

# DISTRICT FINANCES

As Shown by Mr. Lithgow's Report Submitted by Commissioner Ross.

\$119,777.88 FOR PRESENT QUARTER

Which Does Not Include Cost of New School Building.

## TAXES AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Only Sources From Whence Much Revenue Is Derived—Now in Sight, \$105,000.

From Friday's Daily. Commissioner Ross presented to the council last evening the following statement from Comptroller Lithgow showing the financial condition of the territory at the present time and the amount necessary to carry on the government up to June 30th, 1901.

"I have the honor to enclose a statement of the amount that will probably be required to carry on the necessary services of the local government for the three months ending June 30th, 1901, which is placed at \$119,477.88, including overdraft at Canadian Bank of Commerce, which was \$49,777.88 on March 31st. In this I have no estimate of expenditure for the schools other than to carry on the services as at present constituted. If it is the intention to erect a school building a further sum will have to be provided. In considering the amount likely to be required for the medical board of health, the ordinary services have been provided for, and I have not anticipated any extra expenditure from the outbreak of an epidemic such as visited us last fall.

"In estimating the probable revenue for the same period I consider that we should receive from liquor licenses the sum of \$51,000 and from the collection of taxes \$52,000, and from minor sources the sum of \$2,000. This gives a sum of \$105,000 which I think we can fairly count on receiving, leaving the amount that may be received from liquor permits undetermined. I would also point out that we have claims against the Dominion government for expenditures on roads and bridges amounting to \$94,597.15, which we may reasonably expect to have refunded."

Appended to the above was a statement of the amount of the appropriations in each fund and the amount expended up to the present time and the probable expenditure from now to June 30th of each fund, giving the totals as stated above.

**Yukon Council Finance Committee.** The finance committee of the Yukon council held a meeting Wednesday afternoon and prepared the following report which was submitted to the council last evening:

It is recommended that no action be taken in the matter of objections to assessment made on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Bank of B. N. A., Ames Mercantile Co., Julian Blaker, Trading and Exploring Co., and Olaf Olsen, as the committee is of the opinion that they cannot now be considered.

It is recommended that the sum of \$100 be paid to Dr. Madore in full settlement of his services for vaccinating people at Fort Selkirk.

The account of Mr. Dugas in his capacity of acting registrar for search of records made by Mr. Langellen in connection with partnerships, is not recommended for payment.

Action on the account of D. G. Stewart for wood was deferred awaiting a report from Capt. Starnes.

In the account of A. Klimash for care of indigent sick at Selkirk the committee was of the opinion that the Victoria Trading Co., of Victoria, is liable and therefore payment was not recommended.

In the matter of licenses to transient traders no further information had been obtained.

Action on the request of the Board of Trade of Whitehorse for assistance to purchase a steam fire engine was deferred for consultation with the board of fire commissioners.

Mrs. Bissler's account for \$72 for care of indigent sick at Whitehorse was recommended for payment.

In regard to the communication of H. E. A. Robertson on behalf of Mrs. McNabb asking for compensation for damages sustained by accidentally falling into a ditch the committee was of the opinion that the council was not liable and therefore no payment was recommended.

Geo. P. Sprout, of Sulphur creek, is in town on business.

# NO REST FOR WICKED

Diversified Labor for Prisoners at the Barracks.

As spring advances there is less demand for firewood and the royal fuel factory does not present the scenes of activity it did when thermometers registered from 50 to 75 degrees below zero. But the decreasing demand for fuel in no way effects the prisoners in whose sentences the words "hard labor" were incorporated. They are merely taken from the woodpile and placed in the wheelbarrow brigade and kept busily at work cleaning up the premises ten hours each day and six days each week.

One particular sturdy looking individual who can be seen these days propelling a wheelbarrow around over the barracks grounds is Jacob Rosenfeld, alias "Uncle Joe Hoffman." Jacob does not pick his feet up like a Hambletonian when he moves but he is kept regularly at it and before the year for which he was sentenced has leaked out, he will doubtless think the \$50 he obtained at the Stockholm bath was the hardest earned money he ever spent in all the days of the years of his pilgrimage through this vale of tears.

James Slorah, who is sentenced for life for the killing of Pearl Mitchell, also has a position between the handles of a wheelbarrow.

# GEORGE O'BRIEN

Will be Tried on June 3rd for Minto Murders.

The date for the trial of Geo. O'Brien on the charge of the triple murder at Minto on Christmas day in '99, was this morning set by Justice Craig to be held on the 3d day of June.

There are 12 witnesses for the crown in Dawson at the present time and it is expected to have the rest of them here by the first boat.

Mr. Wade said this morning that one of the witnesses for the crown had stated that he had seen O'Brien in Utah in 1891, while as a matter of fact O'Brien had served a seven years' term in the penitentiary in England from 1887 to 1894 for attempted murder and therefore he would cable to England for the former conviction and have it here by the time of the trial so that there would be no doubt on that point.

# DRUGGISTS OBJECT

To the Defacement of Their Sidewalks With Objectionable Signs.

A local druggist who believes in advertising in other mediums than newspapers employed a man last night to paint upon the board walks of the town huge feet, in which were inscribed "Rush on past here to Blank's drug store" and other similar expressions. That in itself was not particularly objectionable, although the work cannot be said to add to the beauties of the landscape, but, owing to the zeal of the painter the walks immediately in front of competitive drug stores were decorated in this manner.

When the different druggists saw this morning how their sidewalks were being used to their own possible disadvantage, they waxed wroth, and one after the other sent word or called in person on the wily druggist demanding the immediate obliteration of the offending signs. This morning one of the proprietors could be seen removing the advertisement by scrubbing out the lettering with a broom.

The painter is evidently something of a humorist for once when instructed to paint a sign for the same people in front of a store in which they were selling clothing as a side line during dull times, he produced the following: "Slaughter house. Prices shot to hell." The sign was removed.

# A Packed House.

There was not a vacant seat at the Standard last night and no vacant standing room. It was family night and families were there by the hundreds. In the play "Sam" of Posen, the reputation of the house and of the cast were fully and ably sustained. The management should, on the occasion of a crowded house such as was witnessed last night, provide a sufficient number of ushers to properly seat ticket holders as they arrive and thereby avoid confusion and the necessity of having to produce ticket stubs for inspection at irregular intervals during the performance. Next week that very popular play, "Shore Acres" will hold the boards and it is needless to say it will be a winner.

Tom L. Green, P. McDiarmid, of Hunker, Wm. Northrup, of Hunker, and Dr. Carpe, are registered at the Regina today.

# PUBLIC WORKS

Committee Reports Lengthy Document to Council Last Night.

## RECOMMENDED LOWER SULPHUR ROAD

Be Built Via Eldorado and Quartz Instead of Upper Sulphur.

## SIDEWALKS WILL BE BUILT

First Avenue Slough Bridge to be Repaired—In Respect to Much Used Express in Report.

From Friday's Daily. The committee on public works last night at the regular meeting of the council submitted the following report:

In respect to the application of Road Supervisor Martin Gately for an increase of salary your committee recommends that no action be taken at present; that one man be placed in supervision of all the roads and that sub-foremen be appointed under him to look after the various roads.

In respect to the petition of the residents of lower Sulphur creek to have the road to Eureka built via Sulphur creek, your committee recommends that the road be built via Eldorado and Quartz creeks.

In respect to a petition for a sidewalk along First avenue between South Second and Fourth streets and along South Second street, between First and Second avenues in the Day addition; and the petition for a sidewalk on the south side of Fourth street in the government reserve from First avenue to Fifth avenue and along the west side of Fifth avenue to Third street; and the petition for a sidewalk on Sixth street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, commencing at the terminus of the present walk at the corner of Sixth street and Fifth avenue and continuing the distance of one block east to Sixth avenue, your committee recommends that these sidewalks be built according to the sidewalk ordinance under the supervision of the engineer; and that the legal adviser be asked to form an amendment to the sidewalk ordinance under instruction from the commissioner. In respect to the petition for a change in location of a government ridge road between Cook's roadhouse and Sulphur Springs roadhouse, your committee recommends that the sites be changed in accordance with the desire of the petitioners.

In respect to the replanking of the bridge across the slough on First avenue your committee recommends that this be done and that an eight-foot sidewalk be placed on the east side of the bridge outside the present railing.

In respect to the petition for the digging of a ditch along the north side of Mission street your committee recommends that this ditch be dug forth with under instructions from the engineer.

In respect to a communication from Edward Monahan as to the flooding of his property by reason of a blind ditch constructed by the water works' company, your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the engineer for report to the commissioner.

In respect to a petition for a road from Grand Forks along Bonan a creek to Victoria, the committee recommends that this petition receive consideration as soon as funds are available for the construction of such a road.

In respect to the consideration of the right of ownership to the bridge across the Klondike and the purchase of the same, your committee recommends that the matter of ownership be referred to the legal adviser and that the council take into consideration the construction of a new foot bridge at this point.

In respect to the petition changing the site of the Eldorado creek road from one limit to the other and the contra petition to have it remain where it is, your committee recommends that no action be taken at the present.

In respect to the complaints against peddlers occupying more or less permanent stands on the public streets, and the application of Samuel Callahan to be permitted to erect such a stand your committee begs for further time in which to consider this matter.

**Landmark Doomed.** London, April 6.—The Black Bull Inn, the last of the ancient hosteries in Holborn, is to be pulled down. It was here that Dickens laid the scene of the nursing experiences of Mrs. Gamp and Betsy Pring, and where the immortal "Sairie" perpetrates so many of her historic expressions. After standing for over 300 years, it is now to make way for modern buildings, which will soon replace all the old haunts.

# TOOK ROCK AND RYE

Which Produced Buzzing Sensation in His Head.

C. M. Bell was the only prisoner before Magistrate Starnes this morning and he would not have been there had he not been a disturbing factor on First avenue yesterday afternoon. In extension of his actions Bell said that while at work in a mine the previous day three large rocks had fallen upon his head producing a buzzing sensation; that he had decided to lay off a day and came to town; that he took only three drinks of whisky, one for each rock, presumably to get the right proportion of rock and rye. It is needless to say that rock and rye properly proportioned will create a buzzing in the head which is followed by a dark chestnut sorrel taste similar to that observed in water stonily impregnated with sulphur. The court admitted that Bell may have been injured, but could not see why a buzzing in the head should have walked hand in hand with profanity and abusive language. An option of paying \$10 and costs or of laboring eight days was offered, but so far as Bell was concerned there was no option about it. He just didn't have the price and will wheel.

Mrs. Richard R. Butler, of 34 above Bonanza, is a guest at the McDonald hotel.

# HORSEBACK INSPECTION

German Consul Wensky Makes Tour of Creeks.

Walter Wensky the German consul has just returned from an eight days' tour of inspection to the creeks. He had gone up the Klondike, visited Hunker, Minto creek, Gold Bottom, Gold Run, Lower Dominion, Veronica creek (going into Dominion just opposite Gold Run) Indian river, Eureka, Sulphur and Bonanza creek.

The government roads, especially on the ridge still afford very good sledding, only few places being bare, except from Dawson to the Eightmile roadhouse and on Bonanza up to the Forks, where all the snow is gone, while the trail from the head of Bonanza (96) down to the Forks is in a deplorable condition.

Consul Wensky is very favorably impressed by the activity shown and by the work done all along the line during the winter months.

Large dumps are taken out on 3 above, 7 below, 19, 24, 33, 35 and 47 below on Hunker, on Gold Run all the way down from 41 to the mouth of it, where the biggest dumps belong to Chute & Willis and Davis & Rutledge. The hillsides on Gold Run are being worked considerably too. Gold Run continues to move to the front as a gold producer and is liable to be one of the best.

Very little work is done on lower Sulphur creek, where hardly any dumps are to be seen below 34 below discovery, while above this point considerable activity has been displayed. The working of the claims has now generally been stopped, the season being so far advanced that foul gases accumulate where wood is burned for thawing, rendering it dangerous to enter the shafts and drifts, while the owners of steam plants are waiting for the water to flow freely so as to enable them to dump right into the sluice boxes and thus avoid a second handling of the dirt.

Sluicing in general has not commenced yet, except in some few places on Bonanza where the happy owners can afford to thaw their dumps.

**Historical Landmark Removed.** The water house which for the past two winters has been located on Second avenue near Third street and which has been the occasion of much trouble such as lawsuits and fistie encounters, but which held its own against all comers, has been removed by the water company, voluntarily and in its own good time, taking with it both benedictions and maledictions, pleasant and bitter recollections. Covered with ragged bills advertising everything from prima donna down to Mustang liniment, this ham bone of contention was taken from its moorings last night and now rests from the crabs of shady avenue. Of this building it may be truthfully said it is gone but not forgotten.

**They are Moving.** But four more days remain in which the painted denizens of Fourth and Fifth avenues between Second and Third streets can remain in their present quarters, in fact fully half of them have already moved and are now located across the toll bridge in Klondike City and within a few days the haunts that knew them once will know them no more forever. What formerly sin, vice and debauchery held high carnival, owls will hoot at midnight and bats will play hide and seek through broken windows of deserted houses.

Fresh home grown lettuce and radishes are on sale in the market today.

# PAY YOUR TAXES

Before Tuesday Evening, April 30, and Get Benefit of Ten Per Cent. Discount.

## COLLECTOR AND DEPUTY KEPT BUSY

Between \$7,000 and \$8,000 Collected Within Past Week.

\$31,000 OF \$90,000 PAID IN.

Next Three Days Will Bring in Several Thousand Dollars—Full Amounts After May 1.

From Friday's Daily

Tax Collector Ward Smith and his efficient deputy, G. A. Calvert, take lunch by turns these days, one of them being at the collector's desk and ready for business every minute during office hours. The cause of the rush of taxpayers just at the present time is not that they want to get rid of their money but that they are desirous of keeping as much of it as possible; hence the rush to pay taxes during the period when a ten per cent reduction is allowed, which period will expire with the closing of the office on the evening of next Tuesday, April 30th.

Of the total levy which amounts to \$90,000, \$31,000 has been paid in, and between \$7,000 and \$8,000 of that amount have been taken in since Monday morning of this week. It is expected that Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, the only three days of grace remaining, will be busy ones with the collectors.

During May and June the full face of the amount will be collected and after June 30th a penalty of five per cent will be attached.

The collector's desk is the first one inside the commissioner's and comptroller's general office and can not be missed even by the blind. The collector and his deputy smile so pleasantly in passing over tax receipts that much of the pain incident to parting with money is not experienced by those who do business with them.

# WILSON'S LIEN LAW

Again Deferred for Further Consideration.

The discussion of Wilson's miners' lien ordinance occupied a large portion of the time at the Yukon council meeting last night. Notwithstanding the fact that the retroactive clause was considered the most dangerous and difficult part of the ordinance and had been stricken out, yet after a discussion of an hour and a half it was found necessary to pass it up again for another week in order that new recommendations which were made last night might be incorporated in the bill by the legal adviser.

Copies of the recommendations as made by the Board of Trade were in the hands of the councilmen and where they did not create too much of a change in the purpose of the ordinance, they were adopted.

The council went into a committee of the whole with Mr. Wilson as chairman, who read the ordinance by sections. The first three sections were approved as read.

Section four gives the lien priority over all mortgages or other transfers made and recorded before the work for which the lien is taken commenced. The Board of Trade recommended that the section be changed so that the lien or mortgage recorded first should take priority. As that, in the estimation of the legal adviser would practically nullify the whole intent of the ordinance, it was decided to allow the section to stand as read. Section five, with a few minor amendments was adopted. Section six, which in the ordinance provides for the registration of the lien to be made at the office of the gold commissioner or mining recorder was changed so that the liens should be filed in the registrar's office where the records can be kept together and open to inspection.

The reading went along very smoothly until the 17th section was reached when a snag was run into which nearly upset the whole proceedings.

This clause was considered by Legal Adviser Congdon the one to receive the most consideration as it opened an opportunity for injustice to be committed which it was desired to avoid.

Mr. Justice Dugas, speaking on the ordinance said: "To be frank with you it is my opinion that it will be

found impracticable to enforce such a lien. We are trying to create a lien on property which does not exist. It is well and good for a lien to be placed on a building, where the material is on the ground. In the Northwest territories and British Columbia where a miners' lien has been attempted the only attachable property has been found to be the cabin and the shafts on the claim and it will be found the same here, unless the lien can be made on the title to the property the same as the mortgage."

Mr. Congdon said: "Besides the objections raised there is a liability under the ordinance for a lien to be placed on the dump just at the time the washup commences which would stop all work and perhaps by the time the claim was settled the water would have gone as high as the dirt could not be washed up that year."

Mr. Wilson said that was an extreme view to take of the case although there was a possibility that it might happen. He thought that as laboring men are generally reasonable beings that the possibilities were small for such extreme measures to be taken.

After further discussion the questions involved were found to be of such importance that it was decided that further consideration would have to be given it, so on motion the committee arose and reported progress.

Church Notices.

Owing to the moving of St. Andrew's church it is found impracticable to hold services there next Sunday. On that day regular services will be held by Dr. Grant at Masonic hall on Mission street.

# ELECTIVE MEMBERS

Of Yukon Council May be Paid for Their Services.

Commissioner Ross stated at the council meeting last night that it is his intention to introduce a bill in the near future providing suitable remuneration to the elected members of the council. This he said is in accordance with the rules of the legislative bodies with which he has previously been connected, where all the elected members receive remuneration and he considers the elected members of the local council certainly entitled to remuneration for their services. He also stated that he had considered the advisability of changing the meetings of the council from once a week to once a month and thought that the change would be for the better. Instead of passing a bill from week to week as is now done the council could sit two or three nights at a session if necessary to complete the business. This was considered a good suggestion by the council and while no action was taken last night, the change in the meetings will probably go into effect next week.

Mr. Wilson thanked the commissioner for the expression of the interest which he has taken in behalf of the elected members and said he thought that the remuneration should extend to the appointed members as well as the elected. Justice Dugas informed him that appointed members in the council cannot receive compensation for their services.

The matter of erecting a school building was discussed and a meeting of the board of public instruction will be called in a short time to further consider the matter.

# Discoveries of Gold

Reports have recently received here of rich gold discoveries in what is termed the Cape Dyer mining district, which is located on the shore of the Arctic ocean, about 20 miles north of Point Hope. The schooner Carrie and Annie brought the intelligence to Nome. The vessel anchored for ten days off the new district and Captain Forward and Frank Walters engaged in prospecting.

Mr. Walters is an experienced miner. His life has been spent in the famous gold fields of the world, and for a time past he has been interested in mining ventures in this part of Alaska. In speaking of the Cape Dyer district, Mr. Walters said:

"I have every confidence in the discoveries there. We prospected several tributaries, and we found on the surface from 6 to 35 cents to the pan. The two largest creeks empty into the Arctic ocean near Cape Dyer. One of these streams we called the Carrie and Annie, the other we named the Forward, Nugget and Snow gulches are tributaries of Carrie and Annie creeks. These four streams are gold bearing, and I am convinced that the precious metal can be found in paying quantities. I shall leave here in a few days for San Francisco, but next spring I expect to return with machinery and supplies to develop the claims which we have staked."

In order to record the locations Mr. Walters was elected recorder. He has appointed Patrick Maguire to act as deputy, and the latter will leave for the new district just as soon as sledging becomes good.—Nome News.

Contractor Davis is erecting a \$5000 cottage for Mr. Puckas at the corner of Seventh avenue and Hansen street.