WATER PROBLEM IS SOLVED

Subterranean Stream From Second Bedrock Shaft Flooding the Country—Will Revolutionize Mining—Artesian Wells Will Take the Place of Expensive Mining Machinery.

It was rumored this morning that the Forks was being wiped out by a deluge of subterannean waters, but this was only partially true. No great amount of damage had been done up to the hour of going to press and every precaution is now being taken to prevent it. The only building at the Forks which is reported to be flooded is Sabine's stables. But many of the claims on Eldorado are badly flooded and what damage may result from this is not yet known. Overseer of the town of Bonanza Daigliesch had men out early this morning keeping the stream open, and the current is breaking and piling up the ice in great shape. It will in all probability break up the Klondike river, or flood the whole valley.

The water which is the occasion of this flood is pouring out of the shaft being sunk to second bedrock on 3a Eldorado. The sinking of this shaft has been watched with great interest by all the large mining operators in the territory, many of whom have subscribed to the cost of the enterprise. The territorial council has also shown its interest in the matter by voting a small appropriation at its last meeting to continue the sinking.

On Saturday morning the Bonanza Record, a newspaper published at the Forks, had a description of a visit to the deep shaft, in company with Mr. Phiscator, of this city. It heads its story, "Deep Shaft is Nearing the Last and Richest Bedrock — Should Strike Most Phenomenal Pay in World's History."

The sinking of this shaft was begun last January and it had reached a depth of 216 feet. In its course three beds of rich pay gravel have been struck at various depths, but in each case it rested on slide rock and not on bedrock.

At the close of the mining season the sinking was suspended, but was renewed a couple of weeks ago. The men were working in the shaft on Saturday morning, and at that time there was no water in the shaft. They worked steam points during their shift. Yesterday morning when the men descended they found forty feet of water in the shaft, and an investigation showed that it was steadily rising. This morning the water had reached the top of the shaft, and was soon flooding the neighborhood at the rate of two sluice heads a minute.

As soon as Acting Commissioner Major Wood arrived at his office this morning the matter was reported to him, and he immediately despatched Dominion Mining Engineer Beaudette and Surveyor McPherson to the scene to see what could be done.

There is general disappointment expressed among mining men in this city in regard to the suspension of the sinking after second bedrock, but not all of them take a gloomy view of it. One of the best known mining engineers said: "I knew the shaft must prove of great value whether second bedrock was struck or not, and the result we now have in my opinion is as valuable to us as would be the knowledge that there is a second bedrock carrying good values. And I will tell you why. The flooding of this shaft by what is undoubtedly a subterranean stream solves the problem of a water supply. Instead of large engineering plants at immense cost to bring the water on the thousands of claims now unworked for the lack of it, we shall see artesian wells all over the district. It means a great deal, this does. I look for a rise in values of mining claims all over the district as a consequence. Claims that could be got for mere representation will now have a good price on them. Mark my words, the great stream of water pouring out of this shaft, raising itself 216 feet from its bed to seek its level, will work a revolution in the mining of the district."

At three o'clock this afternoon the flood had not abated and in fact in the opinion of many people at the Forks the volume of water had somewhat increased. It flows from the mouth of the shaft straight into the air higher than surrounding dumps and is estimated to carry about two sluice heads of water.

A telephone message received at the hour mentioned states that no little apprehension is felt by claim owners and others. The water is now under the fire hall and is constantly spreading out. A gang of men is at work making a channel in the creek bed in the hope of controlling the stream and have been partially successful. On several claims below the forks the water has reached the wood piles of claim owners and is rapidly coating them with an icy armor. No one pretends to predict what the outcome will be.

There is no abatement of the flood and it looks as though the underground current is practically inexhaustible.

ALL FOR ROSS

Up River Districts Will Make Fine Showing.

A gentleman who has just arrived in Dawson from a trip along the river states that fully 85 per cent. of all votes at up river points will be cast for Mr. Ross. The voters have no confidence in Clarke and all are impressed with the splendid record made by Mr. Ross during his term of office as Yukon commissioner. The up river districts will make a splendid showing for Ross, and it now remains to bring Dawson and the nearby creeks up to the same standard.

Objections Sustained

Justice Russell, of the supreme court, the other day granted James Hyland a decree of separation from his wife, deciding that, in refusing to live with him without her mother, she had legally deserted him. Hyland in his suit against his wife, declares that he was and still is willing to live with her, but that he will not have her mother around.

"For the sake of peace," the affidavit continues, "I was willing to sweep and dry the dishes, although I knew these were not a husband's duties. I gave my wife $14 out of the $15 I earned as a weekly salary, but nothing I could do satisfied my mother-in-law, who insisted upon annoying me upon every possible occasion."

The affidavit then goes on to say that, unable to bear it any longer, he ordered his mother-in-law out of the house, and that his wife went with her.

Justice Russell, in allowing the decree, states that the husband cannot be compelled to support his mother-in-law. He holds that Hyland was right in ordering her out of the house and that this was not sufficient cause for his wife to leave him.

RECOMMENDATION OF MR. ROSS TO WIPE OUT ALL ROYALTY

The following is an extract from an official report of Commissioner James Hamilton Ross to the government at the close of last year, and shows his views in regard to any tax upon gold dust at that time:

"Office of the Commissioner,
"Dawson, Y.T., Dec. 31, 1901.
"To the Honorable
"The Minister of the Interior,
"Ottawa, Ont.

"Sir,—

"The question of royalty upon gold is one that has received a good deal of attention, both of the government and the parliament of Canada; and it is also a very live question in the Yukon amongst the people from whom the tax is taken. When we consider the richness of such claims as those on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, and the immense expense which was necessary for the government of Canada to make in the opening up and providing for the peace, order and good government of the Yukon, together with the fact that it was the general belief that the placer mines would be worked out in a very short time—for these reasons the government acted wisely in making a provision that the people who benefitted most largely by the opening of the country should pay the heavy tax.

"During the last year the government have seen fit to reduce the royalty from 10 to 5 per cent., and I am satisfied that the move was in the right direction, in the interests of the development of the country, and has done a great deal towards making the miners much more contented with the conditions. The very rich claims are now practically worked out and mining is more of a business undertaking than a speculation. There are large areas of what is called low grade ground, and it is simply a question of moving dirt cheaply to make it pay. In many instances the profits are small, and in many cases the receipts do not cover the expenses.

"In all such cases the royalty is, without a doubt, a great burden; and if your government was of the opinion that a sufficient revenue was being raised from the Yukon through other fees I would be pleased to recommend THAT THE ROYALTY BE DONE AWAY WITH ENTIRELY."

GOLD HILL MINERS

Aided by Government to Get Their Wood Up.

There are some portions of Gold Hill which for the last two years have been denuded of wood, and there is no way of getting wood to many of the claims this winter except by means of an expensive cable. The miners there a few days ago petitioned the government for assistance and as a result the government is making a trail for them from 3 above Eldorado, to the summit of Gold hill. This will cost about $3,000.

A genuine snap in hay at Barrett's, Third avenue.

SUES FOR HIS WAGES

Instance of Law Working a Hardship

Defendants Have Good Ground and Money Can be Rocked Out.

Haakon Bader brought a suit this morning against Edith and M. J. Kelly, owners of 28 above on Sulphur, for his wages, amounting to $280.50, and the case proved to be one of the rare instances where the wage ordinance as provided works a hardship instead of a benefit. Mr. Kelly admitted the indebtedness and gave the particulars of his falling behind with his wages which was fully corroborated by the complainint. Bader had worked for the defendants for two years and had always received his money without difficulty until the present time and he would be paid now if he would have had a little more patience. Mr. Kelly stated that he had been operating in the Klondike since '98 and that he had never failed to pay his labor. He had run behind several times but had always managed to catch up and he had always made it a rule to pay his labor before anything else. He had had a great deal of trouble last year with his neighbor over the water, a law suit over a flume in which he had gotten the worst of it with the result that he was able to do but very little sluicing. A number of his men are still living on the claim receiving their board free while waiting for the weather to become cold. Through a leakage from the creek his drifts are at present full of water and he can do nothing but wait until the creek freezes and then he can pump out the drifts and rock out enough to pay all the claims against him. His pumps are already in position and all he is waiting for is cold weather. Until that arrives he is helpless though possessed of a very good claim.

Bader admitted all the statements, but as he had borrowed $100 on his time check he needed that amount badly to repay the loan. If he could get that within a week he was willing to wait for the balance, which he would accept at the rate of $25 per month.

His lordship pointed out that he was powerless to act except in one manner. The debt had been confessed and he would have to give judgment accordingly. It was regrettable that the plaintiff could not have waited until such time as the wages due him could have been rocked out of the ground, particularly in view of the lengthy relations that had formerly existed between the parties, but as suit had been brought there was nothing to do but allow the law to take its course.

Judgment was given for the amount claimed, $100 to be paid within a week, and the parties to arrange between themselves as to the balance.

A New Kind of Trade

Two working men were talking over various matters, and the conversation turned to the skill of their respective wives. Said one:

"I allus did loike a woman ter hev a trade, and my missus naws it, and so shoo took to dressmaking."

"Aye, so do Oi," said the other. "My wife hes a trade, too."

"Hes shoo? What is it?" said the first.

"Oh, shoo's a brass finisher, shoo is."

"Why? Hes shoo sarved a 'prenticeship?" said the first.

"Shoo must hev," replied the other, "for shoo's a rare hand at it; t' brass is allus finished afoor t' nett pay day!"

Discontented Artist—"I wish I had a fortune. I would never paint again."

Generous Brother Brush — "By Jove! old man, I wish I had one! I'd give it to you!"

NOT NECESSARY.

Dr. McLaughlin has written a book which tells how the physical body can be filled with vitality. It is not necessary to read his book. Just trade with Dunham, who carries the finest line of family groceries in Dawson.

GRIST OF OFFENDERS

Drunk Was Walking on Hands and Knees

Sidewalk Ordinance Again Violated—Man With Large Appetite Interdicted.

Police court convened this morning at 11 o'clock instead of 10 as has been customary until the days became so short, and the change is a welcome one. The first case called was that of Margaret and George Tibbetts who were charged with having created a disturbance in Klondike City yesterday afternoon. Margaret failed to respond when her name was called and Sergeant Smith stated that she had been warned and asked for a summons. George was on hand, however, and at the request of the prosecution, the defendant present having no objection, the case was enlarged until tomorrow forenoon.

Charles Hensen looked like the remains of a hard winter when he stepped in the box. He was charged with having been drunk and disorderly Sunday morning and in reply as to whether he was guilty or not, he said "I guess I must have been drunk." Constable Patricio Egan related the circumstances. He had found the accused at 1 o'clock Sunday morning on Second avenue on his hands and knees unable to walk, he being full clear up to the nozzle. He had accordingly gathered him in and taken him to the skookum house. In view of it being Hensen's first offense his lordship was inclined to be lenient and let him off with a fine of $1 and costs which a friend promptly stepped up to the bar and paid. "This is a bad time of the year for you to get drunk and lie down on the sidewalk" said his lordship, "and if it had not been for the police you might not be here now. I'll let you off easy this time, but don't come back here again. Hereafter I shall impose heavy fines on all helpless drunks."

City bylaw No. 9 was again atrociously violated yesterday, and G. F. Horn is the man who by his own confession is guilty of the crime. He had the temerity to push a sled upon which was a roll of blankets along the sidewalk for a distance of less than half a block and he stood at the bar of justice in trembling and fear at the sentence that was to be meted out to him. Yes, he read the newspapers, particularly the Nugget, and knew of the existence of the bylaw but did not think it would apply to a case similar to his. He had just secured a job cutting wood down the river and was about to leave for the camp when notified that his presence was wanted in court this morning. He was sorry he had been so reckless and upon promising never to let it occur again the charge was dismissed.

H. E. Gardner swore to a complaint which had for its purpose the interdicting the Phillip Stever. Phillip was accused of having wasted his substance in the purchase of excessive quantities of hootch and Gardner's action was taken as a friendly turn to place it out of his reach. He of the insatiate appetite was called to the stand and pleaded guilty to the charge, saying that he was perfectly willing that he should be interdicted. The order was signed and he will have a hard time rustling a drink for the next six months.

NEW HUNKER BRIDGE

To Take Place of the Temporary Structure at Arlington.

The temporary bridge at Arlington roadhouse on Hunker is being torn down and a permanent structure, one which the spring floods will not be strong enough to carry away, is to be built in its place. Frank Hale is is charge of the work, which will cost about $1000.

Smart Youth (to rustic old party on opposite side of railway carriage)—"You seem to be looking at me pretty close. Do I remind you of somebody you used to know?"

Rustic Old Party—"Yes. You remind me of an aunt of mine. Only she's got a leetle more moustache than you have."

RESUCTION OF FEES.

I shall advocate the reduction of fees, which, I think, may now be safely done without impairing the revenues. — James Hamilton Ross.

Fashionable Tourist (wiping his forehead on the Alps as he suddenly turns round a rock)—"Just to think of it! Here I've climbed six thousand feet up the side of this mountain only to meet face to face one of my heaviest creditors."

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GRACE BEFORE MEAT

N. A. T. & T. Employees Preparing a Thanksgiving Banquet.

The Yukon has much to be thankful for in these political times, but there is no other country which has two thanksgiving festivals in the same year. That of the Dominion has already been celebrated and now comes that of the United States, which has been fixed by proclamation of President Roosevelt for Thursday next. The employes of the N. A. T. & T. Company, and the guests of the Regina hotel will celebrate by a banquet on Thursday evening, at which there are to be many good things beside the turkey sacred to the occasion.

HOW THEY WERE PAID

Facts About Henning's Woodchoppers

Government Might Have Retained the Whole of the Whole of the Penalty Imposed.

The News has been trying to misrepresent the action of the government in regard to the payment of the wages of the men who worked for H. M. Henning. The simple facts in the matter are these:

Henning was found to be cutting wood up the Klondike without a permit, and 1500 cords of wood already cut were seized by the government. Henning was notified that the wood would be released upon payment of $2 a cord. This amount was guaranteed by the Dawson Electric Light and Power Company, which has since paid it.

The seizure of the wood was made under sub-section 2 of section 84 of the timber regulations, which reads as follows:

"The minister may, if he sees cause for so doing, instead of confiscating the timber cut without authority on Dominion lands, impose a penalty which, in addition to all costs incurred, shall be levied on such timber, and in default of payment of the whole on demand he may, after a notice of fifteen days, sell such timber by public auction and may, in his discretion, retain the whole proceedings of such sale or the amount of penalty and costs only."

Instead of retaining the whole of this amount, as the crown timber agent might have done, in this case, acting under instructions, he retained only 50 cents of the $2 per cord, and paid the other $1.50 to the men on account of the wages owing to them by Henning. It was held that the men were innocent parties, and the object was to fine the offender Henning and not them. All the men who handed in their claims have been paid out of the $2,250 thus handed over for the purpose, 12½ per cent. of their wages.

In addition to the above there has been a second seizure of wood so cut by Henning. This amounts to about 775 cords, and will be disposed of by public auction on Dec. 8th. The proceeds of this sale also will be divided among the men who have claims against Henning for cutting the wood.

Notwithstanding his solemn countenance, which seems to betoken gravity and serious thought, the Celestial enjoys a bit of fun as well as anybody. In the Chinese quarter of a European city an English shopkeeper decided to advertise his wares in John's own language, so he engaged a Chinaman and instructed him to paint a very alluring notice.

It did not answer his expectations, for the only perceptible effect it had upon "the children of the sun and moon" was to excite a grin of the broadest dimensions.

At length the shopkeeper, by a considerable bride, obtained a translation in English of the advertisement, and found that it read as follows:—

"Don't buy anything here. Shopkeeper is a rogue."

The notice came down in less than a second, and the enraged shopkeeper spent the next week in looking for the joker.

OPENED NOV. 18th.

I shall advocate an assay office operated in conjunction with the quartz mill where ore may be tested free of charge.—James Hamilton Ross.

PEEL RIVER TRIBESMEN

Arrive With Big Load of Caribou

Made Trip in Six Days Notwithstanding Bad Condition of the Trail.

Thirteen Peel river Indians with 13 dog teams arrived this morning from the headwaters of the Klondike with their toboggans loaded down with the carcasses of 30 caribou. They struck the market when it was low on wild game and high on beef and mutton at '98 prices and within an hour had unloaded their stock at 25 cents a pound. Chief Isaac happened along shortly after their arrival and there was a general handshake indulged in with much gesticulating, grunts and other expressions of delight. It was the first time the members of the tribe had been in town since last winter and tonight Isaac will entertain his friends at his village on the shores of the classic Mooschide.

The braves complained considerably about the roughness of the trail and their sleds gave abundant evidence of the hard usage they had received, a number of them being more or less broken. They made excellent time considering the earliness of the season and are only six days out from the date of their start. Their route from the Mackenzie basin lay via the north fork of the Klondike and thence down the main stream to the city. A great deal of open water was encountered and there was also a lack of snow. Caribou are much more plentiful this year than they were last though the large herds have not yet come down from the mountains and will not appear until the snow fall is much more heavy than it has been so far. The dogs are in excellent condition and after a few sales had been made this morning every mother's son in the outfit had a bad cigar stuck in his face.

Chief Isaac says that after the big feed at his place this evening the Indians will start back to their far distant home in the morning. They expect to bring in another load of caribou just before the holidays and will spend Christmas as the guests of the lordly chief of the Mooschides.

Only Country Girl—Auditorium.

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Hon. James Hamilton Ross' Address to Yukon Electors

To the Electors of the Yukon Territory:

I have received a copy of the platform adopted by the convention which honored me by its nomination as a candidate for the house of commons of Canada. I freely subscribe to every measure suggested therein. In respect to most of the planks, they are in perfect accord with the policy I have sought to have adopted in the Yukon. I recognize that the whole business life of the Yukon depends upon the success of the prospector and miner, and, they above all others must be encouraged. With this in view I shall advocate the reduction of fees, which, I think, may now be safely done without impairing the revenue; the adoption of regulations compelling the actual working of claims; the establishment of an assay office in Dawson, where miners may obtain full value for their gold, such office to be operated in conjunction with the quartz mill where ore may be tested free of charge; the thorough investigation of the charges of fraud made in respect to the manner in which certain concessions are alleged to have been obtained, and if such fraud is established, the immediate commencement of such proceedings as may be required to vacate the grants, and the enforcement of strict compliance with the conditions embodied in all crown grants in the Yukon.

The question of adequate water supply for mining purposes is one of very great moment to the miners in the Yukon and shall receive my early and most earnest attention. I shall secure all data, surveys and opinions on the subject and lay the whole matter before the government and parliament with a view of having some practical method of supplying the same to those engaged in the mining industry at the least possible cost adopted at as early a date as possible. I shall continue to endeavor to secure for the Yukon such generous appropriations as will insure the construction of such roads as are now or may from time to time be required, and shall lend every assistance to all reasonable plans for the improvement of transportation and the reduction of rates.

I believe the Yukon is only in its infancy and that so far from its resources being exhausted, they have scarcely been touched, and the prosperity of the future will dwarf into insignificance all the success of the past. I was engaged in an endeavor to revise and codify not merely the mining laws but all the laws specially applicable to the Yukon when my illness interrupted the work. I think this work most essential in order that the laws may be fixed, clear and certain. With respect to the mining laws I propose to have them codified and then submitted to representative miners for criticism, alteration and approval in order that they may as far as possible meet with the approval of the mining community.

I shall be greatly honored by being elected as your representative. I have the assurance of the government that so far as possible the direction of the Yukon affairs will be in my hands if I am elected, and I can assure the electors of the Yukon that I shall use such trust wholly for their interest and for their benefit.

J. H. ROSS.

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