

COUNCIL BROKE

In the Matter of Finances, All
Sources of Revenue Be-
ing Exhausted

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN JUNE.

Local Government Must Pay Bills
for Entertainment

OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Last Summer, Aggregating Over
\$5,000—That Trip of Dr. Mc-
Donald's to Selkirk.

From Thursday and Friday's Daily.
The meeting of the Yukon council
last evening was as all the others have
been of late, highly interesting, not to
mention instructiveness both in the
matter of history and diplomacy.

The first matter of particular interest
coming before the body was contained
in a little bill for \$32.50 coming from
the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co.—that,
and the explanation which accompanied
it. It appears from the latter that last
summer there resided at Selkirk a cer-
tain member of society who, being sick
and out of funds, desired to go to the
outside, so he appealed for assistance to
the Yukon council.

It chanced that the field force were
just about to depart from here and Com-
missioner Ogilvie requested an officer
of the departing company to look into
the matter at Selkirk, and if the case
was as stated, to take the indigent party
along.

In some way not wholly made clear,
Dr. McDonald, of the Good Samaritan
hospital, became connected with the
matter, not, however, by instruction,
as the commissioner states, and being
desirous of going up the river at this
time, took the matter of the indigent's
troubles into his hands and went to Sel-
kirk and reported upon the case, charg-
ing his transportation to the Yukon
council, who so far depreciated the
services of the doctor last evening as to
decide that inasmuch as he had not
been engaged professionally or other-
wise to visit indigent patients at Sel-
kirk he would be allowed the ordinary
fee of a visit and be further imbur-
sed by being allowed the privilege of set-
tling with the transportation company
for himself.

Just now when the matter of incor-
poration is being discussed on one hand
and the proposition of taxation on the
other, and the fact of a depleted ex-
chequer looking both ways from the
middle row, the matter of the bills aris-
ing from the entertainment of the gov-
ernor general and his lady presents a
very interesting and not wholly un-
amusing picture.

Mr. Ogilvie in explaining the matter
produced a telegram from Mr. Sirton
on the subject which stated his desire
that the commissioner as chief execu-
tive of the territory, receive the gov-
ernor general upon his arrival here in
an official way, and provide the proper
entertainment during his stay. Natural-
ly the commissioner took this to mean
that the federal government would see
the bills paid, which it now appears it
is trying to do in a somewhat original
manner.

The city built a number of arches
which cost \$2700 and for this the coun-
cil willingly paid, but the other ac-
counts were sent to Ottawa for settle-
ment.

Now comes a telegram, from the un-
der secretary stating that inasmuch as
there is no appropriation there covering
these accounts the territorial govern-
ment will naturally have to settle
them.

Further correspondence is in progress
concerning these bills which foot up
something over \$5000.

Statements from Mr. Lithgow were
produced showing that the territorial
government has to its credit in the
Bank of Commerce something more
than \$29,000, and that this money is
all owed.

Twenty-six thousand dollars is said
to be coming from the federal govern-
ment, but it has been coming for a

long time now and the date of its ar-
rival is not in sight. This is the last
of the \$70,000 refunded by Ottawa for
territorial road building.

The report further sets forth that all
sources of revenue ending the 30th of
next June, have been exhausted, and
that the only hope the council can en-
tertain of putting money again in its
coffers with which to pay bills and
carry on business lies in the collection
of taxes, and the report also hints
delicately that it would be wise to com-
mence the operation in the near future.

Immediately upon the heels of this
comes the resolution of Mr. Wilson that
the territorial government do pay its
employees not less than \$5 per day with
board, said board meaning lodgings
also, and further that a clause be in-
serted in all contracts let by the govern-
ment to the effect that the contractor
must pay his employees government
wages, or not less than \$5 a day and
board. This resolution went to the fi-
nance committee although seconded by
Justice Dugas, who made this a condi-
tion of his second, as it necessarily
hinges somewhat upon future develop-
ments.

It was pointed out that its immediate
effect will be to raise the salaries of
nearly the entire fire department from
\$150 per month to about \$210. School
teachers will be effected in the same
way, and all, in fact, who are drawing
less than the amount called for by the
resolution will find themselves bettered
by the change, but before it can be car-
ried into effect some money will have
to be forthcoming, and the only means
in sight is taxation, and the present
rate may have to be increased.

It must not be supposed that the
council is the only part of the govern-
ment machinery having troubles just
now, as it became quite evident last
evening that the registrars office is also
in possession of a woeful narrative.

The departure of Mr. Girouard, to at-
tend to the fixing of that O'Brien claim
for reimbursement of losses sustained
in connection with the tram conces-
sion, has left his office practically un-
filled inasmuch as the law governing the
incumbent is most wonderfully made
and forbids its being filled by any
other than a lawyer, either in chief or
by deputy, and consequently any cer-
tificate of sale signed by a deputy who
is not a lawyer is not legal.

When Registrar Girouard departed
upon his present business, a telegram
came from the interior department au-
thorizing the appointment of A. Dugas,
jr., to temporarily fill the office. Now
the junior Mr. Dugas is not a lawyer,
so he cannot make certificates valid by
affixing his signature, and in order to
make this matter right another tele-
gram was sent instructing that an ordi-
nance be passed creating A. Dugas a
member of the bar temporarily, without
the privileges of practice and only to
cover the necessities of the office. Con-
sequently the ordinance was forthcom-
ing last evening from Mr. Senkler, and
in order to put the registrar's office in
working order it was thought by some
members desirable to put the bill
through its third reading at once, but
Mr. Wilson thought this would be un-
fair to the members of the bar, and
others thought that it might give rise
to unfavorable comment by persons
either not understanding the situation
or being wilfully blind to its neces-
sities.

Justice Dugas' relationship to the
deputy registrar made his position
painfully embarrassing, and he asked
that the ordinance be withdrawn, but the
matter was finally compromised by
passing the bill through its first and
second reading only.

Then the meeting adjourned.

Oregon Will Be Repaired.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Secretary
Long, referring to the rumor that the
battleship Oregon will be sent to the
Mare Island navy yard for repairs, in-
stead of to the Puget sound naval sta-
tion, said tonight that the navy depart-
ment had taken no definite action in
the matter. Furthermore, he said, the
question would not be considered until
the time comes for ordering the Oregon
home. That will not be until the Ken-
tucky arrives on the Asiatic station,
probably in about three weeks. It was
expected that the Kentucky would reach
Manila at an earlier date, but she was
delayed by the visit to Smyrna in con-
nection with the American claims
against the Turkish government. No
orders have yet been sent to the Oregon,
but she will almost certainly be ordered
to this side of the Pacific soon after
the arrival of the Kentucky.

It is almost certain that the Oregon
will be repaired at the Bremerton sta-
tion. The Mare Island station is not
considered available for the purpose,
on account of the deep draught of the
vessel, and the comparatively shallow
channel leading to the Mare Island dry
dock.

Admiral Hichborn says that the
Oregon will go to Bremerton for the

necessary extensive repairs. That the
navy department has taken no formal
action to that end is due to the fact
that there has been no need for haste
in the matter. There has been no
thought of ordering the Oregon away
from the Asiatic station until the ar-
rival of the Kentucky.

Indian Runs Amuck.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 25.—John
Tiger, a fullblooded Indian, a ferryman
on the Arkansas river, two miles south
of Eufala, went to Eufala with his wife
this afternoon and while intoxicated
met L. B. Roper and threatened to kill
him. Roper immediately struck the
Indian with a board, no words passing
between them. Tiger went to his buggy,
got a Winchester and came back for
Roper, but failed a find him on his re-
turn. Enraged he proceeded to shoot
everyone he saw, shooting Jesse Beck
through the hips and killing him; shooting
and killing Dave Porter, a
nephew of Chief Porter, and a mover
named Johnson, on his way to Missouri
in a covered wagon, with his family.

Bud Taylor, aged 18, was shot through
the shoulder and is not expected to
live.

Tiger immediately jumped on a horse
and tried to escape, but was pursued.
Tiger was chased three miles when he
jumped off his horse, got behind a tree
and began shooting. Deputy Marshal
Johnson, who returned the fire struck
Tiger in the arm. The murderer sur-
rendered and was brought to Eufala.
Tiger's arm will have to be amputated.

Great indignation prevails over the
free sale of liquor and firearms.

J. Smith, who lives two miles south
of Checotah, became involved in a quar-
rel with T. Thompson over the shoot-
ing at Eufala and began shooting,
Thompson being mortally wounded.

Mrs. Alvord's Jewels.

New York, Dec. 25.—The trial of
Cornelius Alvord, jr., defaulting cashier
of the First National bank, of this city,
is set for tomorrow, in the United
States district court. The amount of
his defalcation is \$800,000.

One of the interesting features of the
trial, and which in all probability will
be brought out by the United States
district attorney, is the amount of res-
titution of the stolen funds made up to
this time. The officers of the First
National bank have been reticent on
this point ever since Alvord's arrest.
The sale of his effects in his home in
Mount Vernon realized very little.
Where the bank really made good part
of its loss was, it is said, in turning
over of Mrs. Alvord's jewelry. Their
value has been estimated at not less
than \$150,000, and the story goes that
they were taken to the bank and placed
in the custody of one of the officers,
who locked them up in a strong box
until they could be appraised and sold.
How long these gems were in the pos-
session of Mrs. Alvord is not known.
It is said she has had them four years,
and that they were presents from her
husband. The whole story is expected
to come out before the prosecution
closes its case.

Missing Maggie Hoel

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 25.—The police
have failed thus far to unearth any clue
to the whereabouts of Maggie Hoel, the
young lady who mysteriously disap-
peared, three days ago, from her
uncle's home, near the city. The im-
pression is growing that she left of her
own accord. One theory is that the
girl fled to avoid fulfilling her marriage
engagement, which was set for two or
three months ahead. Another is that
she has fallen into bad hands. In either
case, however, it does not seem that she
would have gone without either her hat
or wraps.

There is a probability that the un-
known and well dressed woman who
was in that vicinity in a coach drawn
by white horses, on the morning pre-
vious to her disappearance, had some
connection with the mystery, though
the strange woman gave a sharp and re-
pelling reply to Miss Hoel when the
girl inquired if she could assist her.
The house is in an isolated place in the
river bottoms, surrounded by thickets,
and the presence there of a fine coach
and richly dressed woman is something
very unusual.

Met "Soapy" Smith.

He was a man with a satchel, a cane,
a game leg and a troubled countenance
as he landed from a train at the Union
depot and inquired who was the boss
around here. The special officer was
at hand to ask him what was wanted,
and he promptly replied:

"I charged a \$10 bill for a feller on
the train, and it is a counterfeit, and I
want to know if the railroad will make
it good to me?"

"No, sir, of course not," replied the
officer.

"Won't eh? I didn't hardly s'pose
they would, but I thought I'd ask.
Another feller asked me to play poker
with him, and when we got through I

was out \$5. Will the railroad make it
up to me?"

"No, sir."
"Won't eh? I kinder thought they
wouldn't, but it don't do hurt to ask.
A feller on the train had a terbacker
box which he said he'd bet I couldn't
open after he had showed me how. I
took the bet and lost \$5. The railroad
will give me that back, won't they?"

"No, sir. No railroad takes care of
idiots who travel," replied the officer.
"Don't, eh? I thought th-y did,
but if you say they don't, that settles
it. A feller on the train had three
kerds, and he flung 'em around and bet
me \$2 I couldn't pick out the ace of
hearts. I took the bet and lost. Do
I get that back?"

"Not much. You seem to be a soft
mark for swindlers."

"Do you mean I'm easy to work?"

"For sure."

"Waal, I guess I am. So I don't git
nuthin back?"

"Not a thing. It's a wonder you got
here with your watch or a dollar in
money."

"But I didn't," replied the man
with a sad smile. "I bet watches with
a feller on the train and lost, and I
haven't but 15 cents in my pocket!"

"Well, you are the biggest green-
horn in the state of Ohio!" replied the
disgusted officer.

"Am I? I thought I was, but didn't
know for sure. Waal, goodby. I'm
goin up town, and I shall probably
meet a feller and lose this 15 cents be-
fore I git there!" M. QUAD.

Men Wanted.

Editor Klondike Nugget:
Dear Sir—Inquiries have been re-
ceived at the U. S. consulate for late
news of Mr. Geo. Corsa, who is known
to have left Dawson for the outside via
Skagway in August of this year. He is
inquired for by R. C. McCormick of
Jamaica, N. Y.

Inquiries are also made by the U. S.
consul at Winnipeg, Manitoba, concern-
ing the whereabouts of R. D. Adams,
formerly of Newdale, Manitoba, gen-
erally known as "Bob."

Information is also wanted concern-
ing N. S. Abraham, of Redlands, Cal.,
who was supposed to have left Dawson
for Nome during the winter of 1899-
1900.

Also Jno. Apfeld, formerly of Minne-
apolis, Minn., is anxiously inquired
after by his sister Josephine. She
mentions that her brother had often
written that he was a partner of Al.
Graham's.

Mrs. Elder of Oswego, N. Y., in-
quires for her son Seymour Borens.
Yours truly, H. TE ROLLER,
U. S. Vice-Consul.

Scranton Strikers Score.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 25.—Owing to
the successful work of the scouts of the
striking car men, ten of the thirteen
men from Syracuse, N. Y., to take
their places were sent home today, and
two others were induced to quit and
agree not to go back to work. One of
them was willing to leave town, but re-
fused to accept money from the strik-
ers. He said he would walk every step
to Syracuse rather than take money out
of the strikers' treasury. He said also
that he was told that there was no
strike here, and that if things were not
satisfactory when he arrived here he
would be furnished his fare home.

Only two cars were run in the whole
county today. One of these, on which
Superintendent Patterson was motor-
man, ran off the track at 11 o'clock,
and was so badly damaged that it had
to be taken to the barn. No other car
was sent to replace it, and at 1:30 the
other of the two cars was taken in and
housed.

Thirty-one men arrived tonight from
New York city to take the places of the
strikers, but 17 quit at the railroad
station at the solicitation of the strik-
ers' scouts and promised to go back to
New York. They say they were re-
cruited through advertisements in the
papers to come to Scranton to work on
a new road, and that none of them had
any idea there was a strike in progress
here.

Salt in the Blood.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The Record to-
morrow will say:

Experiments on turtles have con-
vinced Dr. Jacques Loeb and Prof. D.
J. Lingle, of the University of Chi-
cago, that common salt in the blood
makes the heart beat. What is more,
they claim that not only does salt keep
the heart in action, but that it may
possibly cause the heart to beat again
after it has once stopped.

For several months Dr. Loeb and
Prof. Lingle have been experimenting
to secure the necessary result to prove
their theory. They have conducted a
series of delicate scientific tests bear-
ing upon the pulsation of the heart and
today made public the announcement
that the results they obtained had ver-
ified beyond a doubt their theory that
the presence of salt in the blood caused
the beats of the heart.

ENGLISH MINISTERIAL PAY

Except in Political Offices Salaries
Are Small.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Draws
Most Princely Compensation of All
Her Majesty's Representatives.

There are some curious discrepancies
about the salaries attaching to the
offices in the ministry. Thus the most
important of all, the premiership, car-
ries no emolument, and indeed no
precedence, and the holder of it invari-
ably fills some other position. Lord
Salisbury has except for a brief period
when he was first lord of the treasury,
always attached to the chieftainship
the foreign office. Mr. Gladstone,
when he was not first lord of the treas-
ury, was generally chancellor of the
exchequer, and in his last ministry he
added to the former the sinecure of lord
privy seal (of course, without extra
remuneration), which Lord Salisbury
is now to occupy. Can any one explain
that while the secretary of war gets
£5000, the first lord of the admiralty
receives £500 less, except on the ground
that all her majesty's secretaries of
state are paid the same salary? The
most highly paid position is that of
lord lieutenant of Ireland £20,000, but
then there are social duties attaching
to that office and consequent expenses
which do not apply in other cases.

The lord chancellor gets £10,000—
half of which is as a judge of the high-
est court of appeals, and the other as
chairman of the house of lords—a gen-
erous remuneration. The lord chan-
celor of Ireland receives £2000 less, and
his duties are wholly judicial, unless
he is in the cabinet, as the present
occupant of the post is. Two thousand
pounds is the usual salary for such
minor posts as head of the board of
trade, the local government board, the
boards of agriculture, education and
works, while the postmaster general,
the director of the biggest business in
the kingdom, is repaid with £2500.
Gentlemen who hold the positions of
under secretary in the various depart-
ments are paid from £1500 to £2000.
On the whole it cannot be said that we
pay our professional politicians hand-
somer, unless they hold legal offices.
Probably the whole amount paid to Mr.
Gladstone during his parliamentary
career from the exchequer would not
have represented more than a few
years' income if he had turned manu-
facturer instead of devoting his life to
the service of his country. It is un-
necessary to say that there are other
compensations.—The London Chronicle

Woes of the Married Man.

"I say," said a friend the other day,
"you are an old hand at it. I have only
just got married and don't understand
much about the business. I should
like to know whether a married man
has any rights left when he takes unto
himself a wife?"

"Rights! Yes, lots. He has a right
to pay all the bills!"

"Stop! I mean this: Let me give
you an instance. Every box, every
chest of drawers and portmanteau, and,
in fact, every available receptacle of
every description, is stuffed full of my
wife's property, and when I want to
put away a few cuffs and collars!"

"Hold hard. I know what you mean.
Listen, young man. If your bed-room
were 200 yards long, lined from the
floor to the ceiling with shelves, and
you wanted a place to stow away a
couple of shirts, you couldn't find a
nook that wasn't full of hairpins,
scent bottles, pieces of ribbon, artificial
flowers, little bits of tape and buttons
galore, with pins and needles throw-
in, so just accept the inevitable. Wrap
your personal property in an old news-
paper parcel and hide it under the
bed."

He grinned ironically, but passed on
a sadder and wiser man.—Ex.

Turmoil on West Coast.

Manila, Dec. 25.—Advices to the As-
sociated Press from the island of Leyte
show that there is still considerable
turmoil on the west coast, but that the
east coast is quiet, the leaders having
retired to the mountains. Lieut. Frank
E. Lynch and three men of the Forty-
fourth volunteer infantry, were wound-
ed near Hongas on the west coast. Two
men of Company L, Forty-third volun-
teer infantry were killed, and three of
Companies L and F, together with
Lieut. Lewis H. Leaf, were wounded
December 13 near San Miguel, north-
western Leyte.

No decided results have yet been se-
cured by the 2000 United States troops
distributed among the coast towns of
Samar.