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### A COMPARISON.

Life in the Yukon country country is far from being made up of the terrible experiences and hardships that are usually associated with it in the minds of most people living in outside communities. As a matter of fact the conditions for the most part are absolutely the reverse of the popular conception.

When all things are considered, it is by no means an exaggeration to say that the general conditions of life are better and more satisfactory in the territory than in the average community in the more settled districts of Canada or the United States. The rigors of the winter season are not accompanied by serious hardships for the reason that dwellings are constructed to withstand cold weather and wearing apparel is adapted to the same purpose. A hard winter in the East invariably brings untold suffering in its train, but in this country experience has amply shown that the coldest weather has few terrors for anyone.

As for the Yukon summer season the sole and only objection that can be sustained against it is its brevity. The glory of our sunrises and sunsets can no where be excelled. They linger in the memory as the fragrance of a rare perfume. While other less favored communities are recording prostrations and sunstroke, we of the Yukon are revelling in floods of sunshine just sufficiently tempered with cooling breezes to make the days well nigh perfect.

There are still other standpoints from which comparisons may be drawn with results equally as favorable to this northern country.

Conditions here in some respects are purely idyllic. The terrific industrial upheavals which are of constant occurrence on the outside, often threatening the prosperity of nations are, as yet, unknown in the Yukon. A dozen big cities in the United States might be mentioned which are today suffering from commercial paralysis due to bitter strife between employer and employe. Thousands of unemployed laborers and countless numbers of dependent women and children stand in need of the necessities of life on account of unsettled labor disputes. How different are the conditions in this territory. The disposition here is "to live and let live," and the wholesome effect of that policy is demonstrated in the fact that actual want is practically unknown. The genus tramp is a rara avis—so little met with in fact as almost to cause forgetfulness of the fact that there are countries where a considerable portion of the people are mendicants.

Comparisons, it is said, are sometimes odious, but there are occasions when they are distinctly beneficial—and the present instance we believe to be a case in point. Life in the Yukon country undoubtedly possesses its objectionable features, but when reviewed in connection with conditions as they are found to exist elsewhere, the conclusion one must reach is esentially favorable to this country.

The boats that are now running down from Whitehorse half loaded with freight, will be taxed to their utmost capacity along toward the close of navigation. It has always been the way of the Klondiker to defer bringing his goods in until the last minute.

An X-ray examination of the mind that produced the "Lost Opportunity" editorial in last night's News, would reveal a set of wheels more intricate than those of an 8-day clock.

Sooner or later the venturesome spirits who seek the lower river camps return to Dawson—their first love.

Uncle Sam is evidently a convert to the wireless telegraph idea. In any event he is making a thorough test of the new system.

If outlaw Tracey wants to be captured he should take a run into the Yukon.

### Territorial Court

Criminal matters came before Mr. Justice Craig yesterday, the first to come up being Israel Uran for sentence. Uran was brought back from Fortymile under escort after his unsuccessful attempt to escape. When his case was called counsel asked foe a continuance until Tuesday, that sentence might be deferred until that time. The reasons given were that it had not been determined whether or not to carry to the supreme court the reserve case secured at the trial of the action. His lordship granted the request and meanwhile Uran languishes in jail.

The case against Scott and White charged with distributing government jobs at $5 per were dismissed on the motion of Crown Prosecutor Congdon, it being shown that the fees that had been collected had all been returned. Counsel for the accused did not object to his clients being discharged but he wanted it done in such manner that there would no stain remain on their charcters. The cases were dismissed. The Scott and White cases being the last in which a jury would probably be used the jurymen were discharged from further attendance.

"It was during this feature of the program," says the editor of the Independente, Kan., Reporter, in writing up a wedding, "that the only specially emotional feature of the evening occurred. J. J. Anderson, father of the bride, who never before had shed a tear, found several of them rolling down his sunburned cheeks as he came forward to kiss the bride, remarking that she was his 'last baby.' Immediately several of the ladies began to shed tears, everybody was somewhat excited and in the slight confusion the writer hereof found himself embracing a lady who stood conveniently near and who proved not his wife. He immediately apologized and was forgiven. He apologized again, later on, to his wife, with no very definite returns up to this date."

"No, sir," said O'Johnson. "I haven't a word to say against the automobiles that race along the boulevards."

"Don't you have to jump out of the way of them sometimes?" asked O'Jones.

"Of course I do, but if I were to make a loud holler about it everybody would know at once that I couldn't afford to keep an automobile myself."—Chicago Tribune.

"Proud!" exclaimed the Observant Person. "Well, I should say so! He's as proud as a country boy writing his first letter on hotel stationery."—Los Angeles Herald.


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## LENGTHY SESSION

### Council Meeting Lasts Till Midnight

#### Several Bylaws Are Passed and Others Receive Their First Reading.

The meeting of the city council last night was lengthy and productive of much legislation. Many important measures that have been held in abeyance for months on account of the hands of the council being tied were taken up and disposed of. The water works proposition was decided upon definitely, the transient trader bylaw was passed, also that pertaining to the issuing of various licenses, and other matters equally important were attended to. There were but few communications presented. Among the first was one from Vernon & Storry making application for an auctioneer's license. They do not know the fee charged for same but on being informed will forward the amount to the city treasurer. A communication was also received signed by a number of business men suggesting the adoption of a uniform system of house numbering. The opinion was ventured that the houses here should be numbered the same as they are in every other city of consequence and the petitioners hope that when such steps are taken modern ideas will be carried out, the allowance of so many feet to each number and each block to be numbered by hundreds. After such an arrangement has been made any person wishing for a number will have but to apply to the city engineer, give the description of his lot and in a moment he can be informed of the number he is entitled to.

M. A. Fissette filed an application asking for the appointment of the position as one of the scow inspectors. He states he has all the qualifications for such position and in the event of them being made he would like to be considered in the race.

Dr. Sutherland, medical health officer, called the attention of the council to the unsanitary condition of the east side of Second avenue between York and Duke streets and asked that the proper remedy be applied.

For the third time the Yukon Electric Street Railway Company filed a petition asking for action on their application for a railway franchise. The communication states that they have already written twice about the matter. Since their last effusion their company has been incorporated by letters patent by the Yukon council and all that prevents the commencing of actual construction is the permission of the city council. It is pointed out that the street railway will bridge the long gap between the business part of the city and the Klondike Mines road and the company is ready to begin work at once. Its construction would tend to inspire confidence among the capitalists in outside money centers and would do much for the country in general. To the suggestion previously made that the company build a bridge over the Klondike the petitioners state they could not consent to do so at present as it would be too expensive. The plant that will be necessary to operate the system will have to be procured from the outside and if it is brought in this season it will have to be ordered at once. The petition is signed by Thos. O'Brien, Wm. Barrett and others.

The following bills were presented for payment:

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| Electric Light Company | $ 82.80 |
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| N. D. T. Co. | 19.00 |
| Joseph Menard | 4.00 |
| N. A. T. & T. Co. | 18.25 |
| Locy & Gibson | 19.30 |
| Dawson Hardware Co. | 46.68 |
| McLennan & McFeely | 125.25 |

In the report of the finance committee the recommendation was made that a contract be entered into between the city and the Dawson Water and Power Company for the supply of water for fire and other purposes by the said company for a period of three years at a contract price of $12,000 per annum. The finance committee also recommended that the city treasurer be authorized to pay the balance of unpaid wages of the employes that worked on gravel contract of Hartney & Wilson not exceeding the amount certified to by the city engineer and that the balance of this contract money be paid to them. The following bills were ordered paid:

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| D. W. & P. Co. | $ 15.00 |
| Electric Light Co. | 9.00 |
| Branch & Tarr | 13.00 |
| Branch & Tarr | 121.00 |
| Telephone Company | 30.00 |
| Court charges | 10.25 |

Under the head of inquiries Alderman Macdonald created a mild sensation by stating that he understood there were a number of cases of scarlet fever in the city and he wanted the medical health officer instructed to placard all houses containing such disease.

Alderman Macdonald also offered a resolution concerning sidewalk grades. Such must be made to conform with the grade established by the city engineer. In default property owners who are remiss will be proceeded against.

His worship again brought up the scarlet fever question and asked that action be taken on it at once. Some questioned the right of the medical health officer to proceed with the placarding of infected houses without the instruction of the council, when Alderman Norquay stated that such officer undoubtedly had the power to act summarily if necessary.

The discharging of dirty water by laundries and bath houses into the public sewers was again brought up and as several proprietors of laundries were present upon consent of council they were asked what they proposed doing in the matter. The laundry at the corner of Second avenue and Princess street will construct a box drain as far as the corner to a connection with the city sewer that passes the Fairview hotel which was considered satisfactory. Joseph Allman, whose wife runs the Sanatarium on Second avenue opposite the Regina, stated there were three laundries in his block and they are willing to contribute toward putting in a sewer running to the river but did not think they should be expected to build such at their own expense for the general use of the public. The matter was referred to the city engineer who will bring in a report at the next meeting.

Alderman Adair introduced the transient trader's bylaw which was given its three readings and passed. During its discussion his worship asked the question what the effect would be on a small dealer who was now en route with say $300 or $400 worth of goods. If he were required to pay a license of $500 it would take all his stock for that purpose alone. Alderman Vachon suggested the bill be not put into effect until the expiration of 30 days but such was not agreed to and the law goes into force immediately with the affixing of the mayor's signature, which was done last night.

The bylaw providing for a city pound was given its first reading and would have advanced to its final passage only that a location has not yet been decided upon. It will be settled at the next meeting. While it was being read it was noticed that no reference was made to dogs and what should be done with them. The question was asked if that were an oversight when Alderman Murphy replied that at the next meeting a special dog bylaw would be introduced.

The license bylaw was then taken up for consideration by the committee of the whole and after spending several hours in its discussion was finally passed.

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### Proud as Peacocks

Sergeant Frank Smith and his cabinet at the town station are in high feather over the fact that their home has qeen enlarged and rearranged until it is now as comfortable as quarters are made in any country. In the recently constructed addition to the building is located the office with its railing, writing desks, etc., and immediately back from it is Sergeant Smith's private office and sleeping apartment. Where the old office was is now embraced in the general bunk room. A dining room separate and apart from the kitchen has been partitioned off from the rear and left of the main room.

The entire property has been enclosed by a tight plank fence and by another year it is proposed to have a garden there that will be the pride of the force and the envy of every housewife in Dawson. A small garden now flourishes in the northeast corner of the enclosure, but being planted late will not make much showing this season.

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