

Dawson's Custom House

The volume of business transacted through the local customs house in the course of a year places Dawson well up in the list of important Canadian ports of entry.

Considering the comparatively small population of the town and the adjoining mining districts which Dawson applies the figures total up an amount which really is remarkable.

The fact that importations are so heavy may be attributed to several causes. The population both of the town and the creeks is largely made up of American citizens, the mercantile business of Dawson being principally in their hands. This condition has operated largely in favor of the importation of American goods.

In addition to this fact it must be noted that the coast cities of the United States have made particular efforts to secure the trade of Dawson with no small degree of success.

Vancouver and Victoria are now awakening to the opportunity which is before them in the Yukon territory and little by little the trade is being diverted toward those cities.

The superior shipping facilities which the cities on the other side of the line possess has given them thus far a marked advantage over their Canadian rivals.

The total amount of tonnage received in Dawson during the past season of open navigation aggregated 25,348 tons. Of this amount 12,558 tons came via the White Pass & Yukon Route and 12,783 tons via St. Michael. In addition, it is estimated by the customs house that 500 scows with an average cargo of 10 tons arrived during the same period, swelling the total to more than 30,000 tons.

The cash receipts at the customs office during the months of navigation, viz., from June to November are as indicated in the following table:

June	\$19,740.00
July	35,148.58
August	45,128.87
September	57,821.07
October	84,861.16
November	62,530.30

During the present year a total of 1,725 entries in the customs house have been made. During the preceding year an aggregate of 1,195 was recorded, showing an increase of 530.

The accompanying statistical information furnished by the customs house will prove of interest as indicating the volume of traffic up and down the river during the steamboat season.

Statement of passengers arriving and departing from Dawson, Y. T., by the White Pass Route, via Skagway, during the season of 1900.

STEAMER	ARRIVING						DEPARTING					
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Victorian		79	35	101	118	44		38	33	95	130	
Zealandian			43	59	53	27			23	47	39	56
Bailey			42	41	91	14		29	22	103	24	30
Yukoner		190	56	124	202			236	74	117	83	70
Jos. Closset							13					
Anglian			12	17						2	4	7
Sybil	6	136	11	58	45		112	244	27	41	120	
Canadian			53	89	52	134	54	77	102	43	69	34
Ora	6	65	44	114	18	47	21	129	58	120	45	82
Nora		15	11	40	63	15		12	126	76	74	71
Flora	13	137	64	29	62	54	50	116	214	69	95	84
Bonanza King			62						9	54	64	
Eldorado		31	12	49	120				133	129	33	
J. P. Light												
Lightning			45	14	56	14		102	21	83	73	
Tyrrell				25					5	45		
Flourance S.	16		8					34	28			
Monarch						14						30
Crimmens												
Clara		18										
Gold Star		20			64			70	13			
Columbian		96	107	90	142	106	80	106	87	107	37	
Sifton				28	54	4				83	26	40
Emma Nott								34				
Total	41	840	551	910	1,949	473	330	1,284	1,043	1,238	1,012	226

Note.—1401 more passengers left here than arrived during the season.

He Had Indulged in Hootch.

He was a tall, rawboned, cadaverous looking personage and his uncertain step and brilliantly dyed nasal appendage betokened a recent and protracted indulgence in Dawson hootch. In his hand he carried a pound package of coffee, four tallow candles and three bars of soap.

Approaching the first man he met he queried with somewhat thickened utterance: "Say, boss, could you oblige me by buying this job lot for six bits?"

The man thus addressed hesitated a moment, and asked the would-be seller if he was trying to run the auction houses out of business. "Well, it's just this way, you see," said he of the unsteady gait; "I made \$400 last week, and on Saturday night I started out with a few of the boys to have a little time. I disremember somewhat all that happened, but anyway I woke up this morning with a damned bad headache and not a color in my sack. If I don't get the six bits for a drink to

sober up on it will be all up with me, sure."

There was no resisting this appeal, and the sympathizing listener proceeded to produce the six bits and carried off the job lot, reflecting to himself the while, that manifold and peculiar are the qualities of Dawson hootch.

E. A. Cochrane, expert watchmaker; work guaranteed. Biff & Co., Second street.

Just in Time.—Diamonds galore at Soggs & Vesco. Who wants fine stones?

This shows that 112 more passengers departed than arrived by this route, but does not include a number who took passage at the last moment and their names not filed in the Custom House.

No passengers arrived here in June or departed in October.

One of the shrewdest, most successful and energetic business women in the Yukon territory today is Mrs. M. P. Rothweiler, sole owner of the Magnet Roadhouse, on 18 below Bonanza.

Mrs. Rothweiler was born in Toronto, Canada, and while yet a child her parents moved to New York city, where Mrs. Rothweiler was raised and educated. At the early age of 18 she engaged in the millinery business, and after a few years began in a small way to venture into real estate. Her business ability in buying and selling property soon placed her in easy circumstances and for some years she remained in New York city. In 1893 Mrs. Rothweiler sold her property in New York and came with her parents to Seattle. Shortly after her arrival at Seattle Mrs. Rothweiler purchased what is today known as one of the finest pieces of suburban properties near Seattle and called the Oak Lake Farm, near Green lake, where her parents now reside. City property was from time to time added to her holdings, and after three years of hard work, shrewd business transactions and fair dealings, Mrs. Rothweiler had won the confidence and esteem of the bankers, merchants and business men of the community.

During the big rush to the Klondike in '97, Mrs. Rothweiler caught the fever and in August of that year started for this country with the Mayor Woods party. As is well known the party of 100 wintered at Tanana, and the incidents and scenes of that memorable winter are too well known to need repetition here. As a memento of those days, Mrs. Rothweiler still retains a pair of snowshoes presented to her by the chief of the Indian tribe.

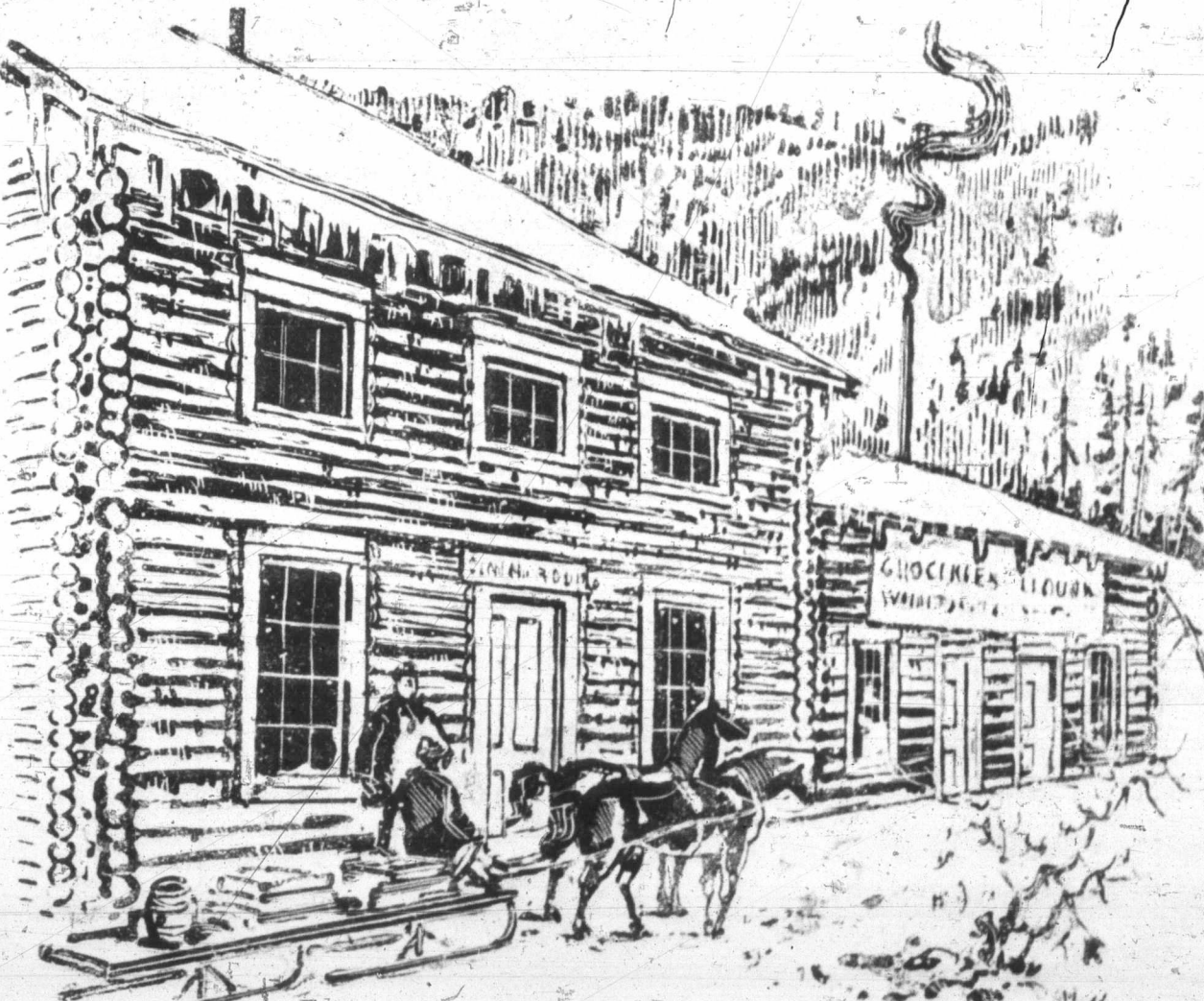
This was a great favor, as no snowshoes could be purchased, and the chief sent 150 miles down the river for the material. When asked the cost the chief proudly raised himself to his full height and said: "Indian not bad, no cost anything, you good to my squaw," and disappeared.

The first news which the party received from the outside was seven letters brought to Mrs. Rothweiler on Christmas eve, giving a full account of the latest news from the outside.

In June of '98 the party arrived at Dawson. Mrs. Rothweiler immediately began looking about for a business investment, and built what was then known as the Fairview Place,

A Successful Business Woman.

What One Woman Has Accomplished in the Klondike.



THE MAGNET ROADHOUSE.

back of the Yukon sawmill and up on the hillside, giving a fine view of the Yukon and Dawson City.

In the spring of '99 Mrs. Rothweiler purchased what was then called "Mary's Two Bit Coffee House," at 48 below Bonanza, this being the first place on Bonanza creek to reduce the price of pie and coffee. This was a one-story log building 10x12. In May of '99 a large tent was added, which was used as a dining room and shortly after another used as a bar.

This fall two large two-story log buildings were erected, covering a

ground space 40x60, making the Magnet roadhouse the largest building of its kind on Bonanza and Eldorado. These buildings contain the bar, diningroom, kitchen, barber shop, sittingroom, private diningroom, library and a most elegantly furnished bedroom on the first floor, and a number of rooms on the second floor, furnished in the most modern style. The buildings are all covered and lined with asbestos, making it practically fireproof. The Magnet is not only a roadhouse in the fullest sense of the word, but a wholesale as well, dealing in all kinds of groceries,

liquors, cigars, hay, feed and in fact everything that the miner requires.

The dining room is presided over by Miss Jennie Parry, one of the liveliest, and most popular young ladies on the creeks. Mr. Thomas McMullen, who presides over the culinary department, is one of the finest chefs who ever landed in the territory. Tom is known by everybody on the creeks and his friends are legion. If the boys want a good dinner they hunt up Tom.

Mr. Tim McElroy is the tonsorial artist of this popular establishment, hair cutting and shaving are but child's

play to him; but when it comes to shampooing Tim shows the master hand.

The library contains several hundred volumes, which are free to all the miners, who can take the books to their homes to read at their leisure, or remaining in the large reading room as they desire. In fact, everything is done for the comfort of the guests. Mrs. Rothweiler's success is largely due to the fact that her assistants are ever pleasant and genial, and that she always has pleasant company who make the place seem more like a big home than a hotel.

The bar is supplied with the finest liquors, both foreign and domestic. Milwaukee and St. Louis beers are always on tap. Only the best domestic and imported cigars are kept. And all kinds of drinks can be had. The establishment is lit by electricity and is open day and night. Telephone connects the hotel with Dawson and the whole Klondike district.

All stages stop here that run between Dawson and Grand Forks.

Just north of the hotel is a large bunk house, every bunk being supplied with springs and bedding, and the building lit by electricity. The numerous guests of the house at times taxing the capacity of both the hotel and bunk house.

Immediately east of the hotel is the barn, in which 20 horses can be housed. This is a large comfortable building, well known to all teamsters who want a good warm place for their horses.

West of the hotel is the cold storage warehouse, containing the hay and feed and other goods not affected by cold. Adjoining the hotel is still another warehouse, being a warm storage, where all fancy and perishable goods are kept. Mrs. Rothweiler has at present over \$30,000 worth of goods stored in these two warehouses.

Mrs. L. Rose, sister of Mrs. Rothweiler, who has done the purchasing for the Magnet roadhouse on the outside during the past year, will return next month with a large stock of fancy groceries, which will make this the best stocked house in the mining district of the Klondike.

One of the special features of the Magnet Roadhouse is special parties. A sleighing party may leave Dawson or the Forks, come to the Magnet without prearrangement and music will be furnished shortly after the arrival of the party. No surprise party will find the Magnet napping.