

# MR. McFEELY AT VANCOUVER

## Tells True Condition of W. P. & Y. R. and Injury Its Exorbitant Rates Are Working to the Yukon Country—Rate of \$50 Per Ton Would Pay a Good Profit.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.  
Mr. E. J. McFeely is a very close-mouthed business man when at home in Dawson, but the most modest worm may turn under such treatment as that of the White Pass railroad. Speaking in Vancouver from the business standpoint of a Vancouver and Dawson merchant, Mr. McFeely has this to say of the freight situation:

"The freight rates have been so high that the policy is now reacting on the railway itself," says Mr. McFeely. "There are eleven steamers at Whitehorse tied up for the want of freight business down the river. Business has simply fallen off, a great majority of the staples being sent in by way of St. Michael, and now the railway is feeling the result in having nothing to do for the summer. There were three steamers ready to sail for Dawson when we left Whitehorse, and I will guarantee that there was not enough freight lying there to load up the deck of one of them."

"This policy of the railway company in making a very heavy charge for travel into Klondike is having the effect of shutting out everyday bonafide prospectors. "The result of the very high freight rates imposed has been to make the large companies turn direct importers themselves and to handle their own goods around by the way of St. Michael. In this way they can take the goods in at a rate of something like \$40 per ton, which gives them a tremendous advantage over the traders who take their goods in over the railway line and pay \$75 per ton for every shipment delivered in Dawson. Staples are being sold so cheaply that there is absolutely no profit, and in many cases there is a loss. "Take sugar, for example. It costs five cents a pound out here and costs six and a half to take it in and it is sold

at 12 cents. You can see, with the enormous expenses of business in the north, losses and so on, how fast a man would get rich on selling sugar. Eggs, butter and other staples are sold equally as close. Do you know that you can buy clothing and other goods of an outfit as cheap in Dawson today as you can in Vancouver? The high rate made by the White Pass people works to the disadvantage of the small shippers and into the hands of the big companies who take stuff in by the shipload around by St. Michael.

"The White Pass people have fine steamers and deserve credit for the way they handle goods, but at the same time they might be working all their boats now instead of doing no freight business at all. The haul to Dawson is not a difficult one. Take the run to Skagway at \$5 per ton, which is the rate from San Francisco to Vancouver, and the distances are much the same. Then, there is the seven-hour haul from Skagway to the Yukon river, and a rate of about \$4 per ton would be profitable there. Take 40 tons to the car, that would be \$400 per train, and any one can see that there is handsome margin of profit in handling freight on that short run to \$400 per trainload."

"From Whitehorse to Dawson allow \$70 per ton and another \$70 seeing that the steamers come back empty, so far as freight is concerned. That is a total of something less than \$30 per ton. Allowing a good margin of profit and make a rate of \$50 per ton, which would make all kinds of money for the railway line, and they would begin to do some business. "Would it not be better for them to haul a large amount of business at \$50 per ton, than a small amount and almost none at all, as at present, at \$75 to \$150? I feel very strongly on this subject, for the present policy is the worst thing for the country that could possibly happen."

# BURWASH RETURNS

## From Timber Inspecting Trips far Up the Klondike.

L. Burwash, who some time ago was selected by the Dominion timber and land office to make a thorough inspection and report upon the available merchantable timber standing in the outlying districts, returned night before last from his first trip. Mr. Burwash in company with one assistant penetrated the headwaters of the Klondike, ascending that stream as far as the third north fork, about 150 miles from Dawson. Beyond that point the timber is scattering and scrubby and scarcely suitable for anything but firewood.

"The trail used by the Peel river Indians in traveling to Dawson in the winter time passes up the third north fork and we were less than 20 miles from a tributary of the Peel river. The Indians say that from the forks named it is only one sleep across the mountains to the MacKenzie watershed. The further up the Klondike one proceeds and the nearer the Rocky mountains are approached the less valuable becomes the timber. Where we were it is more or less scattering and is not of much consequence. From Flat creek up 40 or 50 miles there is considerable here and there, some of it of quite good quality."

The upper reaches of the Klondike are now very low and in returning to Dawson a great many passages were necessary over bars where there was insufficient water to float a partially loaded canoe. Had it been the season of high water the return trip would have been an exhilarating ride of a day instead of a laborious task occupying over twice that length of time. After a rest of a few days, Mr. Burwash will proceed on a similar mission up to the extreme head of McQuesten creek, a branch of the Stewart. The forks of the Stewart, Pelly, McMillan and White rivers will be explored in their turn unless the lateness of the season should prevent.

### For Better Fire Protection.

There will be a meeting of the fire committee of the Yukon council on Monday evening, to take up the question of electric fire alarms, and the proposition to arrange for a different system of fire protection.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

# THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

## Alleged to Have Been Twisted out of Shape by E. A. Mizner.

The case against E. A. Mizner charged with desecrating last Sabbath's quietude, and which was to have come up this morning in the police court, has again been postponed, this time until next Friday. Mr. Mizner's arrest early in the week was as much of a surprise to himself as it was to the general public. The alleged offense, which he is said to have committed in allowing workmen to labor for his company on the Lord's day consisted in repairing some shelving in the store, which had become loose, and being loaded with goods was a menace to the lives of the clerks. The work done was of a trivial nature and such as could hardly be performed on any other day except when the store was closed. "No," said Mr. Mizner, when asked about the incident, "we did not have any specially written permit granting us the permission to do this work, nor did I consider it necessary. Heretofore, we have never been bothered about such affairs and have never performed any work on Sunday except such as was absolutely necessary. All along we have had verbal permission from the commanding officer of the police the only thing being asked was to be as quiet about it as possible and keep the work from view when it could be done. It was entirely at our own discretion what work was sufficiently urgent to require Sunday to be employed and in this instance the carpenters were inside the store and could not be seen from the street. A thing that strikes me as being peculiar in this issuing of permission to break the law. If it is a misdemeanor to perform any labor on Sunday it is no more consistent to legalize it by a permit than it would be to allow a prize-fight to come off on the streets by the same process. One extraordinary coincidence in this case is that the same carpenters who were doing this work for us were employed on the police barracks a few Sundays previous."

When asked his opinion why such a mountain was being made out of a molehill and what the ultimate result would be, Mr. Mizner said nothing but looked wise and with a shrug of his shoulder told the Nugget man to wait and see.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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# STRIKERS AFTER CARNEGIE

## He Is Denounced at Easton Meeting—General Strike Order Delayed by President Shaffer One Week—Feeling at 'Frisco Very Bitter—Shipping Is Tied Up.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.  
Easton, Pa., Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—At a monster meeting of union strikers here today Andrew Carnegie was denounced as a "Foe to labor and working people." The meeting petitioned the school board to refuse to accept \$50,000 presented to it by Carnegie.

Pittsburg, Aug. 6.—President Shaffer has postponed his order for a general strike for one week in the hope that the combine of operators will realize the disastrous results likely to follow.

# DAWSON TO BE INCORPORATED

## Governor Thinks the City Should Manage Its Own Affairs.

Gov. Ross is very desirous of shifting from the many burdens upon his shoulders that of the local government of Dawson. Upon the question of incorporation there seem to be two opinions, but the governor has sentiments in favor of only one of these, and Dawson must therefore be an incorporated town whether its inhabitants shall so elect or not. In the governor's office there is now being prepared a special ordinance creating Dawson a municipality, and a general ordinance for the incorporation of smaller towns. These are being prepared by Mr. P. T. Congdon, the legal adviser of the Yukon council, and will be published in a few days.

C. C. Cathaway has already reported upon the limits of two townships—those of Bonanza and Whitehorse, which are as follows:

Bonanza—Creek claims Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 above discovery on Bonanza creek, together with all the land included within the limits of lot 24 in group 2, Yukon territory, being Bonanza townsite as shown on a plan of survey of the same of record in the department of the interior at Ottawa, under section 5395.  
Whitehorse—Group lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in group 5, Yukon territory, all as shown on plan of survey of said group lots of record in the department of the interior at Ottawa under No. 8405. Group lot 19 in group 5 shown on said plan No. 8405, as British Yukon M. T. & T. Co.'s yards. All land lying between said group lots 1, 4, 5 and 19 and the low water mark on the left limit of the Lewis river.

# MURDERED HIS FRIEND

## In Drunken Row One Man Kills Another at Mud Bay, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., July 31.—A special from New Westminster says:

A terrible tragedy was enacted in the quiet farming settlement of Mud Bay, near this city, last night. Two young men who lived together on a ranch on McLellan road, generally very peaceful, had been drinking considerably of late, and got into a row, which resulted fatally to one of them, as he was murdered by his comrade. The community is in a state of excitement, as the murderer is still at large and taking refuge in the woods. The story of the crime is that William Springer and Edward Thomson got into a drunken row, and Springer, seizing a sledge hammer, went after Thomson. A farmer's boy passing by heard Thomson's cries for help, and ran up. He saw Springer killing Thomson by hitting him on the head with the hammer. The boy ran to Mr. Woodward's house, about half a mile distant, and told what he had included within the limits of lot 24 in group 2, Yukon territory, being Bonanza townsite as shown on a plan of survey of the same of record in the department of the interior at Ottawa, under section 5395.

When they arrived Springer said: "I have fixed Thomson this time all right." He had also set the house on fire. Mr. Woodward and the other man tried to put the fire out, supposing Thomson was inside. In the meantime Springer escaped to the woods, and has not been seen since. Thomson's body was found hidden in the woods near the house formerly occupied by the two men. It is in a terribly mangled condition.

Mr. H. F. Berry of Grand Forks, is making Dawson a business visit.

# MELBOURNE HOTEL SEIZED

## Mrs. Luella Day McConnell Refuses to Pay Tax as Required by Ordinance No. 30—Property Now in Charge of an Officer—Will be Sold After Six Days.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.  
The legality of the ordinance passed July 16, 1901, by the Yukon council providing for the assessment and collection of taxes to defray the cost of sanitation, improvement in streets, etc., in Dawson is to be tested next week. Mrs. Luella Day McConnell, owner of the Melbourne hotel block, has refused to pay the rates assessed against her property, and yesterday a distress warrant was issued, the hotel and all its fittings being seized and are now in the hands of an officer. According to the provisions of the law, the property must be sold within six days after the seizure has been made in satisfaction of the amount of taxes due and the costs of the sale.

The ordinance under which the proceedings are being taken is known as No. 30 and is entitled "An ordinance respecting taxation in Dawson." It provides that the collector shall on or before July 1 prepare a tax roll showing the full name and address of each person assessed and the amount of his or her rates. A notice shall be mailed to each person so assessed on or before July 10 stating such time that such rates shall be paid. If any person neglects or refuses to pay the sum assessed by the collector within 30 days after the demand has been made, the collector may then levy the same with costs by distress warrant issued upon the goods and chattels of the person who has so refused. After the seizure has been made six days' notice is given and the goods distressed are then sold at public auction in satisfaction of the amount of taxes alleged to be due and the costs of the sale. Included in the latter is the sum of \$7.50 a day for the services of an officer detailed to guard the seizure and the further commission of five per cent, up to the amount of the taxes, allowed the collector for making the sale. Such distress takes precedence over any mortgage, lien or other encumbrance.

It is understood that Mrs. McConnell's contention is that the assessment upon her property is not only illegal but excessive, the Melbourne hotel and realty upon which it stands being assessed at \$88,000. As matters now stand the hotel will be sold to the highest bidder next Friday unless a writ of injunction is secured from the territorial court restraining the collector from the performance of his duties. This will probably be done and the matter promises to be bitterly contested to the end. The outcome of the case will be watched with much interest.

# DISGUSTING EXHIBITION

## Female Performs on Sawdust Before Two Male Escorts.

Shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning two males and a female were walking along Third avenue and when they reached a point between Fifth and Sixth streets where there is a large pile of saw dust adjacent to the sidewalk the female gave a most disgraceful exhibition for the benefit of her attendants. Her performance consisted of tumbling, attempting to stand on her head and other such unwomanly behavior. When the show was over the male attendants brushed the saw dust off the performer and the trio proceeded on up street towards the busier part of the city. A more disgusting, disgraceful scene was never witnessed in Dawson.

Miss Helen DeLuca, of Skagway, was an arrival on the steamer Flora last evening. While in the city she will be the guest of Mrs. Ron M. Crawford. Miss DeLuca is a leader in Skagway society.

Mr. C. M. Shaw, of Juneau, Alaska, is among the recent arrivals in Dawson.

# LAWYERS AND DOCTORS

## Will Meet in Deadly Combat at Rugby This Evening.

The game of Rugby football to be played tonight by the Doctors vs. the Lawyers promises to be one of the most interesting games of the season. There will be no faking about the game, as both sides think they see an opportunity to settle long outstanding accounts and are out for blood.

The doctors have engaged ambulance wagons to be on the grounds during the game and have also reserved rooms at the hospitals for the reception of the lawyers after the game is over. It is the expectation of the medical "parish" to make a pretty haul out of the lawyers this time.

The attorneys have "fixed" the umpires so that there will be plenty of disputes on technical points and they expect to fence the medical practitioners out of all their worldly possessions and obtain a few of their eye teeth as well. The game undoubtedly will be a warm one and one which will be well witnessed.

The teams will be composed of the following players:

Lawyers—Fullback, W. J. Walsh; halfbacks, F. J. McDougall, E. C. Fenker; quarterback, J. K. McLean; forwards, H. O. Wilson, H. D. Evans, W. McKay, H. Ridley, J. K. Springer, F. L. Gwilliam, G. Black, H. Robertson, H. S. Tobin, C. M. Woodworth and W. Thornburn.

Doctors—Fullback, Dr. Berry; halfbacks, Dr. McEwen, Norman and Ferguson; quarterback, Dr. Edwards; forwards, Dr. Barrett, Cassel, Catto, La Chappelle, McArthur, McFarlane, McLeod, Richardson, Risher, A. Thompson.

Substitutes, Drs. J. N. R. Brown, W. H. Thompson.  
Ambulance Surgeon, Dr. Isidore McWh, Bourke.

The game will be called promptly at 7:30 this evening.

### The Public Hangman.

The Whitehorse correspondent of our morning contemporary notes that Radcliffe the hangman did not arrive at Skagway on the Hating, and we would like to ask that gentleman how he arrived at such a conclusion. Unless Mr. Radcliffe differs very much from all his brethren in that public profession he is not likely to fill a hotel register with his name and title, not court interviews with local reporters. The man who filled the post in England for so many years was known to but few outside of the officials. He had the nickname of "Jack Ketch," but he was not known as such in the community in which he lived. About Hale's Owen in Worcestershire he was a healthy, cheerful call butcher, and when his obituary stated that he had been for so many years the public hangman, the announcement came as a shock to the neighbors who had so long known and respected him as one of themselves. But Mr. Radcliffe may be a hangman of a more modern type, one who glories in his gloomy office and would reap his reward in newspaper notoriety.



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