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## 18 NOW AN ORGANIZED BODY.

### The Miners Association Adopts a Constitution and Elect Officers.

An Address to Mr. Ogilvie Will Be Prepared and a Statement of Grievance Set Forth—A Splendid Evening.

On Monday evening the Miners Association of the Yukon Territory held a meeting and completed its organization by the adoption of a constitution and by laws and the election of officers for the ensuing term ending June 30, 1899.

Mr. Geo. Armstrong was voted into the chair and Mr. Biddle acted as secretary pro tem. Mr. Armstrong made a telling speech narrating the burdens under which the district is suffering and was loudly applauded.

A resolution allowing the membership fee to be paid in two installments of \$5 each, was adopted. When this was done a number of men came forward and enrolled under the new conditions.

The next business was the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws, which had been prepared by the Provisional Committee. The document was considered section by section and with a few slight changes was adopted, as it had been framed by the committee.

The next business taken up was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mr. Geo. Armstrong; vice-president, Col. McGregor; treasurer, Capt. Gulpin; secretary pro tem, Mr. Biddle; auditors, Messrs. Geo. M. Allen and E. L. Pelletier; standing committee, Messrs. A. X. McCuen, John Cameron, E. H. Langley, E. Leroy Pelletier, Dr. McDonald, Geo. M. Allen, P. R. Ritchie, John Van Derstine and Conestry.

The building committee, appointed at a previous meeting, reported progress in securing information and was instructed to act under the direction of the standing committee.

The trustees indorsed the amount of funds on hand.

A resolution was carried directing the standing committee to frame an address of welcome and statement of miners' grievances, the same to be presented to Mr. Ogilvie at an early date by the full committee.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Rev. Dr. Grant and Rev. Dr. Dickey, who had kindly granted the use of their church buildings to the association on previous occasions.

A vote of thanks was also given the NUGGET for the stand it had taken in assisting in bringing about the organization of the association.

The constitution and by-laws as adopted appear as full below:

**Name of Organization.**—Miners' Association of Yukon Territory, headquarters, Dawson City.

**Objects.**—The objects of the association shall be to provide for the welfare of the mining community and attend to the interests of its members, and to call attention to the government as to the needs of the district from the miners point of view.

It shall endeavor to protect its members from any injustice of legislation.

It shall become authentic source of reliable information concerning the country, so that mining laws for the future may be framed from intelligent knowledge.

It shall investigate any matter that is reported to it as being detrimental to the members as a body, or to the mining industry, and extend its protection to members who may suffer loss through negligence, error or incompetence of the mining officials.

**GOVERNMENT.**  
**Officers.**—The officers of the association shall be: President, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two auditors.

**Committee.**—There shall be a standing committee of nine, elected by the members of whom not less than five shall constitute a quorum.

The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, and shall be ex-officio chairman of the standing committee, and perform such other duties as may be imposed on him by the members of the association, and during his absence the vice president shall act in his stead.

In case a legal quorum of five members be not present, he shall direct the secretary to record the names of those who are present, and state on the minutes that no session was held for the want of a quorum.

It is his duty to announce the business of the meeting in the prescribed order in which it is to be acted upon; to receive and submit in the proper manner all motions, resolutions and propositions presented by the members, reserving the right, however, to declare any such out of order for inapplicability, unreasonableness, or incongruity, and not to submit the same unless some member takes an appeal from his decision and the appeal is sustained by a majority of the members present.

To enforce on all occasions the observance of order and decorum, in compliance with the laws of the association.

To restrain the members when engaged in debate within the rules of the association.

To authenticate by the signature when necessary all papers of the association.

To decide all questions of order, or practice without debate, unless entertaining doubt thereon.

To give the casting vote on all questions before the meeting which are determined by a majority vote.

The secretary shall be present at all meetings and enter in a book kept for the purpose, a record of the minutes of each meeting and business transacted in the same, and shall do so in a proper manner in which shall duly enter in a book a record of all moneys received and expended, and shall after each meeting hand the same to the treasurer.

He shall keep a register with the names and addresses of all the members of the association, and shall carry on such other business as may be allotted to him.

He shall be required to deposit with the association a bond as security, amount of bond to be fixed by the committee, and shall devote the whole of his time to the interests of the association, and also act in the capacity of organizer. He will receive such remuneration as may be decided on by the standing committee.

The treasurer shall be present at all meetings and shall receive all moneys from the secretary and deposit them in the bank in the name of the association before the next meeting, and shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and deposited. He shall be ex-officio a member of the committee, and taking office he shall deposit with the association a bond the amount of which shall be fixed by the standing committee.

**Auditors.**—The auditors shall make an annual audit, and each special audits as the standing committee may direct.

They shall carefully examine the books of the secretary and see that they are correctly kept in form, that the ledger is properly posted, and that the treasurer's receipts correspond with the cash received, as shown by the secretary's books, receipts and vouchers, and see that the balance of cash on hand, if any, to be exhibited to them, and giving in their report a detail of moneys received, and for what purpose, and funds paid out and in detail for what purpose.

**Committee.**—During such time as the association is not in general or special session, all ordinary business shall be transacted by the standing committee.

**Funds.**—Funds shall be raised by enrolling members at a fee of ten dollars per annum, for five dollars for each half year, who shall receive them to the benefit of membership entitling them to the benefits of protection of the association in such other manner as shall be decided at any general or special meeting, provided that notice be given at a previous general meeting.

All expenditures of the Association's funds must be authorized by the standing committee, and approved by members at a general or annual meeting. No check or other means of payment of the Association's funds for any purpose whatever, shall be recognized by its members unless it checks or other means of payment are signed by the treasurer and secretary, and countersigned by the president.

**BY-LAWS.**  
**Methods.**—The meetings of the Association shall be: first, an annual meeting; second, monthly general meetings; third, special meetings as shall be decided upon.

**Annual Meetings.**—The annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday after the Thirtieth (30th) day of June, which date shall be the end of the financial year.

At this meeting the secretary, treasurer, and auditors shall present their annual reports, and officers for the ensuing year shall be elected. This meeting shall be advertised in the local press for one month previously.

**General Meetings.**—A general meeting of members of the association shall be held on the first Monday of each month, at which meetings the ordinary business of the association shall be transacted.

**Special Meetings.**—A special meeting of the association can be called by a two-thirds majority of the committee, or by a resolution of the secretary signed by twenty (20) members, and the secretary shall give notice to the members by duly advertising in the local press, and in such other ways as may be expedient, and only the advertised business shall be dealt with.

**Election of Officers.**—Each candidate for office shall be proposed and seconded by members of the association in good standing, and all nomination papers shall be presented to the secretary on or before the first day of June. These shall be laid before the committee, which shall then have the ballot papers printed without delay and distributed to the members in Dawson, and to other members by such local committees as may be formed on the various creeks.

The ballot papers when duly filled in shall be deposited in the nearest ballot box as soon as possible. All ballot boxes shall be in the hands of the secretary a full day before the annual meeting, and the ballot boxes shall be opened and the votes counted at that meeting.

Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote or to hold office.

**Term of Office.**—All officers and members of the standing committee of the association shall hold their position for one year, ending June 30th, unless removed by a vote at a general or special meeting. Vacancies shall be provided for at a general meeting the first day of June.

**Eligible Members.**—Any male person holding a free-miner's certificate shall be eligible for membership, except government servants.

**Honorary Members.**—Any other person, except a government servant, can become an honorary member on payment of \$10 per annum. Such persons shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

**Suspensions and Expulsions.**—The committee may, from time to time, suspend any member for alleged misconduct and shall, after investigation, report to the next general or special meeting. The members present at this meeting, if not less than twenty-five (25) shall, by a majority vote, have power to expel such member.

**Local Committees.**—Local committees may be formed by members situated on the various creeks, to report to the standing committee all matters of interest pertaining to the association.

**Liquidation.**—In the event of the organization being unable to carry on its business, from lack of funds or members, the property and assets shall be realized on and the amount, after paying all just debts, shall be divided among its members pro rata.

**Amendments.**—The constitution of the association can only be amended at annual meetings, thirty days notice having been given of proposed amendment through the local press.

By-laws may be amended or added to at a general or special meeting, notice having been given at a previous general meeting.

**Registration.**—The association shall be registered for the protection of its members under the Friendly Society Act.

**Where Were the Records.**  
As a specific instance of the clerical incompetence—If no worse of the gold commissioner's office, we may mention a document of which we secured a glimpse a few days ago. It is called "Certificate, No. 2733," and in Mr. Fawcett's handwriting is thereon recorded a lost bank check claim, opposite No. 11, on El Dorado. The regularity of the certificate is that the claim is located still more definitely by "and lying immediately up stream from claim recorded by A. Johnson." It is easily seen that this document is a certificate of the recording of a claim instead of one—the one opposite No. 11, owned by John A. Peterson. What then can be thought of the recorder or the recorder's assistants who, on September first reported to a man at the window that there was no such record in existence. The record-

book was actually shown the applicant and there was nothing in it about either Peterson's or Johnson's claims. The production of the certificate No. 2733, later in the day caused a sudden wave of recollection to pass over the recorder's mind. (Query.) We wonder if Mr. Bolton had had these documents for record in his pocket all these months as in another case we know of when they should have been spread upon the records?

### The Masquerade.

The Ostley Sisters' concert hall was the scene of much gaily last Friday night. The occasion was a masquerade ball. Some of the costumes were most elegant and appropriate and the award of the prizes for best dressing, best dancing and best character were quite satisfactory to all. Miss Hattie French was given the first prize, which consisted of a handsome silk skirt as there is in town. The second prize, a \$20 gold piece, was given to Miss Kitty Howard. Miss Florence Le Mar, the winner of the next prize, attracted a good deal of attention on the floor. Her costume was composed of copies of the NUGGET, tucked and flounced and secured on a ground work of cloth. The hem of the unique dress was ornamented with gilt medallions of which the following are samples. "The NUGGET Hews Close to the Line," "The NUGGET's Eye is Never Closed to Official Crookedness," "The NUGGET is Fighting the Miners' Battles," "If You See It in the NUGGET, Put It Down for a Fact." A natty little cap with long tussled streamers of the same material, completed the costume. The NUGGET wishes to compliment Miss Florence on her skill and taste. We have seen newspaper costumes before but never as natty planned and executed.

The Friday masquerades are becoming an attractive and recognized feature of this house.

### The Family Matinee.

Mr. F. E. Simons, the popular manager of the Combination theater, has undertaken to furnish Dawson theater-goers with a first class entertainment devoid of any feature that might offend the most sensitive. There are a great many ladies and children in Dawson by whom such an innovation will be hailed with the greatest pleasure. It is the intention of the management to give a family matinee every Saturday afternoon. A private entrance to the theater has been arranged, so that the patrons of the entertainment need not pass through the saloon. No liquors are sold, and in fact every objectionable feature has been removed so that ladies may attend the matinee and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

On last Saturday the border drama, "Brooks Morgan" was given. The play abounds in thrilling scenes, and all through is a clever representation of Western life. In addition to the play an entertaining program of songs, sketches, dances, etc., was carried out. A special feature was the stationary and moving pictures. Among the best may be mentioned "The Sinking of the Maine," "The Battle of Manila," and pictures representing life in camp and on the trail. The enterprise shown by Mr. Simons is worthy of all support from those who appreciate a good clean entertainment.

### Bitten in the Hand.

Some six weeks ago Mr. Newall was bitten in the left hand by a dog. In spite of the best of care the bones became partly necrosed, and on Tuesday Drs. Merryman, Chase and Brooks were called in to perform a surgical operation. Portions of the bones were removed and the patient is doing well.

### LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

The city detachment of police has had to deal lately with cases of impoverished sickness and invariably call in medical attendance.

The applicant at the door of the recorder's office on Saturday morning were numbered and at noon but ten of them had been admitted.

The New England saloon is fixing up winter quarters. Double floors with saw dust between, walls the same and a foot of saw dust over the ceiling.

Miss Lulu Alice Craig desires the announcement made through the NUGGET that she has opened a private school at the church of England building. All the elementary and grammar branches will be taught.

Many admiring glances now-a-days fall upon our civilized hills. The uniform change from monotonous green to the color of lunker gold is attractive. Ladies can be seen bearing back to their cabins whole armloads of the sunflower dried foliage.

The unparalleled stampede to the creeks of August 27th-31st reduced the crowded population of Dawson remarkably. Claims with 6.5 and given tracts of stakes upon them are reported to be quite common up the gulches. In fact it was a "stampede" pure and simple.

The sign "No admittance, except an business," nailed on the door post of the new jail at police headquarters, will probably have to be changed before the occupants are introduced. Else every man jack of the prisoners would plead that they, surely, had no business in there.

Adolph Zane says he was a week at the door of the gold commissioner's office before he got his number, and that on Friday, only four of the same string of numbers were admitted. The chances are that Zane stepped out of the ranks a year or two to eat or he would not have been more than a week in getting in.

The steamboat May West, which came in last week from St. Michaels with passengers and freight, lost her clearance papers when the captain was arrested at Eagle City. He took them along with him and they were not missed until they arrived here. However, the irregularity was overlooked and passengers allowed to land with their outfit.

The man that cures flogs sick with mangle or distemper lives at the Pioneer Drug Store.

## NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARRIVE.

### Mr. Ogilvie Interviewed By the "Nugget" Representative.

Important Answers to Important Questions—The New Commissioners' Powers More Extended Than is Commonly Known.

The long expected officials for the newly set apart Yukon Territory arrived on Monday aboard the Flora—that boat having been held at White Horse pending their arrival from Bennett. In the official party were Mr. William Ogilvie, Yukon Commissioner; Major Steele, commanding the N. W. M. P.; Mr. J. T. Lithgow, comptroller of the new territory; Mr. W. H. Lynch, special commissioner of mines; Mr. J. E. Girouard, registrar and member of the council; Mr. T. Bonchane, timber inspector; Mr. D. A. McCrea, timber inspector; Messrs. R. C. Conklin and W. H. Montgomery, attaches of what is now the combined office of timber agent and crown lands agent; Mr. J. Brown, private secretary to the Yukon commissioner, and Mr. O. S. Finn, clerk for the gold commissioner's office.

There were several other government employees not in an official capacity.

Mr. Ogilvie and Major Steele were seen by the NUGGET representative before they had been twenty-four hours in Dawson, but both gentlemen were altogether too busy to have much to say to the public through the columns of a newspaper.

The powers of the Yukon commissioner have never been well understood in Dawson, it being supposed that his powers were to be purely of a civil character and apart from all mining matters. The NUGGET representative explained that on this point the public could like to be informed. The following questions were put:

"Mr. Ogilvie, have you supervisory powers over the gold commissioner's office?"

"Yes."

"And also over the gold commissioner?"

"Yes."

"Does this supervisory power extend to all mines and mining matters?"

"Yes."

"Then do you hold the same powers formerly held by your predecessor, Major Walsh?"

"Well, I can explain that in another way. I have no law creating powers as far as the mines are concerned. These mining laws are still to be made in Ottawa, and my duty will be to see them enforced."

"But you have the supervision of the gold commissioner's office, do you not?"

"Yes, certainly."

"Mr. Ogilvie, there is another matter to which Dawson is also vitally interested. Do you bring in some special dispensation whereby we can incorporate our city without the usual delays incident to incorporation under the law?"

"No. Nothing special at all. I am going to try and get the citizens to take steps in that direction. If the people are willing to be taxed, why all right. I desire to see something done in the matter of sanitation at once."

"Mr. Ogilvie, there is also another matter in which the citizens here are much interested. Are you instructed to institute anything in the form of a parliamentary inquiry into the various charges of maladministration which you have probably heard made through Canadian newspapers?"

"No. Though I might say that, as commissioner, a definite charge, say of money having been paid for something which should have been given free, would be investigated as a matter of course. As far as vague charges—"

The Yukon commissioner smiled and shook his head.

On the matter of Mr. Ogilvie's report on this section, which was given such extensive circulation a year ago, and to which was due the coming in of a great many people who would never have come on newspaper reports alone, that gentleman talked both entertainingly and instructively. It puts a different light on many matters not generally understood. The reports so much quoted were but fragments taken from various reports without the modifying context, and in many cases were quite misleading because of its absence. The reports were sent in long before the arrival of the treasure ship Portland and when the demand for information became so great the clerk in charge simply culled from them what he considered would make interesting reading.

Had the context been published it would have warned the people that this section was absolutely unfit for a sudden unprecedented influx of population such as immediately followed the arrival of the Portland.

The matter of the post office lack of accommodations were touched on and Mr. Ogilvie thought it was too soon after his arrival here to express an opinion as to what should be done or what would be done. However, he promised that it would be looked into and that if found inadequate, necessary improvements would be made.

Several minor matters were touched on and then the scribbles made the new Commissioner good-bay.

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