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YUKON WATER

Is What Tom Chisholm And Harry Edwards Paid Freight Charges On

FROM SELWYN DOWN TO DAWSON

And Now They Find Themselves Up Against It

HAVING RECEIPTED IN FULL.

Barrels Were Bored, Plugged And Seared With Hot Irons—Hootchless Hootch.

Some time during the open season of last year, or about 14 or 15 months ago, Tom Chisholm and Harry Edwards, liquor dealers of this city, purchased 12 tons of whisky on the outside, in Vancouver, B.C., and shipped the same for this place, complying with all requirements of the law, as to permits and tax, as it then existed. But between the date on which the goods were purchased and the date on which they should have arrived in Dawson a new law was passed by the Yukon council prohibiting the importation of liquors into the Yukon district and, notwithstanding the fact that the regular importation tax of \$2 per gallon was paid at Bennett and the consignment was well on its way down the river when, by order of Capt. Starnes of the N. W. M. P., the shipment was seized under the then recently enacted law and caused to be unloaded at Selwyn, where it was held until the matter of its being legally in the country was duly settled.

When Chisholm and Edwards found out that their consignment had been stopped in transit they at once took steps to have it released, the first one being to procure from a Sulphur miner named McLeod who was present in Vancouver when the liquor was purchased, an affidavit to the effect that it was purchased on a certain date, which date was prior to the enactment of the prohibitory law by the Yukon council, which affidavit with other documents and evidence of good intent on the part of the shippers of the consignment were forwarded to Ottawa for the purpose of obtaining the release of the goods. But the release was slow in coming, so slow, indeed, that, according to Chisholm and Edwards, another permit was issued for the bringing of

whisky to Dawson, the order was purchased, shipped to Dawson, received here and sold out while the matter of releasing the goods in charge of the police at Selwyn was still being considered in Ottawa.

When a year had flown by, and some time last August, and when, according to Chisholm and Edwards, a certain other large shipment of whisky had all been sold, the long looked for release came from Ottawa and Harry Edwards immediately left for Selwyn where he found the 110 barrels of booze apparently in good condition and which he received for to the police and brought with him to Dawson, arriving here on the 3d of last month, September, when the partners congratulated themselves that, after much waiting and a great deal of inconvenience they had at last received what they had paid for 15 months before.

The above would be a complete story if stopped here, but it don't. A few days ago Chisholm and Edwards tapped one of the lately received barrels for the purpose of replenishing a bar demijohn. To their experienced eyes the contents had a peculiar color. They tasted it and knew exactly what was the matter—watered whisky, that was all.

A close examination of the barrel was made and what had been previously overlooked was revealed: The barrel had been bored and later plugged, the edge of the hole being seared with a hot iron so as to defy detection by ordinary inspection, and as the heads of all whisky barrels are marked and branded by hot irons, a few burns more or less would not serve to excite suspicion or remark.

This condition of affairs at once excited the suspicions of Chisholm and Edwards with the result that they made a most thorough examination of their stock. Barrel after barrel was tapped only to pour forth Yukon river water, and in every case where the taste of the river was apparent, the seared plugs were found.

The shippers acknowledge that they are up against it, having receipted for the 12 tons of whisky as being received from the police in good condition, only to find that they receipted for a large amount of Yukon river water which at any time can be secured here without the necessity of paying freight on it from Selwyn.

The question which Chisholm and Edwards would like to have answered is: What became of our whisky, as there are not enough people between Dawson and Skagway to drink in a year all we have lost? As they have investigated sufficiently to warrant the conclusion that the entire consignment has been tampered with to such an extent as to ruin and render it entirely worthless, they estimate their loss at between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

Free Library Entertainment.

The first concert of the series which the board of directors of the public library have scheduled to be given during the winter, occurred last evening and proved to be an immense success. The hall was crowded long before time for the program to commence and numbers of people had to be turned away. Dr. A. G. McDonald, president of the board of control, occupied the chair and opened the meeting with a few appropriate words of welcome on behalf of the directors and then spoke of the growth of the institution during the past year. How they had shifted from one place to another, until now they could point with pride to their large and commodious reading room, well lighted, heated and ventilated, and stocked with all the latest magazines, periodicals and newspapers, and their fifteen hundred new books, including works of fiction, art, literature and science, which will be made into a circulating library, as soon as the work of numbering and placing them is finished, and asked for the continued support and co-operation of the people of Dawson in making it what it is designed to be, a place of amusement and instruction for the benefit of the people and thereby filling a long-felt want in the needs of the people. He then introduced the following program, each number of which was well rendered and heartily applauded, and elicited frequent encores. Miss Emma Allen fairly captivated the audience by the power and sweetness of her voice and was compelled to respond several times to the continued applause:

Piano forte, "Jessie's Dream," Miss Tottie Williams; song, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Mrs. Hines; recitation, "John's Poetry Spell," Mrs. John W. Moore; song, "Sons of the Empire," Mrs. A. D. Williams; song, "The Yeoman's Wedding," Mr. F. Harmon McConnell; recitation, "The High Tide," Mrs. George Craig; zither solo, "Concert Fantasie," Mr. Harding; song, "Out on the Deep," Mr. George Craig; song, "Serenade," (Berney) Miss Emma Allen; recitation, selected, Mrs. D. B. Olson; song, "Happy Days," Miss Jennie Larson; song, "Absent, Yet Present," Mr. H. Cobb; duet, selected, the Misses Larson; song, "Coon Song," Mr. Wm. Ash.

The entertainments will be continued throughout the winter on alternate Monday nights and promise to be one of Dawson's leading social features.

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CAPTAIN STARNES

Says The Statement Attributed to Him by the News Is a Fake.

THE NEWS MISREPRESENTED HIM

When It Stated That He Characterized as an Outrage.

THE NUGGET'S PUBLICATION

Newspaper Representatives Should Use Discretion, or Policemen Can Not Talk to Them.

Capt. Starnes, of the Northwest mounted police, who has had in charge the investigation of the murder of Pearl Mitchell, when asked this morning by a representative of the Nugget, if he had been correctly reported by the News of yesterday in characterizing the report in the Nugget of Saturday as an outrage, replied that he certainly had made no such statement.

"What I said to the News reporter," said he, "was just what I have said from the start of this thing; from the time I first heard it, and I may also say that it had nothing whatever to do with anything I have seen in the papers; that it was too bad that a man of prominent position should be connected by rumor with the affair, but in saying that I had no reference whatever to anything published in the Nugget or any other paper, and at the time was discussing the matter merely as a current rumor."

"No, sir; the interview with me as published in yesterday's News is not correct, and is distorted to the extent I have indicated."

"There is such a thing as discretion, and unless one can be accurately quoted, the only safe course for a police magistrate to pursue with regard to newspapers is not to talk to their representatives at all."

"The statement that I designated the Nugget's publication as an outrage is utterly false and without foundation in fact."

Capt. Starnes then went into the facts of the case as they have been developed by the investigations under his direction, and in which he has taken an active part personally, and, while not agreeing with the theory of a fourth party, he will admit the possible truth of the theory advanced by the Nugget, inasmuch as that there may have been a fourth party present when the affair took place.

Theories do not accuse or acquit persons in any case, as a rule, and the one in question certainly did not. It merely pointed to the possibility of there having been present at the time a fourth party, and so far at least there has been nothing proven to the contrary. Who the fourth party may have been is a matter wholly beyond the province of the theory to decide, which was advanced at the time solely as a theory, and not as a fact in any sense.

Hazardous Travel.

Messrs. Anderson and Burke arrived last night with three scows, three weeks from Whitehorse. Two of the scows were landed here last night, not, however, without the greatest difficulty. The other is tied up 60 miles above, Frank Salisbury remaining to look after it and its cargo. Mr. Anderson heroically saved the life of a man named Reindeer by jumping into the icy water when drowning was imminent to both. The incident occurred while

the man was sparing the scow from a bar, he slipping and falling headlong into the rushing stream. Anderson, realizing that immediate rescue was necessary to save the life of the man, hastily jumped into the water, holding on to a rope which was fast to the scow and by the aid of which both men crawled back aboard.

On reaching Dawson, which was after dark last night, they attempted to make a landing in front of the upper end of the city by heaving an anchor which was carried on the scow. The anchor caught and was swinging the scow around nicely when the flowing ice cut the rope and the scow again kept pace with the irresistible ice in its slow journey towards St. Michael. Seeing the scow drifting by, a large number of men on First avenue went to the rescue and many ropes were passed to those aboard and made fast only to be snapped by the massive body of ice bearing down on the helpless craft. Rope after rope broke and the scow kept going with the ice. The men on the bank, however, worked heroically, but not until the scow reached the partially open water almost in front of St. Mary's hospital was she successfully "snubbed" and brought to a standstill, when her worn-out and chilled passengers, Mrs. Vining, Mr. McKenzie and child being among them, stepped ashore, happy at the thought of not having passed on down the river with the ice which has been their constant company for two long and dreary weeks. The other scow was safely landed opposite Klondike City.

Snow on the Creeks.

At the mouth of Caribou on Dominion this morning the weather was quite mild and considerable snow was falling.

John Hering, who left Dawson Sunday morning with his bride of a few hours, on a sled drawn by a team of malamutes, arrived at Caribou after a 14 hours' journey, a distance of fully 40 miles. Last night everything in that country that would make a racket was called into requisition and the young couple was serenaded in the way our daddies did such things. John was equal to the occasion, however, and escorted the crowd to a convenient roadhouse where the "amende honorable" was done.

Healthy and Invigorating Sport.

The skating rink on the corner of Fourth avenue and First street is now almost completed and will be opened to the public tomorrow night. The rink is enclosed by a high board fence and in a short time will be entirely covered by a canvass roof. The space occupied is 186x92 feet. There are 55 incandescent electric lights with reflectors in position, which will illuminate the place, from one end to the other. A full band will dispense music during the night and to rhythmic strains the merry-makers will glide over the glittering ice.

The rink cost to construct over \$400 and is owned by Charles Jennings. On the opening night several hockey clubs will play for a short period, but the most of the evening will be given to the exclusive use of the public. The admission is 50 cents.

Initial Sporting Event.

Sports are promised an evening of entertainment next week Friday night which would be hard to duplicate in any country. The National Athletic Club of Dawson will give their first exhibition on that date, the club gymnasium being rented for the occasion.

A glance at the program of events will give an idea of the character of the entertainment. The principal events are the two goes—the Colorado Kid vs. Frank Raffelle, and Billy Smith vs. Young Callahan. The other events will be equally entertaining and a hot time is expected.

Following is the program of events: Colorado Kid vs. Frank Raffelle, 10 rounds for light-weight championship honors; Billy Smith vs. Young Callahan, 8 rounds for feather-weight championship honors; Billy Carrol vs. Caribou, 4 rounds; Telleride Kid vs. Young Kinney, 4 rounds; Hayden vs. Forrest, 4 rounds; Swanson the Great vs. Silas Archer, the colored strangler-wrestling; Sinc Swanson vs. Jack Merritt, wrestling; Krilling vs. Jack Devine, wrestling; Jean Riley vs. Billy Long, wrestling; Ben Treneman, club swinging; Anderson vs. Kimball, sword contest. General admission, \$2; reserved seats, \$3. Club gymnasium.

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