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PUBLIC WORKS.

Engineer Tasche Arrives and Tells About River Improvements

AT VARIOUS POINTS UP STREAM.

Next Year the Fivefinger Channel Will Be Wider

AND THE THIRTY-MILE CLEAR.

An Immense Sheer Dam Will Be Built at the Head of Lake Lebarge.

From Saturday's Daily. Among the passengers arriving by the Canadian last evening from Whitehorse was Mr. T. J. Tasche, chief engineer of public works, who has been ordered here from Ottawa to assume control of public road, bridge and river work.

Mr. Tasche is a modest man and does not hanker for public notice such as he asserts was heaped upon him by a Vancouver paper, whose interview somewhat mixed things concerning his position. He is accompanied by Assistant Engineer Mercier, who is related to an ex-premier, and by the time the interview got into print, it read that Mr. Tasche was the ex-premier and the father of his assistant. Mr. Tasche, on being assured that his modesty would be respected, stated that he was in Dawson especially to look after road building, but regarding details of the work, he would be unable to say anything

definite until he had received more particulars concerning what work was being done and what was projected.

"My headquarters are at Whitehorse," said Mr. Tasche, "because that place, in the winter is much easier of access for freight and supplies. The work on Five Finger rapids, the Thirtymile river and upper Lebarge will all be completed this fall, and when navigation opens next year the passage up the river will be much easier than it has been before."

"Last year the Five Finger channel was 40 feet wide with a large boulder in the middle. This year it is 80 feet wide and clear of all obstruction. Next year it will be about 120 feet wide and clear."

"Last winter I blasted 136 boulders out of the Thirtymile, and this winter I hope to finish both the Five Finger and Thirtymile work. This would have been done last winter but for the exhausting of the powder supply."

"A very great undertaking, and one from which navigators and shippers may expect great results when it is finished, is the immense sheer dam which I hope to have completed next spring, at upper Lebarge, or the foot of the Fiftymile river. The channel there now is such that much difficulty is experienced in navigating, and especially so in the spring just after the ice goes out. From the way the current enters the lake at present, and bars are very apt to form as was the case this spring. The work at present projected will prevent this, as by means of the sheer dam we will gather all the water into one narrow channel, which will deepen the water and prevent the lodging of sand or other obstructing material, and otherwise improve navigation."

"The sheer dam will be built of piles, driven 20 feet apart, and filled with brush and stone. It will be over 6000 feet long, so it will be seen that the undertaking is a big one."

Chief Clerk Ryley, of the interior department, is expected to arrive here sometime tomorrow from up the river. The official is understood to be coming here to inspect and examine into the conditions governing the industry. It is also understood that on Mr. Ryley's return some recommendations concerning mining matters in the Yukon may be looked for. The gentleman has already commenced his investigations as he is said to be examining the mining interests along the river and tributaries above.

Opening of New Studio.

Messrs. Lars & Dulocs are now open for business on Front street, Webb block, over the Palace barber-shop, opposite the Yukon Dock. They have now the best appointed studio in Dawson for the production of portrait work of which they make a specialty. Also views from the rush of '98, all along the Yukon river from Skagway to Dawson and in fact everything from that time up to date. Mr. Lars has just returned from the outside with a complete stock of fresh material for the production of fine platinum portraits; try them. Don't forget the place, opposite the Yukon Dock.

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CLEMENT TRIAL

In the Police Court Yesterday Develops Some More Mistakes

MADE BY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Against Whom a Charge of Theft Is Preferred by Magill

WHO ASKS SOME QUESTIONS.

The Same Evidence Will Be Applied to Both Charges—No Decision Yet Rendered.

Yesterday afternoon the continued hearing of the charges preferred by Joseph A. Magill against W. H. P. Clement was again taken up by Magistrate Scarth in the police court, and the public administrator was heard in his own behalf.

The book which the prosecutor had called for the day before was produced and examined, and developed the fact that the entries concerned had been altered to conform to those made in a statement made after the first statement rendered to Magill. Mr. Clement, referring to this, stated, as in his first statement, that when the money, dust and other effects of the deceased had been turned over to his office, he had not been present. The returns had been delivered to his brother, and he had found them in his desk drawer unaccompanied by any statement, and largely due to this fact the present difficulties were due.

He said the first intimation he had received from any source that Mr. Magill was dissatisfied with his administration of the estate came from Undertaker Green, who had told him that Magill was objecting. When Magill had received the statement and gold watch from him on the morning of the 3d of August, he (Magill) was to have returned after making a trip to the Forks for the purpose of looking at some things, the property of the deceased, not down on the list of items, and he had not returned. Had he done so he would have found a corrected statement of the estate waiting him. Concerning the previously referred to statement regarding the price of gold dust, the accused said that in the more recent statement he had allowed the estate the benefit of \$16 per ounce, though he did not think serious blame could have attached to him had he allowed but \$15, considering the extra trouble its weighing, handling, etc., entailed. He had also cut in two the charges for proving the bills. He realized that these mistakes were most unfortunate for him; that they might lead to most unpleasant comment, which he had been naturally anxious to avoid. He had discovered his principal error on the day when Magill had brought in Sergeant Marshall's receipt, and had at once admitted it and altered the account to conform to the receipt.

He had never, and did not at the time, in the least doubt the authority of Magill to represent the executrix of the estate. On the morning of the 8th inst., before he learned of the present charges he had mailed a draft and correct statement of the matter to the executrix.

In questioning the accused regarding the matter of charges for proving accounts, Mr. Magill said: "Have you the right to charge the estate with these costs?"

"I have," was the reply, "or at least I have always assumed that I had that authority, and if I have not, it is not a criminal matter, but one which has its remedy through the territorial court."

Attorney Pattullo, in behalf of the defense, called the attention of the court to the items in question, stating

that they were errors, and that such things were of too common occurrence in the handling of almost all accounts, to warrant criminal action in this instance. He also doubted the application of the section under which the charge had been made to the case in hand.

Another charge, under a different section of the code, charging theft, had been preferred when the other one was made, in order, as was explained by Mr. Magill, that the case should not be dismissed on technical grounds.

Magistrate Scarth explained that that was a matter easy of remedy by preferring a new charge under the proper section, if it was found that the wrong section had been cited. The same evidence was allowed to go on the second charge.

In closing his argument Mr. Magill stated that he was not versed in legal lore, and appeared in the case merely to save further expense to the estate. He said it seemed to him that the negligence displayed in the mistakes of the administrator (if they were mistakes) was of a criminal nature.

"Here," said the young man, "we have a statement containing ten items, nine of which are errors. I submit, you worship, that it does not look reasonable to suppose that a man who would be so careless in the keeping of accounts as to make mistakes involving so much loss to the estate, would be apt to remember to charge it with such items as 32 cents for postage."

Magistrate Scarth said he would take the matter under advisement till such time as the evidence could be transcribed.

His Excellency the Governor General. Following is a sketch of the career of the Earl of Minto, who will be the guest of the Yukon territory in a few days:

The present Earl of Minto, governor general of Canada, is the son of the third Earl of Minto, K. T., by his wife Emma E. B., daughter of Gen. Sir Thomas Hiscop, Bart., and was born in London, England, in 1845. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts. He entered the army, being attached to the Scots Guards in 1867. Since then he has been appointed captain in the Roxburgh Rifles, captain in the Army Reserve, and colonel with the rank of brigadier general commanding the South of Scotland Volunteer Brigade. He was for a short time in Paris during the subjection of the communists rising in 1871. He was correspondent for the Morning Post with the Carlist army in Spain, 1874. In 1877 he acted as military secretary with the Turkish army, on the Danube. He served as a volunteer on the staff of Field Marshal Roberts during the Afghan campaign of 1879. He accompanied Lord Roberts to South Africa in 1881 in the capacity of private secretary. He was appointed a captain in the mounted infantry in the Egyptian campaign in 1883. He was wounded in action at Magfar and afterwards commanded the mounted infantry at Cairo. For services here he was mentioned in dispatches and thanked in the general orders. He was military secretary to Lord Lansdowne from 1883 to 1886, during Lord Lansdowne's term as governor general of Canada. During the suppression of the Northwest rebellion of 1885, he was chief of staff to Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Middleton. He bears the following decorations: Afghan medal, Egyptian medal, Medjidie, Kedive Star, Northwest medal and clasp, and the volunteer decoration.

His lordship has contributed articles to the Nineteenth Century Magazine, The United Service Magazine, etc. He unsuccessfully contested the Hexham division of Northumberland for the British house of commons in 1886. He succeeded to the Earl of Minto on the death of his father in 1892.

Politically he is a supporter of the present government of Lord Salisbury.

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ELECTION OCT. 16.

That is the Date on Which the Dominion Will Vote.

JUDGE DUGAS' COMMISSION REPORT.

Says McTavish's Charges Against Senkler Were False.

TAX COLLECTOR IN TROUBLE.

Li Hung Chang Lives—1200 Allies Killed at Pletsang—Lucy Parsons Causes Riot in Chicago.

Ottawa, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—The date for the general Dominion elections has been fixed, being Tuesday the 16th day of October.

Judge Dugas has forwarded his report of his investigation of the charges preferred by McTavish against Gold Commissioner E. C. Senkler. The report says: "I find that the charges were made on hearsay evidence and that they were false, dishonest, baseless and in nowise sustained. Lawyer C. M. Woodworth appeared for complainant, but after four sittings in the case, the complainant disappeared."

Tax Collector in Hoc.

Kamloops, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—Martin Beattie, a constable in the N. W. M. P. force and tax collector, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling provincial funds.

Sir Richard Honored.

Toronto, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—At a meeting of the Executive Reform Association held today, Sir Richard Cartwright was elected president of the association.

Canada's Decision Commended.

London, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—The Times praises Canada's decision to not receive any more destitute immigrants into the Dominion in view of the spread of anarchy. It recommends that similar action be taken in all European states.

Another Anarchist Arrested.

Paris, Aug. 6, via Skagway, Aug. 10.—Auguste Valette, an anarchist, has been arrested. It is believed he is the instigator of the recent attack on the life of the Shah of Persia, who is here on a visit. The shah has cancelled his proposed visit to London and will return home from here.

Li Hung Chang Not Dead.

Shanghai, Aug. 5, Skagway, Aug. 10.—The report that Li Hung Chang had committed suicide is untrue. He is alive, but very much cast down and despondent. Admiral Seymour arrived (Continued on page 8.)

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