

THE CANCELLING OF CONCESSION

WHY THE TREADGOLD GRANT WAS ANNULLLED

Was Done at Request of Promoters—Letter to Minister of the Interior.

The order-in-council cancelling the Treadgold hydraulic concession in the Yukon was passed on the 22nd of June. It says: "On a report dated 9th of June, 1904, submitted by an order-in-council, and by the order-in-council of the 21st April, 1902, certain rights, powers and privileges were granted to Malcolm H. Orr Ewing, A. N. C. Treadgold and Walter Barwick. The minister states that by instrument under his hand and seal, filed in the department of the interior, the said Walter Barwick has released to the other grantees in the said order-in-council all his interest therein, and in the rights, powers and privileges granted thereby. The minister further states that he is now in receipt of a letter, of which a copy is attached, from Messrs Orr Ewing and Treadgold, in which they ask to be relieved of the obligations of the said order-in-council and to be permitted to withdraw from the enterprise contemplated thereby."

The minister therefore recommends that the said order-in-council of the 21st April, 1902, be rescinded, subject to the proviso that any and all rights, powers and privileges granted to the said order-in-council shall be held to have been possessed, exercised and enjoyed by the grantees in the said order-in-council until the date thereof. The letter of Messrs Orr Ewing and Treadgold, in which reference is made in the order-in-council, is addressed to Mr. Sifton and dated Ottawa, June 2nd. It says:

Dear Sir:—The reason for the granting of the charter which we received in June, 1901, was, as you are aware, the belief that we could supply the wants of the Klondike district by the installation of a water system, which would develop in extent and usefulness as the necessity of an artificial water supply became more pressing. The modifications which were made at the instance of the delegates who came from Dawson in the spring of 1902, impaired the usefulness of the scheme to a degree to some extent, but if it had been permitted to proceed without further delay, we should have been able to supply the district with water. We are therefore, feel compelled to notify you that we withdraw from the enterprise as chartered by the Dominion government. In so doing we desire to reiterate to you our conviction that the installation of an artificial water supply is essential for the successful treatment of the permanent basis of the vast alluvials of the Klondike district and we consider it regrettable that the Dominion government should have been influenced by the agitation worked up against our charter by a certain section of the Klondike public, and should have made it impossible for us to proceed with the enterprise on a basis commensurate with the needs of this important district. Regretting that after having secured sound financial support for this enterprise and having spent a large amount of trouble and money upon it we have been prevented by the attitude of the government from carrying it to a successful termination in the shape in which it was chartered. We are, etc.

When our enterprise was attacked in parliament in May, 1903, we had completed our financial arrangements for the large sum of money required for our work and no doubt existed as to the successful carrying out of our obligations. This attack, however, combined with the attitude assumed by the government, which at once threw doubt upon the validity of our charter and imposed upon us a permanent suspension of operations until the report of the commission appointed by the government should be received, has completely paralyzed our efforts, and has made it impossible for us to proceed with the enterprise on a basis commensurate with the needs of this important district.

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Yours faithfully,
A. T. Goward, Guest of Honor at Pleading Function Friday Evening.

The Victoria hotel was the scene of a very pleasant function Friday night, when the employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company entertained at dinner the local manager, A. T. Goward, whom they presented with a splendid Grand-Hotchkiss piano in honor of his marriage on Tuesday next.

The instrument was supplied by Messrs. Fletcher Bros., and bears an inscription beautifully engraved on a silver plate. The presentation was made in a most appropriate manner by A. Lineham, the chairman.

Mr. Goward, the popular manager, who was overwhelmed with emotion at the kindness and generosity of his subordinates, in a brief speech acknowledged the gift, and stated that the occasion was one which would always linger in his memory, and although the present was a very valuable one, yet the sentiments which prompted such a splendid token of their regard were to him of even greater importance.

The occasion of the presentation formed a gratifying commentary on the cordial relationship which exists between the management and employees of a big corporation. The toast list at the dinner was as follows:

"The King," proposed by the chairman.
Presentation by chairman and toast.
"Mechanical and Track Departments," proposed by D. Dewar, composed with W. Armstrong and P. J. Riddell.
"Traffic Department," proposed by W. H. Smith, composed with Mr. Gibson.
"Clerical Dept.," proposed by P.

J. Riddell; responded to by A. Lineham and H. A. Goward.
"The Ladies," proposed by J. G. Bateman; responded to by R. Findlay and R. Wilson.
"Our Host," proposed by the chairman; suitably replied to by E. E. Lee-son.
The British Columbia Electric Railway Company is to be congratulated on the capable way in which its affairs are managed both in the Terminal City and in Victoria. Where the heads of departments can obtain the confidence and esteem of all those under their charge, as is the case with this corporation, it is a sure indication that the right men are in the right place; and the success and enlargement of the company's business is assured.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.
Question of Denominational Paper and Ministerial and Financial Aid For Churches.
The report of the special committee on church policy occupied the attention of the Baptist convention at Vancouver on Thursday morning. There was considerable discussion on the different recommendations handed down by the committee, and resolutions were passed as follows:

"That the mission board be instructed to co-operate with the publication board to issue a denominational paper suitable for the church, home and young people's societies represented in the convention."
"That an appeal be made to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland both for ministerial and financial aid for the churches in this province."

The question of continuance of the office of superintendent of missions for another year was thoroughly discussed, and will be referred to later in the convention.
At the afternoon session the report on Sunday schools was presented by A. Huggert, and a paper on home department was read by Mrs. E. Riddell. In the evening devotional service was led by C. S. Stevens, of Kamloops. Following this the president of the convention, Rev. W. C. King, extended the right hand of fellowship to L. N. Ritchie, who is to take charge of the new Baptist church at Peachland. E. W. Leeson, president of the International Sunday School Association, gave an address conveying the greetings of the International Sunday School Association to the convention. Rev. J. Willard Litch, of Chicago, gave a most eloquent and inspiring address on "Pressing Problems Towards the Realization of Baptist Principles." He finished by an earnest appeal to his co-religionists to press forward to the mark of their high calling. "Baptists of the West," he said, "from the heights of the past your spiritual ancestors look down upon you, from the heights of the future, unborn voices call to you. Press forward to the heights of glory, till God's own voice shall say to you, 'Well done.'"

The session closed with the singing of the Doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. P. H. McEwen.
EAGLES INCORPORATED.
Victoria Aerle Receives Certificate According to Provincial Gazette.

The current issue of the Provincial Gazette contains the following notice of the incorporation of the Victoria Aerle, Fraternal Order of Eagles.
We, Jacob McDonald Hughes, of the city of Victoria, British Columbia, hotel-keeper; Arthur Washington Von Rhein, of Esquimalt, British Columbia, hotel-keeper; George B. Howard, of the city of Victoria, British Columbia, hotel-keeper, do hereby declare:

1. That we are desirous of uniting ourselves into a society or corporation under the provisions of the Benevolent Societies Act.
2. The intended corporate name of the society or corporation is "Victoria Aerle, No. 12, Fraternal Order of Eagles."
3. The objects of the society or corporation are:

(a) For making provision, by means of contributions, subscriptions, donations or otherwise, against sickness, unavoidable misfortune or death, and for relieving the widows and orphan children of members deceased;
(b) For purposes of social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvement and rational recreation;
(c) For the promotion of literature, science and the fine arts, and the promotion and diffusion of knowledge.
4. The names of the first trustees are: (1) Jacob McDonald Hughes, of Victoria, B. C., hotel-keeper; (2) Arthur Washington Von Rhein, Esquimalt, B. C., hotel-keeper; (3) George B. Howard, of Victoria, B. C., hotel-keeper.
Tenders for a three-cell lock-up and office at Port Hastings, Skeena electoral division, are invited by the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works. They will be received up to July 26th.
The name of the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Co. has been changed to that of the B. C. Telephone Co., Ltd.
WILL STAY LONGER.
(From Saturday's Daily.)
The Japanese women and their male companion will not leave for their native land until the arrival of the Shawmut some day next week. The intention to have returned them by the steamer Calcutta has been found impracticable. The latter vessel has not accommodation for them. This was ascertained upon the arrival of the steamer this morning. It was there nothing remaining but to await the Shawmut's call here as a means of returning the women. In the meantime they are confined in the provincial jail. The Shawmut is expected to arrive here in a few days.
In consequence of this unexpected interruption in connection with the deportation of the Japanese, the formal adjournment of the habeas corpus proceedings will have to take place on Monday. It will likely be fixed for a later period in the week by consent of both parties.
According to the statistics gathered by Dr. Lowenthal, a member of the extra-parliamentary deputation, the mortality in the French and German armies, the deaths in 1,000 (excluding officers) in the French army due to disease during the year 1903 were 4.7, or 108 per cent. more than in the German army, which only had 150 per cent.

GREAT NORTHERN'S LOCAL CONNECTION

IMPORTANT PLANS ARE CONTEMPLATED

A Four and Half-Hour Service to Vancouver—Direct Travel to Coast.

It would be interesting to know what the great railway corporations of this continent have in view for British Columbia, and particularly Victoria. This little remark one frequently hears, but seldom is information given forecasting in a comprehensive way what the plans of any one railway are. It is only when one railway branches out or a word falls from the lips of some great railway promoter that conclusions can be formed, those at best are oftentimes wide of the mark.

The attitude of the C. P. R. Company and also that of the Great Northern Company towards Victoria is watched with peculiar interest. It is impossible to imagine any working for the welfare of the other, and it is also inconceivable to suppose that either is striving for a hold on this city with the mere object of securing the trade of Victoria as it at present exists. Therefore it would appear evident that both see possibilities for trade undreamed of by the ordinary citizen.

What the C. P. R. Company is doing to cultivate its relationship with Victoria is perhaps better known than the plans of the Great Northern. There is no doubt that the latter body is working on an equality with their Canadian rivals in so far as the business of this province is concerned. They are desirous of getting into both Vancouver and Victoria. They are not endeavoring to secure from the provincial government the right to cross the Fraser river bridge. Should this be obtained, important developments will result. In the first place the company have secured a terminal site in Vancouver, and will shortly have a most elaborate passenger depot to be built on the site. They are also working on a line to cross the Fraser river, and what is in store for Vancouver in this respect is entertained for Victoria providing there are no obstacles placed in the way of the company.

Should the right to cross the Westminister bridge be obtained, the company will be situated on good authority, commencing to build the line to Port Roberts. This was contemplated ever since the Great Northern connection with Victoria was established. The line to Port Roberts as is well known is calculated to reduce the trip across the Gulf at present made by the Victoria in a little over three hours to less than two hours. From Port Roberts the road will run to Port Guichon, the present Mainland terminus. Then from John Oliver's farm, midway between Port Guichon and Cloverdale another branch will be run direct to New Westminster, cutting off 15 miles of the old road. Thirty miles of travel which is now made between Sidney and South Westminister will thus be done away with, and the company will be in a position to run a Victoria four-hour and a half rail and steamer service with Vancouver. Great Northern passengers for this city will be enabled to reach Victoria considerably sooner than they can now.

There is something else in view for the Gulf ferry Victoria when these things occur. She will be placed on a different run and a steamer will be adapted for the service will be built.

From the south the Harriman-Archie-ter interests, it is stated, are planning the construction of a new line, and before the next five years have passed it is openly asserted by some that Mr. Hill will have his hands full in defending the territory in which he has had a complete monopoly for years.

Mr. Harriman has surveys and engineers in the section between Portland and Port Angeles, and they are quietly working out the plan of the line. It is believed as soon as the railroad magnate is ready to strike.

The same rifle of secrecy is being observed by the workers who are carrying out the plans of the Canadian Pacific. Separate companies are being organized and separate work carried out.

THIS MUSICIAN IS DELIGHTED
HIS KIDNEY DISEASE AND GRAVEL CURED BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Tried Many Medicines But Got No Relief Till He Used The Great Canadian Kidney Remedy.
Rosedene, Ont., July 8.—(Special)—Mr. Samuel J. Crow, the well known musician of this place, relates an experience that adds to the already great popularity of Dodd's Kidney Pills in this locality.

"I suffered for years with Kidney Trouble," says Mr. Crow, "which became aggravated with every attack of cold and caused me much agony. The disease developed into Gravel when I was totally unfit for anything."

"I tried different remedies without the desired result, and was much disappointed when I decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills when to my astonishment and delight I immediately began to recover."

"After using five boxes the illness had entirely ceased and I was again enjoying perfect vigor, all of which I owe to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"The fact that Gravel yields so readily to Dodd's Kidney Pills is good news indeed, as it does away with those terrible operations that were supposed to be the only relief from this trouble."



A VALUABLE STRING.

The above spirited illustration represents a team of McKenzie river "huskies," the property of the Alaska Commercial Company, which brought the mail from St. Michael to Valdez, by way of the Yukon, Tanana and other streams, in record time.

Claude E. Corbuser, the mail carrier, has driven this team, of which he is extremely proud, for several seasons, and as he had first choice out of 500 of the best dogs in Alaska, it is probably unexcelled in point of endurance and intelligence by any in the north.

The team was brought on the Portland from Valdez to Seattle, where it remained to "rest up" for a few weeks at Thomas Dutton's dog hospital, before going north again. The dogs are exceedingly well trained. On the order for harnessing they fall in at once, each taking his proper place, and all standing up except the leader, whose rising is the signal for a rapid start. "Bob," who is seen sitting in our picture, is noted as a "star" leader, and is valued at \$1,000. He and "Monkeyface," on the off side of the leading couple, are the most intelligent of the team.

They are a very friendly lot to a human visitor, and extended a most cordial welcome to the mining press of British Columbia in the person of their interviewer. Amongst themselves it is sometimes otherwise, and one of the seven who has, according to canine lights, too large a share of wolf in his breeding, prefers to isolate himself from the rest. He is always in danger of being suddenly and almost silently torn to pieces by the other six.

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Again the ratepayers of Victoria, done their part in the great plan which involves the conversion of an eye-sore into one of the most striking beauty spots on the coast. Thursday they polled a vote in favor of the latest phase of the C. P. R. hotel scheme which was almost unanimous, indicating just how anxious they were to have an improvement as complete as it was possible for inexhaustible resources to make it. They will have the satisfaction of seeing a palatial structure erected on the centre of the flats instead of at one side as originally contemplated; they will behold the removal of a row of shacks on Humboldt street, which would have been a perpetual vista