

## EXPENSES OF THE TERRITORY

**For Coming Year Will Slightly Exceed the Estimated Revenues — Concise Statement of Financial Condition Made by Major Z. T. Wood.**

In presenting the budget to the council yesterday evening, Acting Commissioner Major Wood made a very clear and succinct statement of the estimated expenditures and revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1902, and ending June 30, 1903. After his speech the bill was passed without any comment or amendments, the members listening attentively through the entire reading. The acting commissioner said:

"Gentlemen of the council: — In presenting for your consideration the budget containing the estimates for the ensuing year I will not take up any more time than necessary to explain the various details as I go along. The estimated expenditures for the coming year amount to \$369,675 and the revenues to \$333,850, leaving a deficit of \$35,825. The revenues are derived from the following sources: From the registration of barristers' fees, \$1000; liquor permits, \$105,000; I might say that during the past two months the revenue from the latter source has amounted to \$70,000, of which Dawson has contributed \$65,000 and Whitehorse the balance. Liquor licenses, \$75,000, of which \$21,175 has been received since July 1. Dawson has 15 saloons, 20 hotels, 6 wholesale dealers, Klondike City, 2 saloons; Whitehorse, 7, and there have been 151 roadhouse licenses issued. Last year our revenues from all sources amounted to \$36,000, but this year we estimate it will aggregate no more than \$75,000, as a number have gone out of business. Marriage licenses, \$400; peddlers' licenses, \$300; slaughter house licenses, \$150; fines in violation of the local ordinances, \$2,000. Last year the receipt from fines amounted to over \$10,000, but now the city by-laws have replaced many of the ordinances and fines that are collected from infractions made and prosecuted under them go to the city and not to the territory. From the Dominion government, \$131,000, of which amount \$35,000 is to be paid as indemnity to Thos. O'Brien as per agreement made with the government. This \$131,000 besides paying Mr. O'Brien and providing for the maintenance of schools, hospitals and quarantine will repay to us the sum of \$15,748 which the territory expended last fall in the completion of the road up Hunker creek. The appropriation which was made for that road became exhausted before it was completed and it was necessary that we finish it. The sum that was so expended will be returned to us. Sundry revenues, \$1,250, making a total estimated revenue from all sources of \$333,850.

"Our estimated expenditures amount to \$369,675 and I will therefore ask that the council authorize me to overdraw to the extent of \$35,825 in order to balance the expenditures. In the supplementary estimates of last year it was necessary to vote a sum over and above the estimated expenditures for the year 1902, and at the end of the fiscal year such sum amounted to \$70,800. Of this, the money expended for schools over and above the estimates amounted to \$11,154 expended in the erection of a school building and its maintenance at Gold Run, one at Gold Bottom and one at Dominion. A portion of the funds was also applied to the new school building in Dawson. The expenditures for hospitals and charity exceeded the appropriation by \$4,622, which was largely rendered necessary by the outbreak of smallpox last spring. Printing and stationery exceeded the estimates by \$2096 and \$500 was voted to the members of the council to assist in defraying their traveling expenses. Roads, buildings and public works exceeded the estimates by \$68,543, expended principally in the finishing of roads that were not completed when the appropriation became exhausted. The total expenditures exceeding the estimates amounted to \$89,585, which is now represented by an overdraft of \$18,000 in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

"The estimates of the expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, are as follows: For the maintenance of the fire department at Whitehorse, \$5000, of which sum there is already owed to the department \$2779; salary of engineer, \$2,000 and incidental expenses, \$220. For schools the appropriation is \$62,600, to be expended as follows: Salary of superintendent of schools, John Ross, \$300 per month and \$500 allowed as traveling expenses, making

a total of \$4100. Maintenance of school and salaries of eight teachers, \$28,152. For building a new school at Whitehorse and its equipment, \$4,500, two teachers \$6,000 additional. Grand Forks, \$2,580; Dominion, \$3,100; Gold Run, \$3,300; Gold Bottom, \$3,300; new school building at Bear creek and Sulphur creek, \$8,200 each. An appropriation has also been made for new schools on lower Dominion and on several other creeks in the territory. Next year there will have to be another school established in South Dawson, but that I have not touched upon in the present budget. For hospitals, quarantine station and the care of indigents, \$52,000. Grant to the Dawson Reading room was formerly \$300 a month, this has been reduced to \$225 and \$75 a month has been placed at the disposal of the library at Whitehorse. The council has voted an appropriation of \$2,500 a year toward the maintenance of the Carnegie free library when it is established, and I might say that the city council has agreed to contribute the other \$2,500 yearly that Mr. Carnegie demands shall be expended toward the care and keeping of the library. Salaries, \$29,300, but I will not tire you by going into detail concerning the various amounts each of the employees receive. There has been but one increase made and that of \$50 per month to Mr. Macfarlane, superintendent of local improvements. There is also one item of \$1,900 for public buildings. Preventive service, \$15,000. Indemnity and traveling expenses of members of the Yukon council, \$10,000. For the purpose of defraying the cost of electing five members to the Yukon council, \$10,000. As it cost \$7,000 to elect the present two members it is thought that it will require fully \$10,000 to elect the five. For printing and stationery, including the cost of consolidating the ordinances, \$15,000. To compensate Thos. O'Brien as per agreement of the committee, \$35,000. That sum as I have stated before is received from the federal government and is included in the grant of \$131,000, it being sent to us only on the condition that we hand it over to Mr. O'Brien. For the maintenance of roads and bridges, \$100,000, of which amount \$870 is due the White Pass route for assistance in establishing the cutoff trail put in by that company last winter; 15,000 has been voted to the unincorporated town of Bonanza to assist them in widening their streets, and \$33,000 has already been expended in the past two months in keeping the territorial roads in repair. There is a great deal of complaint made at present about the condition of the roads, but when it is understood that no less than 50 men are kept constantly employed on such work it can be seen that we are endeavoring to do all we can. It should be born in mind, too, that as each of those 50 men receive \$8 a day it soon runs into no inconsiderable sum.

"The amount that has been estimated that will be required to pay to the city of Dawson the sixty per cent. of all liquor licenses collected is \$12,500; the same to the Forks, \$2,200. The city of Dawson last year expended in keeping the road around the bluff to the Ogilvie bridge in repair the sum of \$1,400 and they will be reimbursed to that extent. In the spring when the thaw began there were numerous rock and mud slides that came down the hill and filled up the road and as that is the only thoroughfare to the creeks, it was necessary that it be cared for at once. Owing to its importance it has been decided that that road will always remain under the control of the territory. A grant of \$1500 has been made to the Church of England to compensate them for the removal of their church buildings made necessary by the widening of Church street at that point. The church has a grant to the land that is desired as a part of the street and in order to secure it it has been necessary to purchase it. There has been a bonus of \$3,500 appropriated toward the erection and operation of a quartz mill which it is intended shall be of great assistance to the quartz miners of the territory. It has also been decided to assist in the sinking of the deep shaft on 3a Eldorado and to that end \$20 a foot will be paid for every foot sunk over the present depth of 205 feet until the sum of \$1000 has been expended. For contingencies, \$10,000, making a

grand total of \$369,675 the estimated expenditures.

"There has been a petition handed to the council this evening asking for the construction of a road on the right bank of Sulphur creek to a connection with the ridge road. One more thing I would like to explain to the council. With reference to the building of the roads that have been constructed and are at present in the course of construction this summer, the Dominion government placed with the commissioner the sum of \$178,000 to be expended in that manner as he saw fit. Of that sum the expenditures and work accomplished to date is as follows: Last Chance, three miles, \$6000; Gold Bottom, three miles, \$6000; Lower Dominion, six and one-half miles extending as far as 130 below lower, \$16,250. Lower Dominion extending from the mouth of Gold Run to the mouth of Sulphur, four miles, \$10,400; Sulphur creek, two and one-half miles, \$5000; cutoff, Hootalingua to Livingston creek, three and one-half miles, \$8700; Henderson creek, sixteen miles, \$10,000. The total expenditures to date amount to \$65,000, which leaves a balance of \$113,000 and which I trust will be sufficient to complete the overland road now being constructed from Dawson to Whitehorse. That, gentlemen, is an explanation of the estimates and expenditures as near as I can give them this evening and I trust they will meet with your approval."

Immediately after the acting commissioner had taken his seat Newlands moved the passage of the bill as read which was agreed to unanimously.

### How it Was Done.

Editor Nugget: Your correspondent with a number of others have just returned from a prospecting trip in the mountains and like Rip Van Winkle are at a loss to know everything of importance that has taken place since we left here some months ago.

We hear considerable talk of elections which are about to take place, but we do not exactly know just "where we are at." Would you kindly state through the columns of your paper who the principal parties were that "engineered" the so-called convention that selected Joseph Andrew Clarke for candidate for the Dominion house?

### VOTER

(The principal party was Clarke himself who directed the whole proceedings from the night the first meeting was held in the Auditorium theatre until the close of the convention which nominated him. With the assistance of certain outside parties Clarke manipulated the whole affair and very cleverly hoodwinked a number of eminently respectable gentlemen into the belief that the convention had not been packed. How this was accomplished may be ascertained (by reading the files of the Nugget for the past month.)

### Hen lerson a Good Creek.

The Rev. Mr. Pringle returned this morning from a trip to Henderson and reports that creek as being the scene of considerable activity.

"The government road," said Mr. Pringle, "from the landing at the mouth of Henderson to No. 5 on 60 pup has been completed and is of estimable value to the claim owners as it makes freighting so much easier and will enable the owners to get machinery to their claims."

"Most of the work is being done on the upper end of the creek and 60 pup but some work is being done around discovery and as low down as 15 below discovery."

"Everyone is hopeful as to the final showing the creek will make and no one is talking discouragingly of the outlook. There are between one and two hundred people on the creek and more work will be done this winter than ever before."

"Duncan creek is also attracting a good deal of attention. There are now about 150 men located there and they are all enthusiastic over the prospects. The steamer Prospector left yesterday with another large crowd for this creek. There is no question but what good reports will be heard from both these creeks."

Mrs. Gabbil—So you think women always tell everything they know, but let me tell you, some of us don't tell any more than we want to.

Mr. Gabbil—Well, and what's the difference?—Philadelphia Press.

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## ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

**Territory Will Possess Three Divisions**

**Dawson District Has Two Representatives, Klondike Two and Whitehorse One.**

The election bill as amended and passed at the last meeting of the Yukon council provided for the division of the territory into three electoral districts instead of five as was originally intended. No. 1 district includes the city of Dawson and the Fortymile country and is entitled to two representatives. It will be known as the Dawson district and will be embraced within the following boundaries:

"Commencing at the point of intersection of the eastern limit of the Yukon territory with the watershed dividing the Peel river and tributaries from the Stewart river and its tributaries; thence westerly along said watershed to the head of the Klondike river; thence southerly and westerly along the center of the main channel of the Klondike river to its intersection with the main channel of the Yukon river; thence up stream along the center of the main channel of the Yukon river to its intersection with the main channel of the White river; thence up stream along the center of the main channel of the White river to its intersection with meridian 141 degrees west; thence north along said meridian to the northern limit of the territory; thence westerly and southerly along the northern and eastern limits of the territory to the point of commencement."

District No. 2 which will be known as the Klondike district will embrace the Klondike and its tributaries, Indian river and its tributaries and the Stewart river and its tributaries, and extend as far south as the watershed between the Stewart and Pelly rivers. The Klondike district will also be entitled to two representatives which as in the case of No. 1 will be elected at large. Its boundaries are described as follows:

"All the portion of the Yukon territory lying to the east of the main channel of the Yukon river and to the north of the watershed dividing the Pelly river and its tributaries from the Yukon and its tributaries north of the Pelly river, and not included in electoral district No. 1 hereinbefore described."

The Whitehorse district, No. 3, will embrace practically all the southern portion of the territory and will have one representative. Its official description is given thus:

"All that portion of the Yukon territory not included in electoral districts Nos. 1 and 2 hereinbefore described."

Mistress—Why didn't you stay at your last place?  
New girl—The missus insisted on having a model kitchen like the one she read about in a household magazine, and she discharged me because neither of us could ever find anything we wanted in it.—Judge.

At Auditorium—The Plunger

### Cupid at Work

Mr. Bud Harkin and Mrs. Bertha D. Foss were married at No. 3 on sixty pup, Henderson creek, on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 by the Rev. Mr. Pringle of Grand Forks. Both of the contracting parties are southerners and well known in this territory. Mr. Harkin has been known in previous seasons as one of the best mushers in the country, having made several trips over the ice in a single season. Mr. Harkin was afterwards connected with the Yukon Iron Works and last year established a roadhouse at Ogilvie.

Mrs. Foss is also well known, having been in the territory for three years. She was at Whitehorse and last winter became associated with Mr. Harkin in the roadhouse business at Ogilvie.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large company from the adjoining claims and the newly married couple were the recipients of many nice presents.

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Job Printing at Nugget office.

### TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The German tank steamer *Diamant* from Shields for New York, while passing Fire Island, signalled "Pass disabled steamer *Furst Bismarck* with thrust shaft broken."

N. Jones, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Will Smith near Seven Springs, N.C., has been lynched. He confessed his crime and gave up a razor he had stolen from his victim's husband. The United States census office has issued a preliminary report on illiteracy among men of voting age in city and country districts in the census year 1900. The report includes under the term "illiterate," those who can neither read nor write, and also a small number who can read but cannot write. The figures indicate that illiteracy among adult males is less than half as prevalent in the large cities as it is in the rest of the United States.

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