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NOTICE

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DAWSON NEEDS A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Dawson presents the peculiar anomaly of a city of nearly 20,000 intelligent English speaking people and yet having no public educational institution. It must be considered, of course, that only an exceedingly small proportion of our population consists of children of school age. Nevertheless if there were only five or ten children in the entire city, a public school would be a necessity.

As it is, there are enough children in Dawson to warrant a good sized building. Attempts at private schools have been made and these should be encouraged by every possible means. But we hold to the opinion that the community at large owes it to itself to see that every child who desires attending school should be given an opportunity to do so without charge. It very often happens that the parents of school children are unable to pay for instruction in a private institution. Such people are unfortunate but for that very reason if for no other their children should be provided with the advantages of a school.

When Dawson becomes an incorporated city the matter of a public school will doubtless be taken up and properly dealt with.

HORSE AND HORSE.

Dawson City is the most exceptional city in the whole world, and in one respect more than any other, and that is her population is made up entirely of men who do not and will not consider it their home, and who are wholly wrapped up in their own pursuit of the elusive dollar, to the exclusion of every other matter. There is no leisurely wealthy class willing or able to give their whole services to the public for the possible glory or distinction of being public men. It is the hardest thing in the world to get property holders to even attend a two-hour meeting for the consideration of public benefits. Many actually cannot find time nor disposition to look into the incorporation problem and bring their minds down to the fine point of deciding yes or no. Men apathetically in favor of incorporation have not sufficient enthusiasm on the subject to hunt up the petitions and sign them. There is but one subject which arouses a universal interest among our people and which will instantly call out positive expressions of opinion, and that is unjust taxation. It is plain to all and denied by none that certain public improvements are absolutely essential to the life and happiness of our people. There is a hesitancy only about forming ourselves into an incorporated body which will mean added taxes to all. But let us look into the matter a little further. Those taxes will have to be paid, for those improvements must be made. If we do not incorporate can we by not doing so avoid the special tax on abutting property for street improvements? Fine protection must come and by avoiding incorporation it will not, the property protected is still specially assessed for that department? Would our people rather pay the money into the coffers of the council of the Yukon Territory than into the

treasury of the city of Dawson to be disbursed by men we know and have appointed or elected for that purpose? Special taxation is the only argument against incorporation and on the face of it that argument is of the flimsiest kind. We cannot escape it by remaining without incorporation. In a recent issue of this paper Mr. Ogilvie is quoted as saying: "These public improvements should be made and I am in favor of making them. If the people are willing to tax themselves for that purpose I will stand responsible for the equitable and economical disposition of the funds." Mr. Ogilvie's duties are many and arduous and the question arises in the minds of all if they would not rather place the disposition of those funds in the hands of men whom they themselves elect and whom they can depose on provocation. Within two or three weeks the street problem will be solved by Jack Frost, but it is essential that sanitary arrangements be made at once and carried out all winter that the summer of '98 may not find us a veritable hotbed of fever. By opposing incorporation, taxation cannot be avoided, while with the incorporated city of Dawson at our backs considerable decrease of the existing excessive taxation we are suffering from may be demanded and secured.

IS IT GUILT?

Canadian and American newspapers are lately devoting column after column of space to what they are pleased to term "official rottenness at Dawson." There can be no doubt in the mind of any resident here as to there being fire at the bottom of all this smoke, yet there is a lot of misinformation afloat which is the result purely of the supercilious disregard of the opinions of the public. Thomas Fawcett, the gentleman who is undoubtedly the primal cause of the largest share of this storm of censure which is agitating the northern half of North America, is so callous to the biting censure of the people that he has actually attended indignation meetings in Dawson where his name has been dragged in the mud and his reputation used for a football; and yet the charges made against him have gone unchallenged even by his official mouth-piece, our contemporary. To the ordinary mind there are but two interpretations to be placed on such dense imbecility or guilt. The unwholesome atmosphere of suspicion which prevails so uniformly throughout the country can not be remedied by halfhearted measures. It is pretty generally known that a quiet investigation is taking place and we suggest the immediate removal of the men whose acts have brought so much disrepute upon the Liberal party of Canada which is responsible for their appointment.

Practical politics may suggest "white wash" as the most expedient solution of the mudle; but good sense will show it to be impossible to stem this gigantic wave of public mistrust by any such means. There is a growing feeling of almost hatred for the men who have brought the Klondike detachment of the Canadian government into so much disrepute. The finger of scorn is not alone pointed in the Western Hemisphere; clippings from London newspapers show that even Europe is becoming fully advised of the "shady" transactions of the gold commissioner's office in Dawson. The Nugget has information to the effect that a strong effort is being made by the new Yukon commissioner to bring about wholesome changes for the better in that office and would suggest the immediate removal of Mr. Fawcett as the quickest method of restoring public confidence and inviting the investment of outside capital.

DAWSON'S FIRST MAYOR.

Within a very short time it may be expected that the citizens of Dawson will be called upon to exercise the voting franchise. We apprehend that it may be only a question of days when this will occur. We do things in a hurry in this northern climate and once the incorporation ordinance is signed the call for election of officers will follow closely. By all odds, the most important office

to be filled will be that of mayor. The chief executive of Dawson will be a most conspicuous and important figure, not only in our own city, but in other portions of Canada, and the States as well. It becomes, then, a matter of public interest to consider what qualities the man must bring to the office to conduct it with credit to himself and honor to the city.

It must be conceded that a mining camp of necessity differs in many respects from the ordinary town. The element of chance that enters into all mining operations is reflected to an extent, upon every line of business carried on in a mining community. There are many enterprises which in an older and more settled place are looked upon with askance, that are expected to be found and to flourish in a mining camp.

We suggest, therefore, that Dawson's chief executive must be a man of wide experience with the world, broad minded and liberal in his views. Strength of mind and firmness of character are required in the man for this reason if for no other, that our interests here have already been sufficiently damaged through official weakness and vacillation.

We do not expect that the man will be found who will meet every requirement of the situation, but we are convinced that there is in Dawson material not only for mayor but for all other officers far above the average. When the proper time arrives the Nugget will present its views as to the personnel of our future city officers. Candidates will not be lacking as reference to our last issue will plainly indicate.

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"British justice" is a thing that has been boasted of and quoted the world over for many years. It is something of which every Britisher has reason to be extremely proud, for ordinarily it is a guarantee of fair dealing to every man who owes allegiance to, or for the time being happens to be living under the protection of the British flag. Unfortunately for the citizens of the Klondike country, however, we are not receiving our share of that justice, which we all respect and admire so much. If we were, it could not be said that taxes to the amount of millions are collected from this district and scarcely a cent expended in public improvements and in facilitating the transaction of business. The government has wrung enough royalty out of the claims on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks to warrant the construction of a paved street from Dawson to the forks. But what is the situation today? The trail up the creek is simply one continuous bog, in fact is almost impassable. The streets of Dawson need no mention. Everyone knows that horses are mired and stalled every day in a vain attempt to pull their loads through the mud and muck.

But continuous mention of these evils will accomplish no good. Despite the enormous taxes exacted we can expect little or no relief until Dawson's legally elected representatives are empowered to expend the money our citizens are forced to contribute to the government exchequer.

You will want the Nugget during the winter months. Delivered twice a week for \$2.50 per month.

Here's a Snap.

For Sale a good, snug cabin 14 x 16, High and dry location. Price, \$700. HEMEN, this office.

The Nugget tells all the news just as it happens. Twice a week - \$2.50 per month.

Removal.

After Saturday, August 27th, the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be found in the new premises, between the Barracks and the Gold Commissioner's office.

A down-town branch will be opened for the accommodation of the bank's customers, shortly.

H. T. WILLS, Manager.

A Large Stock of Furs.

W. H. Smith & Co. are not confining their energies to supplying Dawson with her winter's fuel. They have just received as handsome and complete a stock of furs as there is in the country. Traps, capes, coats, robes, boas, and all the luxuries of dress which are so soon to become necessities. They have a stock of over \$40,000 to choose from and, of course, there will be later. Opposite the Combination.

When buying in your winter's outfit, remember a subscription to the Nugget is an essential. Twice a week by carrier - \$2.50 per month.

The line of Domestic and Imported Cigars Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

THE PIONEER

DINSMORE, EPENCER & McPHEE, Proprietors
BEST GRADES OF
SCOTCH and CANADIAN WHISKIES
And the Old Favorite Brand of
JACK McQUESTIAN CIGARS

THE AURORA

TOM CHISHOLM, Proprietor
COR. FRONT AND SECOND STREET
Headquarters for
BEST OF WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

YUKON SAW MILL CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF
First Quality Matched, Dressed,
Rustic, Roofing, and Rough Lumber.
House Logs Furnished, Cordwood &c.
Orders filled promptly.

ELDORADO SALOON

HALL, McKENNEY & YOUNG, Proprietors
KLONDIKE CITY
Finest Brands of
Wines, Liquors and Cigars

THE NORTHERN

ASH & MANNING, Proprietors
Choicest Wines, Liquors and Cigars
Expert Mixologists
MINING HEADQUARTERS
FRONT STREET DAWSON

Combination Saloon

Is the Place to go for fun and amusement. Finest kind of Liquors and Cigars.
Lloyd, Harrison & Co., Proprietors.

The "Monte Carlo"

FINEST BAR IN DAWSON
QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST
Mixed Drinks a Specialty
HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

THE OPERA HOUSE

BAKKE, WILSON & PETERSON
Proprietors
DAWSON
Headquarters for Best of
Wines, Liquors and Cigars
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

Job Printing

In all its Latest Styles executed from new type faces at this office

We have facilities for

Check Binding

Perforating, Numbering and

Stapling

STOCK VERY COMPLETE AND WELL ASSORTED

Plenty of type and press facilities for the quick execution of

Pamphlets, Blanks and Programs

THE KLONDIKE NUGGET

A STORMY INCORPORATION

The Citizens' Committee
a Vote of

Discussion of the Ordinance

Words and Heat of Committee
Pursuant to a call of the committee on Saturday night the incorporation meeting was held at the meeting place as will be observed. Galpin called the meeting to order. Mr. Fawcett secretary of the committee in the fire department minutes of the last meeting of the fire department changed since the last Saturday afternoon the committee met at the N. A. T. & T. building left yet to pay of the minutes and report of the committee. Mr. Chute reported in the matter of \$2000 to put the fire that they had not met the Bank of Commerce at the low rate of six percent responsible for making it secure. The committee signed: D. W. Day, A. Chute, J. J. Rutledge, and Joe A. Cooper. had canvassed the town of the names could not be secured the advance fire department on the delay of waiting the raising of the money event of securing the money ranged to have it placed in the bank only upon a situation at present was a wonderful spectacle of fire apparatus second to any for lack of sufficient was lying on the bank useless in case of fire, morning when a call destroyed and the block or two away. There were last winter when it occurred now with the and continuous would mean not only the loss of food also. The committee four or five men on sale jackets to make a house town for signatures but incorporation would be deemed the wiser department in active support of incorporation. The committee asked that the end of Mr. Mcregor be a (Applause)
Mr. Woodworth moved added which was done. Mr. Ritchie explained relation had appointed Messrs. Galpin, Mcregor citizens' committee announced the petitions one named 200 signatures in Mr. Wills had a very he was heartily in favor was the only relief for conditions. Once get a would follow. He hoped much to their advantage being mentioned as will positions in the proposed was there simply as a not as a possible candidate cost of the fire apparatus incorporation it will be rise up and ask for it and would sign before leaving Secretary Armstrong was an incorporating one and asked if it was to be signed that it was one for the aid of the committee until made so by that committee's suggesting that it ting to hear it read Mr. sections, comment wherefore as he went. He by desiring the people to finance granting us in passed not as he wished, as the Yukon come wished. Nevertheless he best ideas from the North of course to modify committee.
Mr. Wills rose to his conference with Mr. Og gentleman would do as the ordinance matter. lined reading and explanations of voters and citizens were simply put of the committee and change they brought in the Attorney Lisle was no special city ordinance and conclusion we ought twelve members. He once be drawn up moderate. He thought a citizen containing the dignity of town.
Gov. J. Armstrong, n