The Administration of His Office Now in Senkler's Hands.

The Latter Assumed Charge of the Gold Com-missioner's Office Tuesday—Mr. Fawcett Will Continue as Chief of Survey.

Mr. Thomas Fawcett on Tuesday laid down the incumbency of his office as gold commis-sioner of the Yukon territory, and where he left off Mr. L. E. Senkler, his successor began his record of filling this important position. It was deemed not only proper but important that the NUGGET, if possible, should obtain and give to the public any expression of opinion the retring gold commissioner might have upon his own administration, or affairs of the Yukon territory coming under his personal observation. In accordance therewith a NUGGET repre entative presented himself at the office of Mr. was courteously received, and that tleman freely and fully tendered to the eribe an interview, which divesting it of the forms of questions and answers, is

Mr. Fawcett said: "I do not seek or wish any notoriety in the way of a newspaper interview, but have no hesitation in saying that having ed over the office of gold commissioner in its detail work to Mr. Senkler, my successor, 1 el almost like a school boy freed from his sons, in being relieved from an enormous nt of labor, necessitating my confinement to the office almost every night until 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. Few people can realise the amount of labor and multitudinous duties devolving upon the position since coming into the country two years ago. The duties of gold commissioner, land agent, crown timber agent and chief of survey were all within the instructions and appointment under which I was sent in. So rapidly and suddenly did the population grow, and so inadequate were the lacilities afforded and obtainable, that scarcely could the office be supplied with sufficient stationery to meet the demands upon it. ere no printing offices, no printed forms of anything, and everything had to be written out, the force was inadequate, yet we were able to turn out 70 or more recordings daily. Then a year ago, seven additional clerks were sent in to reinforce the office, but without supplies or outfits of anything necessary to their suste-nance. The men could not stay here and starve so I assumed the responsibility of caring for m and had to send them down to Fort Yukon before they could obtain what was needed. They did not reach here on their return up the river until April. I never express any opinion to the public or any one else until I have made my reports concerning public matters to the departments to which such reports should erly be made. This I consider a duty due the department and my instructions, although difficult for the public to fully understand, owing to the great distance between the seat of action here and the home governmental offees. I may say here, however, although it is probably unknown to the great majority of people, that many, I might say most, of the

found and losing his rights. This should not be, and I protested earnestly against such a regulation, believing no miner should lose his rights, because of his having unfortunately located on non-paying or rather non-producing ground but that finding other ground unstaked he should be permitted to stake. Another point is the boundary question, and the most perplexing of all, and yet probably it can never be definitely settled until a survey is made of the country. This, while expensive, should be done. The whole territory should be triangulated, that is, surveyed from mountain top to mountain top and maps made from actual photographs, showing the actual topography of the territory and an accurate record of distances. You will realize this necessity from the fact that no table or knowledge of distances exists on the many creeks. A miner, for instance, locates a bench claim. As accurately as possible he makes his sketch, and describes his location as correctly, and, we believe, honestly as he can, and brings it in to record. Then another stakes 300 from the creek post, and another 600 feet. There are no maps to turn to for further information, but finally one is found to be upon another's ground, a dispute at once arises and comes into the office for adjudication. The best possible judgment is rendered, but one or more are sure to feet disappointed and the office is made the victim of unfortunate circumstances. Another question is the rim-rock to rim-rock matter. Every engineer well knows that in a volcanic formed country such as this, it is absolutely impracticable to say where rim-rock is or the base of a mountain even. You can take a certain line for water or creek level, and a certain line of hillside for a base line, but it is a difficult matter to say where the base really is. The same with rim-rock, where the rock may dip when naturally expected to rise and so on for many reasons. I have suggested these changes in my reports, but they are in the regulations, and I can only administer them as I find them, but you can see where an injustice may be done the office here because of this.

With the rapid influx of people, naturally the ably it can never be definitely settled until a survey is made of the country. This, while ex-

uggestions made by the miners themselves, were long ago made by me to the departments

With the rapid influx of people, naturally the business of the office grew to large proportions and more controversies, until I recommended to the department an appointment of a claim judge, as it were, whose sole duty should be the hearing of evidence in disputed cases and action thereon. Judge McGuire was sent in,

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and with what was before his court he advocated this additional appointment as had been
recommended. Then the filling of the Dominion Land Agent's effice, taken by Mr. Wade, and
Crown Timber Agent by Mr. Willison, relieved
me to the extent of the duties of those offices.
Then, sgain, as to the clerks in the office, of
which there are eighteen. They were not all of
my appointing, and concerning them I had no
choice in the matter, they being sent in to my
office by shose haying authority to do
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should have been. I feel greatly relieved that
Mr. Senkler has now assumed the duties of his
office. It has been no sinecure to me, I can
assure you, and I shall continue my justion as
Chief of Survey, a portion of our work being
new almost completed, in the surveying of
Bonanza creek muter. The one to take to the hills, a slow and laborious way of travelling. Hootalingua was also free of ice, necessitating the use of ferryboats.

Crown Timber Agent by Mr. Willison, relieved me to the extent of the duries of these offices. The me to the cortex in the soffice of their, again, as to the clerks in the effice, of their, again, as to the clerks in the effice, of their again, and concerning them I had no way apoluting, and concerning them I had no office by those having authority to do so, so that you will see that many times matters so, so that you will see that many times matters for antibuted to and making me the subject of ankind remarks were maiters over which filled no control. However, we got along very nicely here until affairs were administered under the direction of Major Walsh, who, I think, erred ik consulting outsiders instead of the heads of departments, and naturally resulted in friction, owing to a misanderstanding of the facts, and placed the then Yakon Commissioner's office at a tension with this, and rights were arbitrarily exercised which should not in my judgment, have been done, while others were not that should have been. He greatly relieved that should have been as some were not that the case was dismissed. In the event of the charge being substantiated the interest in the claim held by defendant would have reverted to the country of the greatly relieved that should have been. He greatly relieved that should have been as some assumed the duries of his office. It has been no sinceure to me, I can be called the should relieve the subject of the greatly relieved that should have been as a second should relieve that the cotor's paper for \$700 was held by Pete De. What do I think of the future of this country? I have had no occasion to change my mind since coming here two years ago. that we have a very rich country. We knew the gold was here, but of course had no deal had completed his confidence to the life of th Superior Court.
The following cases came up before Judge

Bounnza creek inder the supervision of Gibney, Mr. Caddenhead had completed his I work on sulphur, and was just returning home, which he met his sad fate of drowning in the ley waters of the Klondike.

Whit do I think of the future of this country? I have had no occasion to change my mind since coming here two years ago, that we have a very rich country. We knew the gold was here, but of course had no idea that we should find it upon the hills and more than likely in greater quantity than the creeks have ever produced. As the creeks continue to be prospected new and good finds are being reported, capital is sure to seek returns here in investment, and while the trader may not make so much money as known in the past, there is every reason to believe that Dawson city will continue to be for some years to come a good and even great mining camp or center." Dawson's Dog Doctor is Shoff, the chemist of the Pioneer Drug Store

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every reason to believe that Dawson city will continue to be for some years to come a good and even great mining camp or center."

Mr. Fawcett spoke frankly and freely to the Nuccert man, giving his views in cntertaining manner and which it effords this paper much pleasure to exclusively furnish to the public. It did not forget even to refer to the Nuccert's vigorous criticisms from time to time, but Mr. Fawcett can be assured that at no time did this paper make such criticism bearing towards him any personal animosity or malice, but as an honest paper, like an'honest man, openly and conscientiously criticised the administration of his office for acts which were considered detrimental to the interests of the miners of this district. Mr. Fawcett's views upon the future of the Yukon are entitled to deep consideration as a practical observer.

He will complete the judgments upon cases held in his court probably by January 20, and will then have relieved himself of every connection with the gold commissioner's office. The Regins Club Hotel Bar is the standard of Dawson in quality.

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The following is told for truth by the friends

of Mr. Gus Jonson, of upper Bonanza. He had

let his bushy beard grow for protection to his

almost to disguise him completely, as well as

consuming at least four hours each day to rid

it of feicles and accumulated frost. He ar-

rived at the cabin of his friends one day last

"I tank-you know-der man-vot keep-der

"Vell.-der man-I tank-he go-a crazy.

I tank-he take-me for-a Swede. Der man-

he say-I got-to pay-der toll. I tell-him,

a toll? Den-der man-he put-me ou-der

scales-and vant-me pay-for hun-ded nine-ty

pounds. Den-der man-inside-der house-

tank der man-he is a Svede. I tank-you bet-

ter let-him go.' So I vant a raz-or cut-der

beard-all off," and Gus was as good as his

A Race to the Coast. Mrs. Franc J. McGregor left Dawson on Janu-

ary 1st, at 12.1 a. m. for the outside. Mrs. Me-

Gregor is accompanied by Mr. C. A. Carlson,

and the pair expect to win the \$1000 offered by

the Examiner for the person making the fastest

eling much at night they expect to avoid the

cold wind of the day time and make rapid pro-

gress to the coast, reaching there in 20 days or

less. As preparatory training for the long trip, Mrs. McGregor has been racing over the

divide to lower Dom nion and back, making it

the last trip to 30 below and then to Dawson in

From Outgoing Dawsonites.

shows him to be aboard the steamer Canadian

on December 16th. The letter was brought

down by Serjeant Corneal with the government

mail a few days ago. Mr. Biddle had joined

forces with Messrs. Lyons and Tansey, of the

Ladue company and expected to "mush" the

Hootalinqua was occasioned by the thaw

catching the travellers in a bad place and the

water over the ice, driving them ashore to

flounder through the snow or creek along the

side hills as best they might. Tansey occa-

sioned another delay by almost losing his foot from frost. They found they had to make a long camp between statious and while there

ran short of grub. Before the freeze-up came

they were living on what squirrels and birds

they could shoot. Before they got to the Canadian they passed a number of boats in winter

quarters but were unable to secure any provis-

At Hootalinqua they found that Acklin and

river was open and free from even shelf ice at

the edge on which to travel, compelling every-

Gage had gone on some time. The report also was that the first 10 miles of Thirty-mile

ngain stocked as well as filled up.

ions. At the time of writing the party was

following morning, The delay in reaching

A letter from Joe W. Biddle to the NUGGET

in the spring.

word and cut off his beard for the winter.

toll-gate on-der trail-at Klon-dike reever.".

week and said:

among which principally is the point of a come out. He laugh and say: 'I guess you miner abandoning his claim, should no pay be tank der man he is a Svede. I tank -you bet-

throat, and it had attained such proportions as

The best meals served in the city are at the Regina Club Hotel.

Female Minstrels.

The grand female minstrel show, to be given on Thursday night, promises to be a most enjoyable event. The ladies are entering with a great deal of spirit into their various parts and each is taking a personal interest in seeing the affair a success. The family theatre, which is the biggest public assembly hall in Dawson has been engaged for the event and the manner in which tickets are being called for indicates that the capacity of the house will be taxed to its utmost. The grand cake walk, which concludes the minstrel part of the entertainment, will, in 19sti, be worth more than the price of admission.

The following ladies will participate: Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Comnors, Miss Charles, Miss O'Neil, Mrs. Humphries, Miss Mulroney, Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Taylor, Mystle Smith, Mrs. Mitchel, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Dubois, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Hyle, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Honek The grand female minstrel show, to be given The friends looked up and remarked: "Why, yes. What about him?" Many time-I pay-him guede-a pang-er for -de sleigh. To-day-I no-have sleigh. Val,

Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Simpson, Miss

Notice to Secret Societies.

Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, United Workmen and Woodmen of the World Will please assemble at Fraternity half on Tues-day evening, January 10th, at 7:30 o'clock, Business of Importance is to be transacted in the election of officers. I desire to resign my position on the building committee and as treasurer. All acting treasurers and building committees will take notice that I refuse longer to earry the empty honor conferred upon me. Louis K. Schonborn.

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