

JIM ROSS FOR THE YUKON

Splendid Tribute Paid to the People's Candidate—How Mr. Ross is Esteemed in the Territory Where He Spent a Great Many Years.

The high esteem in which Mr. Ross is universally held throughout the Northwest territories is well set forth in the following editorial taken from a recent issue of the Regina Leader. Under the caption "Ross for the Yukon," the Leader says: "The people of the Northwest will watch with peculiar interest the parliamentary electoral contest in the Yukon. Mr. Ross, as our readers are already aware, has accepted nomination and has resigned his post as commissioner. His address to the electors appears elsewhere; in it he is, the same simple, direct and frank Mr. Ross that the Northwest knows and appreciates, whose word was always as good as a bond. In the Territories the promise he made that 'I will, if elected, devote myself earnestly to your service,' would be implicitly believed, and would carry weight for the reason that Mr. Ross is known to possess the character and capacity required for efficient service. In the address he says, 'I have by reason of my relation with the Territory, become acquainted with its affairs and requirements and believe that this fact may enable me to be of greater service to you as your representative than one could possibly be who is without such experience.' Back of his first-hand knowledge of Yukon affairs and conditions is the long and solid experience he gained in the Northwest. Here he was in public life continuously during eighteen years. He is a proved legislator of capacity. He is an administrator of tried worth. Up on his long record in the Territories, so far as we know, there is not a blemish. Mistakes no doubt he made but they must have been minor ones, because they have passed out of memory. His life here was a record of continuous increasing usefulness and efficiency. To the fact of which his political friends and opponents alike subscribe. At the farewell banquet tendered him at Regina in June, 1901, Mr. J. B. Hawkes, M. L. A., an opponent in the assembly and in federal politics, said: 'Mr. Ross was a strong man, whom it would be difficult to replace—a man of great executive ability, with lots of push; and if anything could be done for the benefit of the people of the Yukon, Jim Ross was the man to do it.' Premier Hanftin said: 'His loss was a calamity to the Northwest territories.' He need not recite to them the history of the territories; in regard to it Mr. Ross had made his reputation as a sound legislator and a useful public man, a strictly honorable and straightforward man (cheers), which after all

of the lunch and music, and the floor in particular, which is of hard-wood, has been planned and hand-papered and is without doubt the best floor for dancing on the creek.

RATES OF TAXATION

Estimates Are Submitted to the Council

Report Adopted After Considerable Argument—Same Rate as Last Year.

When the finance committee submitted its report at the council meeting last night it stated that the following were the estimates of all sums that are required for the lawful purposes of the city of Dawson for the current year after crediting the probable receipts from all sources other than the rates for the current year and making due allowance for the abatement, losses and expenses, which may occur in the collections of the taxes and for taxes which may not be collected or collectable. The report is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES and ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

SMALL STAMPEDE

Several locators this morning on a Bonanza Gulch. The recorder's window in the administration building this morning bore evidence of a stampede, but of what dimensions cannot be stated. Last June the upper half of No. 5, on what is known as 49 gulch below discovery on Bonanza, was recorded, and it was whispered a few days ago that the locators had struck good pay. There was a stampede in consequence and the lower half of No. 5 was located and Nos. 6 and 7 and recorded this morning. No. 11 was recorded yesterday afternoon.

ELDORADO AND BONANZA

Tardal Bros. of No. 81 below Bonanza have moved their roadhouse to the opposite side of the road from where it formerly stood in order to be on the winter trail. Mr. McLaughlin and family of No. 69 below Bonanza have moved to town for the winter. Henry Voight of No. 5 Victoria Pup has built a neat little cabin on No. 38 above Bonanza and will live there this winter. Mr. Voight is one of the many who staked a hillside on the left limit on upper Bonanza a few weeks ago. Herman Haas & Co. of No. 41 above Bonanza have made extensive improvements on their buildings which they recently purchased. The creeks are sadly changed from a month ago. Then everything was lively, hundreds of men were working where today not a sign of work can be seen. However, the few who are left are either cutting wood, fixing cabins or setting up boilers, and it will only be a few weeks till the dumps will again loom up as in former winters. Mrs. Davis of No. 39 below Bonanza will give another of her popular dances next Friday night. Another dance will be given next Thursday night, Oct. 30, in the new hall which promises to be a great success. All are cordially invited to attend. The opening of the O'Reilly hall at Grand Forks last Friday night was not as largely attended as was expected, although everyone present had a good time and spoke in glowing terms of the treatment received.

Edward La Belle's Confession in Court.

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conversation of the parties they spoke entirely in French which the witness could not understand. Purchases made consisted of a sack of potatoes, the sack being marked "Rook Bros." eggs, sugar, tea, bacon, etc. After buying the articles the party went next door and secured their supper in a restaurant. Returning, they took their outfit and started toward the river. That was at 7 p. m. on June 16.

Witness identified the rifle, cover and the sack in which the potatoes had been contained. Continued: The next time witness saw prisoner was near Wadsforth, Nevada, on September 1. It was in a sleeping tent or bunk house utilized by the men employed in the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad. He has ostensibly entered the employ of the company as a timekeeper. La Belle had apparently been in bed though it was the middle of the day. Witness went in the tent to take the names of the employees. Took La Belle's and recognized him at once as being the man wanted. He gave the name of L. Stone, and to make sure he was asked a second time and his partner spelled it L. S. T. O. N. E. Returned to the outside of the tent and waited for Welch to arrive when he was given the signal that his man was located. Welch came up and the tent where the prisoner was stopping was pointed out to the detective. He went in the tent followed by the witness and walking up to La Belle he laid his hand on his head and said "Hello, Ed." The accused looked surprised and after a moment's hesitation put up his hand. Welch said: "Don't you know me? You are Ed La Belle and I used to know you in Dawson." The prisoner admitted he was Ed La Belle but said he did not know the detective. At the same instant the handcuffs were put upon the accused hands before he was aware of what was going on. Welch asked him if he did not know the witness and he replied, "Why, yes, you are the man who sold me the gun in Whitehorse."

The detective, witness and the prisoner returned to Wadsforth and at once went to the office of a justice of the peace. While there the accused was warned in the presence of the witness and the justice of the peace that if he said anything about the murders with which he was charged and for which he had been arrested it would be taken down in writing and would be used against him when the case came to trial. No inducement whatever was held out to him to persuade him to make a confession.

At this juncture Mr. Hagel made an objection to the admissibility of anything touching upon the confession La Belle had made during which it developed that La Belle had said that he tried to get away, had sailed and was willing to go back to Dawson without extradition papers had later been drawn up by the justice of the peace and was signed by La Belle and witnessed by the witness then on the stand.

Mr. Congdon had Mr. Rook then stand aside for the purpose of examining Detective Welsh with reference to no inducement having been offered La Belle in order to get him to confess. Detective Welsh testified that he was a detective employed by the secret service of the territory. He had arrested La Belle at Wadsforth, Nevada, but had made no promise or inducement of any kind to the prisoner to get him to make a statement. On the contrary he had warned him that anything he said would be taken down in writing and would be used against him at the trial. The accused seemed willing and anxious to talk at all times.

On cross-examination by Mr. Hagel a rather acrimonious discussion arose between the barrister and his lordship. Later, the former quoting from the transcript of the evidence adduced at the preliminary hearing endeavored to prove that the confession had not been secured in a manner which would admit of its being put in as evidence. According to the testimony the following conversation had taken place at Wadsforth between the detective and the prisoner shortly after his arrest: "There is an attorney here, Ed, who wants to see you and who will probably tell you to say nothing. He has been retained by wire by your brother-in-law." Then La Belle is alleged to have said: "You told me it would be the best for me to tell the truth and I am telling the truth," to which Welsh replied, "I know that, Ed."

The definition of the word "corroboration" as given to La Belle when he did not exactly understand the word, came in for considerable discussion, and a ripple of smiles came over the court room in the cross-examination of Welsh by Mr. Hagel with reference to the confessions from criminals, which he asked if he did not employ hypnotism, weep, etc., to work on the sympathies of those under arrest in order to induce a confession, to which the detective replied with a broad grin that he did not. A series of photographs, the witness explained, which he had been asked about, showing the various emotions experienced by criminals when under the hypnotic eye of the detective, was

begin by cartoonist Buel and was intended only as a joke. Mr. Rook was recalled and gave important evidence concerning the statements made by La Belle when in route to Dawson under arrest. The prisoner had told the witness that his party had camped on a small island about ten miles below the mouth of the Stewart and that he had no idea there was a move on foot to kill Bouhillet, Bandon and Constantine. It was not in his mind but was in Fournier's. On the morning of the murders Fournier told La Belle that he thought he might find a moose on the island. Acting on the suggestion La Belle had gone on the other side of the island. He had heard the shots and knew what was going on but was afraid to return to the camp, remaining away an hour and a half. When he finally did return Fournier had told him that he had done a good job and made La Belle swear not to tell, giving him out of the swag secured \$45 that he (Fournier) owed him (La Belle). Fournier had told him that he had thrown the bodies in the river and after they had removed as they thought all traces of the crime they left down the river for Dawson. On arriving here Fournier pawned one of the watches to Uncle Hoffman for \$5 leaving the balance of their things at a cabin of a friend in South Dawson. They arrived here on June 16 and left the boat at Lousestown. They afterward went down the river with one Leblanc and Fournier and La Belle returned to Dawson on July 29. La Belle left for the outside two days later leaving Fournier here. On the way inside with the prisoner and Welsh the witness had seen La Belle writing a number of letters to his father and mother. One was written at Wadsforth, one in jail at Seattle and one on board the steamer Puget Sound between Seattle and Skagway.

As we go to press the reading of the confession was concluded and Mr. Caron, the interpreter, was under cross-examination.

WANTS TO BE PAID For Damage to His Wagon J. H. Heath Presents a Bill to the City Council—Don't Stop Water.

The most important matter to come before the meeting of the city council last night was the adoption of the report of the finance committee containing the estimates of the year and the rate of taxation that had been agreed upon, a resume of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. After City Clerk Smith had read the minutes of the previous meeting and before it was adopted he presented to the council the assessment roll for the year 1902. Communications were few in number and there was but one bill presented. That was a bill to Branch & Tarr made out to J. H. Heath and was for the damages that had been incurred to a wagon belonging to Heath which had slid off the grade on the old A. C. trail and been considerably damaged by rolling back way down the hill. Accompanying the bill was a statement from Mr. Heath explaining the reason for presenting the bill to the council. A week or so ago he had rented his wagon to Brimston the undertaker for the purpose of carrying the remains of C. Blonde to the cemetery. On the return of the funeral as they approached the glacier along the trail which has always been a menace to travel every winter, the wagon began to slide and despite every effort stopped of the grade pulling the horses with it and almost making a wreck of the conveyance, cutting the horses and injuring to a slight extent Mr. Brimston and the driver. Inasmuch as the road is within the city limits and it is within the province of the city to keep it in repair and in a passable condition, Mr. Heath, who is a holder of a teamster's license, considers that the bill should be settled by the city.

Chief Lester, of the fire department, submitted a report to the effect that all the materials for the department ordered from the outside had arrived and were at present in commission. The fire hose received from the Gutfre Percha Company, of Toronto, has been officially tested in the presence of Aldermen Macdonald, Moshay and Norquay, of the fire, water and light committee, and Alderman Adair, of the finance committee, and was successful in every respect. The hose stood a pressure of 400 pounds to the square inch.

The finance committee recommended the payment of the following bills: Dawson Free Library \$175.00 Fashion Shoeing Shop 14.00 Fashion Shoeing Shop 54.45 Branch & Tarr 8.00 F. E. McDonald 50.00 J. R. Hamilton 2.00 Smith's Book Store 2.75 F. C. Williams 5.00 H. L. Myers 4.00 Dawson Water Company 15.00 Standard Oil Company 12.00

Following the adoption of the report on the assessment roll Adair introduced a bylaw providing for the levying of the taxes and the collection of the same. The bill went through all its stages and was passed. Macdonald called the attention of the council to a matter that needed to be looked after at once, and that is the habit some people have of throwing and spilling water on the sidewalks while carrying it from the water taps. icy sidewalks are dangerous and the matter must be prohibited. There was no law against it, but he had notified Chief of Police Smith to be on the lookout for such offenders. Other members were agreed that the matter should be attended to at once and it was suggested that a bylaw to that effect be prepared immediately as City Solicitor Donaghy was present. As the bill was short it required but a moment or two to draw it up and it was given all its readings and passed. It makes it a misdemeanor to spill or throw any water on any sidewalk in the city between September 15 and May 15 in any year. The expedition with which the bill was drawn up and put through all the stages reminded one of "laws" made while you wait.

The session was ended by a heart to heart talk with the committee from South Dawson re the existence in that quarter of the filies who toil not neither do they spin, yet are arrayed in flimsy silks, smiles and enough powder to free Ireland.

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TWO PROTESTS FILED

One for a Fracton on All Gold and the Other on Dominion

Two protests were filed in the gold commissioner's court this morning, the one in regard to a fracton on All Gold creek and the other in respect to a bench claim on Dominion. The first named was that of Charles Stuart Barnes versus Austin J. Smith and Gust E. Warnke. Plaintiff claims that he located creek claim No. 106 below discovery on All Gold on Dec. 27, 1901, and applied for record on Dec. 30th. Said application was refused on the ground that a grant for it had already been issued to Herman Goerner.

Plaintiff filed a protest against Goerner, for the reason that Goerner had never staked the ground. This was heard and decided in favor of plaintiff, and a grant was issued to him on May 14th, 1902. The defendant Smith made application and received a grant for ground adjoining, a 65 foot fracton called 165a, claiming that he had located the same Dec. 21, 1901. Plaintiff affirms that there was no stake on the property prior to October 10th, 1902, bearing the name of the defendant Smith, but on that date a stake was placed thereon bearing the date of Dec. 21, 1901. The case is fixed for hearing on February 16th, 1903.

The other protest is brought by George Cropp against A. J. Irwin and J. H. Colton, and is in regard to a bench claim on the fifth tier opposite the upper half of No. 258 on the right limit. The plaintiff located the claim on October 13th last, said claim being then open for relocation. He filed his papers and paid the necessary fees, but was informed that a grant for it had been accorded to the defendant on April 19th, 1902. The plaintiff is informed that the claim has been grouped with an adjoining claim, for the purpose of doing the representation work on one claim only. That no work whatever has been done on the claim in question, and therefore he claims that a grant for the same should be issued to him. The case is set for hearing on Nov. 28th. Auditorium—Way Down East. Job Printing at Nugget office. Special power of attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

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