

THE WATER-FRONT SITUATION

A Reprint of Morrison & McDonald's Much-Wanted Lease.

Eighty-Thousand Collected—Ten Thousand Paid Back—Subscribing to the Resistance Fund—Distraint Served and not Esteemed.

With only one or two exceptions the occupants of the block between the barracks and First street refused to pay their ground rent last month.

The following figures may be accepted as approximately correct: In four months, under their so-called lease, Morrison & McDonald have paid the government \$9,000 on the water-front, which is about \$1 per front foot each month.

Some ten days ago a distraint was served upon Dr. McWm. Bourke, at the instance of Gratschler & Miall, attorneys for Morrison & McDonald. A constable notified the renter that he had cleared the snow outside and the building which the doctor occupied.

A fund has been raised by the tenants with which to make a test case. On Wednesday night the committee on collections had nearly reached First street. Tenants occupying 12 feet front, or less, were assessed \$4; tenants occupying a greater front were assessed \$4.75.

The strip of ground occupied, feathers out to nothing at the upper end, and several of the buildings, beside being on supports from the river bar underneath, are fully a foot from the bank in front.

In at least one case the tenant occupied the water-front long before the arrival in Dawson of Mr. Wade, who negotiated the so-called lease with Morrison & McDonald.

The particulars of the first distraint upon Dr. McWm. Bourke are amusing. The Landlord's Act of England, under which common law distrains are made, provides that a landlord may authorize a bailiff to seize chattels in payment of rent at any time of the day between sunrise and sunset.

The water-front controversy reminds us that the NTOOR published on August 10th the correspondence between Crown Land Agent Fred Wade and Messrs. Morrison & McDonald, which is all the lease there is in existence.

On behalf of the Dominion government we are willing to lease the front applied for, but on terms somewhat different from those you propose.

In the first place we think that the lease should be for a period of one year, but the gold commissioner, or the Dominion lands agent to terminate it, on giving one month's notice to the lessees. The rent to be charged for the year will be \$30,000, or should the lease be terminated at any time within the year, the lessees will be required to pay at the rate of \$2,500 per month for the time they remain in occupation.

A special meeting of the Miners' Association will be held at the Miners' Institute on Monday the 19th inst., at 8 p. m. to discuss amendments to Mining Rules and Regulations.

Plans for the sidewalks and bridges are to be at once submitted to the gold commissioner and to be to his satisfaction. Yours truly, THOMAS FAWCETT, Gold Commissioner, F. E. WADDE, Dominion Lands Agent.

The Cheechaco's Lament.

DEDICATED TO JOSEPH PENNMAN.

My name is Joseph Pennman; I have a comrade, Jack.

I'll tell you why I left the States And wish no God's back:

I sought the Klondike fever, Like many other fools;

And over the cussed Skagway trail, We packed our grub and tools.

Then hoisted sail upon the lakes— As all cheechacos do—

And did the part of gallant tars, "Mid scenes sublime to view.

We bustled down the Yukon, Through grinding ice and snow;

We "shot" the White-horse rapids, And sped our way below.

At length the "golden city" Broke on our anxious gaze,

As round the point of rocks we saw The dream of many days.

'Twas Dawson in her glory— A city (?) built of logs,

With lots of rooms between the huts To cache their grub from dogs.

We landed on the icy shore Amid a widening scene

Of huts and sewers, or tents, With stacks of stoves between.

A throng of bustling miners there In garb of Arctic style,

Were mingling with cheechacos' flesh, Who came to make their "pile."

To them indulge in city life, We hadn't got the grit;

For grub was scarce and high in price, So we resolved to "git."

On fast becoming millionaires Our minds were truly bent;

Once we struck up Bonanza creek To pitch our prospect tent,

We took our little handmaids And packed up five tools—

The fact is, men don't know out here If they be dogs or mules.

Thus, up the frozen river trail, We daily made the go

With temperature 'twixt zero And to forty-seven below.

Conforming to the climate We built our huts quite small

With mass and dirt upon the roof And mess to eat on the wall.

The back of my "boiled" shirt I took A substitute for glass,

And looked out after the little hole Through which daylight must pass.

At length our cache securely stored, We looked the country round,

To see if gold grew on the trees— Or where it should be found.

We rushed on many a mad stampede And "pegged" on many a "pup"

We slept (by) campfires on the snow While mercury froze up.

We had no yelping malamoot. To "mush" along our sled,

So, with the "gee-stick" in our fist, We played the dog, instead.

Scouring some few "wildcats" For "suckers" in the east,

We felt ourselves quite millionaires Bonanza kings, at least.

We settled down to business At length upon a "hay"

And "burned" the ground to bedrock Some twenty feet to pay.

With Jack on top, to windlass, While I below did drift,

We piled out quite a de-up ere spring In hopes of a little hit.

We managed, in the meantime, To live with our means,

Three times a day we reveled, In deinty park and beans.

But, now, our grub is giving out; Our tea is very low,

The flour we wound up yesterday, And sugar long ago.

We slice our bacon mighty thin— And gamble now for that,

Alas! how can we cook our beans, When we run out of fat?

So hot for down the river!— St. Michaels, now, or best—

Or why lay in our winter outfit, And panned out little dust.

Our skill is on the Yukon; Our hearts turn back to home;

The midnight sun will cheer our way And we'll no more chilk ream.

Farwell to Dawson city; Farwell to Klondike, too.

Adieu to our brightest hopes, And, friends, good-bye to you!

—HENRY W. BROWN, 31 Below on Bonanza.

Yukon Council Proceedings.

An expense account of \$90 for the burial of the cadaver dead was allowed.

The dog ordinance was amended so that dogs are retained in the pound a month instead of ten days before being sold.

The liquor license ordinance was passed.

A fire-prevention ordinance was passed.

Dr. R. R. McFarlane and Dr. W. E. Barrett got a severe repulse.

McFarlane put a bill into the council for \$100,000 for attendance upon the indigent sick at St. Mary's. Barrett's bill was for \$4,780 for similar services at the same institution.

The council refused both bills, on the grounds that they thought the allowance of \$5 per day to the hospital-attended medical attendance.

A letter was read from the comptroller stating that there were no mercurial funds available.

Dr. Caffo communicated to the council the important fact that unless that body assumed payment of Bar Fulton's indebtedness to him for medical attendance, he should discontinue attending him. The council did not assume the indebtedness of Mr. Fulton, so it is presumed he has another doctor.

Notice to Miners.

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All members are urged to be present.

—GEO. C. ARMSTRONG, President, DONALD MCGREGOR, Secretary.

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THE HOSPITAL BENEFIT. Last Friday evening a hospital benefit entertainment was given at the Monte Carlo to a comfortably filled house. The governor opened with an address in which he touched on "finances, revenues, benefits for the poor and special poor taxes" probably the one statement made which furnishes most food for thought was that out of \$25,000 in funds which had been donated to the hospital, notwithstanding this, it might yet become necessary to impose a special hospital tax upon this community.

Following is the program presented: Goodwin Bros. vocal quartet, Mr. Kehough, song; Jack Black, song; The Estops, sketch; Margie Newman, character song; Corinne B. Mayer, recitation; Mrs. Adeline Pusey Barlow, character song; B. Trenneman, expert club swinging; Miss Robinson, character song; and Fred N. Tracy, illustrated songs.

Reserved seats for the Wondroscope exhibition are now on sale at Kelly's drug store. Tomorrow night Mr. Tracy will introduce new songs. Every Wednesday and Saturday the NTOOR is delivered to subscribers, \$2.00 per month.

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