

IT WAS A CHILLY EASTER

But That Did Not Keep New Bonnets at Home.

Knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory Conferred Upon Alex. McDonald Last Night.

While the air was more chilly yesterday than is desired for an Easter Sunday yet there was a generous display of new bonnets and dresses which mark the return from the thoughtful and self-denying period which has lasted during the 40 days of lent, to the more cheerful and gay side of life.

All of the various churches had services specially prepared for the day and at each church large audiences attended both night and morning.

At St. Mary's Catholic church the services were very impressive. A special large choir of voices had been trained for the occasion and the music was all well rendered. In the morning "Rosewig's Mass" in F, Lambillotte's "Haec Dies," a chorus and duet by Mrs. Mullen and Miss Carr and Gregorian's "Victimae Paschali" were the special features.

In the evening the following special music was rendered: Aizolo's "Dixi Dominus," Lambillotte's "Magnificat," Mrs. Atkinson and chorus, "O Salutaris," Mesdames Mullen and Atkinson; "Ava Marie," (Luzzi), Miss Carr, "Pantum Ergo," Messrs. Clayton, Mahoney, Genest and T. Sheridan.

During the evening Father Gendreau, acting under instructions from his holiness the pope, gave Alex McDonald a knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald passed up the aisle where they knelt before the altar while Father Gendreau read the letter from Cardinal Macchi. They then rose to their feet when he placed to Alex's left breast the emblem which created him a knight of the order of St. Gregory. The ceremony was short but very impressive and Alex is justly proud of the honor conferred upon him.

At the Methodist church the anthem, "Christ Is Risen" was well rendered by the choir; a solo by Mrs. Libbey, "The Resurrection Song," and a solo "The Holy City," by Mrs. Devig were the special features.

At the morning service at the Presbyterian church Mrs. Ritchie sang as an offertory "Hosanna," and in the evening the anthem "Christ Our Passover," by the choir with Mrs. Ritchie and Mr. Wye taking the solo parts and Mr. McPherson in the solo "The Palms," made an exceptionally good musical program.

BUSY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Was Held Saturday Afternoon—Ogilvie Bridge.

The Yukon council held a special session Saturday afternoon with all the members present with the exception of Justice Dugas who was too ill to attend.

Commissioner Ogilvie prepared an address to the new incoming governor which was adopted by the council to be presented to him upon his arrival.

The ordinance regarding the incorporation of the Yukon General Trust Co. passed its second reading. The council then went into a committee of the whole to consider the ordinance which was put on its third reading and passed.

The ordinance granting to laborers compensation in certain cases was postponed till a future meeting.

The ordinance respecting the miners' lien was put on its second reading and referred.

The council then went into a committee of the whole to hear a statement from Mr. Sutton with regard to his claim of damages which he sustained while building the road from 60 below Bonanza to the Forks by wagons being driven over it before construction work was completed. His claim amounted to \$3600 which he said was for extra work in keeping the road in repairs during its construction. After he had made his statement the council examined Messrs. Smith and Thebedeau as expert witnesses and each testified that the claim was a proper one. The council then went into a committee of the whole and after due deliberation allowed the claim.

Mr. Smith, who is foreman of the government road construction requested a raise in his salary which now is \$9 per day, out of which he has to pay

his own expenses. His work takes him over all the creeks and he said that sometimes his expenses amounted to \$8 per day and that it was impossible for him to work at that figure. The council after considering the matter decided to increase his salary to \$400 per month, increase to start from the 1st of January.

Upon the council resuming its regular order of business Major Wood proposed to the council that in appreciation of the efforts of Commissioner Ogilvie and the interest he had taken in the development of the territory and especially in the construction of the new bridge that the bridge be named after its chief promoter, "Ogilvie bridge." In reply Commissioner Ogilvie said: "Gentlemen, I wish to express to you my appreciation of what you have done and I take it as a recognition of what I have tried to do and finally succeeded. I need not go into details because you all know the trouble and delay in connection with the bridge was something very disheartening. However I am inclined to leave this office I have filled for the last two years and leave that behind me, thinking that if I leave no other testimonial than that I have done a good deal for the district. I thank you for the honor you have done me and I hope that the bridge will stand there as a testimonial of my interest in the territory as long as I live."

COMING AND GOING.

Dr. J. N. E. Brown returned from a trip to Gold Run this morning.

H. S. Wallace and son of 6 Dominion, are spending a few days in town.

A. J. Kroenert and wife of Gold Hill returned last evening from a trip to the outside.

The incoming mail passed Ogilvie at 12:10 this afternoon and will be in Dawson tonight.

Mr. Grant arrived in Dawson last evening in charge of Alex McDonald's big thawing plant. Mr. Grant's wife accompanied him.

Capt. J. J. Moog and First Mate A. E. Todd of the steamer Hamilton arrived in Dawson last night and are registered at the Regina hotel.

E. S. Collins and wife of Bonanza, N. E. Picotte and wife of 17 Eldorado, J. J. Patro, of 16 Eldorado, and John Quigg and wife of Chechaco Hill are registered today at the McDonald hotel. Jeweler J. L. Sale returned Saturday from an extended trip through the east and south. He reports having had a most enjoyable trip but is, of course, glad to be back in the Klondike metropolis.

Nineteen double and two single horse sleds arrived in Dawson yesterday from Whitehorse. Alex McDonald's big machinery plant for his claim on Adams Hill and several other large consignments were among the outfits.

Not His Brother.

It is told that Saturday afternoon at the continuation of the trial of Jacob Rosenfield, alias "Uncle Joe," on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, which charge was sustained, Rosenfield, alias "Uncle Joe" being held in jail to appear before the territorial court, the man he had claimed ties of brotherhood to, Uncle Hoffman, was put upon the stand as a witness.

Directing his question to Uncle Hoffman and indicating the prisoner Constable Piper said "Is that man your brother?"

"Vat!!!" exclaimed the, genuine Uncle. "Dot man my brudder? Vell I should say he ish nod."

The Word "Klondike."

Dawson, April 4, 1901.

Editor Nugget: Would you kindly decide a bet by giving the Indian meaning of the word "Klondike," which A says means "plenty of fish," while B contends that it means "plenty of moose." An answer will greatly oblige

READER.

(B is "it," and A is right, for generally speaking, as the Indian interpretation of the word Klondike is "plenty of fish." But a literal translation of the word would probably be "plenty of ice worms," the latter being classed by the Indians in the same category as fish.)

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GOLD DUST AS MEDIUM.

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that he could not do that as he was not a miner, but he thought that gold dust, forced to be taken at any figure other than its actual value, as a medium of exchange was not the proper thing. He agreed with Mr. Wills when he said there was enough currency to supply the exchange for dust.

"The question," he said, "is one of personal bravery. The law on the statute books can be enforced at any time and by any one who would take the proper action to enforce it. It is more of a question of expediency which confronts us, whether it would not work an injustice to everybody to enforce it now while the contracts now outstanding are all for dust payments. I think it would be wise to wait until after the present settlement and then change the system."

Mr. J. H. Rogers, of the W. P. & Y. R., was called upon and said: "This is a subject which does not interest us. We demand currency payment and if everybody does the same that will settle the question."

Mr. Macaulay said: "We should put some price at which gold dust be taken more to its actual value than the present. Let a committee be appointed from the Board of Trade to confer with a committee of business men to adopt some more equal value. The matter is entirely in the hands of the merchants and they can regulate it."

Mr. Mizner, speaking from the chair, said: "I hardly think that wiping out the dust from circulation or putting it below its present value would be fair to the miner. Dust now in circulation is not worth \$16 and it is worth more than \$15. Last fall there was an attempt made to reduce the price to \$15, but that was considered unfair to miners and it fell through. During a year's business we found that the average actual value of the dust received was \$15.40. At the present time we have a large amount of outstanding accounts payable in dust and I think it would be impossible to restrict it at the present time. We should, however, have an agreement for clean dust and not take anything else."

Captain Olson said: "If we are dealing in large amounts of dust it is an easy matter to clean it, but in small amounts it is a very difficult matter. The merchant here buys his goods outside and pays in currency; he has to pay his transportation and customs house charges in currency and when he has to sell his goods and take dust at \$16 he is losing money all the time. Dawson today is ripe for a currency basis and by giving a month's notice the change could be made very easily. The contracts now out do not affect the situation one particle for the dust which is paid on those contracts will be taken outside and minted without being put into circulation in either case."

Councilman Prudhomme was present and in response to a call from the chair said, "I do not think that there is any diversity of opinion on this point, that if we can get gold dust out of circulation without working an injustice to anyone that it will be a good thing."

"The establishment of a government inspector or assay office to buy the gold would I think be an absolute necessity."

Mr. Thos. O'Brien was asked his opinion and said: "In my opinion it would be very unfair to the miners to force this question on them without their opinion on the matter. The difficulty is that the miners would have to have their dust assayed. The big concerns might take an unfair advantage of the small traders by buying dust from the miner and give them in exchange a certificate of value for the purchase of their outfits. I do not think it would be fair to compel the miners to sell their dust to anyone particular concern and that is what would happen if the dust were demonetized."

Mr. Condon took the floor and requested permission to make a few desultory remarks during which he said: "In the first place it is a misdemeanor to have gold dust on your person five miles from the claim. The miners have struck the key note when they say, 'Let us alone.' Make labor payable in currency and you have solved the question."

A representative miner was present who gave his opinion from the miners' standpoint but requested not to be quoted, therefore his name is not given, but he made a very strong talk for the miners, saying: "All the miners with whom I have talked, and the question has been very freely discussed, are very much in favor of the establishment of a currency basis. Never have I heard the expression 'let us alone,' which the gentleman speaking just before me quoted as current among the miners. Everyone realizes that when a man goes around town to buy goods and pays

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dust that there is always a shrinkage and when he gets through he hasn't in value of goods the amount of money he had with him when he started.

"There is also a feeling that when you buy goods and pay for them in dust you only get the actual amount of goods which the dust is worth and that is \$15 to the ounce. Lots of the miners sell their dust and buy currency to do their trading just for these reasons. In my estimation and it is the opinion of all the miners with whom I have discussed the question that the establishment of currency as a medium of exchange would be very beneficial to the miners."

Mr. Wills made a statement as to the value of dust from the different creeks to show the percentage of miners who would be losers on the change. Bonanza dust runs from \$15.50 to \$17; Hunker \$17 to \$17.75; Hunker on the concession and Last Chance are low grade; Dominion is worth more than \$16; Sulphur is a little lower than Dominion; Gold Run and Eureka are about the same quality running more over \$17, so that according to the figures he said there was only a small percentage of the miners who would be the losers.

Capt. Olson here made a motion that it should be the sense of the meeting

that the medium of exchange be currency.

This motion was discussed at considerable length and was finally amended to read as stated at the beginning of this article.

The meeting then adjourned subject to call from the president to hear a report of the committee.

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