

FRAUD CHARGED

By Attorney Noel Who Says Official Records Have Been Changed

IN OFFICE OF GOLD COMMISSIONER

Concerning Claim Opposite 35 Below on Hunker.

SAYS CAN PROVE STATEMENT

Records and Clerks Ordered Before Judge Dugas for Examination Friday Morning.

The application of E. Lewin for an injunction restraining Mr. Andy et al. from working a claim opposite 35 below on Hunker promises to develop into a case of considerable interest. On the 22d of March Mr. Lewin received as a compensation from the gold commissioner's office the claim known as the Fetz claim which is opposite 35 below discovery on Hunker. He claims that the defendants, who are working what are known as the Korkorla claim, have overstepped their boundaries and are working on the Fetz claim. In substantiation of their claim they produced in Justice Dugas' court this morning, on a motion for an extension of the injunction, affidavits from Surveyor Barwell and one other surveyor stating that the ground belonged to

the Fetz location. The plaintiffs also had the affidavit of Surveyor Fawcett which was on the original survey which stated that the plaintiffs were on their own ground.

Moreau, one of the defendants filed an affidavit that the entries in the books in the gold commissioner's office had been changed about the time of the granting of Lewin's compensation claim and in his affidavit Moreau further states that he asked the chief clerk in the gold commissioner's office for the privilege of examining the compensation file No. 1574, which relates to the compensation papers and that his request was refused.

Mr. Noel, attorney for defendants, made a direct charge that the description of the Korkorla claim was changed in the records a year after it was recorded and that it given an opportunity of examining the records he could prove his statement.

In view of the affidavits filed and the unwillingness of the clerks to allow the examination of the records Justice Dugas ordered all the books in the gold commissioner's office and, as many of the clerks as are necessary to appear in the court on Friday morning when a complete investigation will occur.

In Gold Commissioner's Court.

In Gold Commissioner Senkler's court the case of Feishman vs. Crease concerning the boundary of claims 1 and 2 on Discovery pup on Last Chance, also of the opposite hillside, was concluded. The case was long drawn out, being warmly contested by opposing attorneys. Decision has not yet been rendered.

Information Wanted.

Mr. Dufferin Pattullo, the vice-consul of Norway and Sweden, has received a letter from the vice consul at Quebec asking for information concerning one Miss Anna Augusta Nilsson of Nykoping, Sweden, who changed her name on this continent and asking if she cannot be identified with one Miss Anna Salvin, a Swedish subject who died in the Klondike last fall. Anyone knowing anything concerning either of the parties will kindly communicate with Mr. Pattullo, care of the gold commissioner's office.

NEARLY ELECTROCUTED

Messrs. Fawcett and Hawkins Given Severe Shock by Live Wire Survey Chain Was the Means of Contact.

A peculiar accident occurred this morning which illustrates in a forcible manner the latent danger that lurks unseen in a current of electricity.

The victims of the accident were Messrs. Fawcett and Hawkins, two well known Dominion land surveyors and the cause of all the trouble was the fact that an innocent looking steel tape measure and an equally innocent appearing electric wire came in contact with each other.

Messrs. Fawcett and Hawkins were engaged at an early hour this morning in making a survey along the government road, at a point on the bluff above the toll bridge.

Mr. Fawcett was standing at a considerable height on the rocks above the roadway and Mr. Hawkins was standing on the road below him. Each had an end of the chain in his hand and as Mr. Fawcett drew the chain taut in preparing to take a measurement it was brought in contact with the electric wire which supplies Bonanza and Eldorado creeks with light and motive power.

At the instant of contact both men received a heavy shock. Mr. Hawkins

was standing much nearer to the wire than his partner and being on the ground naturally suffered the severest treatment. He was thrown immediately to the ground where he remained in an unconscious condition for a period of 15 minutes. Mr. Fawcett who, as noted above, was standing on the rocks did not receive so severe a shock and was able to go to the aid of his companion, his hold on the chain being released as a result of Mr. Hawkins' fall. Passers by also rushed to the assistance of the injured man and a telephone message was sent from French & Carroll's store to Dr. Hurdman at the barracks. The last named gentleman lost no time in reaching the scene of the accident and by the application of restoratives soon brought the injured man to consciousness.

Dr. Hurdman in speaking of the matter stated that the wire was not insulated which accounted for the severity of the shock. He does not anticipate that either of the gentlemen will suffer any permanent effects from the accident, although it will be a day or two before they are ready for active business again.

GERMAIN'S ATTORNEY

Says He Will Return to Stand Trial.

The general impression around town is that B. F. Germain in remaining at Eagle City did so intentionally to escape his trial. Germain's attorney was seen yesterday afternoon by a Nugget representative and said that he thought this was a wrong impression as he believed that Germain would return in time for his trial. Mrs. Germain had informed him that he had simply remained at Eagle to look after some mining interests which he had in that district and it was his intention to return to Dawson within ten days.

"This case," said the attorney, "has been pending ever since the 19th of December and has been adjourned from month to month ever since that time by the crown.

"Germain has been on hand every time the case has been called ready and anxious to go on with his trial and while he did not mention to me that business would detain him for a few days at Eagle City, I have every reason to believe he will return in time for his trial, which in all probability will not come up until after the O'Brien case which will consume the largest part of the month of June."

The charge brought against Germain and for which he is to stand trial is that on the 13th day of October he falsely pretended that he inclosed \$50 for Chas. A. Wikidell addressed to Miss N. C. Rehm of Oakland, Cal.

At the preliminary trial Wikidell swore that he had instructed Germain to buy a money order while Germain said that his instructions were to register the letter which he did, inclosing a \$50 bill in it. Three witnesses were produced who testified to having seen Germain put the money in the envelope. In a letter written by Miss Rehm to Wikidell she acknowledged receipt of the registered letter but stated that she did not receive the money. It was upon the receipt of this letter that the charge was made.

A commission was granted by the court to get the evidence of Miss Rehm and awaiting the arrival of the commission the case has been postponed.

The case will be called next Monday as all criminal cases are called upon the reconvening of the court upon the first of the month and if they are not ready for trial they are remanded or dates set for trial.

Nothing will be done in the matter until the case is called Monday and if Germain does not appear at that time the court will decide whether his bond will be forfeited or an extension of time be given him in which to appear.

Notice.

All persons who have signed notes jointly with Thos. Chisholm are requested to see him at Aurora No. 1 before paying same.

THOS. CHISHOLM.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Emil Van Raes Sustains a Fractured Leg.

Emil Van Raes an employee of the Bay City Market met with a very serious accident about noon today.

He was taking a load of beef to the cold storage building and while carrying a hind quarter from the wagon to the building he suddenly slipped and fell in such a manner that the beef came down on his leg breaking it in two places just above the ankle.

His wound was very painful causing him to suffer intense agony while being removed from the cold storage building to St. Mary's hospital. Dr. Cassel's was called to attend the injured man and set the broken bones and the patient is now resting easily.

Mr. Van Raes is a resident of Winnipeg and has been in Dawson for nearly two years nearly all of which time he has been in the employ of the Bay City Market.

THE FORKS ROBBERY

Authorities Say Amount Taken is About \$1200.

Several nights ago a robbery took place at Grand Forks when the office of Mining Inspector Robinson was looted for an amount in the neighborhood of \$1200. There is very little being said about the affair by officials here but it is evident that they are of the belief that they have a clue which will lead to the apprehension of the thief or thieves. The money was in a safe in the recorder's office and was receipts from recording claims and sale of licenses. There was no part of the money royalty collections. Part was in currency and part in gold dust, the proportions not being yet known, no report having as yet been submitted to either the office of the gold commissioner or to Major Wood by the officer in charge at the Forks. Besides Mr. Robinson, two assistants are employed in the Forks office. It is thought there will be some developments in the matter within the next day or two. The robbery is said to have occurred last Thursday night.

Opposing Scow Dealers.

Considerable activity was manifested yesterday in small merchant circles over the fact that a number of scow owners brought in with them small stocks of goods which, by the payment of the scow license, they will be permitted to retail without even opening stores. These small merchants were arranging last night for getting up and presenting to the Yukon council a petition setting forth their grievances. On the other hand, the scow men contend that they are public benefac-

tors and that their timely arrival has been the means of reducing prices to the Dawson consumer fully 50 per cent.

In the meantime a good business stand can not now be had in Dawson even if the late arrivals desire to engage in business.

In Canine Circles.

But little has been heard of the dogs within the past few days, but the good results of Major Primrose's order are so apparent that, even if it were certain that not another case of rabies would develop, the majority of the people would prefer to have the order continued just as it is. The absence of repulsive appearing curs on the streets is an innovation in comparison with times past and its indefinite continuation will be welcomed by nine-tenths of the people in Dawson.

Since the dogs have been kept out of sight there has been an increasing demand for blanc mange as an article of desert where formerly it was very unpopular on account of its name.

Labarge Was Sold.

Only last Friday—only five days ago, Tom Newland who arrived in Dawson this morning in a canoe, crossed Lake Lebarge with a horse at which time it was very wild and showed no indications of an early breakup. He says he believes the lake would not break for fully two weeks after he crossed it. Mr. Newland is a Klondike pioneer and it just back from Fort Townsend, Wash., where he spent the winter.

HEARING EVIDENCE

Regarding H. H. Cook's Charges Creates Trouble in Senate.

Ottawa, April 23.—The Cook committee met again in the senate this morning, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, presiding. O. T. Ritchie appeared for the partisan majority in the senate; J. K. Kerr for W. T. Preston; S. H. Blake for the accused persons, and A. H. Marsh for H. H. Cook, complainant.

It was stated by Mr. Ritchie that Mr. Ballev, executor of the estate of the late M. C. Cameron, had been summoned to produce the private letter book of 1898.

W. T. Preston was examined as to how he had discovered that his letter written to Cook and produced before the committee some weeks ago had been tampered with. He explained that he had asked for a copy of the letter and a friend had examined it and reported it to be without a date, and then Preston went himself and examined the letter under a magnifying glass and swore that there was distinctly visible letters J. and U. in ink which had been obliterated by acids.

There were some passages at arms between Mr. Marsh and the witness. Mr. Marsh once made the remark "innocent lamb," intended to apply sarcastically to Preston, who retorted, "Well, you're no innocent lamb," which drew the laugh to Marsh, who then tried to rake up evidence 20 years old in an old law case to discredit Preston's veracity, but Preston explained that the reflection on his veracity was made by an enemy of his who had been declared by the judge guilty of perjury.

Then Sir Mackenzie Bowell suggested that a messenger should be called to prove that Preston, after being excluded from the room on the first day, had listened to evidence at the door, but the messenger indicated a spot where Preston stood from where it was clearly impossible to hear what was going on in the room.

The committee in an effort to extract evidence disgusted everybody, and when it failed, produced laughter on all sides.

No Clutch This Time.

Dick Case and Mike Donovan are to go after each other next Friday night in a ten-round mele. This should be a big drawing card and fit the Savoy to overflowing as Donovan is the first man ever seeing Case in Dawson with a license to take away the laurels now worn by him. Donovan has a record of staying 25 rounds in a draw with Curly Carr at Nome last season and the latter when matched with Case at the same place fought a 14-round draw, consequently a lively and interesting bout can be looked for here. Admission is \$1, reserved seats \$2 and \$3.

GAMBLING TO CEASE

Commissioner Ross Says Closing Order Will Be Enforced

WHEN LIMIT OF EXTENSION EXPIRES

Which by Ottawa Telegram Was Fixed on June 1.

CLOVE CONTESTS MAY BE HAD

But No Prize Fighting Goes in Canada—Commissioner Says Police Will Do Their Duty.

Commissioner Ross was seen this morning by a representative of the Nugget and asked if it was the intention of the authorities to close gambling on June 1st as previously ordered by those in power at Ottawa. In reply Mr. Ross said:

"Yes, gambling will be closed on June 1st. It is a violation of the criminal statutes of Canada and was allowed to run up to the present time upon the representation by leading citizens of Dawson that the immediate closing of gambling would work a hardship on the community here. I was in Ottawa and in consultation with Minister Sifton when the petition was received by him from Dawson asking for an extension of time of the order which demanded the immediate closing of gambling.

"Upon the representation made to him of the possible upheaval of business interests he extended the time to June 1st. At that time gambling will cease in Dawson as far as games with devices are concerned such as craps, roulette, Faro and other games operated by professional gamblers. I recognize the fact that in all countries gambling like other vices will exist and here, I presume, games of chance like poker, for instance, will be played. That, however, is a different proposition. The man who plays poker, for instance, does so premeditatedly, and if he loses has no one to blame but himself. But with public gambling it is different. Many young men enter those resorts without any intention of gambling but succumb to the opportunity and may lose money which they had no intention of having and which in many instances they can ill afford to lose. The matter is entirely in the hands of the police now and their instructions are to see that the law is enforced."

When asked what action was to be taken in reference to dance halls, the commissioner answered:

"I do not know just how that matter stands, as I understand the theaters now give dances after the show but whether or not those places are embraced in the order I am not in a position to say until the matter is given more attention. The order as it reads says 'dance halls.'"

The next subject touched was boxing contests. On that subject the commissioner said:

"That matter comes entirely within the jurisdiction of the police. Boxing contests are not necessarily illegal, but prize fighting is. It is illegal in all civilized countries, and in the States for instance, to 'pull off' a prize fight, the contestants are obliged to come by many underlings. Prize fighting will not be allowed in Canada without violating the laws of the country. The police will look after that."

Commissioner Ross is speaking on the different subjects quoted above expressed himself as one thoroughly conversant with local conditions, and evidenced by his language that he had given the matter considerable thought and had reached the conclusion that the best interest of Dawson would be attained by the closing of gambling.

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