

ROYALTY ILLEGALLY TAKEN

Exchequer Court of Canada Renders Three Decisions Favoring the Miners—May Affect \$300,000 Collected in the Spring and Summer of 1898.

Messrs. White, McCaul & Davey yesterday received a cipher dispatch from Ottawa that will bring joy to the hearts of a number of their clients and ultimately, so it is believed, dollars to their pockets.

fixed at 10 per cent. the order in council being passed July 29, 1897. The order did not become a law by statute, however, until September 11 following and was not received and posted in the office of the gold commissioner until September 29.

actions upon which judgments have just been rendered were heard in Ottawa last February, Mr. E. D. Armour, K. C., one of the leading counsel in Canada, and Messrs. Lewis & Smellie, Ottawa, agents for Messrs. White, McCaul & Davey, appearing for the suppliants and the crown being represented by the minister of justice and his deputy, Mr. E. L. Newcombe, K. C.

Messrs. Joslin, Chappell and Carmack all crossed the continent from Seattle for the purpose of giving their evidence at the hearing. It is understood to be the intention of the minister of justice to carry the cases in appeal to the supreme court of Canada and if necessary to the privy council in England, so it may be a year or two before the matters have reached a final conclusion.

SERIOUS CHARGES ARE MADE

C. M. Woodworth Fires Hot Shot at Men High in Government Positions—Alleges Corruption and Misrepresentation in Securing Concessions.

Concessions and concessionaires were dealt a hard blow at the mass meeting at the A. B. hall last evening. Attorney C. M. Woodworth, who has made a thorough study of the concessions and the manner in which they were acquired, and who has disputed the titles of several of the concessionaires before the gold commissioner's court, was the principal speaker of the evening.

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fractional claims on the left limit of Bonanza creek between Fox gulch and Adams. James Sutherland was then acting minister of the interior and was a partner with Boyle and Slavin, and was also interested in the Matson concession.

"On one fraction on Magnet Hill owned by the concession the report of the mining inspector shows that \$42,000 was taken out. This \$42,000 was divided into five equal parts, two of which parts, one of the partners affirms, were never accounted for but which in all probability were used for parliamentary purposes."

"E. C. Senkler reported to the minister of the interior that within the limits of the territory applied for by Bronson & Ray there were 38 creek, 50 hillside and 50 bench claims. About 40 claims were in active operation and the estimated output would be \$100,000. With the exception of about 40 claims the ground was reported by the gold commissioner as being unfit for placer mining methods and on November 3, 1899, Bronson & Ray received their grant. By the terms of the grant they were to do \$5,000 worth of work every year. The first year they were excused because they couldn't get machinery, the second year they were excused because they didn't have machinery on the ground. They haven't worked it yet. That ground was worked by a simple, downright steal, and the miners have had to suffer by it and that is the cause of lower Bonanza looking like a barren wilderness today."

"In the summer of '97 Slavin & Boyle applied for a concession on the low-lying ground of the Klondike extending from rim to rim. The limits of this concession were extended until it took in Bear, Jackson and Lindow creeks, the Klondike benches and a great deal of ground not applied for besides. One-quarter of the Slavin & Boyle concession was sold to Treadgold."

"The Milne concession is a rocky stretch from the mouth of Hunker to the mouth of Bear creeks. Ogilvie gave him a certificate that it had been prospected and Senkler gave him a certificate that it was worthless for placer purposes."

"All these concessions have been obtained by misrepresentation, trickery and fraud," he concluded, "and the only remedy is the cancellation of all the concessions and let them go back to the individual miner."

"Mr. Reddoe was then called to the platform and made a strong talk for the cancellation of the concessions, which, he stated, had been obtained fraudulently and by misrepresentation. He presented the following resolution to be wired to Ottawa: 'We request the government of the Dominion of Canada to immediately enquire into the means by which the Anderson, Milne, Boyle, Bronson & Ray, Doyle, Matson, Slavin & Gates and Miller creek concessions were obtained; as to whether said concessions were obtained by fraud and misrepresentation and granted in error and improvidence, and as to whether the regulations have been complied with in the grant or continuance of said leases.'

Other speakers were called upon who likewise were strongly in favor of the cancellation of the concessions and who supported Mr. Woodworth in his statements. Space, however, will not permit giving a full report of the balance of the speeches, but they were all in harmony and sympathy with the movement inaugurated last evening.

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NORA FULLER'S MURDERER

Was Chas. Hadley, for Fourteen Years an Accountant on the San Francisco Examiner—Chief of Police Claims the Mystery is Now Solved.

Special to the Daily Nugget. San Francisco, April 22.—A sensation has been caused in San Francisco by the announcement of Chief of Police Whitman that he has undoubtedly proved that the murderer of Nora Fuller was Chas. Hadley, for fourteen years accountant in the business office of the Examiner. On January 16, the day of Nora's disappearance, Hadley also disappeared

and has not been seen since. Theo. Kitkey, a handwriting expert, declares that the man who wrote the name C. B. Hawkins in the advertisement luring Nora Fuller to her death was Hadley. He has compared the handwritings and declares they are identical. So hurriedly had Hadley left his lodgings and fled he did not even go to the bank and draw a balance on deposit.

Stabbed by Negroes

Special to the Daily Nugget. Emporia, Kan., April 22.—Young negro ruffians stabbed Prof. Charles Huey, of the Kansas Normal School, because the latter drove them from a fence surrounding a park where a baseball match was in progress. Samuel Harrison was arrested.

Heavy Crops

Special to the Daily Nugget. Winnipeg, April 22.—The C. P. R. officials anticipate an immense crop in Manitoba and the northwest. Large immigration is pouring in and there is much buying in farm and city property. New reductions in tariffs have been announced.

Oldest Preacher Dead

Special to the Daily Nugget. St. Paul, April 22.—Rev. Cyrus Brooks is dead, aged 91. He was the oldest Methodist preacher in the state.

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William Accepts

Special to the Daily Nugget. Berlin, April 22.—Emperor William has accepted Cecil Rhodes' trust relative to German scholarships at Oxford.

portant subject." Mr. Woodworth then took the platform and in a speech lasting nearly an hour dealt with the question in a clear, concise manner, impressing those who heard him with the idea that he knew what he was talking about. In part Mr. Woodworth said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In what I have to say I will not so much strive to interest you as I will to give you information. I wish to lay before you facts as I understand them; facts that will show the manner in which the concessions have been obtained from time to time and which will further show how the facts and dates join hands in leading up to the Treadgold concession. We will see how this has been going on for three years, to the detriment of the development of the country and for the simple purpose of making the most money for those in power."

"In 1897, in the rush of that year many overstaked one another on Dominion creek and the gold commissioner, Thos. Fawcett, closed the ground from location. In the next year a similar muddle was experienced on the hillsides on Dominion and they were closed from location by Major Walsh."

"On the lower part of Bonanza and Hunker there were large tracts of land which were represented as being unprofitable to work by ordinary placer methods and would have to be worked on a large scale. Mr. Anderson, a miner of experience, applied

for ground on the lower part of Hunker and that ground to this day remains untouched. Whether Anderson made his application in good faith or as a means to scoop miners I do not know—probably he made it in good faith. Mr. Fawcett recommended the Anderson concession and it was granted. Boyle and Slavin applied for a concession in the Klondike valley from rim to rim. Other concessions were granted to Dr. Milne, Bronson & Ray, Matson and others, and a large number of applications were received.

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