

IN HONOR OF PREFONTAINE

Was Banquet Given on Saturday Night

Ex-Mayor of Montreal and President Member of Parliament Entertained.

Saturday was the day, 9 o'clock in the evening the hour, and the occasion was a banquet given at the Broadway hotel in South Dawson by a number of the French-Canadians of the city in honor of the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, M.P., ex-mayor of Montreal, one of the leading citizens of the province of Quebec and for the past two weeks a guest of Mr. Justice Dugas. The event though entirely informal was so thoroughly enjoyable that it will long be remembered with great pleasure by those fortunate enough to be present. An excellent menu was provided, the orchestral music was spirited and the songs inspiring, and with the arrival of the multi-colored pousse cafes and cigars eloquent tongues were loosened, and in the proposing of and responses to the several toasts a veritable deluge of rhetoric in French, the mother language of all present, was indulged in. The tables were arranged in the form of a horseshoe, Mr. Justice Dugas, chairman, occupying the seat at the apex with the honored guest at his immediate right, adjoining whom was Mr. J. M. Wilson, the only other guest of the evening. At the conclusion of the menu the chairman arose and proposed the toast to the king, expressing the sincerest regret at his majesty's recent illness and trusting to his speedy and complete recovery. The toast was drunk standing. The second toast on the list proposed by the chair was to Mr. Prefontaine and in doing so Mr. Justice Dugas spoke feelingly of the friendship that had long existed between himself and their guest; of the good he had done in Montreal both as a public man and a private individual, relating many little acts of charity that he, the speaker, knew of but which had been performed so modestly that the general public knew nothing of it. The chairman also referred with regret to the unfortunate illness of Commissioner Ross. It was indeed a misfortune at such a time and there was no doubt that he was the interpreter of all present in tendering the profoundest sympathy. In speaking of the Yukon council he was positive the government intended to do the right thing toward the people and it was lamentable that the minister of the interior could not visit the Yukon and judge personally what was best for the country's need. It was no doubt wrong that such a view had not already been had, but in criticising when one is prone to be harsh it should be borne in mind that the Yukon is but a small part of the Dominion over which Mr. Sifton has to exercise a care. In replying to the toast Mr. Prefontaine spoke earnestly and eloquently and at the very beginning of his remarks confessed to his ignorance of the country prior to his arrival here. "No one," said he, "can acquire a knowledge of the bounteous gifts which nature has bestowed upon the Yukon without a personal visit. It would be impossible to convey by words the exquisite beauties upon which the organs of vision may feast, the matchless grandeur of the rugged scenery and the future possibilities of such a grand and glorious country, and upon my return I shall insist upon the minister visiting you in order that he may see for himself what I have seen and heard in the past two weeks." Continuing, the speaker eulogized Commissioner Ross whom he had known in the east and whom he referred to as a man universally beloved by all who knew him. The judiciary of the Yukon was complimented and Messrs. Dugas, Craig and Macaulay were spoken of as being an honor to the bar in any country. A high tribute was paid to Mr. Girouard, Mr. Lithgow, Mr. Senkler, Mr. Gosselin and Mr. Bertrand. With such men at the head of the different departments he had no doubt that the administration of affairs was in perfectly capable hands. The speaker was strong in his condemnation of concessions. Formerly he did not know of the evil they were capable of inflicting but now that he has seen he will oppose strenuously the granting of any further concessions without the desires of the people being consulted. The big hydraulic companies never find the gold; it is the humble miner and

he must be protected. The Americans who have contributed so largely to the development of the Yukon were complimented as were also the French-Canadians, who were ever foremost in carving out the pathways to new empires. Morcier and Leberge were among the first to descend the turbulent waters of the Yukon and they were men whose names will go down in history. In responding to the toast "La Belle France," M. Auzeas Turenne, the French consul, spoke highly of the government and the territory and saw no reason why foreign capital should not pour in here for investment. He referred jokingly to the time when he and Mr. Prefontaine were on opposite sides in politics, but there had been a change in the last few years and throughout Canada wherever he was known the guest of the evening was regarded as one of the broadest men in the entire Dominion. Mr. Auguste Noel responded to the toast "Canada and the Province of Quebec." The country of the French-Canadians, he said, is not limited to the line that separates Quebec from the other provinces, for there are French-Canadians all over the Dominion. He deeply regretted the illness of Commissioner Ross whom he referred to as the friend of everyone, and spoke feelingly of the union of the different nationalities in this country. Many different tongues may be spoken, but all are actuated by the same sentiments, the advancement of the territory. An admiration for the Americans was expressed and the dividing-line between Canada and the United States was said to be purely imaginary. A toast was proposed to Mr. Wilson, who was referred to as the friend of everyone and one of the pioneers of the country. Mr. Wilson replied in English, thanking them for the compliment paid him and expressing his great pleasure in being able to be present and enjoy their hospitality. The toast to "The Ladies" was given to Mr. J. C. Noel and could not have been better bestowed. It is a toast that Mr. Noel is always given for the simple reason that no one else can do the subject such eloquent justice. The graceful sentences and perfectly turned compliments which he knows so well how to deliver in English become doubly interesting when put into the liquid language of his mother tongue. Mr. Noel proposed the "United States," which was responded to by Mr. Wilson, he being the only American present. During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. Pelland and Mr. Max Landreville, the orchestral music being under the direction of Mr. Fremuth. The following gentlemen were present: Hon. Judge Dugas, F. X. Gosselin, J. E. Girouard, J. C. Noel, A. Noel, Aime Dugas, Henri Barbeau, J. E. Balduc, Peter Vachon, Max Landreville, Auzeas Turenne, Dr. Lachapelle, Raoul Rinfret, Odilon Binet, Jos. Cadieux, H. M. Martin, Gus L'Heureux, Tom Lamar, Louis A. Herdt, A. J. Beaudette, Victor Giroux, J. Ducloux, S. Pelland, W. Sheridan, A. J. Martel, M. Deslaurias, A. J. Prudhomme, Jos. Barrette, A. Durand, M. Doyer and J. M. Wilson.

**Indian and Buffalo.**  
A retired officer of the Northwest Mounted Police, who took part in a Missouri buffalo run 40 years ago, describes the impression at the time as of an earthquake. The galloping horses, the rocking mass of fleeing buffalo, the rumbling and quaking of the ground under the thunderous pounding, were all like a violent earthquake. The same gentleman tells how he once saw a wounded buffalo turn on an Indian hunter. The man's horse took fright. Instead of darting sideways to give him a chance to send a last finishing shot home, the horse became wildly unmanageable and fled. The buffalo pursued. Off they rushed, rider and buffalo, the Indian craning over his horse's neck, the horse blown and fagged and unable to gain one pace ahead of the buffalo, the great angry beast covered with foam, with eyes like fire, pounding and pounding—closer—and closer—to the horse till rider and buffalo disappeared over the horizon. "To this day I have wondered what became of that Indian," said the officer, "for the horse was losing and the buffalo was gaining when they went behind the bluff." This incident illustrates a trait seldom found in wild animals—a persistent vindictiveness.—From The Buffalo Runners, by A. C. Laut, in July Outing.

**Cargo Being Sold.**  
As per an order of court received Sheriff Ellbeck is this afternoon selling the cargo of coal on the steamer Eldorado in satisfaction of a number of claims against the coal company for wages. The steamer will be sold in fifteen days.

TRIBUTARY STAMPEDED

Pup on Right Fork of Hunker

Entering at No. 24 Above Staked Entirely by a Number of Italians.

Saturday last there were received at the gold commissioner's office a number of applications for record which would indicate there had recently been a small sized stampede on Hunker. All the applicants are from sunny Italy and the success that has been attained on Dago hill on the lower end of the creek may be duplicated on the tributary at the upper end. The ground staked is on a pup that enters the creek on the left limit at 24 above, that portion of the creek often being designated as the right fork though officially it is regarded as the main prong of the stream, which forks at 20 above. Fourteen claims in all were taken, the first six being relocations and the remainder virgin ground. The pup was first staked several years ago, but as little was ever done in the way of representation the claims all eventually reverted to the crown. Early in the summer a couple of Italians staked a claim near the mouth and began prospecting their location. What success attended their efforts could not be ascertained, their reticence being proverbial, but it was evidently sufficient to justify them giving their friends a quiet tip so that virtually the entire pup was taken up in a body. Though but little advertised, the right fork of Hunker has been a steady producer for over two years, the pay running uniform and most remarkable of all extending practically to the head of the creek. As one nears the head the paystreak narrows down, the width from rim to rim diminishing very perceptibly, but the quality and uniformity remains the same as is found farther below. As far up as 39, operations have been successfully conducted, many of the claims on the upper reaches of the creek turning out extremely profitable. Twenty-four pup which has just been stamped heads in the King dome and is less than a mile long. The stamperders have little to say in regard to their prospects, but they consider their pup to have caught some of the run of gold that came down the right fork. They will not allow the ground to lie idle but will begin at once prospecting their new locations.

**Benefit Tonight.**  
There will be a grand benefit at the A. B. hall tonight for young Richard Cameron, an advertisement of which appears elsewhere in this paper. There is not a cent of cost connected with the entertainment, every item of which is donated; therefore, every dollar taken in will be turned over to the little lad. In addition to assisting in a most deserving cause, those who attend will be entertained by a splendid play, "Kathleen Mavournean." Tickets are on sale at Rudy's, Reid's and at the A. B. box office.

**A Short Platform.**  
E. E. Shields, city attorney of Aberdeen, Wash., is a candidate for the legislature in one of the districts in Chehalis county. Mr. Shields hopes to be nominated and elected on the following platform, which has one strong merit, that of brevity: "Labor unions to the front—for the betterment of the conditions of both labor and capital. "Railroads are good but they must not run the state. "We must have a railroad commission. "We must have an anti-pass law. "I am in favor of the candidate for senator that the majority of Republicans want, preferably Harold Preston of Seattle."

**Holds Up Gamblers.**  
Seattle, July 18.—Card turners, dice throwers and the police are looking for an innocent looking individual, who showed the gamblers last Sunday morning what a plentiful supply of gall and winged heels can accomplish, if properly applied. This fellow, at present known as a member of the John Doe family, walked into the Ferguson gambling house in Blackchapel at an early hour Sunday morning. The suckers had been many that night, but the coin light, so it was with rapture that the cappers saw their rural visitor enter. That he was from the logging camps was evident, and it was early concluded that he was good meat. The logger walked quietly over to the crap game and the smooth and eager dealer sang out: "Come on boys, take a hand." The logger did. He took two handfuls of big bright silver dollars. Then he got out, and so quickly that he was gone before any effort to stop him could be made. A reckoning then disclosed that 21 of the big silver coins were missing, and there was nothing there to do than tell the trouble to the ever sympathetic patrolman. The Nugget's stock of job printing materials is the best that ever came to Dawson.

**Record Breaker.**  
The steamer Louise, the powerful tug boat of the N. C. fleet, bids fair to eclipse all records during the present season. On her last trip the Louise brought slightly more than 1500 tons of freight and she is now on her way to bring up 1000 tons more, which will bring her total for the two trips up to 2500 tons. No boat now running on the river can show a similar record.

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**JOS. A. CLARKE**  
Man of Many Suits in Contradiction Beginning of Position Campaign Dictates Rules Convention.

Joseph A. Clarke held a last night at the Auditorium. Others there were in attendance on the affair and some even ventured to mount the rostrum to present their views upon the questions and propositions. But over them all Joseph took such a height as made the hall resound with his voice. The assembled statesmen to thirty cents. D. M. Woodworth, whilom chief of his majesty's most Yukon opposition, was there in the olden time. Mr. Woodworth present as the advance agent of peace. He went to the Yukon for the purpose of smoothing the rough places, to remove the same from the course of the ship, and generally to pour oil upon the troubled waters. Mr. Woodworth was for

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