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seing made against anyone in particular still certainly a decidedly unsavory smell is in the sit." The Nuccer has framed a series of questions erystallizing the uncertain rumors and ain questionings and the Nuscer man presented himself in fairness to the gendeman most interested to give him an opporunity of answering them. Crown Prospenting Morney Wade made the NUGGET Weles antered fully into all matters brought up. He-

"Mr. Wade, did you or any other government official you know get a lot or lots in the government addition to Dawson?"

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I got no lot in the government addition ather directly or indirectly. I was thinking of applying for a lot up near the cempery. I thought of taking it as I might want to occupy a place to laye. E. Leroy Pelletter applied for the lot and it was granted him and heafterwards refused to take it."

"Do you or any other efficials own any at account?"

"I don't swn a single let. I don't own a foot d real estate in Klondike." "Do you or any other officials own lots in Harper & Ladue's towns:te?"

"I do not now."
"Then you did at one-time?"

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"Captain Biss and I bought a lot for \$6,000."
"Did you have to put up anything for the lot?"
"Yes," For the one lot we bought we paid down \$1000 and we were to pay the balance august ist. We have since disposed of that but to another party receiving for it, the \$1000 we maid, the vendee taking over our contract. Judge McGuire and I threw up our two lots at the foot of the hill."
"Did you lose the money you had reid?"

Did you lose the money you had paid?" "No. As we were going out they returned the payment. Virtually we sold the lots back."

Mr. Wade was then asked for the particulars at the leasing of the water front to Messrs. Morrison and McDonald. The gentleman produced a lot of correspondence which is conclused below. Under date of March 24 is an after for the water front from Wm. Bourke. The consideration is \$3,000, per year. The answer from Messrs. Fawcett and Wade was that they thought it should not be leased for more than a month at a time.

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Dated March 26 is a communication signed-Mex. Me Donald in which an offer of \$1,500 per month is made with an agreement to leave open certain streets, and water front for steamboat landings. The letter had been endorsed by Mr. Fawcett as "a very good offer" and was recommended to Mr. Wade's consideration.

Dated March 28, Mrs. L. D. Keiser made an offer of \$7,500 for one year and was answered that it was entirely can of the question as much better offers had already been made.

Dated the same day Mrs. Keiser amends her offer to \$120 per lot of 25 feet front which figures up about \$9,600 for the 2,000 feet of fron tage per year.

On the secondate March March 25.

per month.
Then comes the document as follows;
Dawson, Yukon District, April 9.
Messes: Morrison & McDonald,
Gentlemen:—Your letter of Masch 28th ult.
containing your offer to lease the river front of
Dawson opposite the Ladue survey, leaving all
streets, all 48s, and steamboat landings free and
clear and paying at the rate of \$2500 per month,
was duly received. was duly received.
On behalf of the Dominion government we

are willing to lease the front applied for, but

weeks days ago. They were informed that of properties and the properties of the properties and the propertie

of the proposed reserve of 100 feet for the government offices, as this reserve is to be made the string been made had not been communicated to him first time we may moment. This might damage us greetly at any moment. This damage us greetly at any moment. This damage us greetly at any moment. This might damage us greetly at any might damage us greetly at any moment. This damage us greetly at any might damage us gre

The foregoing is all the lease there is to the water front. The police were not immediately notified to clear the strip. Mr. Wade continuous

Shortly afterwards there commenced to arrive exaggerated reports of vast numbers of steamboats which would arrive up the river as steamboats which would arrive up the river as soon as the river was open. We commenced to thirt we might have been hasty in leasing the water front and had not kept enough ground for steamboat landings. May ist we obtained a surrender of the present open ground from Messrs. Morrison and McDonald for the sum of one dollar, the rentremaining the same. That is all there is to the lease of the much talked of water front."

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"I came here for one year and that year will be up in a few weeks—by the time I can reach the East. I never intended to remain here under any circumstances. The press reports that I have been appointed a member of the new council of the Yukon district make it difficult for ma to grow to the them. "Mr. Wade, have you seen any of those inter views in outside papers in which some of the officials at Dawson are accused of 'shady' actions?"

"I notice that some of the outside papers are making attacks on the actions of the officials here. They are basing those attacks on myself on the irresponsible statements of people who have not made it their business to inquire into my of the questions to which they refer or

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Mr. Wade Interviewed. EDITOR NUCCET:

A sub-committee appointed by the miners' committee to gather information with respect to residential areas in and around Dawson, interviewed Mr. Wade, the Dominion land agent, several days ago. They were informed that official notice had not yet been received at Daw-

Masses, Fawgert and Wade,

Dawson, April 44.

Gentlemen.—We are in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. with reterence to lease of Dawson we are willing to accept the bease, and all the terms sof our in the letter with the exception the present administration to the same policy.

Mr. Fawcett has since been asked by Mr. Wade, if any such assurances were extended by him and is positive they were not.

COL. D. MacGregor,

J. KNIGHT SMITH,

A. N. MCCUEN,

PERCY MCDOUGALL.

Dawson, April 14.

Messes. Morrison & McDonald,
Gentlemen: —We are in receipt of your lefter of this date and hereby agree to accept your proposition to lease with the modifications proposed by you in said letter. We are Years truly,

Thomas Fawcert, Gold Commissioner, F. C. Wade, Agent Lominion Lands.

The forcesting to all the logistations of the ground claimed by them, the committee will employ council to defend the first case, in order to test the legality of such eviction.

GEORGE T. C. ARMSTRONG, Chairman. PERCY McDougall, Hon Secretary.

Ran Into the Wall.

The steamer Josie Clossett met with disaster descending Miles canyon, August 2. Captain E. W. Smith was in charge of the ill-fated boat and when she commenced to leave the high-comb in the center and strike first on one wall and then on the other he kept his head remark-ably well and steered her ashore immediately below the rapids just in time to find shallow water for her to sink in. The steamer will be raised and repaired. Her 20 tons of freight and passengers came down on the Ora.

SPLENDID STEAMERS.

The A. C. Co. Does Itself Proud In Its New Steamboats Built on the Mississippi Plan.

Dawson works very like a single piece of machinery. Thousands of outfits have been sold on the streets in the past two or three weeks, and Dawson put down her prices to bedrock. Eight days ago several steamers arrived hearly together, and Dawson said we are to be inundated with provisions. The river has remained dated with provisions. The river has remained exceptionally high for this time of year, and Dawson rejoiced for the steamboats sakes. Two days and no steamboats—four, five, and Dawson's face commenced to lengthen and Dawson's face commenced to lengthen and Dawson commenced to size up her grub pile. Six, seveneight days, and none of the scores of steamboats arriving which were supposed to be on the way. The season of an open river was rapidly drawing to a close and Dawson commenced to ask herself if this winter was to be a repetition of last, when the police could not arrest and jail a man unless he was the fortunate on the irresponsible statements of people who have not made it their business to inquire into any of the questions to which they refer, or who are actuated by a pure malignity because they have been refused privileges which could not properly be granted. From internal evidence of these interviews I have no doubt as to the persons who are responsible for them and an aware of the motives which have actuated them, and their notives are anything but-creditable to themselves. Two persons who have been particularly active in making underhand and anonymous attacks on me sought to gain privileges from the government by improper methods, and one of them has since complained, and with good cause—that he received rough treatment at my hands. Those persons who gave those interviews outside caraculty refrained from giving them while here; preferring the cowardly course of attacking, at a distance of thousands of miles, men who were not present to defend themselves and expose the reasons for, and emptiness of the attack."

The Negger explained that the object of the interview was that anyone accused should simply be given a chance to be heard. The rumors had been in the air and it was not at all improper that they should be put to the persons interested. The talk had been that there had been no consideration of bids in awarding the water front. It had even been stated in a roundabout way that higher bids had been made than by the gentlemen getting the lease. As will be seen. Mr. Wade enters

The Susie was built at Unalaska and is by far the handsomest boat which has yet plied the Yukon. She is 215 feet long and broad in proportion. Her engines are the best that could be procured. She has two tiers of cabins, is equipped throughout on the model of a Missis sippi steamer and painted inside and out, a pure white.

capt. Dalson brought her from St. Michaels in 17 days and five hours without a mishap of any kind. The Susie is one of three sister boats which will all be here shortly. She brought up some 55 passengers and 500 tops of provisions.

There is one thing about the A. C. Col boats, which is doing much every day towards making the hours reconstruction.

Thursday, August 11th, at 4 p. m. Staterooms and Meals on Board. APPLY TO F. W. TROUNCE, AGENT.,

There is just as great a rush now to get away from it as there was early in the Spring to get in. Hardships and dangers that defy descrip-tion have been undergone by the men who crossed the Valdes glacier led by the glowing reports that came out during last fall and win-

As is generally known copper River headsup in the neighborhood of Forty Mile. An Indian trail runs over the divide between the two streams and hence the trip across is not an exceedingly difficult one

Many of the Copper River people will come out over this trail and down Forty Mile during the coming winter. Some few have come already, among them being Mr. S. M. Taylor, of Idaho. Mr. Taylor left Veldes on the 10th of February and went up the Copper River nearly to its headwaters. It required fully five months of sledding, packing and beating to reach his destination and then nothing but disappointment awaited him. Traces of gold were discovered in many places just as they end be found along the Ynkon all the way from Dawson to the Pelly, but no ground sufficiently rich to justify working had been discovered up to Mr. Taylor's departure and at that time most people were on a stampede to get out of the country.
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The greatest difficulty in getting into the Copper River country was experienced in crossing the glacier. Mr. Taylor and his party spent 30 days in making a distance of 17 miles and even then were making progress above the average. Very few animals were worked, as nearly every man stedded or packed his own outfit. In fact the character of the country is such that the use of animals is almost prohibited.

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Probably in the neighborhood of 7000 people landed at Valdes en route up the Copper River. of this number less than 1000 succeeded in getting any distance up the stream.

Mr. Taylor left his outfit cached on Copper River and brought with him only enough to last during his trip across.

The trait strikes Forty Mile at Franklin guich about 75 miles from its source. From the Tanana to Franklin guich the trail is well defined and travelling is good.

With Mr. Taylor came Mr. A. N. Nessler whe owns a claim on Chieken creek, Forty Mile, Mr. Nessler states that things on Forty Mile are looking very favorable. A great deal of development is already under way and more will be done during the coming fall and wirter. Benehes are being staked on Chieken creek. There are now between 300 and 400 men on the different creeks of Forty Mile. Two new creeks have recently been struck on the north fork of Forty Mile. The best prospects so far amount to \$1.50 to the pan.

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The trip from Franklin gulch to the Tanama can be made in about six days. This is the popular route for getting into the Tanama country. Parties are leaving Forty Mile every few days to get over into the Tanama country. The Tunama is struck at an Indian village about 300 miles above the mouth. The Indians ara very friendly to the white and seem very much pleased to have the white men in their neighborhood.

WILL BE OPEN FOR RE-LOCATION.

The Date set but a Difficulty Arises as to the Interpretation of the New Law.

September first is the date which has been set for declaring open to the public all unrepresented claims. As is well known the ruling has been that deserted claims all reverted to the crown and were not open for re peation. The result would have been in a few months the tying up from the pick of the prospector of entire creeks and vast areas all over the district. That the crown or its representatives would never get in and prospect goes without

would never get in and prospect goes without saying and the results would simply have been disastrous.

A point to be decided by the courts is the interpretation of the new regulation where it says "The claim shall be open for relocation." Under the old regulations very many of these claims were measured off at 500 feet. The new regulations give a man but 250, so that one old claim makes two new ones. The new invested and there is some uncertainty at headquarters as to whether or not in re-locating, a man can take 500 feet or just the 250 feet he would get had the ground flever before been staked.

Dawson's Fire Apparatus.

The Portus B. Weare comes in Tuesday morning loaded down to the guards with freight. Among the freight is Dawson's fire engine, chemical engines, hose-carts, hook-and-ladder apparatus and the thousand-and-one things necessary to a first-class fire department. Now to organize a department of "fire laddies."

The KLONDIKE NUGGET WIll in a few days remove to permanent winter quarters at the old stand of the Vienna Bakery on Front street, he low the N. A. T. Co.'s store.

There is no registration of deaths in Dawson. and the Nuguer would like if its friends would bring such items to the office.

Sir Knight John D. Rainey, was buried by his Masonie friends on Tuesday. The deceased was an ex-chief of the fire department at Ta-

Jas. D. Debow died at the hospital and was buried on Sunday last; The pall-bearers were John Miscall, Fred Hazlett, Fred Redwood, J. R. Fenton, W. Webb and W. H. Wilson. The deceased and most of his friends are from Los Angeles, Cal.