

### Smith vs. Scurry

A hot go will be witnessed tonight at the Standard theatre between Al. Smith and Al. Scurry, two light weight boxers, both with good reputations.

The contest is for a purse of \$500 and gate receipts, and is creating a great deal of interest among local sports.

Scurry has done some good work in the ring in British Columbia and Smith has figured in several local bouts. Both men are out to win and each promises to give a good account of himself.

### Two or Three Jolts

Koehann Thorndson was asked in the police court this morning if he was not drunk and disorderly last night and he answered "I guess I was drunk all right, as we had two or three jolts last night." He said he came from All Gold yesterday and was going back tomorrow. Magistrate Wroughton said he had better return today, as soon as he had coughed up his \$2 and costs.

### Locomotive Coming

The Mary Graf, which is due here tomorrow, brings a locomotive for the Klondike Mines Railway, and two flat cars. The Bonanza King, which is just behind her, brings the tender and one flat car.

# COSTLY ELECTION

## Will be That of Member of Parliament

### Sixty Polling Divisions With as Many Deputy Returning Officers.

The election of a member to parliament this winter will cost \$50,000 in fees, said an official today who is in a position to know whereof he speaks. First in the way of fees the returning officer, Sheriff Ellbeck, will receive \$500; the election clerk, "Jack" Ellbeck, will get a nice little plum of \$150; each of the deputy returning officers will be paid \$25 for their services; the polling clerks will receive \$15 each and the constables \$10 each. The enumerators draw \$10 a day and their expenses and their employment will last from 30 to 40 days according to the distance their division is from the city. Mileage to the amount of 25 cents a mile is allowed the person who carries out and returns with the ballot boxes to the different divisions which is generally the polling clerk of that division. Then, too, is the fee which Mr. Justice Dugas will receive as revising barrister and for having appointed the different enumerators, and it will be a fat one of considerable consequence. There will be 60 deputy returning officers, 60 polling clerks, 60 constables and 40 enumerators. It was originally intended to have an enumerator for each division but it recently was decided to have but 40 instead of 60, several of the enumerators caring for two divisions. Thus in Dawson there are eight polling divisions but there will be but four enumerators and Caribou Crossing and Tagish will be taken by the same person.

The enumerators have all been appointed though but four have so far appeared before Sheriff Ellbeck to be sworn in. The latter has the naming of all the deputy returning officers but it is a task yet to be completed. It is customary to allow the deputy returning officer to appoint his own polling clerk. By October 15, as is required by the writ, all the enumerators will have given their sittings and will continue in session for thirty days.

As to the number of votes that will be polled, the aggregate of all the divisions is largely a matter of conjecture. At the election of two members to the Yukon council held two years ago next month there were

a little less than 2000 votes cast, but it is believed that the number at the approaching election will greatly exceed that.

### Stripes Well Earned

This morning two stripes were added to the right arm of Constables Pat Egan and James C. Stewart, both of the town station detachment, and henceforth it is Corporal Egan and Corporal Stewart. The former has been on the force for the past four years and the latter for two years and attached to "B" division for a year and a half. Both are well worth the promotion that has been given them and there are no more popular men on the force than they. Egan last winter distinguished himself by assisting in the capture of Brophy, the holdup man.

# EXPANDING COMMERCE

## Dawson's Volume of Trade Increasing

### Has Large Dealings Not Only With the Creeks But Distant Districts.

The trade of Dawson with the outlying districts has increased in a marvellous degree this season, but the increase has been so gradual and regular that it has passed almost unnoticed except by the merchants and transportation agents that have been reaping the direct benefit from it. Last year the creeks to the east of the city were all the territory considered as ground to be worked for the expansion of the city trade, but early this season saw regular boats to the Stewart, the Pelly and the Hootalinqua, and also to Eagle and Fortymile.

The expansion in this latter direction has been altogether unexpected in the magnitude of its results. When near the close of July the White

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Pass put on the Zealandian on a regular run to these points she carried on her first trips a few passengers only and a few tons of freight. For weeks now she has been carrying from fifty to sixty passengers and as many tons of freight. Forty-mile is in this territory and her trade is naturally expected. In only needed regular transportation facilities to develop it. The surprise is in the growth of the trade with Eagle, in the domain of the United States.

This trade, too, is not confined to American goods, quite a large quantity of which have paid duty here, and a still larger quantity having been taken out of bond here and reshipped to American territory without paying duty. There have been many large shipments to Eagle of Canadian goods, the purchaser paying export duty at the Dawson customs house. The returns from customs receipts at this port will show a large increase this season from this particular cause.

This expansion of local trade has only obtained a fair start this season, and for its full development one will have to wait until next year. This will continue, however, during the winter, as there are to be regular stage lines over the ice to Fortymile and Eagle during the winter. When the spring opens the White Pass will continue its expansion in this direction as well as others. It will follow on the lines which have made Jim Hill's success as a transportation factor, that of opening up and encouraging "feeders" to its

present system in all and every direction.

So far the Zealandian has made about twenty round trips to Eagle and double that number to Fortymile. Next season the company will have two boats regularly on the run, which will give two boats a week to Eagle and four boats a week to Fortymile. This season there has been no inconsiderable amount of business done by the Zealandian in carrying prospectors and their supplies to places midway. The probable outcome of this will be more landing places and places of business, on the river as these places develop. This spring there was many a time when a man wanted to go to Eagle or Fortymile but could not calculate when he would be able to return and so gave up the trip. The way the adjacent lower river country will be opened up by regular boats several times a week, and the immense trade this expansion will bring to the hub of Yukon commerce, is an agreeable thing to think about and speculate upon.

The Prospector and the La France have this season given an impetus to the development of trade on the Stewart, the Pelly and the McMillan rivers. On the Stewart there are now half a dozen large general stores and several roadhouses that were not there last year. This development also is but a beginning, to be improved and expanded by better transportation facilities. Next season the White Pass will have a steamer plying from the mouth of Stewart to

the head of navigation, with a large wharf at Stewart for the transfer of passengers and freight from the regular Whitehorse steamers. The Pelly will also have a special steamer and a wharf. The steamer Bailey has been plying on the Hootalinqua all the past season, but has gone direct to and from Whitehorse. This will also have a special steamer only plying on this river and making the mouth her initial-point next season. The Clissett has done a fair business on the Tahkena, which empties into the Pitymile, and she will probably be kept on this run.

In all this expansion, as will be noticed, there is no reference to the effect of quartz discoveries, but it can easily be seen that when a man can go quartz prospecting in a steamer, getting off at any point along the rivers with a surety of finding a steamer to take him back to Dawson without a long wait, it is a great deal more encouraging and must lead to more quartz prospecting, and to the opening up of many more properties than would have been possible under the conditions prevailing but a few months ago.

**WHAT A DAWSON MAN SAYS**

For six years I could eat nothing but milk and toast, and at times my stomach would not retain and digest even that. Last winter I commenced buying groceries of Dunham and since then I have become strong and well. A Member of the Kid Committee. At Auditorium—Old Homestead. Job Printing at Nugget office.

# A MODEL INSTITUTION

## Found at the White House

### A New Rooming Establishment Which is a Credit to the City.

One of the finest of the many new buildings erected in Dawson during the past summer is the White House, which is located on Third avenue south of the post office between King and Queen streets.

Mr. Frank McArthur, owner of the building, has fitted the second story of it into the most complete and modern hotel in the city. Mr. McArthur has spent several years in the Yukon and is thoroughly acquainted with the climatic conditions and understands the requirements necessary to meet those conditions, and in the erection of his building he spared no expense so that he has one of the warmest and most substantial buildings in Dawson.

The sixteen rooms into which the upper story is divided are all large, airy and light and have been newly carpeted and furnished throughout, and many conveniences have been added which have hitherto been foreign to Dawson.

One of the most striking features of the building and one which will appeal strongest to those looking for rooming for the winter is the new method by which the building will be heated. The McLennan & McFeely Co. has just installed one of the famous Magnet wood hot air heaters, the pipes of which are placed between the partitions so that the heat is radiated without the means being exposed.

This house is a credit to the city of Dawson and will surely meet with the approval it justly deserves.

### Judge Dugas' Vacation

Mr. Justice Dugas, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Dugas, left on the Victorian this morning, and will winter in lower California. Mr. Dugas will return over the ice early in February.

# OLD CASE SETTLED

## Judgment Rendered in Brown vs. Jeha

### Action Pertains to the Title of Lot Occupied by Dawson City Hotel.

One of the last official acts to be performed by Mr. Justice Dugas, who in company with his family left for the outside this morning, was the handing down of the judgment in the case of Brown vs. Jeha which has been on the docket for almost the last two years. The action arose over the title to a portion of lot 16, block H. A. of the Harper & Ladue townsite upon which stands the Dawson City hotel on First avenue. An interest in the lot was sold and in some manner or other a misdescription was given in the deed. His lordship's decision is lengthy and goes minutely into every phase of the case. In conclusion he says:

"Finding that as vendor the plaintiff has had all through an equitable lien on the property in question for the amount still due him, if the action was in the same condition as when instituted I would order that a legal title be given to the defendant before he should be forced to pay the amount due, but since the institution of the action and with the consent of the parties an order has been issued by the judge permitting the sale of the property, and a grant having been obtained from the crown, a certificate of title was, under the same order, issued by the registrar so as to make the title of the purchaser from the defendant perfect, the purchase money having been deposited in court to abide the result of this action. This money I take it is followed by the lien which I declare to have existed upon the property, but, as I believe that the plaintiff is not entitled under the statutes concerning interest, to more than the legal rate of interest it will be ordered that out of the moneys in court the plaintiff will be paid the said sum of \$4,550 with interest at 6 per cent.

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