

REPORT OF THE N. W. M. P.

Interesting Statistics Taken From Latest Official Records.

Number of Arrests and Convictions During the Year—The Police Collected Nearly a Million in Royalty.

The report of the Northwest Mounted Police recently issued and covering the operations of the department in this territory during the year 1900 contains much valuable and interesting information. During the year thirteen seizures of whisky were made by the police, aggregating 290 1-3 gallons. The amount realized from the sale of the same was \$3,287.10. Two seizures of beer were made, 214 bottles being secured. These brought to the revenues the sum of \$107. Other liquors confiscated were sold from which \$68.40 was realized.

During the season of open navigation the following number of scows, etc., registered at Tagliet en route to Dawson: Scows 620, boats 314, canoes 28, rafts 9, launches 7; total 973.

During the winter 1525 people passed Tagliet for interior points.

In the police court at Dawson 1676 convictions were secured against 432 defendants. The chief offenses which are included in the former are as follows: Gambling, 807 cases; drunk and disorderly, 282 cases; wage cases, 261; theft 67; illegal sale of liquors, 30 cases. The balance is made up of a variety of offenses, mostly of a minor nature. The total fines collected amounted to \$44,166.50.

Fifteen prisoners were confined in the jail and averaged 46 days each. Eight were sent to New Westminster and seven were discharged after examination. A total of 634 prisoners were confined in jail during the year. Of these 294 were on the drunk and disorderly charge, 114 for theft, 24 for assault, 20 for fraud, 18 for selling liquor without license, 18 on capias warrants, 3 for murder, 1 for manslaughter, 11 for fighting and the balance for a variety of offenses.

The royalty collections was in charge of the police, the amount received being \$94,075.08.

The department has at the various posts 92 dogs and 9 horses. Most of the dogs have been in service three winters and a recommendation is made that they be disposed of and replaced with malamutes and huskies. To further this end a breeding site on dog island is suggested.

The above are a few only of the important matters covered in the report which is a voluminous document covering 69 pages of closely printed matter. The greater part of the foregoing is taken from Capt. Starnes' portion of the report, he being the officer in command of the local post during the period in question.

Verdi's First Librettist.

Verdi's first librettist, Temistocle Solero, had so adventurous a life that it reads like a romance of Dumas. He was in a military school in Vienna, placed there through the direct influence of the Austrian emperor, when tired of the confinement, he ran away and joined a gypsy band, going with them in Hungary, where he was eventually found by the police. As he was being marched off he met his brother, an officer in the Austrian army, who took him under his care, putting him in a college in Milan. From there he was graduated and made an acquaintance with Verdi, poor and lonely as himself, for whom he wrote the librettos of five operas.

He afterward went to Spain as director of the orchestra. One evening at the theater, hearing an officer insult Queen Isabella, who was present, he turned and boxed his ears. Upon this ensued a scene of confusion. The queen, hearing of its cause, desired to see and speak with her defender. Solero, a handsome man of most prepossessing manners, soon became first favorite and had all Spain at his feet. One day he discovered a conspiracy against her majesty, led by Don Francisco, her cousin. After that Solero's life was no more safe, as several attempts were made to assassinate him, so that even the queen advised him to return to Italy, which he did, after spending everything he had. He settled in Milan, earning a precarious living by writing, but a true Bohemian, gay and starving. For a few months he returned to Spain and had his pockets well relined with gold, but on the homeward journey by sea a storm arose, and the passengers escaped with only their lives, so that he landed in Milan without a penny.

Eighteen hundred and fifty-nine saw him in Paris, confidential agent of Napoleon III, and on returning to the peninsula he was sent against the brigands, whom he dispersed. In 1869 he was found in Egypt organizing the police, but his restless temperament again interested, and it was not long before he was again in Milan, speculating with the fortune which he had made. He now lost everything and fell into extreme poverty. From that moment the goddess of fortune deserted him, and he died in 1878 in Milan.

ANOTHER DISCOVERY

Followed by the Usual Stampede on Upper Bonanza.

A new strike accompanied by the usual stampede was made Wednesday of this week. The strike was made on Queen gulch which comes in on the right limit of Bonanza at 21 above. The stampede was participated in by the miners on Bonanza and Eldorado and the whole gulch with the surrounding hills were staked and the records are being made today.

The discovery was made by an accident in the same way that the first discovery of gold was made on French Hill. There have been wood cutters on the hill off of Queen gulch cutting wood all winter and in the trail where they have been sliding their wood down the hillside there is a small stream of water trickling down.

A party passing by the trail stopped for a moment to examine the gravel when he discovered a speck of gold. Taking a pan of the dirt and sifting it down he got 20 cents in dust. The news spread like wild fire and in a very short time the creeks had been stamped and staked from one end to the other. It is said that gold on French Hill was discovered in the same way by someone seeing gold in a wood trail in which water was running down the side of the hill.

A Great Pity.

"Gentlemen," said the man with the speckled cigar as we got seated in the smoking compartment, "you must excuse me if I do not appear hilarious today. The fact is I have just heard of the death of my brother Cyrus."

"That's bad," replied the man with the George Washington chin in a sympathetic voice. "Very sudden death, was it?"

"No, sir. On the contrary, it took him a year to die. He was out west last winter and got caught in a snow avalanche and was buried 20 feet deep. He lived till a month ago and then gave up his life. When his body was found, his fingers were grasping a letter addressed to me, a letter in which he said he had not tasted food for 212 days."

"But how did he live?"

"On snow, I suppose."

"And how could he write you a letter if buried under the snow?"

"He used a quill toothpick and blood from his arm."

The man with the George Washington chin leaned back and thought it over for awhile and then said:

"It is an awful pity that your brother is dead."

"Yes, it was a great loss to the country at large."

"Because he would have made such a champion fur in a few years more."

"What!" exclaimed the man with the speckled cigar as he rose up. "Do you think my brother prevaricated about the avalanche?"

"Worse than that. I think he lied like a trooper."

"Gentlemen, I trust you will excuse my emotions—I trust you will. None of you know what it is to hear a dead brother vilified. I promised him on his dying bed that I would never strike a man in anger, and I am therefore helpless in this case except to withdraw. Good evening, gentlemen—good evening!"

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TO PLAY FOR STANLEY CUP

Hockey Team May Go From Dawson to Winnipeg.

Dufferin Pattullo and Other Civil Service Members Believe Strong Team Can be Organized Here.

A movement has been inaugurated among local hockey enthusiasts which promises to result in big things. Details of their plans have not been fully worked out as yet, but enough has been done to warrant a brief statement being made in regard to the matter. In brief it is the intention to transport a hockey team to the outside during the coming winter to compete for the championship cup known as the Stanley cup.

The cup was presented by Lord Stanley to be competed for by all Canadian teams who might desire to enter. The Winnipeg team now holds the trophy and it is from that team that the cup must be wrested.

Dufferin Pattullo, chief clerk in the gold commissioner's office, is enthusiastic over the matter and believes that a team can be sent out from Dawson which will be able to defeat the Winnipeg team without much difficulty. "There are several men in Dawson who have played in the outside championship games," said he in discussing the matter this morning, "and with them as a nucleus we shall be able to muster as strong a team as any city in Canada can boast."

The idea is to have the team leave Dawson some time in December. This will bring them outside at the middle of the season. Matches will be played not only with the Winnipeg champions, but with all the best teams throughout Canada and the Eastern states.

As an advertisement of Dawson and the Yukon territory generally, nothing more effective could be suggested than such a tour by a first-class hockey team. The newspaper space alone which would be given to a Dawson hockey team would prove of great value as attracting the attention of the public toward affairs in the north.

The matter has been taken up by the civil service boys although the team will not be confined to them. It is expected to pick out the best men in the entire territory without regard to whether they are in government employ or not.

Active work will be begun immediately toward raising funds to finance the undertaking. It will require a big sum but the boys have no doubt of their ability to raise all the money which will be necessary.

Rapid Counters.

In banking circles, says the Philadelphia Record, it has been admitted for some years that the fastest counter of bank notes and silver coin in this neighborhood was not a Philadelphian, but a young man of Norristown—Benjamin Hughes, note clerk of the People's bank.

Lately, however, two young men in the Girard National bank, on Third street, below Chestnut, have developed such a speed in the counting of cash that the Norristown expert's laurels have begun to fade on his brow. One of the Girard bank's young men, E. C. Watt, has the record of having counted 1000 Bland silver dollars in 1 1/2 minutes. The other, Shelley Heller, has counted in 52 seconds 100 \$1 bills. By several seconds these two feats are said to beat the best work of Mr. Hughes.

When Mr. Watt and Shelley Heller are counting money during banking hours, the movements of their hands

are so wonderfully swift and graceful that it is no unusual thing for hurried men of business to linger 15 or 20 minutes just to watch them.

New Insomnia Cure.

Brown—Say, I've been trying the finest cure for insomnia that I ever heard of. It is for one to count each breath that he exhales while lying in bed.

Smith—Ah! Then you go to sleep.
Brown—No, but after a little while a fellow gets rather interested in the work, and the night passes away so quickly that he doesn't mind lying still so long.—Ex.

It is said that the queen regent of Spain has long been opposed to the national sport of bullfighting and is now doing all she can to discourage the sport among her subjects.



Public Notice.

Scaled tenders addressed to James Hamilton Ross, esq., commissioner of the Yukon territory, for the construction of a schoolhouse in Dawson, will be received until 1 p. m., June 15th instant. Plans, specifications, and forms of contract may be seen at the office of the legal adviser and also the terms of tender.

J. N. E. BROWN,
Territorial Secretary.

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