

Hardships On the Trail

More Thrilling Stories From
Travellers on the Edmon-
ton Route.

Scurvy Prevailing at Wind City
on a Branch of the
Peel River.

A Big Huron and Bruce Party
Bring the News to
Dawson.

When, a few weeks ago, the Times published an account of the distress undergone by a party of Hailonians on the Edmonton trail, and of the probable loss of six of them on Hay Mountain, a great deal of excitement was caused among those who had friends on the same trail.

Since that time the Times has received a number of enquiries from friends of travellers on the trail, among those of whom intelligence was most earnestly desired being W. J. George, of Port Elgin, Ont., and Jas. Ferguson. A copy of the Yukon Sun, dated June 13th, received last night, brings the cheering news of their arrival at Dawson safe and sound.

Their trip was most adventurous, but the party do not bring tidings of many deaths at Wind City as given in a Seattle despatch to the morning paper. As they are the only party reported as arriving in from that point, that version will have to be accepted until further news is gleaned from there. The Yukon Sun gives the following account of the arrival of the party:

The retreat of the Edmonton's ten thousand Greeks from Fersia to the sea was not a more perilous undertaking than the march from Edmonton to the Yukon river. The families of Huron and Bruce counties in northern Ontario have been famous in Canada for their numbers, and the children for their hardy adventurous spirit. They are to be found in large numbers all over the known world, and when the pole is located no doubt a representative of these counties will be found to have put his location post on it long ago.

There arrived at Dawson a few days ago a number of men who had come from Edmonton. They were:

Huron party: A. G. McGregor, Dr. Sloan, A. C. Alexander, W. N. Gray, J. W. Suedl and Howard McGregor.

Bruce party: Dr. J. E. Brown, W. J. George and James Ferguson.

Bay City, Mich., party: Captain Carl Brown, Meade Beaudette, Oliver Carter and Wm. Pearson.

Fargo, Dak., party: James Vincent, Fritz Thiele and J. L. Lenollette.

The last ones came by Athabasca Landing, down that river, the others came across country to Swan Hills. These parties left Edmonton in February and March, 1898. They pushed through to the Peace river with seven horses and sleds, 400 miles, taking them from four to six weeks. They built boats on Peace river and went down leaving first week in May. Passed down Great Slave river and over Great Slave lake to beginning of McKenzie river. Voyaged down it to the Peel and then tracked boats up the Peel to where they moved. It is a swift river, navigable for about 65 miles from its mouth. It was on the McKenzie that they used a whaleskin boat and found it the toughest of articles for that purpose. During the journey they saw the sun exactly north and the sun and moon close together in the heavens at midnight. The lower McKenzie opens about the middle of June and closes about the middle of November.

The party tracked up the Peel river 225 miles and went into winter quarters on Wind river, which is the third south branch of the Peel river. The party remained from 20th September until the middle of December, building cabins, sleds and prospecting.

Some 75 miners gathered at what they called Wind City, and 25 more were in prospecting. He took with him for company his black setter, Prince, but at Rivers Inlet decided to leave the dog behind, in charge of the cannery owner. The dog caught the eye of some of the cannery employees, and some time after the owner had gone north they stole the canine and brought it down to the Fraser river, whence it finally drifted to Port Townsend. The chance of Prince ever coming into his master's possession again was therefore reduced to the barest of possibilities.

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Explanations followed with the holder of the dog, who detailed the circumstances under which the animal had come into his possession. He had rechristened him, but the dog recognized his old name and refused to have any further communication with those into whose possession he had been by accident thrown.

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come much over 70 miles down the Stewart, close to the Rockies, is a sluggish navigable stream.

On the east side of the Rockies immense herds of caribou move over the hillsides until the whole landscape is alive with them. One of the party, Carl Brown, shot 45 caribou. Sixteen of the party ate 32 caribou. On this side of the mountains the caribou were scarce, but moose were plentiful. They killed seven. On the trail from Edmonton to Swan Hills they lost 35 horses out of 45. They all condemn the Edmonton Bulletin for praising up this route. John Barrett died at Simpson, 25th June, and T. Orchard on Peel river on 8th September.

THE DAILY GRIST.

An Aggravated Assault Case Which Occupies Some Time in Hearing.

In the city police court this morning Magistrate Hall had several cases to deal with, the one which occupied the most of the time of the court being that in which Henry Davis, caretaker of the cabins off Government street between Chatham and Herald, was accused of committing an aggravated assault upon a prospective tenant.

The evidence of the complainant, corroborated by a companion, was to the effect that in reply to an enquiry whether or not he had a room for rent, Davis made use of a temper to emphasize a desire that the would-be tenant should not trouble him. The blow was a violent one, cutting the complainant's head and knocking him into his box in heap.

William Johnson, the complainant, appeared in court with his head bandaged, and the evidence showed that the wound to his head, dangerously near the eye, had to be stitched.

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An adjournment was taken for lunch, and the case was resumed at 2:15 this afternoon.

A DOG'S FIDELITY.

After Two Years He Recognizes His Old Master.

An interesting account of the fidelity of dogs to their masters was furnished at Port Townsend yesterday when the Utopia called on her way to Victoria. U Hano, of Juneau, of whom mention is made in another column, came on board at that point, accompanied by a rather emaciated Gordon setter, which had evidently seen better days. The dog had a history, as Mr. Hano afterwards showed.

About two years ago, that gentleman explained, he had gone north to engage in prospecting. He took with him for company his black setter, Prince, but at Rivers Inlet decided to leave the dog behind, in charge of the cannery owner. The dog caught the eye of some of the cannery employees, and some time after the owner had gone north they stole the canine and brought it down to the Fraser river, whence it finally drifted to Port Townsend. The chance of Prince ever coming into his master's possession again was therefore reduced to the barest of possibilities.

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No New Developments in Regard to the Cabinet Crisis.

Some of the Stories About Mr. Martin Had but Little Foundation.

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Although nothing new of importance has taken place in regard to the political situation, the possibilities form a fruitful subject of discussion wherever men do congregate in the city. What decision will be arrived at by His Honor on receipt of the papers forwarded to him by Premier Selin? Will he return to Victoria immediately? If he does, will he adopt the course suggested by the Premier? If so, and Mr. Martin is dismissed, who will be called upon to take his place? Will an autumn session of the House be precipitated? Is dissolution possible before another session is held? Will Mr. Martin, in the event of his being ousted from the government, be found leading a third party? These are some of the questions asked and debated with all apparent seriousness, the propounders discussing them from all possible, and some well-nigh impossible, points of view.

A Times reporter made it his business to-day to enter into conversation with several of those who were prominent on the government side during the last election. Some of them had been told stories regarding Mr. Martin's private conduct during the last few months, and had been prompted by the recent developments to make enquiries into the foundation for such stories. The reporter found that the enquiries had resulted in the people who had accepted the stories as being well based coming to the conclusion that a great many are base calumnies, started by irresponsible mischief makers and repeated by others as true, in some cases circumstantial details being given which added color to them. Some of those who told the tales and said they had seen such and such acts, when pressed now to adhere to their statements, say they were told by someone else whose name they cannot remember. It seems difficult to find anyone in Victoria who is prepared to come out and say definitely that of their own knowledge the accusations against Mr. Martin, so freely hinted at by the opposition organs, have any foundation in fact.

Hon. Mr. Martin leaves this evening for California, where he will spend a vacation, expecting to return in two weeks, which will be a few days before the meeting of the government supporters in the House is held. The work in the department being lighter now than it is likely to be later in the summer, Mr. Martin had intended taking his vacation about this time, and there does not appear to be anything to interfere with his carrying out the plan.

The other three members of the executive now in Victoria, Hon. Premier Selin, Hon. Chief Commissioner Carter-Cotton and Hon. Minister of Mines Hume, are continuing routine work and have nothing to say of public interest.

The correspondence between Hon. Joseph Martin and Mr. D. W. Higgins has not yet been made public. The despatch is expressed in many quarters that when completed it will be given to the press, as it has a somewhat important bearing upon the situation. It may well be, however, say some of those in the confidence of the gentlemen most interested, that it will be kept secret until the meeting of the party on the 26th.

Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, with whom Mr. Martin said Mr. Selin had also been

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The complainant in the case is Elizabeth Shute, and she alleges that on or about the 10th of October last year, the prisoner succeeded in seducing Elizabeth Shields, her daughter, by a former husband, Ed. Shields, and said to be under fifteen years of age.

Armour is a half-breed, 35 or 40 years of age and married. He was brought to the provincial lock-up and this morning came up formally for remand before Police Magistrate Hall. The case goes on again at 11 o'clock to-morrow, when Mr. Geo. Powell will defend the prisoner.

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Klondike Still Rich

More Strikes Being Reported on Dawson's Golden Creeks.

How Slanderers of Government Officials Are Made To Eat Crow.

The man who attempts to libel government officials at Dawson takes much greater risks than those who pursue a similar course at Ottawa. John Murray is one of these men, who in a roadhouse up the creeks from Dawson, asserted that all the officials were corrupt, and to prove it stated that Messrs. Ogilvie and Senkler were interested in his claim. He was promptly challenged by a gentleman present. The outcome of the matter was that Mr. Murray met this gentleman and the two accused officials on the street, and there admitted that he was mistaken, in short had made the story out of whole cloth. He promised to apologise through the public press, and accordingly inserted the following in the Nugget:

"Having stated publicly that Mr. Ogilvie and Mr. Senkler own an interest in No. 3 below Dominion, and learning the same to be untrue, I herewith tender an apology for the statement."

(Signed) John Murray.

Patrick Shea, a prisoner serving a six months term for theft in Dawson jail, while hauling water under guard on June 15th, made a bolt for liberty and escaped. A reward of \$100 has been offered for his recovery.

Hamilton Fisher, of Montreal, Robt. Watson, of Toronto, and Harry Parkin, of Quebec, who are operating their steam thresher on a lay from W. Croll, on 10 above Discovery, 3rd tier, 1.1. Last Chance creek have struck it rich; 12 feet from bed rock they had 40 cents to the pan and on bed rock itself \$5.00 to the pan, giving an average to \$2 to the pan. The party had spent a hard and unsuccessful winter on Thistle creek, where they had a lay on Discovery. Before going north Mr. Fisher represented a Montreal commercial firm in the lower provinces.

There was a strike and stampede on a tributary of the Sixty Mile late in June. The find is said to be about 60 miles above Dawson, and the route to it up Swede creek, over the divide.

Mr. E. M. Telford, manager of the Telford Mining Company, which is interested in claims in the Stewart river district, arrived down from Stewart on the 20th, accompanied by Mr. W. A. Myers, of Toronto. On their way down they passed a scow wrecked some eight miles above Sixty Mile. She was loaded with a number of cattle, and had been caught in a bad current, driven on the bare island and demolished. The Telford party saw the flag of distress and tried to rescue them, but were swept past them by the swift current. As they flew past they heard the hail, "We have no grub." A report was made of their condition to the police at Sixty Mile, and as usual the police immediately started to their assistance. It will be a very difficult matter to get them off. A raft will have to be built some miles above the place, where wood can be had, and then let cautiously down to their desert island.

Mr. Telford will continue his journey on to Toronto after looking over the company's properties in the Klondike. He reports that two young men, cleaned up \$418 on Skookum gulch, Black Hills creek, Stewart river. This is reliable. Mr. Brewer has gone back to work on Brewer creek, which promises well. May & Webster have not sluiced their damper on Thistle creek yet, so the banner claim has not yet been tested.

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