

NOW SEMI-MONTHLY MAIL

To St. Michael and Cape Nome Via the Yukon.

No Contract With the U. S. Government for Dawson Mail—Large Mail Coming.

Mr. Thomas Davis, division superintendent of mails on the Yukon, who manages the contract of the C. D. Co., also that off the U. S. from Bennett to St. Michael and Cape Nome, was at the Board of Trade rooms last night before the meeting was called to order and from him was gleaned considerable information not hitherto understood relative to carrying of U. S. mail to Dawson. The U. S., it appears, has no contract for bringing its mail to Dawson, but turns it over at Bennett to the C. D. Co. The U. S. government, however, has a contract for carrying its own mail from Bennett through Canadian territory on down the river, and up to a few weeks ago this contract called for two mails each month to points as far as Tanana, and one mail each month from Tanana on to Nome via St. Michael; but beginning two weeks ago the two monthly trips are extended the entire route via Dawson from Skawgay to Cape Nome. The recompense given the Canadian government by the U. S. mail contractors is that the latter pick up the mail at all Canadian points on its route for the lower river, St. Michael and Nome.

Mr. Davis further stated that while the C. D. contract calls for only 700 pounds of mail each trip they could as easily carry 1200 pounds. The mail due here tomorrow evening contains 1000 pounds.

The Territorial Court.

The case of James Daughtry vs. Hamell et al. is being tried before Justice Dugas today. The plaintiff is suing for about \$1000, which he alleges that he expended in completing the construction of the New Pavilion saloon and dance hall building on Third street. The plaintiff contends that the defendants are liable for this amount, according to an agreement, the terms of which required the defendants to finish the structure in every particular. The testimony of Nigger Jim and Charles Hill was taken this morning.

The Free Concert.

The regular weekly free concert was recently given at the Dawson library reading and recreation room. The following program was well rendered:

Song, "Lost Chord".....Mr. Chisholm
 Recitation....."Trials on the Teslin Trail"
 Private Green
 Duet, (original)....."Whispering Hope"
 Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Davidson
 Recitation....."French Political Address"
 Mr. Cowan
 Duet....."Weep Ye No More"
 Messrs. Chisholm and Zimmerman
 Song....."A Song From the Geisha"
 Mrs. Seely
 Song (original, up-to-date)....."Tommy Atkins"
 Banjo selection....."Mr. Atwood"
 Song....."Looking Back"
 Mrs. Thompson
 Recitation....."Elysium of the Dead"
 Corporal Longstreet
 Song....."When Other Lips and Other Hearts"
 Mr. Zimmerman
 Song....."A Summer Shower"
 Mrs. Davidson
 Song....."Nancy Lee"
 Dr. McDonald
 "God Save the Queen"

Among those present were Mrs. Alex. McDonald, Miss Robinson, Miss Freeman, the Misses DeLobel, Mrs. Casey, Major Perry, Sergeant Major and Mrs. McDonald, Dr. McGregor, A. Thompson, Messrs. H. G. Herbert, DeLobel, Davidson, Dr. H. Hurdman, Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. McAdams.

Mr. Chisholm's Farewell.

The entertainment given in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening as a farewell to W. H. Chisholm was in the way of a musical and literary treat and the most successful ever given in Dawson. The church was fairly well filled with most representative people and a well varied programme was well carried out. Following is the program:

Duet.....Messrs. Chisholm and Zimmerman
 Recitation.....Henry Cowley
 Solo.....Mrs. Burke
 Instrumental music.....Mr. Atwood

Recitation.....Corporal Longstreet
 Solo.....Mrs. Thompson
 Violin solo.....Mr. Atwood
 Recitation.....Private Green
 Solo.....Mrs. Davidson
 Recitation.....Miss MacIntosh
 Banjo solo.....Mr. Stewart
 Recitation.....Mr. Cowan
 Address.....Chairman

At the conclusion of the proceedings the chairman, Col. MacGregor, in behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Chisholm with a poke—not stating the amount in value—as a token of the esteem and respect in which he was held by them. After the concert Mr. Chisholm and other members of the choir were entertained at luncheon by Major and Mrs. Perry.

New Hello-Line.

While the Daily Nugget is not yet in position to give names, it is informed that an application will shortly be made to the Yukon council for a franchise to construct and operate a telephone system in Dawson—one that will work. In case a system is constructed and instruments are rented at a price within reach of average business pursuits, it would prove a paying investment. If the franchise is granted without more than ordinary delay, Dawson will have a good telephone system by the advent of early summer.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

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Other respects radical changes are suggested. The report was read a second time, each section being fully discussed by the majority of the mine owners and operators present.

As discussion of the mining report consumed the night until 11 o'clock, further action on the report was postponed until such time as the meeting should be adjourned to meet.

A communication from H. M. Henning stated that an exclusive franchise is about to be issued for the sinking of wells for the purpose of supplying water for use in the city, and asking that the Board of Trade discountenance and discourage the issuing of the exclusive franchise. The correspondent further explained a plan of his own to construct and operate a water system, which he said would be effectual and complete and cost \$40,000. The communication was referred to the committee on fire, light and water.

The meeting was adjourned until next Wednesday night.

The following is the report of the committee on mines and mining as submitted by Messrs. Condon and Tozier, McGillivray not being present:

To the Officers and Members of the Board of Trade, Dawson, Y. T., February 7th, 1900.

Gentlemen: Your committee on mines, mining and smelting, acting under your instruction, beg to submit the following report and suggestions regarding a change in the present mining regulations governing this territory.

Using as a basis the present mining regulations we suggest (1) adoption of interpretation.

FREE MINERS AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

Adoption of clause 1.

Clause 2.—A free miner's certificate may be granted for one or more years, to run from the date thereof or from the expiration of the applicant's then existing certificate, upon the payment thereof of a sum at the rate of \$10 per year, unless the certificate be issued in favor of a joint stock company, in which case the fee shall be \$50 per annum for a company having a nominal capital of \$100,000 or less, and for a company having a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000 the fee shall be \$100 per annum. Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in a certificate.

Adoption of clause 3 for — years.

Clause 4.—"In person or by agent at the department of the interior at Ottawa, etc., or from the agents of dominion lands at Winnipeg, etc."

Adoption of clauses 5 and 6.

Clause 7.—No person or joint stock company will be recognized as having any right or interest in or to any placer claim, quartz claim, mining lease, bedrock flume, grant or any minerals in any ground comprised therein, or in or to any water right, mining ditch, drain, tunnel or flume, unless he or it and every person in his or its employment shall have a free miner's certificate unexpired, and on the expiration of a free miner's certificate the owner thereof shall or before the day fol-

lowing the expiration of such certificate obtain a new free miner's certificate and any person or joint stock company who mines or works as a miner without having taken out and obtained such certificate shall on conviction thereof in a summary way forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding \$20 for an individual, \$100 for a company with a capital of \$100,000 or less, and for a company with a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000 the sum of \$200, besides costs, provided always that nothing herein contained shall prejudice the right to collect wages or payment for work done by any person or company who through not being a free miner has rendered himself or itself liable to the above penalty.

Adoption of clauses 8 and 9.

NATURE AND SIZE OF CLAIMS.

Any placer mining claim may equal but shall not exceed 500 feet square and shall be as nearly as possible rectangular in form and shall be marked by four legal posts firmly fixed in the ground, one at each of the four corners of the claim. The lines between the four posts shall be well cut out. One of such posts shall be marked "No. 1 post" and on the flatted side of that post, facing the claim shall be placed a legible notice in writing, stating the name or number of the claim, or both if possible, its size in feet, the day when staked, and the full christian and surname of the locator. The other posts shall be marked with the name of the claim the locator and the date of location.

Strike out clauses 16 and 17, and substitute therefor: "Any location made upon Sunday or any public holiday shall not for that reason be invalid, any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding."

Adoption of clause 18.

Strike out clause 19 and substitute therefor: "To one discoverer two contiguous claims. To a party of two discoverers four contiguous claims. To each member of a party beyond two in number a claim of the ordinary size only."

Adoption of clause 20.

Adoption of clause 21, striking out that part of clause 2 in form "I," relating to royalty, and that part of clause 4 in form "I," after the words "unless the claim is" and inserting "unless the claim is worked according to law by the said — or his or their associates."

Adoption of clauses 22 and 23; 24, with corrections in form "I"; and 25 to 29.

Strike out clause 30. (Alternative 5 per cent according to former report).

Strike out clause 31. (Subject to alternative of clause 30).

Adoption of clauses 32 and 33.

Strike out clause 34, and substitute therefor, "A free miner may at any time abandon any claim that has been entered by him by giving notice in writing of such intention to abandon to the gold commissioner, upon making satisfactory proof to that officer that he has thoroughly prospected his claim without satisfactory result, and such free miner shall have the right to another claim by entry, in the division in which the abandoned claim is located."

Strike out clause 35. Substitute as follows: "Any creek or gulch exceeding five miles in length shall constitute a mining division and no miner shall receive a grant for more than one mining claim in a mining division the boundaries of which shall be defined by the gold commissioner, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, provided, however, that nothing in this clause shall prevent a miner from obtaining a grant for a mining claim under the abandoned clause."

Adoption of clauses 36; 37, except that portion relating to royalty; and 38.

The balance of this report will be published in tomorrow's Daily Nugget.

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