

A PORT OF LARGE CONSEQUENCE.

Dawson is a City Cutting Some Figure in Governmental Receipts.

Sixty-Eight Steamers and Eleven Barges Arrived this Season—Nearly 13,000 Tons of Freight Came Up the River.

The port of Dawson makes some impression upon the government receipts through its custom house department. From the opening of navigation probably the hardest worked official is Collector Davis, who with a force utterly inadequate, is compelled to, put in long hours and handle an enormous amount of business. Through the courtesy of the collector the Nugget is enabled to present herewith the appended list of arrivals of boats at this port from June 6th to October 4th during this season:

Name of Steamer	Arrived	Tons
May West	June 9	20
Victoria	" 11	25
P. B. Wear	" 13	125
C. H. Hamilton	" 21	138
Golla and barge	" 23	349
Seattle No. 1	" 25	275
Marvin	" 30	50
Alice	July 9	150
Gov. Stoneham	" 10	"
Victoria	" 11	245
Monarch	" 13	13
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J. J. Healy	" 22	241
Loah and barge	" 26	350
Bella	" 30	125
Golla and barge	Aug. 9	440
P. B. Wear	" 10	232
Linda	" 12	125
Cudaby	" 13	125
Powell	" 17	172
Louise and barge	" 18	630
Columbian	" 18	180
J. J. Healy	" 20	165
C. H. Hamilton	" 22	160
Yukon	" 22	210
Lamelle	" 22	155
Rock Island	" 24	200
Canadian	" 24	138
J. C. Lewis	" 26	355
Hidout and barge	" 26	389
Seattle No. 1	" 28	160
J. K. Gustin	" 30	235
Hannah	Sept. 1	230
May West	" 3	138
Loah and barge	" 3	630
J. P. Light	" 6	125
Terrell and barge	" 6	108
Cudaby	" 7	550
Golla and barge	" 7	12
Chlor	" 7	80
Gold Star	" 8	400
Oh City	" 8	400
Seattle	" 8	400
Monarch	" 8	40
Wevern	" 8	40
D. R. Campbell	" 8	40
Susie	" 11	265
Midway	" 17	161
Domville	" 17	50
Lightning	" 18	130
Seattle No. 3	" 18	140
Marvin	" 20	50
Loah and barge	" 20	171
J. K. Light	" 22	600
Crab	" 22	250
P. B. Wear	" 23	150
Gov. Pinckney	" 23	9
Philip B. Low and barge	" 24	41
Arnold	Oct. 4	95
Total tons		12,882

It will be seen that in a moment almost Dawson has sprung into importance as a port of entry. Sixty-eight steamers have arrived from down river, carrying nearly 13,000 tons of freight and commodities and upon the values of these articles the government is enriched to the extent of \$143,000 through its custom house, \$30,000 of which was collected during last month alone.

The average duty imposed is 25 per cent, and special tariff is 35 per cent; the tax on flour being 60 cents per barrel, and on bacon two cents per pound.

Besides the steamers arriving here, above noted, no account is taken of the upriver boats, but clearances have to be made on their part, and the records show clearances for White Horse and Bennett.

The division of goods show about equal as between American and British importations estimated closely at \$500,000 in value for each. Some idea must be had of the enormous amount of labor devolving upon the collector in handling this number of boats, in making out papers and the vast details requisite to a systematic handling of affairs in the department, nearly all of which falls upon the collector personally. Of course he is assisted to the extent of officers being placed about each boat on arrival and serving as inspectors, these men being assigned by the police department. In addition to his duties as collector of the port, Mr. Davis is also registrar of ports for shipping inspection of ship's registers and he is also measuring surveyor, holding commission signed by the Earl of Aberdeen, E. S. Newcombe, deputy-minister of justice, and Joseph Pope, under-secretary of state.

When Mr. Davis was appointed to the Yukon district, as collector, he was also commissioned a justice of the peace for the North West Territories, and is the only case of the kind in the history of the country, and sat in judgment in cases in the absence of others possessing magisterial powers.

More difficulty is probably experienced here than in any part of the world, for the reason that scarcely any ships' cargoes arrive here, the manifest for which will check with the invoices for the reason that the deep-water vessels, arriving at St. Michaelis, leave their cargoes and the river boats bring them up as best they can, but usually broken lots or marks, some portions being en route as long as two years. This necessarily compels a rearrangement

of cargoes, as the custom house is not bound to respect invoices.

Collector Donald W. Davis has always been an active man in public life, having served ten years as a member of the Canadian Parliament, and furnishes most interesting reminiscences of the growth of the Yukon Territory. Upon his appointment as collector his instructions left him master of his own judgment as to where to locate the custom house, and established himself at Forty Mile, but there being no work to do there came to Dawson on October 20th, on the steamer Arctic. There were no houses here then, and but one log cabin stood in this place of substantial business houses to-day. The collector's territory includes everything below Tagish and extends to the American line.

It is a pleasure also to compliment this department of the government for its uniform courtesy towards all having relations with it in any way, for despite the enormous amount of labor placed upon the collector, the business of the office is conducted with dispatch, and assistance in every way that will aid the importer of merchandise.

Collector Davis will in a few days remove to handsome new quarters in the A. C. Co. office building; his present office being unable to handle the rapidly increasing volume of business under his department.

A New Creek.

Kentucky Creek, a tributary of Twelve-mile creek, below Dawson, was closed to the public on Thursday by orders of Gold Commissioner Fawcett. The avowed reason for the closing was that men were rushing in dozens to record who have never been near the creek. The original discoverer came in, Tuesday and is said to have reported 40 cents to the pan. His own statement is that there were no stakes yet on the creek other than those he had driven and it is impossible for men to have gone there and staked and then returned to town to record in the time which has elapsed, since he first reported his discovery. On the face of it it appears true enough, but to the thinking mind familiar with past events on the Klondike there is reason in the madness of the men who would record first and stake afterward. Under the disgraceful regime of the present incumbent of the gold commissioner's office, honest prospecting and staking before recording has been the exception—not because of any particular depravity in our citizens, but because while the foolishly honest man was waiting in line for a week at Fawcett's door to record men with Fawcett's or Bolton's or Craig's passes in their hands would pass right in and record over their heads. The lesson has been dearly learned and men are but profiting by former experience which is that the only safe way to do with Fawcett in office is to record first and stake afterward.

But the closing of Kentucky creek opens up vast possibilities for perquisites, providing it should turn out good, like Dominion. Fawcett would then be able to resolve upon a certain date for opening the creek and advertise that fact. Then a few days before the date set he can change his mind unknown to all, but his own immediate circle and set the date back three days without making it public. These things have not and shall not be forgotten, Mr. Fawcett, and after your relegation to that obscurity for which your talents fit you, you will be able to recall at your leisure these hilarious episodes which meant so seriously to the "sweepings of the coast cities," i. e., the common miners.

MINERS GETTING DONE TO WORK.

"Dead Work" being Done in Anticipation of the Freeze-Up.

Bonanza and Eldorado claim owners and laymen are taking advantage of the present fine weather and are making their preparations for a big winter's work. From the lower end of the creek to forks along Eldorado and the upper end of Bonanza the hum of the saw and the sound of the axe proclaim the systematic search for dust and nuggets that will be in active progress within a few very short weeks.

One of the features of the season will be the development work that will be done on the lower end of Bonanza. Old timers on the creek have smiled in the past at the suggestion that the lower end carried gold in paying quantities. They have pointed to the width of the bottom, to the fact that claims far above failed last year to pay wages and suited at the idea that the marshy claims along that "moose pasture" could possibly be made to yield gold. Nevertheless, owners of claims along the lower end have shown their faith in the ground by going to work and staking holes without wasting time in discussing the value or non-value of their ground. The result has shown that their faith in their property is well-grounded. The best proof of this is shown in the fact that claims in the eighties are now held and are being sold at prices far in advance of the most conservative estimates that were placed on their value last summer.

At the present time cabins are being completed and wood brought down to the claims for the prosecution of the winter's work. Many lays ranging from fifty to one hundred feet have been let and the laymen are entering with enthusiasm upon their work.

Further up the creek where the value of claims was long ago proven, a number of owners are holding back work in the hope that the iniquitous royalty tax will be taken off. They feel that so long as they are in a position to do so there is more money in keeping the dust in the ground than in taking it out in order to pay the government a 10 per cent dividend on the gross output.

Numerous road-houses and lunch-counters have been established along the trail for the convenience of travelers. The wayfarer will not need to fear lying out on the cold and

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Criticism of the Doctor.

EDITOR NUGGET:
Dear Sir—I attended the public meeting at the Fairview hotel and I was struck by nothing so much as the few remarks made by Dr. Good. I know him to be a clever surgeon and a thoughtful gentleman, yet he favored making the property qualification of mayor a high one, on the grounds that "a man with little property is more easily approached."
I have seldom heard of the depravity of the less wealthy so frankly charged. But is it true? Is a man with \$4,000 in property as a consequence of his possessions less virtuous than the man with only \$1,000 in property? Is a man's city property a gauge of his worth or integrity?
These and kindred questions instantly spring up in our minds and I am sure you will pardon my calling your attention to the matter.
Yours most obediently,
GEORGE A. FRANK.

Volunteer Fire Brigade.
A Public Meeting will be held this evening at the Regina Club, Fourth street and Second avenue, 6 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of organizing a Volunteer Fire Brigade for the City of Dawson. All interested are requested to be present.

Portland Market supplies hotels, restaurants and steamboats at special rates.

Notice.
Groschler & Miall, who formerly had offices in the Worden building, have now been removed to the McDonald building.

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A Secretary Wanted.
The Miners' Association are looking for an available man for secretary. Tenders will be received from applicants, stating qualifications and salary expected, until 12 o'clock, Wednesday, October 14th, at the office of H. C. Lisle, secretary, per tem.

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Masquerade at the Monte Carlo.
Next Friday evening a grand masquerade ball is to be given at the Monte Carlo theatre and being the initial occasion of the kind at this theatre which has now been fully completed, and concerning which the Nugget will have occasion to speak later, will be an event in dress, style and effect probably never equaled before in Dawson. Remember the date.

The members of the B. F. O. Elks are arranging for a grand benefit entertainment, which will be given at the Tivoli theatre and will include all of the theatrical and musical talent of the city in an exceptional program. The admission charge has been made at the low figure of \$1 and the proceeds are to be devoted to the sick and burial fund of destitute, ill and deceased members of the order in Dawson.

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Notice.
The examination for admission to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Yukon Territory will be held Oct. 15th and 16th. Applicants, accompanied by the fee \$100.00, must be handed to the Registrar on or before Friday, Oct. 14th.
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