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DOUBLE LINE OF STAGES
TO & FROM GRAND FORKS
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ing 9:30 a. m.
Returning, Leave Forks, Office, Op. Gold
Hill Hotel 3:00 p. m.
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We shall be glad to greet all our friends at the re-
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Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, 1900.
TOM O'BRIEN
CHARLIE POWELL
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OUT O' SIGHT!
While you are taking in the town just glance in our window
and see the line of
...Ladies' Companions and Carving Sets...
we are selling for Xmas.
McLennan, McFeely & Co., Ltd.

TIME NOT RIPE

For the Incorporation of Dawson
Is the Opinion Ex-
pressed

BY MANY OF THE LEADING CITIZENS

Whose General Idea Is That the
Time Is Not Yet.

WHO WOULD FILL OFFICES?

Is a Question Which Every One Be-
lieves to be of Vital Importance in
Case of Incorporation.

In view of the action taken by the Yukon council last evening at its meeting, concerning the collection of taxes after a month unless some action is taken by the rate payers in the meantime looking to the incorporation of the city, the Nugget today publishes as many expressions of opinion from business men on the subject as limited time and space will permit. Capt. Olson of the Yukon telephone syndicate was the only one seen who gave it as his opinion that incorporation at the present time would be judicious, and as will be seen by what he says, that opinion is qualified.

"I am not in favor of incorporation unless we have entire control of our own affairs."

W. B. Bruce voiced the sentiments of many who did not care to be quoted, when he spoke as follows:

"Nothing would please me more than to see this city's affairs in the hands of a municipal council. But until I can learn to what extent we are to participate in its different local revenues, I could scarcely say whether or not it would be desirable. As you are aware the greater portion of our business men are Americans, many of them representing British capital, and who as I understand it, would not be allowed to vote, and in order to extend the franchise to them it would require an act of parliament. Without such men having the privilege of voting, would it be fair to them or their companies? No! The individual who owns real estate in this town up to a certain prescribed value—say \$2000—whether he be Jew or Gentile, should vote. Otherwise I ain of the opinion we would make a mistake in incorporating. Of course this is a casual opinion and until all conditions are set forth, I could, as I have already stated, scarcely

definitely say what to my mind would be best."

Mr. Fulda, of the A. E. Co. said: "At the present time I am not in favor of incorporation because I do not consider the time ripe. At present the city is in what might be termed a period of transition from the transient to the permanent, and none but the staunchest believers in a permanent future for the country care to invest heavily here. It is a large question and one to which I have given much thought in arriving at my present conclusion. At present you can say that I am not in favor of incorporation."

Mr. W. H. Parsons, of the Ames Mercantile Co., said:

"Of the two evils choose the least. I am not in favor of the incorporation of the city if the only alternative is to pay taxes."

Dr. Cook, of the Ladue Co., said that he had not thought of the matter sufficiently to warrant him in expressing an opinion, although he was in favor of calling a mass meeting to consider the matter.

Emil Stauf thought the present form of government was good enough and did not favor a change. He has full confidence in the council.

Mr. Mizner and Mr. Gandolfo could not be found, and Thos. O'Brien declined to be interviewed in view of other matters pending looking to a general expression of opinion.

Mr. Wills of the Bank of Commerce said that he could not express his views just now for the same reason.

The views of Mr. H. TeRoller, of the S. Y. T. Co., were expressed as follows:

"There comes a time in the history of most communities, and especially so when they have grown to the size of a town like this, that they should be incorporated."

Malcolm In From Scarth Whitehorse

Malcolm B. Scarth, brother to Capt. W. H. Scarth, of the police, recorder for the Clear Creek country, left this morning for that place after a three days business visit to the city. He will make a hurried run to Barlow and back, expecting to return in time to spend Christmas with his brother and friends in Dawson.

Recorder Scarth was seen at the officers' mess at the barracks this morning just as he was ready to start out, but in time to acquire from him considerable information regarding the Clear creek country. He states that about 30 men are working on that creek this winter; that bedrock on the creek bottom has not yet been reached at any point, but that the men are satisfied with the pay they are taking out even by the primitive process of thawing the ground. Mr. Scarth says fire will be kept in a shaft for four or five days continuously and at the end of that time from four to six inches of thawed dirt will be put out on the dump. Even by this slow process, good wages are being made and this speaks volumes for the wealth and future of the creek. Business required that Mr. Scarth return today by way of the Yukon and Stewart rivers, but he says the route by way of Dominion is much more preferable. He came by way of Dominion coming out, traveling alone and without dogs, making the trip from Barlow to Cariboo, a distance of 54 miles between 9 o'clock in the morning and 11 the same night. He says the T. & E. Co. is taking its freight, provisions and whisky in by the Stewart and that they are having a very hard time; that one of their horses fell through the ice into a hole and that the driver skipped off to Stewart, but that later others came along, cut the harness from the horse and extricated him from the icy water.

Mr. Scarth advises all persons going from Dawson to that country to go by way of Dominion to avoid the hardships incident to a hard and difficult trail. Mufflers and silk handkerchiefs at Sargent & Pinska's. Meeker delivers fresh vegetables up creeks. For special designs in jewelry see Soggs & Vesco, Third-st., opp. A. C.

"Whether the time is ripe for Dawson to assume self government is a question in the minds of many."

"To those who are confident of the future and have no doubt of this becoming a quartz, as well as placer, center, it seems quite clear that the time is favorable and that there can be no advantage in delay. On the other hand, the conservative element which is quite apt to be the more prominent and interested portion of the community, are probably fearful that it might be difficult to secure reliable and qualified officials who could afford to, and would be willing to give their time and attention and might consider it advisable to wait another year or few months and watch the developments, and thus be in a position to determine the probable resources of the country and likewise the possible life of the camp."

"While local conditions are not exactly what we might desire, and there being much room for improvement, yet we must not lose sight of the fact that after we have self-government we are likely to meet with disappointments, and many will be no better satisfied and probably not as well as they are now."

"If this were an unorganized community and without any authority of any kind, I should unhesitatingly declare in favor of immediate incorporation but now I feel that we can afford to defer the matter for at least six months."

The cause of the hesitancy of so many to express an opinion is that last Sunday evening there was an informal meeting of business men at the residence of Mr. Wills at which it was decided that a committee chosen from among them should confer with the council in the matter; and until the result of the conference is known, few of those present care to speak.

Mr. John D. Taylor arrived from Whitehorse this morning with a load of oysters and fish. He left Whitehorse on the 1st, but stopped seven days at his camp, the Model roadhouse at Carmack's, making the trip in 15 days actual traveling time. He reports the trail in excellent condition, with the exception of about 20 miles between Capt. Whalen of the steamer Victoria's place and Patterson cut off, where the ice is as rough as could possibly be. He met Myers' stage just at the entrance to the rough road at Capt. Whalen's post and says while they will experience considerable difficulty he thinks they will be able to get through all right. The C. D. cut off at Five Fingers extends over such hilly ground and makes traveling so difficult that a new trail on the river is being projected and will meet the cut off again at a point about 12 miles farther up. Roadhouses are numerous and have good accommodation. Meals are \$1.50 and bunks \$1. Feed is plentiful all along the route and is selling between Dawson and Selwyn at 20 cents per pound, and from Selwyn to Whitehorse at 15 cents per pound. Mr. Taylor expects to start shortly after Christmas on a return trip.

Sargent & Pinska have the finest assortment of American neckwear for the holidays in Dawson.
Private dining rooms at The Holborn.
Cyrus Noble whisky, Rochester.
Christmas and New Year presents at Sargent & Pinska's.
Fresh carrots and turnips at Meekers'.
There will be a masked ball and supper at the Boulder house 33 below Bonanza on Christmas eve. Everybody is cordially invited.

STAMP OF POLITICS

Borne by Preamble Introduced
by Mr. Wilson Through
Justice Dugas

WHO SAID IT CONTAINED A SLUR.

The Mail Service Is to be Investigated by Council

IF REPORTS PROVE TRUE

The Contractors Will be Complained of to the Postmaster General by the Commissioners.

The meeting held by the Yukon council last evening was one of the most interesting and animated in the history of that body, although it was late before business commenced owing to the late arrival of Councilman Prudhomme. As usual the undertone was fully as interesting, more so from a political standpoint, than what appeared upon the surface of things, although matters of the most vital public concern were discussed freely.

The fact which stared the council in the face the most brazenly of any, and will not be downed by any intimation of displeasure, and is fearless so far as the woodpile is concerned, is that of financial distress. The council is up against the real thing, to use a slang expression, and in consequence of this state of affairs the people who live in Dawson and have taxable property, were last evening served with a notice that they have one month in which to search the inwardness of their minds as to whether they will incorporate and pay taxes to themselves as a city, or whether they will pay taxes to the territorial government and have their expenses paid.

Justice Dugas and Gold Commissioner Senkler were in favor of allowing even a shorter time than this for the crystallization of public thought, but in view of the near approach of the holidays, the time was, as stated, placed at a month.

Demands for money are coming upon the council from all sides, and it is apparent that the finance committee is being pressed to meet these demands, and unless money comes from some source very soon the exchequer will be depleted.

An instance of this may be cited in the demands of the recently established public hospital at Whitehorse, which was promised by the council some time since, that upon the fact of its being a public hospital being demonstrated to the council, the latter would give \$600 towards its support. Last night the documentary evidence of the fact was laid before the council in a letter from the secretary of the hospital trustees, Mary E. Burde, and of course the money had to be sent, but when it came to the request of the same institution that \$1000 per month be voted by the council towards the support of the hospital, it was thought that the ordinance providing for government aid to such institutions covered only the two

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