

FAMOUS STAMPEDE

Which Occurred in July 1898

Is Brought to Mind by the Rush Now in Progress to the Milne Concession.

The stampede now in progress to the Milne concession recalls to mind the stirring days in the summer of 1898 when stampedes were events of daily, and in fact of almost hourly occurrence.

In those days a tip from the inside was worth a great deal to the fortunate individual who "stood in" sufficiently to secure one. The records of the gold commissioner's office were not open to public inspection then as now and information as to the location of good ground was difficult to get and correspondingly valuable. A hint received from an attaché of the gold commissioner's office was sufficient to send hundreds of men over the creeks looking for a good thing in the way of a claim.

Probably the most exciting stampede that ever occurred in the country was the wild rush for Dominion hillside claims which occurred about the 10th of July, 1898. The events connected with that stampede have formed the subject of exciting parliamentary debate and in fact will always have an important place in Yukon history, as it may be said that the agitation for reforms in the territorial administration which has never since ceased began at that time.

On the 15th of November, 1897, owing to a complication arising over the location of two discovery claims on Dominion that creek was closed to further location by Thomas Fawcett, the gold commissioner, pending the arrival of Major Walsh, then en route as Yukon commissioner. The creek remained closed until the following July, on the first day of which month the following notice was circulated throughout the mining district.

Notice.
All hill claims located on Dominion creek in the Indian river mining di-

vision since November 13, 1897, will not be recognized by the gold commissioner. Permits to prospect hill claims on Dominion creek can be procured from the gold commissioner's office on July 11 prox. at 10 a.m. No persons will be allowed to prospect hill claims on Dominion who have not obtained such permits. All persons wishing to locate will be required to find a suitable prospect before they will be permitted to record.

Thos. Fawcett,
Gold Commissioner.

The above notice was scattered widely throughout the district, and as the date approached hundreds of miners who had their eyes on Dominion hillsides began heading toward Dawson to secure the necessary permits for prospecting. On the 9th of July, without prior warning, the following notice was posted in the gold commissioner's office:

Notice.

The notice recently issued regarding permits to be given July 11, 1898 is hereby cancelled and the following substituted:

Hill and bench claims on Dominion creek are now open for location and prospecting by all free miners.

Thomas Fawcett,
Gold Commissioner.

The second notice was followed immediately, and to be strictly truthful was preceded—for the facts leaked out before the notice was published—by the wildest stampede the country has ever witnessed. The trails leading out from Dawson were black with men headed for Dominion, and the outgoing stampeders met the incoming hundreds who were en route to town to secure permits. The next few days were filled with excitement. Men who had been waiting all winter for a chance to stake on Dominion were prevented from getting near the ground before it was all covered. Indignation against the gold commissioner ran high, mass meetings were held and at one time a riot seemed not improbable.

However, the matter finally cooled down and the disappointed ones began looking elsewhere for claims. The famous "Dominion muddle" passed into history, but its effects were evidenced in the subsequent removal from office of the gold commissioner and other officials prominent in the government service.

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