

HELLSGATE DANGEROUS BAR

Steamboat Men Advance Suggestions For Its Improvement.

Wingdam Would Be Effective And Could Be Constructed At Small Cost.

Shipping men differ on many questions but all are unanimous that the greatest menace to navigation between Dawson and Whitehorse is Hells-gate with its treacherous and numerous deceptive channels and bars. It is only in midsummer when the river is at its best stage that Hells-gate ceases for possibly a month or six weeks to terrorize river men and even then the vigil must not be for one moment relaxed when that point on the Yukon is reached; and in the spring and fall when the water is low, the pilot who successfully steers his craft through, around and over the perils of Hells-gate is to be congratulated on his skill as a navigator.

The aggregate of the value of time lost during the season just closing by delays caused to steamers coming in contact with the river bottom in Hells-gate would, if computed, run far into the thousands of dollars to say nothing of the hard work required to float them and the worry and inconvenience occasioned to the traveling public. One man who recently arrived from up the river on a steamer which paused two days on a Hells-gate bar, in speaking of his experience, said: "Just think of it! Two whole days on a bar and not a drop of whisky aboard!"

Within the past ten days the steamer Bonanza King lay at Hells-gate hard on for seven days, the Monarch two days, and the Zealandian one day, a total of ten days, or sufficient time for any of the steamers to have made a round trip between Dawson and Whitehorse, were irreversibly lost and at the same time, except perhaps in the one item of fuel, the steamers were at the same expense as if they had been running.

Mr. Percy Stevenson, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who was a passenger on the Zealandian at the time she was on the Hells-gate bar, is severe in his censure of the government for its dereliction in not having the present dangerous conditions at that place remedied. While lying there in a state of inertia Mr. Stevenson conceived a plan whereby the dangers to navigation may be obviated at, as he says, but trifling expense to the government, and be done by the construction of a stone wing dam just off the end of what river men call the "big island" and above the bar on which so many steamers hang up.

R. W. Calderhead, of the Klondike Corporation line of steamers, has very much the same views as Mr. Stevenson regarding the manner in which a great improvement may be brought about. Mr. Calderhead came down the river only a few days ago and says that with the many water draws which strike off from the main channel between the numerous little islands, it is very hard to keep a steamer from being drawn over so far that, in making back to the left bank after the "big island" is passed, it will not be caught on the upper end of the long bar which runs parallel with the bank and between which and the island is a heavy water draw which runs out to the flats east of the island which are from one to two miles wide and very shallow. Mr. Calderhead suggests, and says it is also the consensus of opinion of all steamboat men with whom he has talked on the subject, that a wing dam from three to four feet high and extending from the island to the upper end of the bar, a distance of not more than 200 yards, would do away with all danger in that it would not only shut off the draw between the island and bar, but in so doing would turn the water around the head of the bar into the main channel, and very materially deepen it just where more water is very much needed.

Capt. G. H. McMaster, of the Canadian, also thinks the government could at but trifling expense, remedy the existing menace to navigation in short order by the construction of wingdams; but in addition to a wingdam where Mr. Calderhead suggests, between the island and sand bar, Capt. McMaster suggests that short wingdams be constructed between the half dozen or more little islands between which there are heavy water draws above the most dangerous point which he says is the bar between the river bank and "big island." Capt. McMaster is of the opinion that if the matter was brought

vividly to the attention of the government, it would probably act in the matter before the opening of navigation another season. Like Mr. Calderhead, Capt. McMaster spoke of a number of submerged rocks which exist in the main channel near the bank, which, when the river is low, are fully as dangerous as is the bar on which so many steamers have lately been hung up.

Mr. Tasche, government superintendent of public roads, bridges and other improvements, has had his attention called to the present perilous condition of Hells-gate as left by nature and as it still exists and it is possible that he will interest himself in bringing about the desired improvements.

Annual Club Meeting.

At the annual meeting and election of the Regina Club held last evening the following named officers were elected:

R. M. De Gex, president; Capt. W. H. Scarth, vice-president; A. E. Marks, honorary secretary; T. C. Healy, treasurer; E. E. Tiffin, John L. Timmins, E. C. Senkler, R. L. Cowan, Wm. M. McKay, Leroy Tozier, J. B. Pattullo, Dr. W. A. Richardson, C. S. W. Boswell and J. S. Cote were elected an executive committee.

The club, with last evening's meeting, inaugurated a new social program for the ensuing year, which, while it has not yet been arranged in detail has been fully decided upon. One of the features of the proposed arrangement will be the giving of a smoker once a month, to which club members will be at liberty to invite their friends.

Pool and billiard tournaments will also be held during the winter at appropriate intervals.

A Lost Mascot.

Joy has departed from the hearts of the members of the Dawson fire department, and gloom hangs in deep and impenetrable folds about engine house No. 1. Where but a few brief hours ago laughter and song and the occasional plunk plunk of the banjo were heard, now all is silence and woe. Laughter has flown and songs have been drowned in tears, and the banjo has had its head kicked in and is hanging from the wall a miserable wreck in token of the grief that refuses to be consoled.

The chief is wearing large lines of care on his face instead of his usual pleasant smile, and there is talk of half-masting the flag and draping the machine in crape.

All this is due to the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the small brown bear which has been acting as a mascot for some time past for the department.

It has been the practice to take the mascot's chain off every evening and let him go down under the rear of the engine house, where he sleeps with his friends the puppies, of which there are a whole family, also pets of the hall. Night before last the young mascot was turned loose and went to bed, supposedly in his usual happy frame of mind, after having done his regular evening cake walk to banjo accompaniment, and since the next morning when he first got up, he has not been seen.

Many theories to account for his disappearance have been advanced, among them the one that during a fit of melancholy or temporary insanity he committed suicide by drowning in the Yukon. Chief Stewart will not entertain this idea, and rather leans to the belief that some party or parties unknown have stolen or enticed away the mascot, and should this theory prove the correct one the person who has so far forgotten himself as to steal a mascot from the fire department is likely, if caught, to have good reason to remember the occurrence for many moons to come.

Extending Sidewalks.

The narrow sidewalk which has heretofore extended along Third avenue only as far as the town police station is to be replaced by a new walk eight feet wide and which will be extended northward along the avenue to Sixth street. This will prove of great benefit to residents of the northeast portion of the city, as heretofore they have been required to travel roundabout routes to and from their homes and the business part of the city. Although rather late in the season for sidewalk building to take a spurt, it is but a verification of the assertion that the coffee mills of the gods grind slowly, but they are pulverizers when they once get started.

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POLICE COURT NEWS.

Arsene Gagnon, proprietor of the Madden House restaurant, is becoming tired of being taken for an easy mark and worked by bums, so last night he had Ernest Welch, a decided brunette who has the air of a deep water sailor, arrested for eating a "square" for which he refused to pay, saying when asked for the pay by the cashier, "I worked the cook and waiter; now you work me if you can." Welch, who has been a deck-hand on the Tyrrell during the past few weeks, said he has been promised transportation out of the country by Manager Davies, of the D. & W. transportation company, and Magistrate McDonnell suspended sentence in his case until he has a chance to get out, and if he fails to go he will be introduced to a royal saw.

Hearthless Hope yesterday indulged in the fighting brand of hooch until he conceived the idea he could fight an entire precinct, and he had his coat off and was about to begin to demonstrate that he meant what he said, when Constable Scofield happened that way. All signs of a pugnacious disposition had faded this morning, and about all Hearthless had left was a chestnut brown taste. He was assessed \$10 and costs or ten days in the fuel refinery, and as there were no funds in sight, Hearthless will saw.

Dick Brown, not the poo-bah of the water front, but another Dick Brown, assumed rights of ownership over the Hotel McDonald last night in that he entered that hostelry and used very bad language and declined to desist when so requested by the clerk, and until a constable appeared on the scene and relegated him to the Hotel de Guard. This morning Djek said "Yer honor, I have been in the country seven years and this is the first time." But his spiel did not serve to mitigate the rigors and a fine of \$15 and costs or 14 days labor a la buck saw was imposed.

River News.

The C. D. Co.'s steamer Canadian which arrived at 8 p. m. yesterday and will depart this evening, brought with her the following named passengers: C. K. Wilson, Mrs. Calder and son, I. C. Ward, J. W. Eilbeck, J. H. Russell, J. O. Johnson, Mr. Dudley, H. C. McCauley, L. S. Downing, J. Cook, J. T. Roeman.

Aside from the arrival of the Canadian everything along the water front is very quiet, as the business for the season is about over.

Many tickets have been sold for the Canadian, and the probabilities are that she will go out this evening with a long passenger list.

The Zealandian's sailing seems to be somewhat problematical, and is probably largely dependent upon the number of tickets sold, as it was said this morning at the office of the C. D. Co., that she might not go up the river again earlier than next spring, and it now seems quite within the limits of possibility that there will be but one more boat up the river this fall, and that she may not carry passengers.

Much inquiry is usual at this season concerning late shipments of freight, and this year is no exception to the rule. Shipping offices generally are being besieged by inquiries of this nature.

The trim little steamer Wilbur Crimmin, Capt. C. S. Moody, will sail Saturday for Whitehorse with passengers, having given up her proposed trip to Eagle. For particulars regarding reservations and rates, see Lew Craden. The steamer Clifford Sifton arrived last evening with four passengers.

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