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## GOOD BYE FAWCETT

### A British Columbian to Take His Position.

### MAY BE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN DAWSON ANY TIME AFTER A WEEK.

### Congratulations to the Miners of the Klondike are in Order.

Gordon Hunter the Coming Man—A Legal Training has Been His—The Yukon Commissioner has Yet no Official Confirmation—The News Can Be Relied Upon as Correct—The Interview with Mr. McMullen.

In another column will be found the news of the change soon to be made in the gold commissioner's office. While the news is in no way official it will be seen to bear the stamp of authority, and after all it is not impossible to believe that the agitation throughout Canada for the removal of Thomas Fawcett has at last been productive of the desired results.

Mr. Gordon Hunter is a British Columbian of legal attainments and some mining experience. Upon his arrival here he will find himself welcomed as a prince, so glad will this oppressed community be of the change. This paper has made a long and single-handed fight for the removal of Thomas Fawcett from the position he filled so ill. It would have been far better for him to have quietly resigned before all Canada was ringing with his perverse mistakes and wilful errors. However, the Nugget has no desire in the world to hit a man when he is down, so to speak, and upon the day Mr. Fawcett steps down and out our columns will, in all probability be closed for ever to Mr. Fawcett and his acts. Personally we have had no feelings towards the gold commissioner but pity for his colossal incapacity and a charitable inclination to ascribe all he has done or left undone to that one great all-swallowing feeling.

It is probable that Mr. Fawcett has been ill advised by friends to the effect that he could live down the unpleasant notoriety given him by this paper and the outside press of Canada. A resignation on his part early in the summer would have been so much better than official removal in the fall. Canada is but now widely awake to the things we have condemned and fought in these columns months ago. The improvements made by Mr. Ogilvie have not been heralded with the same persistency with which the short comings of Fawcett have been made known.

There will be no regret expressed nor felt when the present gold commissioner retires to the outer world. His persistent hanging onto his office, for which he is so strangely unfitted, has lost to him the friends he had when the "Dominion Muddle" first brought him into notorious prominence. One by one his friends have weakened and left him until now there are "none so poor to do him reverence." We congratulate the miners of the Klondike upon Fawcett's removal. We congratulate ourselves upon a long deferred victory. We have been given the aid of a great many Canadian newspapers, both big and little, in bringing about a desired result and for that aid we give thanks.

The news of course is not yet confirmed by official orders from Ottawa as

was disclosed by a call at the Yukon commissioner's office. Mr. Gordon Hunter expected to leave Victoria not more than four days after our informant, but there are numerous delays which may have occurred. It is good news that the gentleman has had a legal training, for a gold commissioner is constantly called upon to make judicial decisions in equity. He will be the first Western man to be placed in the government ranks at Dawson.

#### WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR.

The U. S. and Spain Again With Strained Relations.

Mr. E. J. Slater arrived in Dawson Friday last with a few copies of a late Times of the 14th of last month.

A most astounding state of affairs exists in the East. A special from Washington says: "The peace commission sitting at Paris has decided that it is hopeless to expect an agreement between the Spanish and American commissioners. Spain still insists upon the assumption of the enormous Cuban debt by the United States as a condition of the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Cuba. Spain also demands the unconditional evacuation of the Philippines, excepting Manila by the United States troops."

President McKinley has notified Spain through the Spanish minister that if peace conditions and negotiations are to continue, Spanish troops must all be out of Cuba by December 1. Porto Rico must be evacuated without delay by October 15.

Spain has notified McKinley that Cuba will not be evacuated by Spanish troops until the Philippines are evacuated by the United States troops.

The following troops have embarked for the Philippines as additional aid to Dewey to hold in check Aguinaldo, who is insisting upon an independent government. It being rumored that in this he is being secretly aided by commissioners from Germany: three batteries from the state of Washington, the seventh regiment of California and the troops from Idaho and Oregon. The troops on the Atlantic coast are ordered to prepare for the front.

The Minnesota Indians have gone on the war path and troops have been ordered out. The secretary of war has notified the governor that a company of regulars are at his command should he find the militia insufficient to quell the insurrection.

#### From Eagle City.

De A. Franklin Heimlich returned from Eagle City over the ice a few days ago. Owing to the condition of the river some 12 days were consumed on the trip. The third day out the party unfortunately lost their blankets by fire. Then the unexpected length of the trip resulted in their running out of food. Luckily enough a cache was seen upon the bank at the mouth of some stream, and a small stock of supplies was secured from it.

Mr. Heimlich is an energetic citizen, and is largely interested in the Eagle City Mining and Development company which owns some 160 acres of placer claims on near-by creeks. They also own some quartz claims, specimens from

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which readily assay from \$18 to \$80 to the ton. The company further has secured the right to furnish Eagle City with a water system in the near future. Besides the foregoing the company has secured some 320 acres of coal fields which is to be opened at once.

Mr. Heimlich is quite confident of the future which awaits Eagle City. He says there is already a population of 2,000 people and 700 cabins, where there was only one last June. Eagle City has now a U. S. post office, a U. S. marshal, U. S. commissioner and 50 boys in blue. There is a report down there that a nugget weighing 198 has been taken from American, but the gentleman does not vouch for the story, though \$30 and \$40 nuggets are to be seen every day. Eagle City is booming and prosperous, with real estate bringing good prices and rapidly advancing.

#### Reported Frozen to Death.

Two unknown men are reported found frozen to death on the summit of the Hunker-Dominion divide last Monday. One man was sitting upright upon his sled, and the other man was lying prone on the snow some little distance away. Particulars are not obtainable in time for this issue.

#### Floved the Factory.

H. E. Stumer, the expert mattress maker, has removed into the Doyle building on the corner of 3rd street and 2nd avenue, opposite the A. C. Co.'s office building. It is owing to Mr. Stumer's women wire spring and box mattresses that so many of us are asking civilized comfort these nights.

#### LOCAL EVENTS.

Joe Stengle has been appointed assistant engineer of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Harry Neely was brought to St. Mary's hospital from Sulphur creek on Sunday with fever. To make the engine house still more comfortable for the boys a second floor is being laid with tar paper between.

R. Mitchell, on a bench of 7 below on Bonanza, is beginning to get around again, having been laid up with a bad cold some time.

Frank E. Munson, of Galva, Ill., died on his Gold Hill claim of typhoid fever last Saturday morning and was buried Sunday.

The Pioneers are giving a select dance in their hall on Saturday night and are issuing the admission tickets with discretion.

The Tivoli has been painted with white enamel and has had acetone gas laid in. The improvement is immediate and immense.

Rev. Father Gendreau will hold services at White Horse parlor, Eldorado City, the first and third Sundays in the month at 10 and 11 a. m., and evening services.

Last Friday a bucket of dirt from No. 11 on Victoria gulch yielded \$100, and one painful gave \$150. Recall, a stampede to the benches on Saturday.

J. S. Consul McCook has received a number of letters addressed to Dawson parties, forwarded from the U. S. Consul at Vancouver. A complete list is posted at Col. McCook's office.

Dawson's new skating rink will be opened to the public on Thursday night. No expense has been spared to make this the event of the season. Fine music and a good time for everybody, admission with skates 11.

The government will start out Corporal Richardson on Monday next with orders for Ottawa and nothing will be spared to make the trip a fast one. Believers of dogs will be instructed to make the best time possible to the coast.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce is about to open up town branch in the A. C. office building. Manager Wills will make that his headquarters and assistant manager McMullen will remain in charge of the main business next the barracks.

R. R. Reed, the well known egg man, on a bench opposite No. 19 Bonanza, is said to be contemplating a trip pretty soon to the U. S. Rumor says he is carrying a book of hair and a photo around with him, and may return to Dawson in the spring in possession of the original.

Mr. J. A. Aeklin leaves for his California home in two weeks and takes with him an interesting series of a course of his gardens and home in summer and winter costume. A party of sincere friends gathered at his home on Sunday to be included in the perspective of the only garden of any dimensions at present in Klondike.

The post office department is to be congratulated in the vast strides being made in bringing good system out of the chaos which prevailed here until recently. The new arrangement whereby mail for the men on the creeks is delivered to purgers like the Nugget express, will do much to facilitate the mail delivery and relieve the situation. The first list of names handed in resulted in a few hours in a bunch of much wanted letters for news-hungry miners.

#### POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Mrs. Ferrin, "humbly" boozey and noxious and noisy, \$30 and costs.

H. Phillips, too much of a good thing and obstreperous about 41, \$20 and costs.

Geo. Mead paid an assessment of \$50 and costs and thus purged himself of the charge of gambling.

Bert Gordon was relieved of \$50 and costs as his contribution of percentage for the games he operates. C. A. Bingham, same offense and same donation, accepted in extenuation.

Nellie Garfield accused T. E. Bassett of assaulting her. Nellie has been supporting him a long time and hence the objections to the assault from the supporters. Bassett has served time in Dawson before and his kind of people are not considered desirable residents by the police. Two months of hard labor is expected to work a reformation. As a further precaution he was bound over to keep the peace for the next six months.

#### Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

DAWSON, Oct. 31, 1898. The partnership heretofore existing between Charles S. Rosener and A. S. Levine under the firm name of "The City of Paris," is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts are payable to said A. S. Levine, who likewise assumes all obligations. CHARLES S. ROSENER, A. S. LEVINE.

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## NEWS DIRECT FROM THE OUTSIDE.

### The Present Gold Commissioner to Be Suspended at Once.

Peace Commission About Through—United States Won't Concede Skaguay—New Gold Commissioner Soon to Be Here.

Mr. Thomas McMullen, assistant manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, returned from a visit to the outside world and arrived in Dawson Friday last, in the afternoon. Dawson just at this time is suffering from a dearth of outside news, as rivers and trails for a month have been at their most impassable stage. Mr. McMullen is direct from the outside, and the information he brings is therefore the latest and of great interest to all our readers. The gentleman was at once seen by a representative of the Nugget and courteously consented to an interview.

"At what date did you leave the outside?" was asked.

"I left Victoria October 14th and arrived at Skaguay on the 17th. We left Skaguay the same day."

"Had anything occurred up to the time you left of interest to the Klondike?"

"Not a great deal. The papers were stating that a new gold commissioner had been appointed."

"Did you learn who was the gentleman to supersede Mr. Fawcett?"

"Mr. Gordon Hunter, of Victoria, was named. I called upon Mr. Hunter, and he told me he was coming in right behind me—would leave Victoria probably not later than the 18th. He told me that arrangements had been made through the N. W. M. P. for his incoming. He may even now be as near as Selkirk. It was also stated that Mr. W. H. P. Clement had been appointed as legal adviser to the commissioner, but I did not learn which commissioner was meant. Mr. Clement is, I believe, from Toronto. There were also to be two secretaries or clerks come in with them, one for each. The party is probably overtaken in the ice at some point up the river; but now that studding a good they may be looked for shortly."

The above information is quite the best news which has reached or will reach Dawson for a long time. The help of the adventurous gentleman who brings in the news so late in the season is also of considerable interest. Leaving Skaguay on the 17th of October, some 30 hours were consumed in travelling to Bennett. A blinding snowstorm on the summit combined together with darkness to call the party to a halt, as there was no way for their horses to be safe of the trail. For six hours the party held their horses and waited for daylight. Then a tent and the "Log Cabin" were found and refreshments secured, and at ten o'clock that evening the party was at Lincolnton.

Except for an occasional snowstorm and daily weather the trip as far as the town of Thirty-Mile river was without incident. There the party struck their first bar and were all one night getting off. Neither the Hootalinqua nor the rivers lower down as far as the Belly river were spitting much ice, and that was of a slushy nature which caused it to disappear as soon as it struck the main river. At Selkirk the Belly was found to be throwing a solid stream of floe ice, and soon after entering it the travellers found themselves attached to a floe the width of the river and fully half a mile long without a break. Their supply of fuel on the barge was soon exhausted but it was impossible to land and for two days and nights they travelled wherever the floe took them, expecting every minute to have to leave a crushed and sinking boat and make the best way they could to shore. But they ground on a bar the ice would have crushed them instantly. Hungry, cold and weary was the party when a landing was effected after their colorful journey through darkness and daylight. The floe spit up on an island and an open place was found for them through to shore. A day's rest and a couple of days lining the boat down river from the edge ice found our travellers one night with their boat fastened by stakes driven into the ice surrounding an island some five miles above Dawson. A jamp of ice somewhere above broke loose in the night and the party was awakened to find themselves floating in the darkness. However part of the shore ice below broke away and left a clear water harbor into which their boat was secured and moored to the shore. Then the flowing ice suddenly came to a standstill and there the boat and its contents are yet, for its occupants struck across for the mainland and thence to Dawson. In crossing the river on the newly jammed ice Mr. McMullen fell through the thin places twice and reached town with his moccasins and lower garments frozen stiff as boards. By hard walking he kept up a circulation and reached town unharmed, and after a bath and change of raiment was soon the center of the reception which his many Dawson friends rendered him.

Mr. F. D. Boyer, a well-known merchant of Seattle, accompanied the party down to Dawson, the party consisting of seven persons.

"Mr. McMullen what was the H. Spano American peace commission doing when you left?" was asked the gentleman.

"When I left the commission was sitting in Paris, and it was the general impression that the end was in sight. The International Commission

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