

MR. BUSBY HONORED

Tendered Address by Local Merchants

Faithful Services Recognized in Substantial Manner—Made a Happy Reply.

The corridors leading to the offices of the collector of customs in the postoffice building were uncomfortably crowded this afternoon, with some of the leading merchants and transportation men of the city. There was an air of mystery about their movements, and they were mysteriously silent until R. P. McLennan took the leadership and the crowd invaded the inner sanctum of Collector Busby.

While they ranged themselves along the wall Mr. McLennan addressed Mr. Busby, and said that as a representative of the mercantile interests of the city, and on behalf of other interests he had been requested to speak for, he had pleasure in presenting Mr. Busby with an address which conveyed their sentiments in regard to his good self. They had watched his course since he had been in the country, while he had been at Skagway and while he had been at Whitehorse. That they were satisfied with the words of the address, and the many signatures which were affixed to it, was a sufficient attestation. But they were desirous of watching him further, and therefore, on the eve of his leaving Dawson for a time they asked his acceptance of the watch entrusted with Klondike nuggets which he had the pleasure in their name to present.

The address reads as follows: To Edward Scott Busby, Inspector of Customs of the Yukon frontier and acting collector of customs port of Dawson. We, the undersigned, wish in a few words to convey to you our appreciation of the able manner in which you have discharged the onerous duties devolving upon you in the position you so faithfully and efficiently fill in this territory.

The government of Canada is to be congratulated on having at the head of the customs of the Yukon a man of such sterling qualities and fidelity to duty.

It is especially to the interests of Canadian manufacturers and wholesale shippers that the customs regulations were carried out to the letter. The increase in the volume of business is the strongest proof in this direction of faithfulness and efficiency. We wish you a pleasant trip and a speedy return.

Signed: McLennan, McPeely & Co., Adair Bros., Palmer Bros., N. A. T. & T. Co., N. C. Co., Ames Mercantile Co., Lilly & Co., Dawson Hardware Co., Ladue Co., T. G. Wilson, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Murray & Ross, Macaulay Bros., Holme, Miller & Co., McDonald Trading Co., Klondike Thawing Machine Co., J. R. Gandolfo, Standard Oil Co., Pacific Cold Storage Co., J. P. McLennan, Hershberg & Co., P. Burns & Co., R. W. Calderhead, Mersereau & Clark, Reid & Co., Stanley Seacore, R. H. S. Cresswell, Yukon Cold Storage Co., Rudy Kalenborn, Dawson News Publishing Co., Yukon Sun, L. Schuman, Sargent & Pinsky, Alvah Smith, Thos. O'Brien, Rev. Andrew S. Grant, Elgin Schoff, Rev. John Pringle, Fred T. Congdon, D. H. McKinnon, T. H. Aleock, T. R. Moulton, Mort H. Craig, Max Landerville, Geo. M. Allen, Harold Rolph, Alex. Forrest, A. M. Cribbs, A. G. Cunningham, A. D. Ross, D. G. Mackenzie, Alaska Pacific Express Co., Whittier & Pedlar, A. Allayne Jones, Ernest Schoff, A. J. Kinsky, Rev. D. A. McRae, C. W. MacPherson, J. W. Dudley, Hudson Bay Co., J. L. Sale & Co., M. DesBrisay, J. G. Burger, Buck & Mangrell.

Collector of Customs Busby turned over the illuminated address, by far the most artistic work Mr. H. Craig has turned out, he read the hundred or so of signatures on the large sheet of vellum, he regarded the watch, turned it over in his hand and said, "Well, this is so great a surprise that I hardly know what to say. I appreciate the kind words Mr. McLennan has said, and also what is here written. I have always tried to do my duty, and you say that I have done it to your satisfaction. If a man is to receive such a testimonial for merely doing his duty I suppose I must accept yours, and I do so most heartily.

"I have always believed that the policy of the Canadian government was to give whatever aid was possible to Canadian merchants and I have followed this out. But in doing so I have also followed out what I believe to be a policy of the government in this part of the country and have endeavored to give the American shipper a fair show. I believe the interests of the two countries are common, and whatever little thing can be done to bring the two in closer harmony with one another is a gain to both.

"Of course there have been times when a man in my official position has to use his own judgment, and it

is in this regard that I shall always prize this testimonial of your appreciation of the way my duty has been carried out. This country is only of value to the Dominion in so far as it is developed, and whatever will help to the development of the territory has seemed to me to be the thing to be done above all others; the revenue, of course, always being first protected.

"You owe me no thanks, gentlemen; I have done what I could and I have had the good fortune to have a good staff to support me. They are new to you but I have pleasure in saying there is not a better staff in the customs service of the Dominion. I shall so report to the minister before I leave.

"In the men I am leaving to conduct the office during my absence you have excellent servants, and I desire you gentlemen to believe we always are your servants. I have simply endeavored to do my duty for the whole territory and while I am away I hope to refute certain statements that have been made in regard to Dawson and to bring her to the front.

"I wish to say further that I am always delighted to meet the merchants and shippers. If you have a kick coming let us talk it over and see what we can do together. The deputy I am leaving in charge will give you the same kindly consideration I have always endeavored to show."

Mr. Busby leaves on Monday with his family, to be gone for about two months. He will return over the ice if it is not sure that he will visit Ottawa during his vacation.

Mr. Tower Passed London, Oct. 7.—Ambassador Tower, who has arrived here from St. Petersburg to meet his wife, said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"I consider it a great honor to have been selected to succeed such a distinguished scholar and diplomat as Mr. White, whose retirement from Berlin will necessarily be a great loss to the American diplomatic service. I have always been received with the greatest cordiality in Russia and leave that country with only the most pleasant recollections. I have always taken great interest in German matters, and am looking forward with great pleasure to taking up my duties."

Mr. Tower will shortly return to Russia for his official leave taking.

Swept by Storm St. Johns, N. F., Oct. 7.—The mail steamer Virginia Lake has returned here from Labrador and brings reports that the whole coast of Labrador has been swept by a fearful gale. Eighteen fishing vessels were driven ashore and wrecked.

The Virginia Lake brings home 139 shipwrecked fishermen, who composed the crews of the vessels. The present season's fishery has been a success since 1888.

The steamer Kite, with 225 persons on board, ran on the rocks, but was refloated. No lives were lost.

Peary's Latest Dash North, Sydney, C.B., Sept. 29.—Peary arrived from the frozen north on board the Windward at 8:15 a.m. yesterday. Dr. Biedricks was also aboard. Peary did not discover the pole, but on the last dash made important discoveries. He says: "My last dash for the pole was most successful. I was further north than \$3,277, my previous record. Mrs. Peary is recovering from a fortnight's illness."

Again Escaped Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 7.—Another successful raid has been made by Sheriff Thompson, of Caddo county, on the Bert Casey gang of outlaws. Hearing of a conference of the Casey gang in Cedar canyon, in the Wichita mountains, the sheriff, with twenty-one deputies, surrounded the place, capturing eight of the gang, after a short fight. Casey escaped by leaving his horse and crawling through the underbrush.

An old and well-to-do farmer, dictating his will to a lawyer, said: "I give and bequeath to my wife the sum of £100 a year. Is that writ done?"

"Yes," said the lawyer, "but she is not so old but she may marry again. Won't you make any change in that case? Most people do?"

"Ah, well," write again and say, "if my wife marry again I give and bequeath to her the sum of £200 a year. That'll do, eh?"

"Why, that's just double the sum that she would have had if she had remained unmarried," said the lawyer. "It is generally the other way."

"Aye," said the farmer, "but him that takes her will weel deserve the bit of money."

"There is one of the most concise statements of cause and effect that I ever saw."

"What is it?"

"Why, it's just the mere announcement that the husband of 17 wives is in a West Virginia poorhouse."—Chicago Post.

MANY FAIL TO APPEAR

Assessment Court of Appeals in Session

Reductions Are Much Fewer Than Last Year—Something About Rents and Valuations.

Mayor Macaulay and Alderman Wilson again met as a board of equalization last night, and the territorial court room was ready for their occupancy promptly at eight o'clock, so a great political issue was avoided. The following were the decisions upon the appeals against the assessor's valuation already heard:

Charles Goldstein, assessed at \$11,000, reduced to \$9,000.

Alexander McDonald, personal, reduced from \$100,000 to \$75,000. Lot 11, block A, \$18,650, confirmed.

Lot 7, block J, \$12,500, reduced to \$11,500.

Lot 10, block J (McDonald hotel), \$25,000, confirmed.

Davis & Frazier, personal, reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000.

William Barrett, personal, \$30,000, confirmed.

Ames Mercantile Company, personal, reduced from \$200,000 to \$180,000.

The above decisions being given the work was resumed on other appeals.

S. A. Roberts, lot 13, block D, \$950, confirmed.

Yukon Trust Co., lots 3 and 4, block I, \$6,500, reduced to \$6,300.

Carl Lueders, lot 3, block H. C., \$5,300, confirmed.

Charles Putnam & Son, personal, \$5,000, confirmed.

Lillian A. McKinney, lot 5, block W, \$3,200, reserved.

Hugh Robinson, lot in D. G. S. 12, \$250, confirmed.

James Hall, lot 3, block A, \$20,500, reserved. Lot 18, block A, \$5,900, reserved. Lots 6 and 7, block H (Auditorium), \$26,500, confirmed.

South one-half of lot 2, block I, \$7,300, reserved.

Ole Finstad, lot 5, block H B, \$1,200, building reduced \$200. Lot 20, block B (Empire hotel), \$28,600, confirmed.

Thomas & Matheson, north one-half of lot 8, block H E, \$4,900, confirmed.

J. E. Binet, lot 1, block H C, \$12,800, confirmed.

Charles Farrer, lots 3 and 4, block D. G. S. 12, \$460, confirmed.

E. J. McCormick, personal, \$2,000, confirmed.

Mover & Kinsey, lot 5, block L. H., \$300, confirmed.

Paul Schrieber, personal, \$200, confirmed.

Rudy Kalenborn, lot 8, block F, \$3,000, confirmed.

Reliance Mining Co., lots 10 and 11, block H A, \$5,400, buildings reduced \$400.

H. H. Rieder, income, \$1,000, confirmed.

those already added since the court has been in session. Finstad receives in rents from his one lot, largely in ground rent, the tenants owning their own buildings and paying their own taxes on the same, the sum of \$1000 a month. Mrs. Russo, a tenant on the corner of Second avenue and Queen street, pays \$200 a month for a little spot 'one could step across. Ole's assessment was confirmed except as to a cabin and lot near the Hotel Cecil which was reduced \$200.

Thomas & Matheson, J. E. Binet, Charles Farrer, E. J. McCormick, A. H. Rieder, John Raap and H. A. Weld did not appear.

Paul Schrieber objected to the assessment of a few hundred dollars placed against a small store his wife was running on the ground that she had only been in business three weeks. He admitted he had furnished the money for the venture and the assessment was confirmed.

Rudy Kalenborn protested over the valuation of the premises occupied by Dunham's grocery at the corner of Second avenue and Albert street. He receives \$100 a month rent for the property and the board considered that \$2000 a year was a fair income on a valuation of \$3000, so Rudy was turned down.

The property of the Reliance Mining Company adjoining the Fairview was reduced \$400. Wm. Sheridan appearing on behalf of the company.

Charles Goldstein owns the ground occupied by the stores of J. P. McLennan and M. DesBrisay and appeared in their behalf to have the assessment on the buildings transferred to them.

Dr. Cooke was present as the representative of the Ladue Company, and although the company had put in a protest in regard to the valuation of 17 different pieces of property, he drew particular attention to the assessment upon the quartz mill. The mayor expressed his opinion that the mill was a commendable enterprise that ought to be treated as lightly as the way of taxation was reasonable, because it was calculated to aid in the development of the country, so a cut of \$5000 was made in the company's assessment, leaving the amount at \$133,750.

Emil Staaf showed that his assessment was on lots back of the town that were to a large extent still unproductive, and each one was carefully gone over. The reduction on his valuation amounted in all to \$4000.

Laney Hibbard had his assessment on personal property reduced from \$20,000 to \$15,000.

The court will again sit this evening, Dolg & Joslin being the first to come up. It is No. 43 on the list which is now half completed.

WHIS II HIS ST CK Chicago, Oct. 7.—At the regular annual meeting today of the stockholders of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company H. D. Laughlin, minority stockholder, who yesterday filed suit against the company attacking the validity of the case entered into between the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company and the Chicago & Alton Railway Company, by which all the property of the former was transferred to the latter for ninety-nine years, appeared and offered to sell his stock. It is probable his offer will be accepted, thus disposing of the question.

The outgoing directors, Norman B. Bean, D. R. Forgan, E. H. Harriman and George J. Gould were re-elected to succeed themselves.

Plans were considered for the closer affiliation of the Alton with the rest of the Harriman system, and it is thought possible that the Kansas City branch of the Union Pacific will be consolidated with the Alton. The same plan may prevail with the Kansas City & Southern railway.

Microbes in Streets. New York, Oct. 7.—Alarming conditions in the streets of New York have been reported to the board. The superintendent presented arguments to show that thousands of germs were visible. For months a scientific investigation has been going on to ascertain the direction of the refuse, its character, and the proper way to fight the germs. Photographs were taken of the atmosphere, after many experiments, between August 1 and 16, to prove the statistics gathered. These photographs were taken at least twelve hours after a heavy rain in order to warrant normal conditions. Commissioner Woodbury presented data showing the number of colonies of bacteria caught by gelatine plates, at the curb and at an elevation of six feet, in various parts of the city. They vary from ten or a dozen colonies in the best residence districts, to nearly a hundred thousand in the east side. The plates were all exposed half an hour, and after being placed in an incubator were photographed.

Rush to Pay Taxes New York, Oct. 7.—There was a rush to pay city taxes on the first day of collection, and numbers of persons in line. The estimated receipts for the day reached \$9,700,000.

When the windows were opened more than 2,000 property owners were in line. The largest single payment was from the Vanderbilts and New York Central. This tax came in the form of one check for \$800,000. The Astor estate paid in \$350,000. An unexpected payment was made by the New Amsterdam Company on its franchise tax. Corporations have thus far declined to pay the franchise tax.

The Nugget's stock of job printing materials is the best that ever came to Dawson.

FORTY MILE EXCITED

Over Supposed Hydraulic Concession

Rutledge Claimed to Have Obtained One Over Twenty-Five Miles.

The miners of Forty Mile are making a strenuous kick against the government granting a second twenty-five mile concession for hydraulic purposes on the Forty Mile river. They have heard there that such a concession has been granted to J. J. Rutledge, but this is not exactly the fact.

When Deputy Minister Smart was here last month Mr. Rutledge applied for the renewal to him of a hydraulic concession of the extent stated which had lapsed, and the deputy minister said he would take it under advisement when he arrived at Ottawa. But that very same afternoon Mr. Rutledge was bragging of having obtained the concession, and this is how the Forty Mile people have been led astray in the matter.

They are said to have sent a petition to Ottawa setting forth that the first concession was granted to Seattle speculators who never spent a cent on its development, and that the hydraulic development of the Forty Mile river means so much to the future prosperity of the town of Forty Mile. That the Seattle capitalists, tied up the possible working of the gravel beds of the river for two years, and that a concession to J. J. Rutledge, who is not a miner but simply a promoter, means the tying up of the river from development for probably another two years.

They say further that twenty-five miles is too large a tract for any one company to handle, that a ten mile tract would keep a dredge busy for more than many years, and that therefore any concessions granted on the river should not exceed ten miles.

More Quartz Locations. An average of 25 to 30 quartz locations a day speaks well for the activity now being displayed in hard rock propositions. One of the latest stampedes in that line was in the vicinity of the Twelvemile district, upon which no less than 150 claims have been staked during the past two weeks. Locations are found on both logs though the larger number are on the Selkirk. The one assays very well, and the one operators consider they have a bright prospect that will surely yield riches untold.

A. H. Chute, of Chute & Willis, leaves for the outside this afternoon on the Selkirk.

"There's one thing I must say for Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton. "She is very firm, once she gets her mind made up."

"She can't be argued out of her opinion."

"No, indeed! That's what makes home so happy. If she expresses herself in the morning, I know perfectly well that she hasn't changed her mind when I get home at night. It makes it very much easier to come home."—Washington Star.

A physician driving past a place where stonemasons were at work on some monuments, called out:

"Hard at work, I see. You finish your gravestones as far as 'In memory of' and then you wait, I suppose, to see who wants a monument next."

"Why, yes," was the answer, "unless somebody is ill and you are treating him, and then I know just how to go on."—N. Y. Times.

Tess—He used to take me to the theatre every other evening or so, but one evening when we were sitting in the parlor I thoughtfully allowed him to kiss me.

Jess—What has that to do with the theatre?

Tess—Well, now he wants to sit in the parlor all the time. —Philadelphia Press.

Billion—Hello, Jimson! I've caught you at last. I've been trying for three weeks to get hold of you, so as to pay you that ten dollars I owe you, but every time you suddenly disappeared.

Jimson—Eh? Have you been wanting to see me for that?

"Of course."

SWELL OVERCOATS OF THE SEASON

Are broad shouldered, rather loose fitting garments with vertical, instead of straight, pockets and small plain rounded cuffs. The fabrics from which these coats are made are principally the Rough Faced Twists, such as Heavy Chevots and Worsted Vicuna in Oxford Gray, Cambridge Gray, Olive, Brown and Black. The acme of perfection and fashion were embodied in the Overcoats we are handling this season.

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Klondike is Richer Vancouver, B. C., October 8, 1902. The saving of gold in the Fraser river has been the object of dredging companies for a number of years past, but none of the others that have ever operated has been so successful as the syndicate which is dredging the river bottom at Lytton. Even this organization, which is backed by English capital, worked for a long period and ran into debt, owing to its not having obtained a method of extracting the gold which was plainly seen in the gravel and sand. This spring a change in the operations was effected and as a result large profits are now being reaped.

A party of tourists who arrived in the city this afternoon tell of an experience at the company's works at Lytton, and from what they relate as having seen with their own eyes, the river-bed of the Fraser is one mass of gold. After being shown the dredge and the method by which gold is saved, the question was asked the manager:

"Do you extract much gold?"

"For answer that official produced a car containing coarse gold sufficient to dazzle the eyes of those who gazed upon it. There was little dust in the contents of the receptacle, as this was held in a separate tin."

It was evident that this large amount was the returns for a comparatively short period. Companies are not in the habit of retaining large quantities of gold in a small office. He away up-country, where accidents are liable to occur at any time. It is generally disposed of, in most instances to the assay office in this city, and before the accumulations have attained considerable size.

The visitors were also allowed to look at the gravel, which was at that time being taken from the bed of the river by the monster dredge. Samples were washed in the operators', and produced from 50 cents to \$1 per pan, which was an indication that the average gravel is very rich. This company refuses to give particulars of their work, and it is only on occasions like the foregoing that any information is obtained. An official statement, however, that a fleet of dredges will be established—Vancouver World.

Feudal Fight Fufania, I. T., Sept. 23.—Describing the feudal fight between the Brooks and Riddle factions at Spokane, I. T., in which Willis, John and Clifford Brooks and "Old Man" Riddle were killed, and John Brooks was mortally wounded, James McFarland, of the Riddle party, last night said:

"Willis Brooks and his two sons, Cliff and John came to Spokane, armed and met Riddle at the post-office. John Brooks stopped 'Old Man' and threatened to kill him. I was standing on the corner when Riddle ran and Willis Brooks threw a cartridge into his gun, and said he would 'kill Riddle for luck.' He fired and missed, but Cliff Brooks then shot Riddle in the back of the head, as he ran out. He fell dead. He was unarmed—John Brooks then told his father to look at me, standing on the corner. Willis Brooks and his boys began firing at me, and I returned the fire. Willis Brooks fell, arose and began shooting again, but finally fell for good. The boys then went down, shooting to the last."

McFarland and the other Riddleites surrendered and are in jail.

"And you made that hat yourself, Irene?" said the caller, in surprise.

"Why, it's as good a job as if you had paid some milliner \$25 for it."

"I'll tell you how she made it. I put in Miss Irene's younger brother, with the superior knowledge that comes to a boy in his second year at manual training school. She assembled B. She bought the parts and put them together."—Chicago Tribune.

"Why, Willie, you didn't take off your cap to the minister."

"To him? Great Scott! I'm as caddie!"—Pittsburg Despatch.

Checked Off His Head New York, Sept. 28.—James Craft was brutally murdered yesterday morning in the Empire hotel, No. 38 West Twenty-second street, a low tenement where he had been drinking with a woman. His body was roughly pushed out of the cafe, down two flights of stairs to the cellar, where his head was hacked off and thrown into the furnace. His trunk was stripped most of the clothes that he had worn were placed in the fire, and an effort was made to obliterate every trace of the crime by cremation. Assistant City Harbormaster at the pier, notified the police, and charged Thomas Tobin with the crime. Tobin declined to make any statement of the contest, but later turned up McAnissey and denounced him as the murderer. Both men were without a cent—by Coroner James Robert Kelly, who is said to be a brother of the murderer, was also held in a corner. He was the porter in the Empire, and he was placed under arrest with all others found in a building by the police. Suspicion said to attach to him only because he had in his possession papers belonging to Craft, and the evidence returned the coroner to believe that he was not concerned in the killing, he was an accessory. No doubt was felt about Tobin's guilt and the only question was about aid he had received from others. A woman was arrested later.

Since September 15 there have been four startling murders in the "Red district." On that date Nicholas P. the wealthy banker, was killed by Thomas Sharkey. On the following day the brutal murder and mutilation of Anna Neilson Paulson took place. Today Craft was murdered and decapitated, and within a few blocks—of the some of the street Harry O. Rose, a theatrical manager, shot and killed his wife. There are now 29 homicide cases in the Tombs.

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