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BELL'S REASONS

For Refusing to Allow the Publication of Items Respecting Official Business.

RECORDS OF TRANSFERS PRIVATE

Their Publicity Would Injure the Credit of Borrowers.

HE DISCOURAGES LITIGATION.

Commissioners Ogilvie and Senkler Decline to Be Interviewed on the Subject.

From Saturday's Daily.

Assistant Gold Commissioner Bell has attempted to justify his recent order, which instructs the clerks to disclose no information of an official nature to press representatives.

He contends that the record of transfers of mining property should not be published, because such information may injure the credit of those persons who merely convey their claims as security for the loan of money. He asserts that these transactions are private matters in which no one is interested excepting the borrower, lender and recording clerk. This alleged reason amounts to nothing more nor less than a frivolous excuse; it is directly contrary to the well-established customs of every Canadian community, except that of Dawson. Bankers, professional men, merchants and laborers, have a right to know the financial standing, as it appears upon the public record, of any citizen, particularly if he be inclined to borrow from his neighbor. To withhold from publication the record of transfers, is assisting dishonest men in their effort to establish a false credit. The assistant commissioner asserts

that public information about grants for placer and quartz locations often involve the claims in a contest before it is possible to have them surveyed; and Mr. Bell volunteers the information that the policy of his office is to discourage litigation. The assistant commissioner, in his laudable effort to avoid litigation, is adopting the wrong method to accomplish his purpose. Secrecy respecting such matters will aid designing men and rob honest ones of their rights.

Commissioner Ogilvie, when questioned in regard to Mr. Bell's recent order, said: "I do not care to be quoted in reference to the matter until I have talked with the assistant gold commissioner."

Commissioner Senkler answered: "I have nothing to say. Mr. Bell has absolute charge of his particular department, and I do not feel disposed to criticize his management of his own official affairs."

Mr. Doig, the manager of the Bank of B. N. A., replied: "I see no reason why the record of transfers and matters of such sort should not be published. In the Kootenay country, I know it to be the custom to give publicity to items of this kind."

Mr. McMullen, of the Bank of Commerce, said: "I have given the question no consideration at all, and I am not prepared to make any statement in reference to the matter."

Probably at the meeting of the citizens' committee, to be held tonight, the action of Assistant Commissioner Bell will be discussed.

Additional Attraction.

Manager Zimmerman announces an additional attraction for the concert tomorrow night not included in the program published elsewhere in this paper. He has secured Miss Marion Tracie, who arrived over the ice on Thursday, to give two selections—Bayard Taylor's "Song of the Camp," arranged as a musical recitation by Miss Tracie herself, and the "Holy City." The lady comes highly recommended as the possessor of a sweet mezzo soprano voice, and the audience is promised a treat in hearing her.

Is Recovering Slowly.

Frank Hudson, former caller at the Pavilion, and who was badly burned about the face, head and hands on January 10th, the occasion of the big fire, while assisting his friends in saving their effects from the Monte Carlo, is just now able to be out, having been confined to his home during the more than three months which have elapsed since his misfortune. His face is almost wholly healed up, although a scar remains which will probably stay with him for life. His left hand is also nearly well, but the right hand, from which all the skin and nearly all the flesh was burned, is yet far from entire recovery. This hand is being restored by the skin-grafting process, no less than 36 pieces of skin taken from his legs having been grafted on. As a result, his legs are also badly scarred and have given him considerable pain. However, considering the severe suffering the unfortunate man has endured, he is looking better than would be expected. It will probably be three months before his right hand is fully restored.

New Ownership.

Mr. C. G. Finger, a skilled electrician and machinist, has purchased the plumbing and steam fitting business of Shied & Co., on Second street, between Second and Third avenues, and is conducting the same on an enlarged scale at the old stand.

Episcopal Services.

Special Easter services will be conducted at the Episcopal church tomorrow in which the Yukon Field Force band will participate, also several vocalists from the force will contribute selections. The services will be eminently fitting the occasion.

Will Be Whitehorse.

Agent Jack Wiley, of the W. P. & V. Ry., has a letter from Supt. Hawkins, in which it is stated that the official name of the town at Whitehorse rapids will not be Cosseligh as was originally intended, but will be called simply Whitehorse as before.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

A. F. & A. M.

Don't forget the free smoker to be given by the Masons of Dawson in Fraternity hall this evening at 8 o'clock. All Masons are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

YUKON COUNCIL

Rebate Asked by Liquor Dealers Who Recently Renewed at the Old Price.

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Assistant Health Officer Is Needed at Present.

TO PREVENT DIPHTHERIA.

Awaiting Census Returns Before Acting on the Petition of Citizens.

A meeting of the Yukon council was held at 4 p. m., Thursday.

Those present were: Messrs. Ogilvie, Girouard, Dugas, Clement, Senkler. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from R. H. Brown making application as assistant medical health officer. The council, however, having been advised that no necessity existed for such an appointment, it was decided that no such appointment would be made.

Communications were read from E. H. French and the medical health officer and Miss Georgia Powell with reference to the condition of a female insane patient. Referred to the commissioner.

An account was received from Dr. Barry for services. Referred to the finance committee.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board of health were presented recommending the monthly importation of diphtheria anti-toxin, anti-streptococcus serum and 50 vaccine tubes. Referred to the finance committee.

Another recommendation was received from the members of the board of health recommending a payment to them of \$10 for each sitting. Referred to the finance committee.

A petition was received from a number of merchants and licensed victuallers who had been granted a license to sell liquor prior to the passing of the recent amendment to the liquor ordinance asking for a rebate for the unexpired portion of their license, or an extension of their license. Referred to the finance committee and license inspector.

A communication was received from Levens & Co., who had recently procured a license, asking for a rebate. Referred to the finance committee and the license inspector.

A communication was received from Joseph A. Clarke, secretary of the citizens' committee, accompanied by an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the committee held on the 9th of April, 1900, including a resolution in which their secretary was instructed to communicate with the Yukon council asking the council if it would endorse their petition for representation on the council as soon as the number of British subjects was shown by the enumeration now in progress to be greater than 500.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Senkler.

That the clerk of the council be instructed to inform the citizens' committee that the council is awaiting the census returns before communicating on the question with the authorities at Ottawa. Carried on division.

An account was received from Dr. Madore for services rendered to indigent patients at Fort Selkirk. Referred to the finance committee.

The legal adviser, to whom the question of wanton destruction of game as referred, recommended the enactment of a Dominion act giving the council the power to amend 57, 58 Vic., chapter 31. The following report was received from the municipal committee, present-

ed by Mr. Ogilvie, who was appointed chairman thereto in place of Mr. Perry:

To the Commissioner and Members of the Yukon Council:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of drafting a consolidated fire ordinance, beg to report that a draft of the said ordinance has been submitted by Mr. Clement, and we recommend that it be submitted to the board of fire commissioners for revision before its first reading.

Ordered that the committee on public works be authorized to proceed to the immediate construction of sidewalks. First, from Eighth street to St. Mary's hospital (eight feet in width); second, from the end of the present sidewalk on the police reserve, to the telegraph office; third, on Mission street, from First avenue to Fifth avenue.

Mr. Clement asked leave to introduce a bill—An ordinance to amend rule 385 of the judicature ordinance of the consolidated ordinances of 1898, respecting attachment of debts. He accordingly introduced the said bill and the same received its first reading.

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Mr. Girouard.

That the bill entitled "An ordinance respecting the incorporation of joint stock companies" be now read a third time.

The said bill was accordingly read a third time and the commissioner having put the question "that this bill do now pass," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The council then adjourned until Tuesday next at 8 p. m.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thomas Driscoll is visiting the city. J. C. Ensley is visiting friends in the city.

James McNamee is a guest at the Regina.

W. Young, is spending a few days in town.

L. Kehoe is in town on matters of business.

A. D. McDonald is in the city on business.

G. Miller is making a brief visit in the city.

Thomas Driscoll is visiting friends in the city.

James Beard is making a brief visit in Dawson.

Charles Grift came to town from the creeks yesterday.

Francis Duffy is enjoying a short vacation in town.

Wat Hally came to Dawson from the creeks yesterday.

Miss Polly Outley, the well-known variety actress, arrived yesterday from the outside.

Charles Eastman, of Salt Lake City, Utah, reached Dawson yesterday. He is registered at the Regina.

John A. Williams and his two sons, T. Z. Williams and M. C. Williams, arrived from Vancouver recently. Mr. Williams is the owner of a rich hillside on the left limit of Hunker opposite 35 below discovery. He has returned to conduct summer operations on the property.

Incoming Mail Delayed.

The mail which was due to reach Dawson from Skagway last night did not arrive, nor is it likely to reach here before some time on Monday, as it did not get away from Selkirk until an early hour this morning. Information received by Postmaster Hartman this forenoon is to the effect that the trail is in a deplorable condition; that the men and dogs are badly used up, and that but medium progress could be made from Selkirk down.

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The Remains of John Nelson Were Buried This Afternoon.

THE BIER COVERED WITH FLOWERS

Bishop Bumpas Conducted the Exercises at Pioneer Hall.

MANY FRIENDS ATTENDED.

The Body Interred in the Private Cemetery of the Yukon Order of Pioneers.

Funeral services over the remains of John Nelson, deceased, were held in the Pioneer hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Numerous friends and acquaintances of the dead man assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. The bier was covered with beautiful artificial floral designs. Appropriate vocal selections were rendered by the Dawson quartette. Rev. William C. Bumpas, who has lived in this northern country for the past 35 years, delivered an address expressive of the many estimable qualities of the deceased.

The body was escorted to the cemetery by the members of the Y. O. O. P., and many other individuals who had known and esteemed Mr. Nelson. The pall bearers were Messrs. N. Duprey, N. Sullivan, C. Sonneckson, H. Smith, S. Mathews, W. Lingard, N. Huoti, and W. Lloyd. The burial services at the grave were conducted by Mr. Lingard, on behalf of the Y. O. O. P., and the Rev. Naylor of the Episcopal church.

The Boer Commissioners.

New York, March 16.—In a copyrighted London cable, the Journal and Advertiser says today that dispatches from Lorenzo Marquez state that two Boer commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe on the German steamer Kaiser, and that the British man-of-war Thetis started in pursuit.

The interesting question is raised as to whether or not England would dare to take the commissioners off the Kaiser.

London, March 16.—The report published in the United States that the British warship Thetis was chasing the German steamer Kaiser off Delagoa Bay having the Boer commissioners on board, was published in the Daily Mail of this city today, together with a denial of the statement. The officials of the foreign office say the idea of the officers of a British warship attempting to remove foreigners from German vessels is "utterly impossible and absurd."

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