

THE LOCAL SITUATION

Regarding Importation and Sale of Goods

Has Put the Smaller Merchants to Guessing as to How the Cat Will Jump.

The local atmosphere is full of rumors of war regarding the importation and sale of supplies of all kinds in Dawson and the Klondike. Reports say that the big companies will do the importing for all the smaller merchants and will sell goods in Dawson to the retailers at a lower price than it is possible for the small dealers to import on their own responsibility, for the reason that the big companies can bring goods from Seattle, San Francisco and British Columbia ports via St. Michael to Dawson in their own ships and sell them much cheaper than they can possibly be imported via the White Pass, and still make a fair profit.

Until the smaller merchants have some information as to what will be done, they will place no orders for the season's goods with outside houses, as they have now every reason to believe that they can be supplied right at home and by the big companies at a material saving to themselves.

The proposed action of the big companies, it is said, is due to the announcement of the White Pass officials that the low rates of that company would practically put the lower river transportation companies out of business.

Manager Mizner, of the Northern Commercial Company, when asked today if it is the intention of his company to engage more extensively in the wholesale business than formerly, replied:

"We will import more heavily this season than ever before. We are here to do business and as profits are less now than ever before in the history of the country it stands to reason that, to make the business remunerative and successful, we must handle more goods, and that is what we propose doing. We will have the goods here to sell and would as soon sell them to local merchants as to anyone. As I remarked before, we are here to do business."

Asked if the big companies might not have a strong competitor in the White Pass Company that may also engage in the wholesale supply business in Dawson, Mr. Mizner said:

"If the railroad company wishes to engage in wholesale merchandizing in Dawson there is no reason why it should not do so. The N. C. Co. can sell it the Empire wharf and buildings and the old A. E. Co. stores, and that would be good facilities for any business. Opposition is the life of trade and if the White Pass people wish to enter the mercantile field

of the Yukon, no one can say them nay."

Mr. H. Te-Roller, manager for the N. A. T. & T. Co., when asked for his views of the situation, said:

"I have no advice concerning these rumors, and do not credit the report that the N. A. T. & T. Co. is in the fight, if there is any. As for goods being cheaper here this coming season than on the outside, I will say that some commodities are now sold here at outside cost, a condition much to be regretted and that does not give much encouragement to any dealer, large or small, especially when we consider the fact that all food supplies and other goods have increased in price from 10 to 35 per cent. over that of a year ago.

"What is the outlook for business from a mercantile standpoint? It certainly is not very promising. I fear very much it will continue to be on the ragged edges as it now is until our population has considerably increased and merchants have decreased.

"Why should this unsettled condition exist? In my opinion the cause of the difficulty is in the fact that our transportation and trading facilities far exceed our needs. No sane or intelligent business man will not admit but that if half the mercantile houses in town and up the creeks were to close down and discontinue business there would still be plenty of business places left. The same overdone condition prevails in the transportation business. Neither of these two industries have been taxed up to their capacity.

"Now these are facts and we might as well be frank about it and admit it. It is not a struggle so much for supremacy as for existence. There is no concern here but what should do more than they are doing commensurate with the investments and chances taken at getting back the principle with reasonable profit. As it now stands there is not enough for all and only the fittest can survive."

"What about slaughtering prices?"

"Well, such a state of affairs is presumably not welcomed by anyone, yet it is quite possible and by some considered probable that goods will be sold here the coming season not only at cost laid down, as is the case now in many instances, but at Seattle or Vancouver cost with no freight added."

"Would not that be demoralizing and mean a serious loss to Dawson and its business interests?"

"It certainly would, and it is only a question of who could stand it the longest. I do not believe that any one is keen for such a conflict, but if it must and will come, the sooner the better and done with it. I can assure you that we are not inviting it, but hope to be able to continue our business so we can show the stockholders that there will be some probability of getting their money back with a fair earning."

Mr. J. H. Rogers, general agent of the White Pass route, was approached in the same matter.

"It is not beyond the range of possibility that our company will embark in the merchandising business," said he. "Of course we have no desire to do so but if it is forced up to us we may make such a venture. We are here for business and are able to land freight in Dawson just as cheaply as can be done by any other concern and we expect to get our share

of the traffic.

"I have no information from our head office that any immediate move in the merchandise direction is contemplated, but as I said it is not impossible. On the other hand if a fight is forced on to us we might issue a protective tariff which would accomplish the same result. By that I mean that we would accept freight at the regular rates but would contract with our patrons to protect them by rebate or otherwise should competition force them to sell at an unprofitable figure.

"I greatly regret that there should be any possibility of such a fight being brought on, but you may say that if we are dragged into a rate war the White Pass will stand pat to the finish."

The Mikado.

A full rehearsal for both principals and chorus of the Dawson Amateur Operatic Society will be held this evening in St. Andrews hall at 8 o'clock sharp. The rehearsals are progressing most satisfactorily, but as the difficulties and expense in connection with the forthcoming production far exceed those in connection with that of "H.M.S. Pinafore," and as there is only a limited time remaining before the dates fixed for the staging of the opera, the executive committee earnestly request all members of the society to be punctual and regular in their attendance at the remaining rehearsals, and to also assist the committee by every means in their power in making the coming production as great a success as that of "H.M.S. Pinafore." Mr. Thorne, the stage manager, will commence his work of instruction next Monday evening.

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Dawson Rifles Entertain.

Major Z. T. Wood last night addressed Captain Hulme's company, the Dawson Rifles, on parade and later entertained the officers at his home while the men were entertained at the police canteen. Both gatherings were happy ones, the officers and men of the police being princely entertainers.

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Mum the Word

Special to the Daily Nugget.

London, April 24.—Secretary of State Reitz, of the Transvaal, Gen. Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces, and other members of the party concluded their conference with the burghers composing Lucas Meyer's command. Nothing has leaked out regarding the result. Reitz proceeded to Pietersburg to meet Commandant Beyers.

Fresh eggs just arrived at Barrett & Hull's.

Only a Prayer Book

Special to the Daily Nugget.

Madrid, April 24.—Much excitement was caused by the arrest of a Frenchman giving the name of Saury who attempted to enter the royal palace. Nothing but a prayer-book was found on the prisoner, who was handed over to the French embassy.

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Persons desiring to export gold are hereby notified to apply to the comptroller of the Yukon Territory on or before 30th April instant for free certificates for export of same, which will be granted on satisfactory proof that the royalty has been paid and upon the gold being boxed up and sealed. This notice is given as it is in contemplation to change the method of collecting royalty, and neglect to obtain certificate may render gold liable to pay a second tax.

J. T. LITGOW,
Comptroller.

Dawson, 21st April, 1902. c29

Forks Theatricals.

A stage load of theatrical celebrities left for the Forks today, where they will give an entertainment at the Dewey this evening. The company included Rooney & Forrester, Beatrice Lorne, Madge Meville, Annie Merrill and Noel.

Complete line paints, oils, brushes, etc. Ames Mercantile Co.

Strike Ended.

The trouble between the employees and the management of the McLennan & McFeely tin shops, which resulted in a strike being declared a few days ago, has been amicably settled and the men have resumed their work.

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