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A MOVEMENT FOR REPRESENTATION.

In the Dominion Parliament and in the Yukon Council.

The Miners' Association Takes Action on Matters Referred to it—Resolutions to Sir Wilfred Laurier and the Hon. Wm. Ogilvie.

The regular monthly meeting of the Miners' Association was held Monday evening in the Pioneer hall, President Armstrong in the chair. The minutes of the special meeting declaring in favor of incorporation for Dawson were read and approved.

The treasurer, Capt. Galpin, being up the gale, his report was dispensed with. The names of 60 new members were proposed and accepted on motion by A. F. George.

President Armstrong, for the standing committee, reported having waited on Mr. Ogilvie as per instructions from the association. The address of welcome was read and also a petition setting forth the grievances of the miners.

Mr. Ogilvie had listened attentively to all that was said and had asked for time to bring about reforms asked for. The committee had stated that they would make definite charges against individuals of the government unless the matter was taken up. Mr. Ogilvie asked the committee that they give him what information they could and he would do what he could to remedy the evil. Mr. Armstrong said he thought Commissioner Ogilvie was slow, but honest and sincere.

President Armstrong further reported on the matter of city incorporation. He related how the association had endorsed the movement and that a public meeting had directed the citizens committee to have an incorporation ordinance drawn up and submit it for public discussion at some future meeting. The citizens committee in conference with the association committee, had stated they did not see their way to draw up that ordinance. The matter was for discussion. He believed that having moved in the matter the association might as well carry it through.

The president further reported that the committee had decided to ask an expression in the matter of taking part in the mining exhibition at Earl Court, London, England, next year.

In the matter of replacing Secretary Biddle, whose time had just expired, Col. McGregor moved that the standing committee receive applications for the position, applicants to state terms, etc., and the committee to make a choice.

Mr. Lisle was called to put his motion of which notice had been given. He related the outcome of the political meeting, as reported in the Nugget last week. That meeting had turned over the matter of securing representation at Ottawa to the association and he begged to put the following motion:

To the Honorable Sir Wilfred Laurier,
The HUMBLE PETITION OF THE MINER'S ASSOCIATION OF THE YUKON TERRITORY:

That the Yukon Territory now contains a population nearly approaching 40,000 people; that its mining industry is already very considerable and widely developed, and that it is believed this development will in the near future be so extended as to constitute the Yukon Territory a very important portion of the Dominion of Canada; and

That, in the opinion of your petitioners, the time has arrived when it is necessary for the interests of the Territory that it should have representation in the Dominion parliament of Canada to enable it to express the wants and requirements that may from time to time arise.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Dominion parliament of Canada will at an early date grant the necessary permission to the Yukon Territory to have a representative in that parliament.

Several members spoke in favor of the motion and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lisle was called on to make a second motion, of which due notice had been given. He stated that this motion concerned representation on the council of the Yukon Territory. He had not seen the ordinance creating the Yukon Territory, but believed it provided for a council of six. There were only four and he would like to see the vacancies filled from among the practical miners of the Territory who knew its needs and were acquainted with its peculiarities. He considered it a matter only second in importance to representation at Ottawa. He believed the men should be elected by manhood suffrage.

"Moved, that a deputation be appointed from the miners' Association to wait upon Mr. Ogilvie to respectfully pray that two representatives from the Yukon Territory be elected by manhood suffrage or other suitable mode of election as is constitutional to sit upon the Yukon council."

A discussion took place on the matter of whether an election could be permitted when by act of parliament the position was to be filled by appointment. Col. McGregor stated that he had talked with Mr. Ogilvie on the vacancies in the Yukon council and the commissioner had advised him that they were filled by appointment by himself.

It was thought he might be induced to forego his appointive power which might or might not give satisfaction, and submit to an election; or, at least, he might be willing to appoint on the council whoever the community might show they desired to make their local laws.

Mr. Pelletier didn't know if it was constitutional, but if it was, would like to see one American on that council. Even if such a request were

not granted it would be a graceful compliment to our American brothers to make the request. The motion was amended to include the suggestion and carried.

H. B. Matchett moved that F. J. Dunleavy be made a life member of the association as a token of appreciation of the disinterested work he had done during the past summer. On being seconded by Mr. Geo. M. Allen the motion was carried without debate and by a unanimous vote.

Col. McGregor reported on the matter of taking part in the next London mining exhibit that he had seen Mr. Ogilvie and that gentleman had expressed himself as pleased with the idea, and would, he believed, ask the government to make a grant of money to help along the project. On the whole, he himself was not much impressed with exhibitions, but they had a great hold on the British people and a Klondike department would be a most interesting and well-patronized branch of the show.

Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Lisle both endorsed the movement. They thought if Klondike was to be represented then she should be well represented. There was plenty of interest here to make a good showing. It was not desirable to advertise the same way that we had been advertised, but we did want capital to be made interested in what we had. Capital could develop properties which now were not considered rich enough to pay for work. In that way such advertising would be a profit to the community and not a detriment.

Further discussion showed all in favor of the exhibition if it could be done and paid for outside of the association funds. On motion of Mr. Ritchie the committee was directed to take action.

Secretary Biddle brought up the matter of adopting an official badge for the association. He presented one for inspection which had been designed and manufactured by Messrs. Peter and Pederson. The badge was discussed and adopted. The design is now official though those wishing them can go to any expense they please or get them made anywhere their inclination may dictate.

Mr. Lisle precipitated a warm debate on the following:

Resolved, That the deputation when before Mr. Ogilvie (representation deputation) also urge the desirability of passing an ordinance to prevent debtors leaving the country without paying their debts when able to do so, by compelling them to provide security for such payment or in default that imprisonment be enforced in a manner similar to the law now in force in British Columbia.

The debate brought every one to their feet and the vote was a tie, the president casting the deciding vote in the affirmative.

On motion printing and stationery bills of the association were allowed and ordered paid.

Further discussion was evoked by the mention of the mining laws and regulations and then the Rev. Dr. Grant was introduced. He bespoke the interest and sympathy of the association for the Royal Victoria Order of Nurses who were doing such noble hospital work for the sick and penniless. It was suggested by Mr. George that a small committee of three be appointed to see if there were ways of aiding them and the hospital.

On the matter of incorporation, on motion of Mr. George, the president was directed to have an ordinance drawn up and submitted to the public for discussion.

Adjourned.

Death Claimed Him at Last.

Thomas Caine, of Portland, Oregon, died on Sunday night after a year of hard fighting against sickness and other bad luck. He was one of the organizers of a party of his men who left Portland over a year ago for the golden north. Winter found the party dwindled down to two and Caine down with inflammatory rheumatism. Recovering a little, he visited the creeks and acquired some promising property. Scarcely next reduced him to the emaciated skeleton of his former self. With undaunted courage he refused to leave his glowing prospects notwithstanding that he had been the sad task of hurrying his last remaining partner. He made a struggle against the fever himself but died Sunday last. Thomas Caine was a member of the order of Elks and was laid away on Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies.

A Strong Endorsement.

DAWSON, Sept. 19, 1898.

J. R. HAMILTON:
Dear Sir:—I was located last year on Stewart, and while there was taken ill with scurvy. Trying every remedy and several physicians and obtaining no relief I came to Dawson last January, entering St. Mary's hospital, where I was confined about five weeks. When out again the disease returned and I could scarcely crawl. I heard of Hamilton's "Wonder of the World," and from the very first dose began to improve, until I had entirely recovered, gained over 30 pounds and now weigh 180; packing 80 pounds up the creek, and never felt better in my life. My appetite improved from the very first.

(Signed), JAMES BELL.

The above was brought to the Nugget office by Mr. Bell, who certainly is the picture of good health today. Hamilton's "Wonder of the World" remedy is made by J. R. Hamilton, of this city, and is not only a sure cure for scurvy, but an absolute remedy for dyspepsia, diarrhoea, rheumatism, coughs, catarrh and asthma. It may be had at Hamilton & Bodenmann's, No. 98 First avenue.

Soldiers in Dawson.

Sixty-two Canadian soldier-boys were detached from the capital and arrived in Dawson Sunday. Extensive barracks are being rushed to completion for them just south of the police

barracks, but at present they occupy the one completed building outside of the dwelling of the commander, Col. Evans.

The main building, which will receive the roofing probably this week, is 20 x 120 feet with a "lean-to" on one side 20 x 60 feet. There is another building to be used for headquarters purposes 30 x 50 feet. The building already completed and occupied is 25 x 50 feet. The commander's dwelling, also completed, is a T shaped cottage of three rooms.

It is generally understood that the soldiers are here to reinforce the police who are numerically weak. By putting soldiers on guard and barrack duty there will be more police for the much needed patrol work. However at present only a little sentry work has been allotted them. From a shortage of men the police are not all strangers to 24-hour shifts.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The "Shrimers" gave a banquet at the Regina Cafe Saturday night.

Miss Josephine Pickel favored the Nugget office with a short visit on Saturday last.

The wife and family of Mr. A. N. McCuen arrived on the Gold Star on Sunday. It is surmised that committee man McCuen will not have so much time now to devote to association matters.

Thirty-two patients in one hospital and nearly a hundred in sixty in the other with twice as many more in tents and cabins around town is the way Jack Frost finds us. The patients welcome the cold and notice the difference in the air at once.

Lovett gulch took a boom last week from the discovery of gold on a bench about 1,000 feet from Bonanza creek. Lovett comes in about No. 1 below and \$1.50 to the pan was the strike which created the hurry. The whole creek sold as "wild cats" some months ago.

Friday night a week ago someone effected an entrance to the dwelling of Ruby Watson and Pearl Moore and stole therefrom two watches, a small .32 calibre revolver and some articles of clothing. No money had been left in the house which is situated on second avenue, back of the N. A. & T. Co. warehouses. The robbery occurred about 10:30.

J. C. Morley arrived in Dawson Friday with a scow load of garden seeds of all kinds, including seed potatoes, onions and everything dear to the palate of the Klondiker. Together with the seeds he had a large consignment of glass for a greenhouse. Mr. Morley brought in the strange assortment of cargo for Mr. J. A. Arkin, an expert gardener and florist, who the past summer has familiarized himself with the ability of the country to grow anything under certain conditions.

Friday afternoon the people on Front street had considerable of a scare by the blood curdling yells emanating from the Cafe Royal on the waterfront. It appears that Peter Robbin was annoying the proprietors and they endeavored to eject him with the best results.

Peter is supposed to be a little "off" and thinks himself the owner of the property, though the proprietors claim to have bought it from the Pioneers who had power of attorney. They say that the mental condition of Robbin was such that his friends secured passage for him to Seattle to obtain treatment, but that he left the steamer at Rampart and returned to Dawson, to the disturbance of anyone he may find occupying his property.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

J. Theis paid \$10 and costs for assaulting Emma Henderson.

R. Brett, a knight of the green cloth, contributed \$50 and costs.

George Belle paid \$50 and costs for being an inmate of a house of ill fame.

A. C. McDonald created a disturbance and it took \$10 and costs to wipe away the stain.

G. R. Bruce "for being drunk and wouldn't come" was let off with a fine of \$20 and costs.

M. R. King, a bartender at the Fairview house, was fined \$50 and costs for selling liquor on Sunday.

Gussie Boldin and Eva Dewar were mulcted in the sum of \$50 and costs. Their offense was of the kind described as "ladies of easy virtue."

Joe Brasley is the man who was sentenced in August for stealing whiskey. Sentence was suspended while he left this corner of the earth, but he is back and he was re-arrested and is serving six months at hard labor for his unbreakable love for Dawson.

Tom Ryan says Sam Jones threatened to kill him. This being very impolite, to say the least, the court bound Sam over not to be so uncivil for the next two months. It appears that Jones is a discarded curtain raiser and general utility man at the Combination theatre and that the mantle of public favor has first-class article in their particular line. They have a large stock of the finest grade of South American moss which has every quality of the best hair used in the manufacture of mattresses. They have also a complete outfit for the manufacture of woven spring mattresses. The frames for these mattresses are of seasoned and durable material which was specially made outside and brought in for the purpose for which they are designed.

A fine line of sateen ticking comprises a portion of their stock. In fact this enterprising house has every facility for handling a large trade and it is their intention to place upon the Dawson market a line of goods which will sell on its merits only.

A call at their place of business and an examination of the stock will convince anyone that as luxurious a bed can be secured in Dawson as is afforded in any city in the States or Canada.

Are you buying your drugs at the Pioneer Drug Store?

Poultry and game at Portland Market.

WHAT IS GOLD DUST WORTH?

Some Figures on the Value of the Usual Dawson Currency.

Assays on the Outside Give it a Pretty High Rating—One Thousand in Gold Dust at \$16 Brings \$15.63 Net at Seattle Offices.

Mr. E. C. Allen, of the Klondike Nugget, returned to Dawson on the steamer Gold Star on Sunday afternoon, with nearly two tons of white paper and other printing material for the use of this paper this winter. But by far the most important matter which has been settled during his trip is the value of the ordinary gold of commerce on the Klondike. The recent regulations of the government that gold dust would not be receivable for any dues other than royalty has called out considerable comment. Gold dust circulates at a uniform value of \$16 per ounce. The banks would only exchange it for currency at from \$14 to \$14.50 per ounce, and as that established the rate for the city there was a distinct loss in the exchange to the holder of the dust. That dust would not be taken at the government offices any more was a shock to every one interested. The excuse given for the ruling was that gold was being handled at a loss, and that in taking it at \$15 per ounce—which was the government allowance—the patrons were getting distinctly "the best of it."

The gold taken in at the Nugget office ranges in amounts from 50c to upwards of a hundred dollars, the gold coming from every point of the compass and from every mine in the district. In fact it is the ordinary gold of Dawson commerce. Mr. Allen took out a quantity which may be considered a very fair sample. The certificates of assay at the Seattle assay office shows that in \$1000 of the dust at \$16 per ounce there was gold to the value of \$971.55 and silver valued at \$7.25 out, leaving the net value at \$974.05 or about \$15.63 per ounce for the value of Klondike dust circulated in Dawson.

SLAUGHTERING THEIR TIMBER.

Miners on Bonanza Allow a Stranger to Cut Timber Believing He had Government Backing.

The Crown timber and land agent, Mr. Willison, was seen by the Nugget representative this week concerning the high-handed actions of H. E. Henning, who has undertaken to build a tramway from Dawson to the Forks of Eldorado and Bonanza. He was asked about the right-of-way and the slashing of timber on the claims traversed by the proposed tramway and cheerfully gave all the information he possessed on the matter. In July Mr. Henning applied for right-of-way and timber privilege and was referred to Mr. Ogilvie upon his arrival here. Mr. Ogilvie refused to grant any special privileges, but advised him to get the consent of the miners, whose claims he would cross and then the government would not step in and interfere in any mutual agreements he and they might make. Acting upon policy Mr. Willison granted Henning a permit to cut timber for the necessary bridges, etc., the timber to be cut on the Klondike river from a point three miles above Hunker to Flat creek. Proper royalties were to be paid, and in order that everything should be square and above board, the books were all to be open to inspection at any time. Nothing else was heard from Henning until last week when a deputation of miners called upon the timber agent and asked for his intercession to save the needed timber on their claims from an army of slashers, who for some time had been busily at work slaughtering their precious fuel supply. Representing himself as a government concessionaire, Henning had been imposing upon the miners and they had come to town to beg what they had a right to demand some weeks ago. It is a source of irritation to Mr. Willison that the miners had abjectly submitted to the imposition so long. It is needless to say that the work has been indefinitely suspended. The test of Mr. Henning's having secured the agreement of the miners to put his right-of-way over their claims was that there should be no objections raised by anyone.

More Thievery.

Dawson is getting altogether too full of crooks for comfort. Last week Captain Robinson left his camp at the south end of town for a trip up the gulches and when he returned last Friday he found that the bulk of his winter outfit had been confiscated.

Hold Up and Robbed.

The report comes down the creek that on Saturday night as F. Newton was returning to Dawson he was held up and robbed of \$10 by two masked men whom he failed to recognize.

An Enterprising Firm.

The enterprising firm of Macaulay Bros. is catering to a steadily increasing patronage among Dawson buyers. They have on their shelves one of the most complete lines of liquors cigars and general merchandise ever brought to the city. An elegant line of clothing and genteel furnishings is a feature of their stock. The firm takes great pride in being able to inform the public that the latest styles can be secured at their establishment. All the delicacies that go so far toward making life in the Klondike something of a pleasure are to be found in their house. Jams, jellies, pickles and olives are much in evidence and the careful Dawson housewife can rest assured that an order placed with this firm will be carefully and satisfactorily filled.

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