

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY NUGGET.

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## UP RIVER BURGH

Asks Government for Judge and a Few Other Things by Petition

WHICH IS SENT BY MR. GIROUARD.

Citizens Want Assistant Commissioner and Right to

ELECT MINATURE COUNCIL.

Superintendent of Roads Tache Arrives From Whitehorse and Tells About Road and River Work.

From Saturday's Daily.  
J. W. Tache, superintendent of public roads and river work, arrived from Whitehorse last evening after 11 days on the road which he characterizes as cold.

Although Mr. Tache's business here is connected with construction work in his department, he is quite enthusiastic over the indications of the future prosperity of Whitehorse, and furnishes some interesting information regarding what is being done to further the interests of that place.

It seems that when Mr. Girouard was on his way to Ottawa he stopped at Whitehorse where he was tendered a reception and carried with him a petition from the citizens asking for a few things which go to show that Whitehorse is alive to its interests.

First, it wants a territorial court established there and a judge appointed. "Of course," said Mr. Tache in speaking of the matter, "I do not mean by saying that we need a judge that there is much crime in Whitehorse, but the court is much needed, and it is too far and would take too much time if visits were made by one of the judges here."

Besides this Whitehorse asks that it be given an assistant commissioner, and that said assistant commissioner be assisted in directing the destiny of Whitehorse by two advisers, constituting something which might be termed a miniature council, and these the thrifty citizens beg to be allowed to elect from among their own number.

Mr. Tache hardly expects this latter condition of the petition to be complied with.

Concerning road building in the vicinity of Whitehorse the superintendent says that roads have been completed from both the Copper King and Grafter groups of copper mines to Whitehorse, and that the sample shipment of ore from the former mine has been reduced at the Tacoma smelters.

There were eight tons of this, and the return is \$720 or \$90 per ton.

At the head of Lake Lebarge where the channel was so obstructed last spring as to make navigation impossible for steamers pending high water, a series of sheer dams many thousand feet in extent have been partially constructed of stone, pile and brush work, in such a manner as to completely block the old channel in the spring, throwing the whole volume of water through the new one which will give plenty of depth and room for steamers

as early as the ice goes out. This work, though incomplete at present, will be finished early in March.

The bridge at Carmack's carried away by the high water of last summer has been reconstructed, and several minor changes have been planned for the cut-off, which will eventually do away with the climbing of some very steep hills, notably that above Reindeer, which is steep and high and causes much extra work to heavily loaded freight trains.

Big Salmon also wants a road built from Lower Lebarge as the distance can be shortened from 130 to 49 miles, and the proposed route has the indorsement of Mr. Tache.

Concerning his business here he could say but little, as the appropriation by the department of public works for the territory for this year has been exhausted and the new one has not yet been made.

He will start Monday on a trip of inspection of contracts now being worked on and some that have been completed, notably that of the road from Williams' roadhouse to Gold Run recently completed by the Palmer Bros.

### The Weather.

For the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the official thermometer showed the minimum temperature to be 49.5 and the maximum temperature 43.5 degrees below zero.

Although the temperature was rising today a brisk south wind made it appear as uncomfortably cold as when it was really many degrees colder.

## Horses May Die

In the winter of 1898 a great many very valuable horses died here as the direct result of having worked out in extreme cold weather, and there is every indication that the same result will obtain this year from exactly the same causes.

Yesterday morning the Hadley Stage Line started a rig for Whitehorse, and by the time it had reached the Klondike two of the horses were in a bad way. One of them had to be put on a sled and hauled back to town and the other was in a condition barely admitting of its walking back.

This was not caused by the fact that the weather was cold at the time the animals showed signs of distress, because it was then less than 45 degrees below zero, but because the damage had been done previous so, that when the thermometers were showing something in the neighborhood of 60 below.

Horses are like human beings in the way extremely cold air effects their lungs, only they have not the discretion or opportunity to guard against it. A horse either putting hard or traveling fast enough to increase the volume of respiration, inhales with each breath a great volume of cold air, and, considering the natural heat of his lungs when he takes them full of air at the temperature of 60 below zero, it is not astonishing that the result should be highly disastrous.

It has been prophesied by those who saw and noted the result of the exposure of horses to this sort of weather in '98, that the majority of animals which had worked out during the recent cold weather would die as a result.

### Regarding Society.

"What is Dawson society doing this week," is the question which has been propounded by the writer of this column more times than he likes to think of, when it is remembered that the invariable reply almost has been that the knowing ones have replied: "Staying at home on account of the cold weather," or "I really don't know. It has been too cold to go out or ask anyone else to."

Ladies in Dawson whose instincts would naturally prompt them to entertain their friends at home much more than they do, find themselves, except in a few fortunate instances, confronted by a most serious obstacle, lack of house room.

Few indeed are the houses boasted by Dawson capable of furnishing room for anything like the number of one's friends one would like to invite to card parties, teas or other forms of social entertainment, and many are deterred

altogether from attempting anything of the sort by this very fact.

There are many reasons why many will not entertain at all by invitation on this account, the chief of which is, perhaps, that there is a feeling that if the house is too small to invite all those who would be at least mildly astonished were they left out, that the best way to avoid difficulty and annoyance is not to entertain at all, and for this reason many who do entertain do not care to have the fact published. Seeing that nearly all are situated much alike in this respect, it would seem that this feeling would wear away in the course of time, and the fact become of such general consideration that explanations on that score would be rendered unnecessary.

Many social affairs which were contemplated for this week, such as surprise parties and sleigh rides have been indefinitely postponed on account of cold weather much to the disappointment of those who were to have participated.

### Pausing at Whitehorse.

Mr. W. H. Parsons, manager of the Dawson branch of the Ames Mercantile Co., and who left for the outside on Wednesday, the 9th instant, has arrived safely at Whitehorse only to find that he will have to remain there until the railroad resumes operations which may be in a few days or a few weeks. His trip from Dawson to Whitehorse was without incident.

## His Last Chance

James Slorab stands in the shadow of the gallows with its intensity growing deeper day by day as the time of his life, under the sentence of death, grows shorter. Little more than a month of life now remains to him unless the efforts of his counsel prove more fruitful of success in the future than they have done in the past.

All the original affidavits procurable will go forward to the minister of justice in Ottawa early in the coming week, though somewhat of the potency this matter was supposed to contain has been taken from it by the action of the juryman, Wilson and Jarvis, in refusing to swear to fresh affidavits for this purpose.

What their reasons are for refusing to do this, having done so once, are best known to themselves, but that cuts no figure with the issue, and the fact is now apparent that the chances of procuring the intervention of Ottawa between James Slorab and the gallows early in March are not nearly so good as they might be.

The affidavits of Attorney Bleeker, James Nesbitt and Al Smith, together with a petition will go forward at once as the last hope of the defense, which should it fail will leave the case hopeless.

### POLICE COURT NEWS.

It was a short session of court held by Magistrate Rutledge this morning only one case being on for hearing.

According to the statement of Michael Duke he entered a prisoner's box this morning for the first time in his life, but as the charge was a trivial one, Mike's standing in the social world will not be seriously impaired as he violated the law unwittingly by dumping a load of garbage on the ice outside the prescribed limits. A fine of \$5 and costs was imposed. Mike's employer was on hand with sufficient "long green" to liquidate the assessment.

A complaint sworn to by John G. Schmitt charges Jacob Mayerhoffer with the theft of a team of horses from the Nome stables last night. A warrant was issued for Mayerhoffer's arrest.

Ten varieties fresh vegetables at Meeker's.

## POTATOES CAME IN

And Were Sold at Great Profit After the C. D. Co. Failed to Deliver

ACCORDING TO WILSON'S CONTRACT

Say Witnesses in the Big Damage Suite Now in Court.

A NICE DISTINCTION DRAWN

By a Female Witness Between a Plan and a Lawyer—Wilson's Potatoes Sold for \$9,000.

The damage suit of T. G. Wilson against the C. D. Co. was on trial before Justice Craig in the territorial court yesterday afternoon.

The testimony of Alfred Lobley, a witness for the plaintiff, was read, having been taken in writing at the time the witness left here last fall.

The evidence went to show that a great quantity of freight got through to Dawson after the company found it impracticable to get the goods for which damage is asked on account of non-delivery through to Dawson.

The next testimony was that of Louise K. Hill, who bought five tons of goods in Seattle last September and brought the goods through with her. The goods were billed to Bennett which place was reached in eight days after leaving Seattle. From there she brought the goods to Whitehorse by the C. D. Co.'s boat Australia.

She took them around Miles canyon on the tramway, and thence to Dawson on the last trip of the Columbian.

Under cross examination the witness stated that her goods were shipped under a written contract calling for dead weight, and upon arrival here she was asked to pay freight by measurement, but adhered to the letter of the contract, only paying for actual weight. When asked who gave her the contract she stated that she did not know.

Question: "Was it a lawyer?"

"No, it was a man."

This statement rather amused the representatives of the bar who, for the most part enjoy a joke even when it is upon themselves.

The lady's examination closed with the statements that she paid a man to hasten the transfer of her goods around Miles canyon, and that she was never so thankful in her life as when she got her goods landed in Dawson.

The examination of Eli Franck went to show that he had bought \$1800 worth of potatoes in sacks marked diamond W., that he had purchased these potatoes from the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. and brought them through to Dawson on a scow which he purchased in Whitehorse. The potatoes were in good condition when he got to Dawson, where he sold them for nearly \$9000.

This closed the evidence in examination for the plaintiff, and the defence called Mr. Warlock, of the C. D. Co., who testified that the potatoes had been sold by the railway company, whose agent had told him that the C. D. Co.

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