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DAWSON OF TODAY

Manager H. Te Roller Discusses the Present Business Conditions.

HIGH PRICES WILL NOT PREVAIL

N. A. T. & T. Co. and Other Stores Have Large Stocks

WAREHOUSES ARE FILLED

All Commodities Well Represented and No Scarcities Are Likely —Will Be No Corners.

Now that navigation is about closing everybody is interested in the speculation as to what the price of commodities are to be during the coming winter. Compared with previous years the outlook is altogether encouraging. The game of the merchants has been in the past, as it always was and always will be in newly settled communities far removed from the general path of transportation, to make the most of the situation; to take advantage of every shortage in the market by putting prices on staples up to the highest notch, and to combine together to keep up the profits far and away above the risk consequent upon bringing large quantities of merchandise into a new territory whose population was constantly ebbing and flowing. There was a risk in this that partially justified the dealer in making the most of the day rather than attempting to build up a permanent business by fair profits. There was nothing permanent upon which to base such a policy. Now, however, the condition of things has entirely changed; there is no longer a doubt of the permanence of the Klondike's mineral wealth; there is no doubt of the future growth and prosperity of the city of Dawson, which not only in herself is rapidly building up, but is becoming the great supply point for the whole of the Yukon territory and for the greater part of the American territory to the north of us. New discoveries are being constantly made, new camps and new towns springing up, and all to them come to Dawson to get their supplies.

With this changed condition of things from an unstable to a permanent basis, business methods are also changing, and growing nearer to those lines which are followed in settled communities that are in constant touch with the sources of supply.

Last year, for instance, the merchants waited all summer long and into the fall before ordering their winter supplies. They were unable to make up their minds as to the kind of goods or the quantity to be ordered, and consequently Skagway and Whitehorse was congested with freight, much of which, with all the strenuous efforts made, could not be started for Dawson before the close of navigation. This year winter stocks have been coming in all summer long, and navigation closes with scarcely a ton of freight in the warehouses at the seaboard awaiting shipment, and at no time has there been such vast accumulations of freight awaiting shipment as was the case last fall.

This does not mean that the shipments of merchandise have necessarily been less this season. But with past experience and the certain permanence the district has gained, the merchant has been able to order his stock for winter months in advance with confidence, and these orders have been on such a liberal scale there is no room for speculation as to whether they will be sufficient for the winter; and every line has been so well covered that there is little chance for the speculator to get rich by the simple dodge of cornering the market on any single commodity. There may be some who will attempt it, but they will be unable to do much if anything, and the householder and general consumer may confidently rely upon steady prices for commodities being maintained all winter. Business methods have entirely changed.

Chatting upon this subject this afternoon, Mr. TeRoller, manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co., said:

"Yes, business methods are changing, as is everything else, and getting down to a more substantial and regular basis. From information I have gleaned in order to report to our company at Seattle, I would say that there are plenty of goods now here to meet the demands of the winter; still I do not think there will be very much in excess of what will be required. There will be no chance, so far as I can judge, to get up corners on any of the staples; nor will there be any old stock that must be got rid of at any price.

Most of our merchants have large stocks, and stocks that have been judiciously selected. They have gained by experience what goods to order and what quantity of each kind is calculated to carry them through the winter. For example, the N. C. Co., in ordering this season's stock have had the benefit of using the requisition sent out by the A. C. Co., A. E. Co., and S. Y. T. Co., an excellent basis to arrive at a conclusion of the country's requirements.

Our company was one of the first in here and has had the advantage of being in close touch with the people and conditions of this whole northland ever since Dawson was. So that there is good reason to believe that the stocks of the merchants of the city are uniform, and that there will be no great shortage nor any excess in any commodity.

"What do I think about winter prices? Well, you may judge from what I have just said that I expect that about present prices will practically be maintained, excepting, of course, perishables. I believe prices will be free from any extreme fluctuations, but of course upon this point I can only speak in regard to our own company. A week or two ago Mr. Isom, our vice president, upon hearing that the price of oats had gone up here, wired us reiterating the policy of the company, and this policy is, to adopt a price after giving a fair profit and keep to that in spite of any fluctuations of the local market; in other words, not to put up prices as soon as navigation closes for the mere purpose of increasing profits. That is what I mean by saying that business methods in the Klondike are changing. Mr. Isom spent the whole summer on the Yukon and is thoroughly acquainted with the country's condition and its needs and possibilities. Our company is composed chiefly of Chicago business men, and now that they are well posted as to affairs up in this country they look upon business here not as a speculation but as an investment. They have as much money tied up here as would build an ordinary railroad, and they are not in it for a year or two, but as an interest paying proposition for years to come. Having become assured of the permanence of the country, they desire to build up and extend their interests. The way to do this to foster the industries and resources of the country itself, and this can be materially aided by making prices as low as practically consistent with a fair profit. Rates of interest are low in the East, so you may judge from that what these investors would consider fair, now that much of the former risks attendant upon doing business in this northern country have been eliminated.

"Of course what I am saying now probably applies equally to the other companies and merchants as well as ourselves. They have all gained experience; they are all, or practically so, earnest in their endeavors to be established on a permanent basis, and they all must see, as we have done, that to increase business inducements must be offered to enable a larger number of people to work and live here at a profit. Development has undoubtedly been retarded by the lack of proper transportation facilities and the consequent high price of living. With better transportation facilities, a good knowledge of how to buy in the best markets, and a disposition to be satisfied with only a fair profit, Dawson business and prices will be as steady and regular as those of Victoria or Seattle.

"This is what it is coming to, and it means more than is at once apparent. It means that mining properties that previously could not be worked at a profit will now be opened up, that more local money will be invested in the mining industry instead of being sent out of the country for investment or deposited at a nominal rate of interest, and, now that a man can compute with reasonable exactitude what machinery and supplies are to cost, there will be much more foreign capital invested here. It is exceptionally gratifying to notice the large number of claims which have heretofore been regarded as unprofitable to operate under the old system, are now being opened up. I look for a good steady winter trade and greater activity throughout the whole territory, at the opening of navigation next spring, than we have ever seen before."

STRIKE ON BALLARAT

Good Pay Discovered by the Concessionaires.

Prospectors who have been at work for Joslin & Co., the Ballarat creek concessionaires, have returned to Dawson today, bringing most flattering news of the prospects in that locality. The exact rsult of their labor could not be ascertained, but that their report is encouraging to their employers is evidenced by the fact that Joslin & Co. will dispatch immediately a force of men to work actively on the property. Ballarat creek is a tributary of the Yukon about 135 miles south of this point.

About Major Primrose.

Dawson, Oct. 23.

Editor Nugget:

Dear Sir—The Daily News of Dawson, under date of October 22d published an article under big headlines on the front page stating that Major Primrose had been arrested in Skagway for being drunk and forthwith fined and subjected to insult by two other papers in Skagway. Also stating he should have been sent on the woodpile, as the N. W. M. P. treated Americans in here. The Daily News should at once have wired the papers published in Skagway that they ought at once apologize to Major Primrose. The American soldiers and officers passing through here were treated with the utmost consideration, and although beastly intoxicated and riotous in cases were only escorted to their berths.

I am an American citizen, but what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and every true American would like to see fair play.

FRED E. ENVOLDSEN.

Prize Bowling Contest.

From Oct. 21st to Oct. 26th at Monte Carlo bowling alley. Team contest, two men to team. Highest average score for five consecutive games. Prize one box imported cigars. c23

APPARATUS IS TESTED

N. C. Pumps Force Water to St. Mary's Hospital.

A test was made Monday by the fire department of the pumps and other apparatus of the N. C. fire brigade in order to ascertain exactly what could be depended upon in case of an emergency. A line of hose was laid from the steam plant at the Yukon sawmill up First avenue as far as St. Mary's hospital. Both the steam and electrical pumps were coupled to the hose and by their combined pressure succeeded in forcing a stream 30 feet high at the hospital. The distance was over 2000 feet and the elevation about 100 feet.

Weather Still Warm.

The weather still continues ideal as far as personal comfort is concerned, just cold enough to prevent any thawing. The maximum temperature for the past 24 hours was 29 degrees, the minimum 28, a variance of but three degrees. During the night a very little ice formed in some of the small pools along the river. Not an atom of it has yet been seen in the river, whereas a year ago today the entire surface of the water was choked full from bank to bank.

Malt Extract.

Pabst's Malt Extract is now on sale at Rudy Valenborn's drug store as well as the Kelly and Norquay stores, a limited quantity of that beverage having been placed owing to the repeated calls from local physicians.

Send a copy of Goetzman's Souvenir to outside friends. A complete pictorial history of Klondike. For sale at all news stands. Price $2.50.

DEPARTMENT HAS A RUN

False Alarm Brings Out the Fire Companies.

A large bonfire at the head of Harper street yesterday evening just at dusk was mistaken for a burning cabin and an alarm was sent in which called out the entire department. The big chemical laboriously made its way up Harper street far enough to see that its services were not required then returned in disgust to the fire hall. While crossing Third avenue on Harper street the engine ran into what the driver aptly termed "one of those lovely —— —— ditches," with the result that the machine was given a fearful jolt and it was at first feared had been seriously damaged.

The Reporter's Friend.

The legions of friends possessed by Mr. J. Sutherland McKay, the versatile and extremely accommodating deputy clerk of the court, are today extending their congratulations, the occasion being the anniversary of his first appearance in this wicked world. Mr. McKay was the recipient of many valuable presents, the most highly prized being a choice bunch of felicitations handed him by the newspaper men of the city.

Gold Commissioner's Court.

In the gold commissioner's court today is being heard a protest covering the lower half of No. 1 on the right fork of Quartz creek, the action being entitled George J. Milton vs. Harold Lyndstrom. The dispute is due to a conflict over the boundary between 1 and 1A, the fraction adjoining.

GREATEST ARRAY OF VAUDEVILLE EVER PRODUCED ON A DAWSON STAGE AT THE NEW SAVOY THIS WEEK.

Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

Only the best brands of case goods served. Drinks and cigars 25c. Pete McDonald, Bank saloon.

Frank Lenbery's Papers.

Papers of value to Frank Lenbery have been found and are waiting to be claimed by the owner at the Nugget office.

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...THE LAST BOAT...

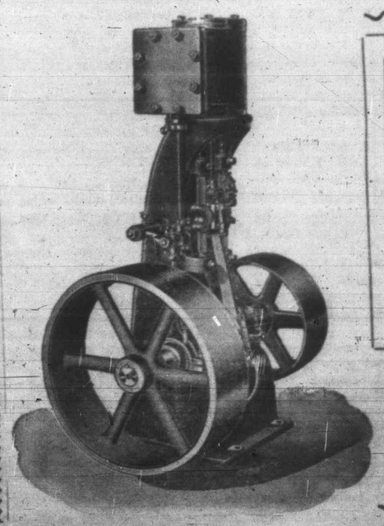
GO HOME!

THE last boat of the season to leave Dawson for Whitehorse will be the steamer ORA which boat will leave the L. & C. Dock Thursday, October 24th. This is the latest boat to leave Dawson in the history of this country. With each succeeding year the steamers ORA, NORA and FLORA have made the record trips, coming in first with the ice in the spring and leaving last in the fall. Their record is not due to chance or luck but is directly attributed to the splendid skill of our pilots who are the highest paid officers navigating any river in the world. During all our years of activity when our boats have had to battle with the heavy gales on the lakes, the treacherous bars in the river or the perilous trip through the flowing ice NOT ONE ACCIDENT has been recorded against these boats. You can travel on the Ora this trip with absolute assurance of a Safe and Speedy Journey. This being our final trip we will make extraordinary efforts for the comfort of patrons to whom we extend our sincere appreciation for their continued patronage.

The Ora Leaves Tomorrow at 2 p. m.

CAPTAIN BAILEY IN COMMAND.

Klondike Corporation, Ltd. R. W. Calderhead, General Mgr.



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