AS TO TAKING THE CENSUS

Commissioner Woodside Gives Valuable Iniormation.

Present Force of Enumerators to be Shortly Augmented — List of Questions to be Answered.

The census commissioner, Major Henry J. Woodside, and assistants are hard at work taking the census of the territory, but Major Woodside stated today that considerable time has been lost awaiting instructions from Ottawa which should have been received before this and that the work has not progressed as rapidly as it would have done had the instructions been received. The districts so far covered are the Pelly-McMillan, district; Stewart-McQuesten, district, and the Fortymile Sixtymile district.

The men for the Klondike and Indian river districts will be sent out some time this week. After these districts are covered Major Wooodside expects to leave for Whitehorse, where the headquarters for the upper river districts will be established. Men will be sent from there to cover the Carribou, Tagish, Dalton and Big Salmon districts. There are now seven men out but this force will be increased shortly. The hardest part of the work will be in getting the census of the steamers which will all have to be covered the same day to avoid conflicting the date. Men will be stationed at various points of the river where they will board the passing steamers and not to make any delay will ride to the next point gathering the information as they go. The followng information relative to the census taking was obtained from the census commissioner, Major Woodside:

In taking the census some eleven schedules or books are employed and each of these is ruled to receive answers to from ten to thirty-seven questions.

There are books devoted to schools, churches, mortality, agriculture, real estate, mining, fishing, etc., etc., as well as the first general schedule devoted to the individual. The questions are of the most searching character and are designed to give a basis for the compilation of accurate statistic on all matters affecting the national wealth, product, health, education, wage-earning, etc.

Among the questions asked of the individual are the following: Age, sex, color, single, married, widower, divorced, age at last birthday, place of birth, date of arrival in Canada, when naturalized, present nationalty, occupation, value of real estate, value of personal property, racial or tribal origin, education (Can read? Can write?) Can speak English, can speak French, mother tongue if spoken, infirmities, etc.

In dealing with manufacturing establishments the value of real estate, plant, working capital, number of persons employed, salaries, months in operation, goods manufactured, value of product and about twenty other questions are asked. In the "Furs and Gold Product" schedule the questions asked are for furs, kind, number, value; and for gold, quantity in ounces and value in dollars.

That persons may have no hesitation in giving correct answers to questions such as the value of real estate, and gold product it is provided by section 23, as follows:

"Every officer or other person employed in any capacity on census work is required to keep inviolate secrecy of the information gathered by the enumerators and entered on the schedules or forms. An enumerator is not permitted to show his schedules to any other person, or to make or keep a copy of them, nor to answer any questions mrespecting their contents, directly or indirectly; and the same obligation of secrecy is imposed upon the commissioners and other officers or employees of the outside service, as well as upon every officer, clerk or other officer, clerk or other employee of the census office at Ottawa. The facts and statistics of the census may not be used except for statistical compilations, and positive assurance should be given on this point if a fear is entertained by any person that they may be used for taxation or any other object." The penalty fr refusing to answer any questions or to fill out any forms supplied by enmerators is a fine not less than one dollar and not more than forty dollars.

Section twenty-two of the census act provides that the production of any written or printed paper purporting to be a form authorized for use in taking the census, shall be presumed to be proper authority for the census enumerator to secure answers to the questions. The use of such forms for that purpose by any person not authorized o use it, is a misdemeanor.

Persons temporarily absent from the territory will be entered in the books, the information regarding them being supplied as far as possible by relatives or friends. Persons having relatives or friends absent from Yukon will confer a favor by mentioning the fact to the enumerator who may call upon them. Information regarding persons absent in remote parts of the territory is also sought from those competent to give it to the enumerator.

It is hoped to have the returns all in so as to send them out on one of the last boats this fall.

DISCORDANT MUSICIAN

Drowns Notes of Other Members of Standard Band.

The Standard band has recently added to its membership a musician of national reputation who plays entirely on his vocal chords and yet whose loud and clear bell-like tones can be heard over and above the balance of the band when they are blowing their loudest. The new member is a novelty and attracts a great deal of attention from the crowds who gather in front of the theater every evening to listen to the band play before the show opens. The illustration on this page shows the new member when playing his favorite section.

HA BAEN DISORDERLY

George Janson Will be More Circumspect in the Future.

"Ae baen at vork on tha noo barracks building at Grand Forks and yust com to Dawson last Thoorsday. Ae had nanty too dollar in ma pocket ven Ae arrived and Ae haven't any of it left. Ae vont to go back to ma vorb and maak som more mooney and I vill be more careful and not let it happen again," said George Jansen when he came before Magistrate McCauley this morning in the police court charged with being drunk and disorderly. As this was his first offense and as his disorder consisted of being asleep on the street and unable to take care of himself the magistrate dismissed him with instructions to go back to his work at once.

Joseph James McKinnon who was arrested Monday on a charge of theft preferred by Gross and Johnson was dismissed from custody this morning, the evidence of the prosecution not being sufficient to prove the charge.

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DISCORDANT MEMBER OF STANDARD THEATRE BAND.

BIRCH CREEK LOOKS GOOD

To Captain Griffith Who Just Returned to Dawson.

Captain C. F. Griffith the well-known steamboat skipper and mining man, returned two days ago from the locality of Circle City where he owns property on Birch ceek on which he has been doing considerable work during the past three months and which is developing beyond the owner's expectations, showing up gold in such quantity as to cause it to rank with some of the best placer fields in the entire Yukon country.

Captain Griffith was also in the Tanana country sufficiently long to do some of assessment work on a claim he secured while there last year and which he is satisfied will develop into very valuable property. He says that on Birch creek and in the Tanana country there are probably 300 miners and prospectors and the country is bound to come to the front as a heavy gold producer. The captain will return to Birchcreek later in the fall prepared for operating his claim all winter.

It cannot be truthfully said that Captain Griffith gained flesh as the result of his hard summer's work, but he looks healthy and rugged and in fine condition for the winter's campaign ahead of him.

This Is Ladies' Night.

Tonight is ladies' night at the Standard theater and all should take advantage of the opportunity to see the dramatization of Mark Twain's great book, "Pudd'nhead Wilson." The play is excellent in every particular and fully justifies the immense patronage it has been receiving throughout the week. The players are all well adapted to their various parts and the stage settings and scenic effects are admirably fitted to the play and sets it off to the best possible advantage.

Although the play is one of seriousness there is a vein of humor running through it which keeps the audience in a good humor and provokes many a hearty laugh.

Cricket Saturday..

A cricket game is being arranged between the police boys and the employees of the Bank of British North America to be played Saturday afternoon. The police team is in excellent practice now and is ready to meet all comers.

A New Commission Firm.

Messrs. H. C. King and R. K. Latimer have opened a commission house under the firm name of King & Co. on First avenue near First street, opposite Holme, Miller & Co. They have a choice stock of goods on hand for sale and are prepared to buy and sell goods of all descriptions. The public is requested to give them a call.

Postponed to Friday, 11:00 p. m.

The sale of a few more tickets being required to enable me to include the larger diamonds in the drawing, same is postponed to above time; balance of tickets to be had of Sale the jeweler or myself. NELSON A. SOGGS.

AUCTION NOTICE.

In the assigned estate of George Kruse, John Cogan and Charles Humphries, I will sell by public auction at the Flannery hotel on Saturday next, 7th September, at 2 p. m., that valuable mining property known as the

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Hunker—10a above.
French Hill—No. 4 north, 9 west.
Clear Creek—No. 14 above the gorge.
Eureka—Nos. 4 to 8 on 14 pup.
Gay Gulch—No. 9a.
Eureka—No. 14, left fork.
Indian River—Conglomerate claim.
Mint Gulch—Upper ½ No. 5.
Sulphur—¼ No. 42 above.

G. VERNON, Auctioneer.

Dr. Duncan's Death.

A great deal of surprise is expressed that Dr. John Duncan, who was an athletic man, should have perished in the loss of the steamer. The last seen of him he was standing on the stern of the vessel with Mrs. Ross, and seemed to be taking no steps to save himself. It is quite likely that like others he had no idea that the ship would sink, and was remaining with the vessel in preference to taking chances in the water. He was also influenced in all probability largely by consideration for Mrs. Ross and her child. The latter would certainly not have survived contact with the water. Dr. Duncan was family physician for Mrs. Ross' parents, and on that account would feel specially interested in looking after her welfare.

On the other hand, J. H. Morgan, the insurance man, showed great determination in the course he adopted. Mrs. Whitmore, of Tacoma, was beside him, and notwithstanding the fact that the vessel was about to sink hesitated to jump. Mr. Morgan seized her and dropped her over the side, where she was picked up and saved.—Victoria Times.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

The cargo for the Koynkuk is being taken aboard the Gold Star this afternoon. She leaves this evening.

The Ora left last night with 28 passengers for Whitehorse and way points.

The Nora is expected in this evening with two scows of hay and grain.

The Columbian on her up trip last night took 144 passengers, one of the largest of the season.

Both the Canadian and Victorian are due to arrive this afternoon, having passed Selwyn this morning.

See the display of fur skins at Mrs. Roberts' Fur Store, Second avenue.

Fresh Lowney's candies. Kelly & Co., druggists.

W. P. & Y. R. SCHEDULE

For Next Year Should Be Prepared and Issued At Once.

"If the railroad company expects to do even half as much business next year as it has done the present season it should lose no time in announcing its next season's schedule, and in order to do any business worth mentioning it will be necessary to make sweeping reductions in its schedule."

The above was remarked by a Dawson merchant yesterday who has been forced to ship by the railroad this year but who says he will never again be cornered as he has been this year. Continuing the merchant said:

"The company can not again hoodwink the people of Dawson with promises of reduced rates as was the case last spring. The confidence of the people has been betrayed and from now on they will have to be shown before they will be convinced. A schedule in black and white without from 25 to 40 different classifications must be in the hands of the shippers before they will again consign their goods to the care of the W. P. & Y. R. We can build a steamer and pay for it the first year with what we will save by shipping by the lower river in preference to paying the present railroad charges. If rates are to be reduced for next year no time should be lost in making the fact known as arrangements are now being perfected for the construction of steamers for operation on the lower river. The railroad company has us where the hair is short now but next year the conditions will be reversed. It is a long lane that has no turn."

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Dan Davies' Bass.

Dr. Shoff who lately heard of Justice Dugas on a fishing and hunting trip up Stewart river, supplies the following poetry and intimates that the experience of Dan Davies was duplicated by his honor:

A fisherman on Lak San Claire
'Bout six mile off from shore,
Fished hard for one, two, three, four hours
By an' by he fished some more.

Some time he fish with old dry bait,
Some time he fish with wet—
He give the dry bait to the fish,
The wet bait—nit! you bet.

Long time some fish did never come.
Then one, two, three passed by;
They smell of that old dead, dry bait
And wink the other eye.

By an' by one great big bass come 'long,
'Bout five, six, seven pound weight,
So old he neither smell nor see,
And ate that old dry bait.

The fisher man stood very still
And reeled out yards of line—
He worked that poor old blind black bass
So very, very fine.

By an' by the fish began to pull,
By an' by he pull some more,
And then was fun in Lak San Claire,
'Bout Six miles out from shore.

The fish he plunge like one mad horse,
And then he pulled like ten—
He towed that boat nine miles an hour—
Big boat and four big men.

He pulled like bass 'bout six feet long,
May be he be 'bout seven,
May be, if not pulled out right quick,
He'll grow to be 'bout 'leven.

By an' by they pull that bass half out,
By an' by they pull him more,
And Lak San Claire fell four, five feet,
'Bout six miles off from shore.

The Lime Kiln Crossing got so low
The boats they could not pass;
And Dan he say the river fell
When he pulled out that bass!

—Rev. Samuel S. Marquis in the Detroit News.

Found.

Found—A white dog with black ears and short tail. Finder can have same by inquiring at this office and paying charges. c5

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MR. LAURIER MAKES REPLY

To R. L. Richardson Who Says Premier Should Help Him.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has replied to R. L. Richardson's open letter. The premier takes up one point of Richardson's letter, where the latter said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by lifting his finger, could have interfered to stop the prosecution against him. The premier in reply to this says:

"From all this it appears that you were accused of having been elected through bribery, corruption and a violation of the law; that for this you were brought to account before the courts; that the charges were found to be true and that as a consequence you were deprived of your seat in parliament by sentence of the judicial authorities.

"It likewise appears that according to your construction of those principles of morality of which you have been the loud champion, it was my duty to raise my hand to interfere in your behalf and allow crime against the positive law of the land, by which you had obtained your seat, to remain undetected and unpunished, and this refusal on my part you call a crime.

"You were charged with having been elected by fraud and assistance from some of those public corporations which you so often denounce with apparent indignation, and you say it was a crime on my part to allow the law to take its course."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier adds that the public has now an exact measure of what is Richardson's conception of a blow a ruck at the moral standards of the people. "People will now understand," he added, "your shrieks against political debauchery."

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