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NOTICE.

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WHEN?

Some months ago a statement given under official authority appeared in the columns of the local press to the effect that within a very short time the privilege would be extended to the Canadian citizens of Dawson and the Yukon territory of casting their ballots for the election of two members to our territorial legislative body—the Yukon council.

It appears to us that the time for that election is about due. The council as it is at the present time organized, is a sort of combination legislative and administrative body. Its sessions are held behind closed doors and such information as to its proceedings is made public as in the judgment of its members is deemed wise. With the election of members by direct vote of those entitled to the suffrage in the territory the sittings of the council would become public, and the administrative deliberations of that body would be confined to executive sessions.

It is natural to suppose that with a portion of its members responsible directly to the people of this territory, matters which concern and affect the public weal would be given more consideration than is now the case.

More alacrity would be displayed in solving such problems as the lighting of the public streets, the establishment of a thorough system for maintaining the healthfulness of the city or the organization of a system of public instruction.

Some day or other Dawson must become an incorporated town, conducting its own affairs and electing its own municipal officers.

This would probably follow closely in the wake of the election of the new members of the council. For the welfare of the community at large, the sooner this election is announced the better.

CASUALTIES ARE SMALL.

A remarkable feature of the South African war is the limited number of casualties. Considering the strength of the contending forces and the improved offensive weapons in use there have been very few men killed.

In fact the proportion of fatalities is less than would have occurred three hundred years ago under similar circumstances. Students of modern warfare will have something to ponder over when the war is at an end. There will be a great many theories advanced in explanation of the fact that battles occurred where tons upon tons of shot and shell were hurled by the contending forces at each other, and hardly enough men killed to call the affair a battle. One thing seems to be apparent and that is that improvement in

weapons do not necessarily mean a proportionate increase in slaughter.

OUR SEMI-WEEKLY.

The Semi-Weekly Nugget will be printed on Wednesdays and Saturdays hereafter, instead of on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore. This arrangement enables us to place in the Semi-Weekly the news of the three preceding days as taken from the Daily, and by that means our creek subscribers and others who prefer subscribing for the Semi-Weekly only, will receive the benefit of practically all the news of the week condensed in the two issues.

The Nugget is looking out with particular care for its creek patrons, where the Semi-Weekly has its largest circulation. The system of delivering which we have established on the various creeks is, almost perfect, each creek being covered within 24 hours from the time the paper leaves the press.

Advertising contracts made for the Daily Nugget include insertion in the Semi-Weekly, which gives the advertiser a reading clientage unsurpassed by the circulation of all the other papers in Dawson combined.

Willie Semple, editor and proprietor of the late lamented Sunday Gleaner, is now kicking his heels in high glee upon the soil of Uncle Sam's domain.

Semple will now have plenty of opportunity to air his views in safety.

The stories of all the martyrs, the Pilgrim Fathers and everybody else that ever was persecuted for righteousness' sake will pale into insignificance when compared with the tales which Semple will have to relate. It will not be surprising to learn that he has taken the lecture platform, with a view of turning the Dominion of Canada wrong side out. We miss our guess if the festive Willie does not give the Boer war a hard run for space in the newspapers for the next few weeks.

The Yukon territory is a hard country for the evil doer. The natural conditions are such that escape from Dawson up the river is almost impossible. For any man to attempt to leave the territory behind him by any other route than the trail up or down the river would simply be suicide. Added to this is a police service from the vigilance of which few criminals escape. In all probability no new country was ever before settled by a mixed class of people and so few serious crimes recorded as have occurred in this territory since the discovery of gold was first announced.

We understand that the trustees of the Board of Trade will discuss this evening the appointment of a committee on sanitation. This is certainly a wise move. Unless great precautions are taken the health of the city will certainly be endangered when spring opens and putrifying masses of filth and garbage now harmless by reason of being frozen, begins to give forth their noisome stenches. Dawson is not by any means an unhealthy place and a little caution will save it from becoming such.

Our telegrams speak of a crowd of people being at Skagway en route to Nome. While numbers are not mentioned the Nomads must be showing up in very respectable quantities. The advance guard of the pilgrims may be expected to show up very shortly.

DESTROYED AGAIN.

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block was doomed. The wind steadily increased in strength and the grim crackle of the flames could be heard a distance of several blocks.

When it became apparent that the entire block was doomed an army of willing workers began immediately the work of removing the stocks of goods from the stores and saloons along the block. The police and military did heroic service in saving the goods and hundreds of bystanders gave their services cheerfully and without charge.

As the flames gradually enveloped the Opera house, the front of the building began swaying backwards and forwards, and suddenly with a mighty sound, fell prone into the streets, causing a scatter among the bystanders on all sides.

The following is a list of the buildings burned and the people who occupied them, as nearly as could be ascertained at the time of going to press:

The Monte Carlo, owned by Holden and Smith and used as a saloon and variety theater. In the alley adjoining the Monte Carlo, was a news stand occupied by Phillips & Co.; stock recovered. The Hoffman house, unoccupied at present, had a small stock of groceries stored there. The huge Opera house block, destroyed by fire for the third time, had just been leased to the Actors' Co-operative Co.; stock saved. The Dominion saloon, owned by Sam Bonfield; stock saved. The Bodega saloon. The United States consul's office was up stairs in this building and the Stars and Stripes were the last thing to be seen consumed. Sale & Co., jewelers, occupied part of the front, but saved everything. The Northern Trading Co. occupied the next building, but saved their entire stock. Next came the Palace barber shop, the fixtures being all saved, however.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce down town office was in a part of the building occupied by the Palace Barber shop, but precaution was used and the fixtures were saved. The stock of the Merchant's Cafe, a small building on the same lot, was saved. This and the building on both sides were torn down by the soldiers to head off the flames. The next building was occupied by the Northern Trading Co., but everything was saved. The Canadian Bank of Commerce saved their books and will be ready for business at the main office.

While the force all were trying to stop the advance of the fire towards First avenue, the Board of Trade, situated directly north of the Monte Carlo burst into flames and is a total loss.

The building occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce was torn down and the fire stopped at this place. The buildings left standing are the Northern annex, Northern restaurant, Comet barber shop, Pioneer saloon, Palmer Bros., Aurora billiard rooms and the Aurora saloon.

Up until 6 o'clock the fire had been kept away from Second street.

Fire Notes.

Rev. Hetherington of the Methodist church, announces that the church will be open free of charge for shelter to all persons who may desire same.

The A. C. Co. covered their entire block on the south side with wet blankets to protect it from the intense heat.

The fire originated in room No. 1 of the Monte Carlo, occupied by Florence Broce. A small fire broke out in the same room about a week ago.

Frank Hudson was standing in front of the Monte Carlo when the flames suddenly burst out. He was quite severely burned.

Jaqueline was carried out of the Monte Carlo in a fainting condition. Contact with the fresh air soon revived her.

Annie O'Brien, the little actress, was in a hysterical condition over the loss

of her pet puppies. Annie was taken to the bakery on Second street and soon recovered.

Conchita's little boy disappeared for some time during the excitement, but was found later on.

Mrs. Crowley, the dressmaker, very kindly furnished wearing apparel to several unfortunates.

Estimates of the total loss run from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

Offices to rent. M. I. Stevens, A. C. office building.

Geo. Apple is one of the heaviest property losers by the fire. He owned the Hoffman house, Bodega building, the Grotto building and in fact all the property fronting on Third street, from the alley up to Second avenue.

A young woman named Leta who was at the Monte Carlo in the capacity of soubrette, is missing and it is feared she perished in the flames.

The Horseshoe building was owned by Ben Levy.

The Monte Carlo, where the fire originated, was owned by Ed Holden and Jack Smith. C. C. Kelly and Holden owned the entire business including bar, club rooms and theater.

C. C. Kelly was about due to be again burned out, this being the third time he has seen his all go up in smoke and down in ashes in Dawson within 18 months. Kelly lost \$30,000 by last winter's fire.

Every team in the city was engaged in hauling goods away from the doomed block to places of safety. One hundred dollars per load was being freely offered for such services.

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One of Monte Carlo box rustlers was heard to say during the time the fire was raging "I have been threatening for a month to lay off and go to the hospital, and now I'll go."

The Nugget Express has storage facilities for 400 tons of goods. Nearly the last entire space has already been contracted for.

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The Salvation Army holds services in the new barracks, Second avenue, as follows: Tuesday, 8 p. m. (barracks time); Thursday, 8 p. m.; Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Free reading room in same building; open every day. Also in the evenings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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