

TO INCORPORATE, OR NOT?

May Soon Be the Question Submitted to the People.

Opinions of Some of the Business Men and Property Holders Respecting the Matter.

An enabling act has been passed in Ottawa, which empowers the Yukon council to pass an ordinance incorporating the town of Dawson. There is a quorum of the council present now, and a meeting is expected within a week. The power to pass the enabling act is purely discretionary with the council. No action regarding the matter will be taken, in all probability, until a consensus of opinion of the citizens of Dawson is had. The board of trade will soon consider the matter; and, as most of its members are comprised of merchants and property owners, its conclusion will have, no doubt, great influence with the council. Under the municipal form of government, it is contemplated that the effective franchise shall be given to British subjects and alien citizens who have resided in the territory for at least the period of one year; that the N. W. M. P. shall continue to act as peace officers; and that the police court, as now constituted, shall be retained.

The following expressions of opinion from prominent merchants were obtained by a representative of The Nugget:

F. H. Ames, manager of the Ames Mercantile Co.—"I am not in favor of incorporation. I consider the present form of government as satisfactory; and I am of the opinion that incorporation would increase taxes without adding any beneficial effects."

L. R. Fulda, general manager of the A. E. Co., and chairman of the board of trustees of the Board of Trade—"I think that a municipal form of government would be an evidence of advancement and progress. I believe that taxes, under a city government, would not be any more than they are now."

William Heron, local agent of the A. C. Co., and Edgar A. Misner, assistant agent, are against incorporation, for the reason that such action, in their opinion, would tend to increase taxation. Captain J. J. Healy, manager of the N. A. T. & T. Co.—"I have not given the question any consideration. I am an American citizen, and will have no choice in the matter."

L. Allenberg, manager of the Northwest Trading Company—"I am in favor of incorporation, providing all the departments within municipal government are under municipal control, otherwise I am not."

Palmer Brothers are not in favor of incorporation, for the reason that the taxes would be higher.

J. L. Timmins—"I am in favor of incorporation, providing that the city would have control of all the departments, otherwise I think that we should remain as we are."

E. Schoff favors incorporation. Alex McDonald is against it, but did not care to express his reasons.

Tom Chisholm favors a municipal form of government.

Ed. Holden, of the Monte Carlo—"I don't care to switch. The town, as it is, looks good to me."

Dog Rescuers.

The following incident of Wednesday afternoon, showing somewhat remarkable canine sagacity, is vouched for by the gentlemen who went to the assistance of the dogs, as also the men who stood on the opposite bank, helpless. Ten dogs, the most of them St. Bernards, were chasing across the ice of the Klondike a short distance above the bridge. The newly skimmed-over ice gave way and five dogs went into the water with an alarmed howl, which could be heard a mile. The dogs remaining on the ice appeared much distressed and howled dismally in reply. Those in the water swam to the edge of the ice and got their forefeet on it, but could not pull themselves up. In this extremity the spectators were astonished to see those on the ice go to the rescue. They would proceed to the edge of the ice, lean over, and each of the rescuers would grab the nearest dog by the neck and pull for all they were worth. In this way most of them got out, though in doing this the rescuers

themselves got in. Then the strangest sight was seen of the rescued going to the rescue of the rescuers. Some dogs were in and out several times before the spectators could reach them with planks. Two dogs, more exhausted than the rest, got under the ice and were lost. The balance were saved.

The Oleson Party Arrives.

The M. E. Oleson party got into Dawson on Tuesday at 4 o'clock, with a scowload of machinery and supplies, aggregating 16 tons or more. In the party were M. E. Oleson, K. A. Oleson, John Crowley, Ed. Mickelson, J. E. Courier and Lew Pierce.

All are miners on Bonanza. Accompanying the party were two ladies from Atlin, Miss H. A. Bard, and Mrs. M. A. Stewart, both of New York.

The party was just 14 days from Bennett, the trip having been made without incident or accident the entire distance. Mr. Oleson reports having passed about 50 scows on the way down, 30 of them being more or less entangled with bars between Whitehorse and Dawson. Ice was running out of the Pelly, the White and Stewart rivers as they passed, but the waters of the Yukon appeared so much warmer that the ice disappeared about nine miles below the mouths of the streams mentioned.

Free Communication.

C. W. Watts, correspondent for the Portland Oregonian, was out this summer. The Oregonian noticed his arrival and afterwards mentioned his approaching departure in this fashion:

"C. W. Watts, our Dawson correspondent, is at the Perkins hotel tonight and will leave on the early morning train for Dawson. He will carry gratuitously any communications which our readers may desire to have forwarded to their friends in the Far North."

Before the departure of the train the "communications" for friends commenced to arrive. Amongst them was a fur cap, several pairs of mittens, a suit of clothes, several suits of underwear, a box of tools and a circular saw. It is needless to remark that the "communications" were left in Portland for next season.

STORAGE—Boyle's wharf, under the management of the Nugget Express.

Notes on Jack Wade.

Mr. Jack Matherson has returned from an extended business trip to Fortymile. Seen by a Nugget man, the following interesting facts of Jack Wade creek were elicited:

Mr. Northrup, a lumberman and miner, is preparing to erect a sawmill on Nos. 5 or 6, the mill being on its way to its new location.

Clark and Myers are preparing for extensively prospecting No. 11 this winter.

On No. 9 below lower Sill and McIntyre are piling up wood to dry for winter.

Dilly and Shannon, on No. 8 below lower, are laying the plans for extensive winter workings.

Mr. Hinken, on No. 7 below lower, is hunting ptarmigans and fool hens, and recording papers for the boys. Hinken's claim does not bother him much, as he knows well what he has.

Ed. Moyer, on 6 below lower, and the French boys on No. 5, are going to take out big dumps this winter.

The two Dutch boys on 4 are not worrying much, but have seven holes started.

No. 3, owned by Pennington, of the N. A. T. & T. Co., of Fortymile, and others are hard at it.

No. 2, owned by Wilkinson, Booth and Stewart, are bound to hit bedrock. They have good prospects. A half interest was sold for \$5000 recently.

No. 1 below lower, owned by McDonald, is making the time count. Discovery has been let on lays and the claim is dotted with cabins.

No. 1 above lower has been sold recently. There is a fine cabin already started, and the owners are proud of their purchase.

No. 2 above lower, owned by Boyd, is to be in the swim with the rest.

No. 3, above lower, owned by Day, is let in lays.

No. 3 1/2 above lower, owned by Stewart Bros., has 13 holes started.

Billy Boss evidently knew what he was doing when he paid \$25,000 for a bench off of No. 5 above lower, right limit. Five thousand dollars has been refused for a bench off of No. 1 above lower, right limit.

George creek, coming in at No. 3 above lower, left limit, is showing up better than Jack Wade did for the same amount of prospecting.

The general results on the upper part of the creek are favorable.

Roadhouses are being built on Nos. 10 and 16 above lower.

At the present time all parties on the creek are very short of provisions, as all hands are waiting for sledding. A trail is being built up Grace creek, over the divide and thence down Steel creek to Fortymile.

Many of the boys are out hunting cariboo, but so far have not been successful, as there have been no cariboo crossing as yet, and some think none will cross this season.

On Saturday last the snow on Jack Wade was about 14 inches deep, and on the divide was fully 18 inches deep.

Fortymile is frozen over nearly all the way to Steel creek. Parties are already sledding up the river.

An Unqualified Success.

The results which have attended the construction of the new brick warehouse have been successful beyond the most sanguine expectations of the owners. Manager Kirkpatrick in explaining the matter to a Nugget man on Wednesday, expressed the highest degree of satisfaction with the building. "We have had but one stove going for the past 24 hours," said Mr. Kirkpatrick, "and as you see the building is comfortable throughout." An examination of the thermometer which stood on the floor at the farthest point from the stove revealed the fact that the temperature stood at 88 degrees above zero. In order to preserve an equable degree of temperature the single stove referred to will suffice until the very cold weather sets in, although the building is provided with two heaters. A system of ventilation has just been placed in the roof to allow of the escape of foul air, thus insuring the purity of the atmosphere in the building.

Local merchants are showing their appreciation of the enterprise in a most practical manner. Every day sees additional tons of fresh potatoes, eggs and other perishables stacked up in the warehouse for preservation against the cold and it will only be a short time until the capacity of the building is taxed to its utmost.

Unclaimed Telegrams.

Numerous important personal telegrams are arriving each day for unknown parties. Register your names with the Nugget Express and receive your telegrams promptly, anywhere in town or on the creeks.

You can get stationery in big variety at the Pioneer Drug Store. E. Shoff, chemist.

Pocket memo books, counter blotters, time books, pens, pencils, ink, manila, paper fasteners, letter paper and writing tablets for sale at Nugget office.

\$1.50—Turkey dinner at Cafe Royal Sunday, \$1.50.

Letter at Nugget office for Rev. C. J. Larsen, from Juneau, Alaska.

Steam thaws, pipe and pipe fittings and valves, stoves, tin and sheet iron work at J. H. Holme & Co.'s, opposite Fairview.

The Nugget's

success as the Pioneer Paper of Dawson, having grown from the size of a postage stamp, printed on a hand press, to a large eight-page semi-weekly, set up by a typesetting machine, and printed on a modern power press, all of which has been accomplished by a large circulation among the miners on the creeks and liberal advertising patronage from the merchants of Dawson, has prompted the owners to issue a

Special

edition in November, which will be printed on book paper and encased in an elegant lithographed cover—a work of art in itself. The Nugget's special edition will be handsomely

Illustrated

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