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FREIGHT RATES

The Subject of Considerable Discussion Among Merchants of Dawson

OWING TO REPORTED BIG REDUCTION

Which It Is Said the Officials Will Recommend

AFTER THEY VISIT THIS CITY

In Case Reductions Are Made to Future Shippers, Companies Will Be Asked to Blow Back.

From Saturday and Monday's Daily.

A rumor is current on the streets today that information has been received in Dawson announcing the intention of the White Pass Route to materially reduce the present freight tariff between outside points and this city.

It is said that the reduction will follow the arrival in Dawson of Messrs. Graves, Hawkins, Newell and Lee, high officers of the company, who are now on their way down river.

The cause ascribed to the reduction is evidently the fact that shipments from coast cities have practically ceased and boats on the river run are tied up one after the other almost as soon as they arrive at Whitehorse, there being no freight awaiting shipment, as several thousand tons which were ordered from Eastern and coast cities have been cancelled by Dawson merchants who fear disaster from a slump in prices this season.

Should such a reduction follow it is impossible to figure the ultimate result, for while the shippers who would take advantage of the new rate would be benefited, those having received their consignments or in fact all who hold stock of any description would suffer a direct loss in exact proportion to the reduction. That this loss would be a big one can be readily seen by the following illustration. The average cost of landing goods in Dawson by the present schedule of freight rates equals about the original cost of the article on the outside. Say a merchant has a \$30,000 stock landed in Dawson. A cut in freight follows equaling 33 1/3 per cent of original rate. Immediately the new rate goes into effect the merchant loses the exact reduction made in this case a matter of \$10,000, for his competitor taking advantage of the new rate can undersell him to that extent. It is the opinion of many merchants that the only solution to the problem should a reduction follow, lies in a rebate being given to those who have already paid freight rates this season. Such an arrangement is said to have been made by heavy shippers, they contracting with the White Pass Route to pay the schedule tariff, but with the provision that if rates are decreased they would get a rebate in proportion to the cut. Verbal agreements by agents of the company has been made to the same effect with small shippers, according to statements made by merchants, consequently they will demand a return of moneys in the same proportion.

In speaking today of the subject Manager Mianer of the N. C. Co. said: "Should such a cut become effective it will mean that we will reduce prices in proportion. We are too big to move and are too heavily interested in the country to allow our interests to be jeopardized. Should they break the existing agreements you will witness a pretty fight. Let them reduce their rates to \$30 a ton if they want to, it won't wrong us."

Vice-President Isom of the N. A. T. & T. Co.:

"Why if such a reduction in rates should be made we will naturally protect our interests. I don't think, however, that there is anything in the rumor. It is a mistaken idea that freight rates are exorbitant and the reason that boats are now tied up is due to the immense quantities of freight which have already been landed in Dawson. The big companies are not appreciated for the work they do in the development of the country. The people should remember that the operation of a system like the White Pass Route entails in this country unusual expenses. The season lasts but a few months and rates must be in proportion to the expense of operation. The dissatisfaction manifested towards the company is not due so much to the freight tariff but to the arbitrary methods employed by some of the company's servants. I went over the tariff sheet last winter very carefully and I find that this year a material reduction

has been made over that of last year."

J. P. McLennan: "Even at the best rate they offer us the tariff is exorbitant. Shippers should be given an immediate rebate and money should be refunded when the reduction is made."

Harry Jones of the Dawson Hardware Co.: "The prices charged now are far in excess of last year. For instance, take plate glass, the rate is \$290 a ton, last year was brought in for \$115 a ton. The company is blind to its own interest. We are forming a merchants' association and will take some decided stand on the freight problem in a few days. A refund of money should follow a reduction in rates."

R. W. Calderhead: "I heard about the rumor but do not care to talk at present."

Shindler: "They can't hurt me much anyway just now. Rates should be reduced without any question."

Emil Mohr: "I have heard of the rumor and I called on Agent Rogers who assured me that the small dealer would be protected should such a reduction be made. He stated also that as far as he knew no such reduction was contemplated. I had a verbal agreement with the company before I shipped that in such an event I would be refunded the amount to cover my loss. Mr. Lee will probably arrive today. I have every confidence in him and know that he will do the right thing by patrons of his road."

Percy Palmer of Palmer Bros.: "The White Pass people must protect their patrons. It is essential to their existence for to the small dealer they must look for their prosperity. If by any action of theirs they destroy our opportunity of remunerative trade it will immediately react on them."

J. L. Timmins: "As far as I am concerned I have not shipped heavily this season having purchased in the market here to better advantage than through I shipped from the coast and paid freight, duty, etc. The probable effect of a material reduction in freight rates would be the ruin of many of the smaller merchants unless the White Pass Route refunded the amount to offset the loss."

New Alaska Railroad.

Advices received from Valdez, Alaska, give details of one of the most gigantic railroad projects yet undertaken in the north. This is the construction of a road, 400 miles in length, from Valdez to Eagle City, or some other point on the Yukon river. The leading spirit of the enterprise is M. J. Heney, who, with H. T. Harper and S. Marchison, sailed for the north on the steamer Bertha, which left Seattle on June 10th. The road will be financed by New York and London capitalists. The cost of the line will be, it is estimated, \$8,000,000, or an average of \$20,000 for each mile of road.

The road will follow the valleys of the Copper and Tanana rivers, and the route, it is claimed, is quite feasible, and will present no great engineering feats. Mr. Heney took with him assistants and a complete camping and cruising outfit. In addition he took a steam launch with which to cruise in the waters in the neighborhood of Valdez for favorable terminals, the plan being to take soundings and obtain a good depth of water, with other necessary harbor accessories. He also has packhorses and all the necessary equipment for cruising through the country the line will traverse.

It is his intention to go over the entire line of road the present summer, and while a surveying party will accompany the expedition, the trip will not be in the nature of a preliminary survey, but rather to locate barriers which will have to be overcome or avoided, and in a general way to indicate the course for the preliminary survey. Indian guides and helpers will be employed at Valdez, and Mr. Heney believes that he can successfully cover the entire route of the road, and form an approximate idea of the regions it will permeate before the snow flies in the fall. Some preliminary surveying may be undertaken this season, but the work will be pushed with all possible vigor next year, when the line will be definitely located and active building begun.

For its income the road will depend upon three sources, any one of which, it is asserted, will amply remunerate the projectors who hazard their money in the enterprise. These are the enormous traffic to and from Valdez and the Yukon, the gold and copper treasure of the region ramified, and cattle and sheep raising on the headwaters of the Copper and Tanana rivers, which industry, it is declared, will, in the near future, prove a great source of income to enterprising stockmen in the north.—Colonist.

Another "Bloomin'" Pug.

A new pugilist is in town looking for a go with some of the undated champions of the city. He is an Australian welter-weight by the name of Arthur Walker and has fought some of the top-notchers in the fist arena. He has gone against such men as Tommy Tracy who defeated Dick Case in Seattle last winter, and he beat Danny Needham in 20 rounds at New Orleans. Walker was at Nome last year and had a go with Kelley and also with Dick Case.

Photo supplies reduced at Goetman's.

FROM NUMBERS TO NAMES

Hereafter Streets of Dawson Will be Designated by Letter

Yukon Council Has Had Matter of Change Under Consideration Some Time—Names Selected.

Some time ago the matter of renaming the streets of Dawson was brought before the Yukon council and referred to the board of public works.

The subject has been discussed by the board and it has been decided to change the streets from numbers into names, leaving the avenues as they are at the present time.

Having numbers for streets both ways with the only distinction of streets and avenues is often very confusing especially to checkbooks and even the old sour doughs often pause in their perambulations and wonder "where they are at" when trying to locate some parts of the town.

Several names have been suggested for the different streets but at the last meeting of the board the following while not altogether agreed upon will, with possibly a few exceptions, probably be the official names of the streets.

The dividing street is to be changed from First street where it has formerly been to Third street which will be given the most prominent name and will be hereafter known as King street.

From this street the names, going north, will be: York street for Fourth, Ladue for Fifth, Smith for Sixth, Yukon for Seventh, Standard for Eighth and Judge for Ninth. South from King street the names will be Queen for Second, Albert for First, Harper, Mission and Hanson streets will be left as at present. Fifth street south will be named Grant street; Fourth street south Turner, Third street south Douglas, Second street south Craig and First street south River.

The business as well as the residence houses are to be numbered, the numbers for the avenues starting at 100 on either side of King street. Numbers for the houses on the streets will commence with 100 from First avenue so that with the streets given distinctive names and the houses numbered it will be a much more easy task to locate the residents of Dawson.

Yukon Dredger.

Seattle, July 3.—In the completion of the river steamer Clara Hawes, which has been launched at Heckman & Hansen's Ballard shipyards, the preparations have almost been finished for one of the longest cruises through Alaska rivers yet proposed. In the Clara Hawes, which is only 45 feet in length, W. E. Howell and A. Hall, of Boston, with a party of several men, will explore most of the Yukon tributaries in search of placer gold diggings.

The Clara Hawes is fitted with a stern wheel, Scotch marine boilers and every contrivance which would insure the safety of the vessel in steaming up the rivers, in many cases unusually difficult to navigate.

The steamer is 45 feet in length, sixteen feet beam and when loaded will draw only two feet and six inches of water. It will be shipped up to St. Michael on one of the steamers and there launched. From St. Michael the party will proceed up the Yukon to a point which has already been agreed upon and then will commence operations. During the winter, when the steamer is frozen in, the party will prospect the surrounding country.

The cost of the trip and in fact the money for the whole proposition is being furnished by Boston capitalists. The steamer itself cost a small fortune and the expenses of outfitting the party amount to a large sum.

Fuel for the steamer can be secured as the party advances on the trip. As often as necessary timber can be sawed from the banks and enough taken aboard and when that is exhausted the operation can be repeated.

The leaders of the party are both experienced prospectors and mining men. Mr. Howell has been employed in Mexico, prospecting and developing, for several years. Mr. Hall is a competent prospector.

Foxy Girl.

A young woman schoolteacher of Kansas, on her way to the Philippines, where she is to teach, writes thus to a friend: "Dear Mazie: Yes, it is true that I have signed a contract to teach three years in the Philippines and that contract looks pretty big and horrid to me now, for papa says the government will hold me to it, whatever happens. But I don't believe the government would force a girl to keep on teaching if one of those brave, noble colonels or captains asked it to let her off so she could—oh, you sly thing! You know what we talked about. Anyway, I am going, and if I come back with a military title to my name won't you pokey things envy me? Your own, Cally."

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regins Club hotel.

LADIES ARE ALERT

And Already Preparing for Annual St. Andrews Ball.

What the annual charity balls are to the Eastern cities St. Andrew's ball is becoming to Dawson, and it will doubtless prove somewhat of a surprise to the members of St. Andrew's Society to know that many of the social leaders among the ladies are even at this early date making preparations for the event of the next winter's gaiety.

An old stager is accustomed to climb into his dress suit and take in any sort of a social affair with five minutes notice, but with the ladies it is different; they must have all kinds of time in which to make their preparations and arrange the details of their toilettes so that each may outdo the other in the brilliancy of her plumage. A well known modiste of the city who makes two trips a year to the fashionable centers of the East and who will leave for the outside in a few days has orders for thousands of dollars' worth of gowns and dress fabrics ordered expressly for the ball given in honor of the patron saint of Scotland. Last year the ball was a brilliant success, but the indications are that the one this year will even eclipse all previous efforts.

Tammany's Chief.

Richard Croker has not generally been credited with possessing an acute sense of humor, but he has just shown himself to have a keener appreciation of the delicately humorous than most of his intimates ever imagined. An elaborate book which is being prepared for private distribution among the friends of the Tammany leader, shows Mr. Croker has more than one little twinkle concealed about his person and kept out of sight somewhere back of his fiercely bristling beard. The book is nothing more or less than a portfolio of the Croker cartoon, pro and anti, that have appeared of late years. And it is an easy matter to guess that the anti-Croker cartoons outnumber the pro-Croker cartoons in the ratio of something far in excess of Democratic 16 to 1. In fact, one would have to search very closely through the portfolio to find any cartoons that do favor the Tammany chieftain; most of those in the book severely assail him on every conceivable ground. The cartoons date from 1892, in which year was held the third Cleveland campaign during which Mr. Croker was most unmercifully lampooned. The work of leading cartoonists from all over the country has been drawn upon for the book, and the cartoons shown are credited to papers from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Not a few have been taken from the other side of the water where Mr. Croker delights to roam and race horses. When Mr. Croker gets back to New York he is going to give a dinner to two or three hundred of his friends, and at this dinner one of these books of cartoons will be presented to each guest. This will exhaust the edition de luxe but another edition will be published sufficient in number to supply the needs and demands of the entire Tammany Hall membership.

Might Work in Dawson.

"Uptown, in the Kensington district," said the Philadelphia dead-game sport, "there is a poker room that has substituted an automatic parlor organ for a lookout man. The scheme has worked beautifully, and neither the neighbors nor the 'fly cops' of the district are onto the game. When the organ is started you might think in passing the house that a prayer meeting or revival service was in progress behind the closed blinds, for it plays nothing but hymns. All the evening it switches from 'Nearer, My God, to Thee' to 'Rock of Ages,' and then to 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains.' And all the time chips are rattling and the kitty is growing fat. Think of raiding a joint where an organ was playing 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.' I'm not much on religion myself, but it seems to me that's about the limit."

Ottawa Items.

The war office has called for an additional 10,000 tons of Canadian hay for South Africa, to be shipped via St. John, N. B., not later than August.

The Journal tonight will say that one of the most prominent marshals in the St. Jean Baptiste procession yesterday has been summoned to the police court for having struck one of the governor-general's horses with the scabbard of his sword, and at the same time ordered the driver off the street while the parade was passing.

Contractor H. C. Davis is erecting a 40x100 warehouse for the Ladue Co. on Third avenue near the new brick warehouse. When completed the building will be occupied by Barrett & Hall the commission merchants. One-half of it will be for cold and the other half will be fitted for warm storage. The building is to be 14 feet high with a truss ceiling which will allow considerable space in the attic.



There has hardly been enough activity in sporting circles this week to indicate that there is any life in them. The summer is rapidly passing and the clubs should begin to take advantage of the fine weather to get themselves into practice if it is anticipated playing any match games this year.

All of the clubs are now well supplied with complete outfits and are in readiness to play as soon as the players can get up the necessary amount of energy.

BASEBALL.

J. R. Gandolfo is a most enthusiastic lover of sports and is particularly fond of the game of baseball. He has taken deep interest in the welfare of the members of the ball team which bears his name and has gotten for himself the name of a "good provider."

His latest act of generosity was providing the team with a complete outfit consisting of a mask, three fielders' gloves, four base gloves, two catcher's gloves, a dozen bats and two dozen balls. These goods with the exception of the bats are the 1901 Spalding goods the best baseball goods obtainable. To say that the boys are pleased with their outfit is putting the matter very mildly. The U. S. troopers, team of Fort Egbert is very anxious to come to Dawson to play a series of three or five games with the Dawson team but as yet there has been no opportunity afforded to bring them up. If an excursion cannot be arranged in the near future it is intended to have the boys come up on one of the up-bound steamers in which event it may be necessary for the raising of a subscription to defray their expenses to which the merchants when called upon should respond generously.

FOOTBALL.

The football players have not sufficiently recovered from the effects of the game on the Fourth of July to even consider the arranging of another one; but we hope by next week to be able to make the announcement of the match game between the creek and town teams, which should have been played on the Fourth.

CRICKET.

The cricket players are now beginning to take a more active interest in the game. The grounds are to be filled in and smoothed off and made into a first-class cricket field. Arrangements are also being made for a dressing room with shower bath in connection for the benefit of the players.

A game of cricket has been arranged for this afternoon at the barracks grounds between the N. W. M. P. team under the captaincy of Sergeant Stillman and a picked team under the leadership of Deputy Sheriff Seymour. This will be the first match game of cricket this season and will undoubtedly have a large audience.

LACROSSE.

The challenge which the Civil Service lacrosse players issued to any team in the territory a short time ago still remains good and they are anxiously awaiting champions to materialize to accept it. A number of new lacrosse bats and balls were recently received by the McLennan-McFeely boys so that there is plenty of material with which to play if they can get the players together.

HOCKEY.

The proposition for sending the hockey team outside this winter to compete for the cup remains at the present time in the same position it was two weeks ago. It is expected to send a man up the creeks shortly to solicit the aid of the miners.

LAWN TENNIS.

The greatest interest is being taken in the tournament of the Yukon Lawn Tennis Club which was opened last night by a game between F. W. Seddon (owe 30) and J. Stanley Long (owe 15). Both players played a strong game which lasted for two hours. Seddon won the first set by 6-4; Long won the succeeding sets 6-3, 6-3; there by winning the game.

Later in the evening another game of the series was played by M. D. S. Finney (owe 30) vs. H. M. Martin (owe 15). Finney won the game 6-3, 6-2.

Entries for the ladies' single, ladies' doubles and combined doubles do not close until Saturday next.

For the gentlemen's singles and doubles, entries have already closed. The following are the competitors and their handicaps:

Singles: H. G. Herbert, owe 40; A. P. Hughes, owe 30; C. W. S. Barwell, owe 30; F. W. Seddon, owe 30; D. S. Finnie, owe 30; F. E. G. Berry, owe 30; A. F. Nicol, owe 25; G. R. Glazy, owe 15; Dufferin Patullo, owe 15; Arthur G. Smith, owe 15.

Doubles: H. M. Martin and D. S. Finnie, owe 15-16; play C. W. Barwell and F. W. Seddon, owe 30-16; Arthur Smith and J. K. Macrae, owe 4-15; play Dufferin Patullo and H. G. Herbert, owe 30-16; A. F. Nicol and J. Stanley Long, owe 5-15; play C. R. Elderton and O. R. Clazy, owe 15; A. P. Hughes and F. E. G. Berry, owe 30-16, received a bye in the first round.

SPORTS AT GRAND FORKS.

The sporting club of Grand Forks have formed themselves into an association called the Bonanza Amateur Athletic Association and not only the members of the organization but the citizens of that thriving city and surrounding creeks as well are taking the most active interest in the promotion and development of field sports. A fine large ground has recently been situated up and a grandstand is under construction and the various clubs including baseball, cricket and lacrosse are getting themselves into good training for games.

A match game between the Grand Forks and Dawson teams has been arranged to be played in Dawson on Saturday the 20th of this month and other games will be announced later.

A New Mining Field.

Excellent reports are being received from the prospects on Prince of Wales Island. Considerable work has already been done on some of the properties. Mr. S. L. Silverman, who represents some Spokane parties, says: "I have every confidence that the island will make a good camp. The ore is in unexampled quantities. There is plenty of timber. Coal from Vancouver Island is delivered for \$5 ton and coke for \$8."

This is of great interest to Victoria, for although Prince of Wales Island is in Alaska, its development must have a beneficial effect upon Vancouver Island. Cape Scott is more than half way between Seattle and Prince of Wales Island. With a railway extending the full length of Vancouver Island and fast steamers between this city and Seattle and from Cape Scott north, it would be possible to cover the distance between the latter city and the Prince of Wales Island mines in about 30 hours. With ferry connection with the Mainland, loaded cars could be carried directly to the north end of this island and all freight be transferred to steamers there. Nor is it likely that Prince of Wales Island will be the only one of the Alaskan archipelago that will develop great mineral possibilities. No matter how many such there may be, the trade of the whole of them can be done better via Vancouver Island than in any other way. Hence the interest which attaches to progress in mining in that part of Alaska. Moreover the more that is done in one part of the Northwest coast, the better the remainder of it will stand in public estimation. Victorians can afford to regard the developments in the Alaskan island with a great deal of satisfaction.—Colonist, June 25.

Dixie's Author Dying.

Daniel Emmett, the founder of negro minstrelsy and the composer of the music of "Dixie," is dying of old age at his hermit's home near Mount Vernon, Ohio. Mr. Emmett is 86, and for years has lived retired in a suburban home, avoiding men and their way and seeking companionship only in the wife of his old age and a few dogs. The circumstances which led to his writing "Dixie" are related by a resident of Mount Vernon. Emmett was playing in New York with the celebrated Bryant minstrel. Mr. Bryant one day requested him to compose a new "walk round" of a heroic kind.

"One," said he, "which the band will wait to play and which the boys will whistle in the streets." The morning Emmett appeared with his music of "Dixie" as it is now played. There was little enough in the words—mere clatter, really—but the music took at once in the North and was seized in the South for its own when the northern took it thither early in the war. The original words have long since been changed to suit Southern sentiment.

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