

## MUST BE ABROGATED

### Is Sentiment Toward Treadgold Grant

#### Good Meeting at A. B. Hall Last Night When Matter Was Discussed.

The A. B. hall was comfortably filled last night by a crowd eager to hear the report of the committee of 24 appointed at a previous mass meeting for the purpose of investigating fully the status of the Treadgold matter, ascertain what had been accomplished in the way of relief and make further recommendations as to the future. The meeting was called to order by A. J. Prudhomme, who briefly stated the object of the assemblage and that Mr. Black would give the report of the work done by the committee. Mr. Prudhomme was subsequently made chairman and Mr. Black secretary of the meeting.

The latter in submitting his report said he would cover the work done by his committee since the adjournment of the mass meeting held February 24. At a previous meeting held by the committee the recommendations presented had in part been carried out. Of the delegates chosen to go to Ottawa and protest against the Treadgold concession, two had not gone. J. F. Sugrue, Dawson's representative, had been provided with funds, however, and he accompanied by Arthur Wilson, the representative of the creeks, had taken their departure for that purpose. Nothing was heard from them until April 20, when a wire was received announcing the partial cancellation of the concession. April 23 the committee was called together when it was learned their indebtedness was considerable in excess of the funds on hand. In reply to the telegram received from the delegates the following was sent them:

"Efforts satisfactory; results disappointing. People demand complete abrogation. Reply."

On the 24th by a resolution passed by the committee in session it was resolved to return the questions for final disposition to a mass meeting, they being considered of too great magnitude to be dealt with by the committee. The meeting tonight was in pursuance of that determination.

Before the report was moved for adoption the chairman invited remarks from anyone upon the subject. Mr. Schalkenbach, of Hunker, in response to repeated demands took the platform. He was rather averse to speaking until after the resolutions had been adopted, but finally consented. In the course of his remarks he said the miners of Hunker had met at Gold Bottom on Tuesday evening and had not been at all backward about taking action upon the matter. In mass meeting assembled they had condemned the amended order in council and today they had wired the delegates to demand the complete cancellation of

the Treadgold grant. The meeting was largely attended and he hoped Dawson would do as well. The miners are determined to keep at it until the whole thing is cancelled.

The chairman asked what the pleasure of the meeting was as to the report, expressing the desire that some one would propose either its adoption or rejection. Captain Galpin moved its adoption, which was carried.

Mr. Prudhomme stated that if any further instructions were to be given the delegates he would be pleased to hear from anyone who had any suggestions to offer.

Mr. Beddoe upon being called for spoke at considerable length, showing a thorough familiarity with the different provisions of both the original and amended order in council. The question, said he, of the modification of the Treadgold concession was one which admitted of a wide diversity of opinion. The original grant to Treadgold contained certain exclusive privileges some of which it appears have been quashed. The telegram received from Sugrue was gone into in detail, likewise one which the speaker had sent to Commissioner Ross and the reply which had been received. Considerable stress was laid upon the wording of section 10 which distinctly expresses the words "abandoned claims." The distinction between lapsed and abandoned claims was shown, and the ambiguity of certain sections and the different interpretations they were capable of was clearly brought out. Mr. Beddoe's remarks were listened to with the closest attention and in conclusion he submitted that the present order in council should be objected to by reason of its ambiguity and the fact that its terms are not clearly expressed. It is not safe to accept it in its present form. The delegates should be communicated with and the difficulty removed.

Dr. Alfred Thompson upon being called to the stage stated that he was not present for the purpose of making any extended remarks but more to show his sympathy with the movement. He was opposed to monopolies upon general principles, particularly to anything pertaining to the Klondike.

"I notice in the press, particularly in one instance," said the doctor, "editorials condemning agitators and calling people agitators who participate in them. I wish to take exception to those statements and call attention to the fact that the man who is most persistent in making them has been here less than six months and is unacquainted with past history of the country. He is incompetent to say whether this band of agitators as he calls them is doing good or not."

The doctor took several other falls out of the editor of the Sun which were loudly applauded. Reference was made to the exclusive right given Treadgold to the water power of the Klondike, and also to the prior right the concessionaire had to all quartz discovered within the boundaries of his grant, both of which were characterized as being ridiculous, absurd. He would advocate that the delegates be instructed to use all their power in securing the complete abrogation of the Treadgold grant.

C. M. Woodworth went at it in his usual characteristic way—hammer and tongs straight from the shoulder. He said with a smile that he

had been called an agitator so long that he had become used to it and paid no attention whatever to it. The Sun came in for a drubbing and a hit was made when the speaker remarked that "when a man was anxious to be right he was almost always against the government."

The accusation was made that there were officials here who had recommended the granting of concession after concession and that many of the people's worst enemies lived right here in Dawson. The delegates now in Ottawa had already done enough good which if it were figured in dollars and cents would amount to millions, and if the services of Wilson and Sugrue were paid for according to what they were worth their salary would amount to more than that of the editor of the Sun and all the government officials put together for a year. There is not a concession, said the speaker, that is not held by some Ottawa Liberal politician. Reference was made to the Whitehorse townsite owned by D. C. Fraser, the O'Brien tramway charter which Mr. O'Brien could have floated a year or so ago had not his Ottawa partners persisted in squeezing just a little more money out of the intending investors. Mr. Woodworth closed his remarks by proposing a resolution to the effect that the ambiguity should be removed, the sale and exclusive rights held by Treadgold should be abrogated and that the Doyle, Matson, Philip, Anderson and other concessions should be entirely cancelled.

Dr. Catto spoke at considerable length and was followed by D. H. McKinnon, who favored suspending judgment until full particulars had been received. He considers that the best friend the Yukon ever had is Commissioner Ross and he feels that the destinies of the territory are perfectly safe in his hands.

George Black also spoke at considerable length; he likewise showing a thorough familiarity with the subject which has so roused the people of the Yukon in the last few months. Following Mr. Black the Woodworth resolution was put and carried unanimously.

WANTED—Smart cob, good pacer, broken to saddle and single harness. Trial required. Geo. R. Clazy, 713 Front street.

**No Smoking in Court.**  
There appears to be an impression in Dawson that in certain places in the States smoking is allowed in court. Such may have been the case in pioneer days in the border states when, for lack of better accommodations, it was occasionally necessary to hold court in a saloon or warehouse or in some other incongruous place, but never has smoking been tolerated in a regular temple of justice any place on the outside while court was in session, and any man

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It looks as though it is up to the city to go into the scavenger business. A few First avenue businessmen were up today on the charge of neglecting to clean that portion of the avenue in front of their respective places of business, but they asserted that they were unable to procure the time and attention of a scavenger to the matter. They each asserted that they are perfectly willing to pay for the work and are anxious to have it done.

Gold scale cards computed at \$15 per oz., for sale at Nugget office.

#### Making Slow Time.

The incoming mail did not arrive at Stewart until noon today and it is expected all day tomorrow will be required for the 800 pounds contained in the consignment to reach Ogilvie. Under the most favorable conditions it can scarcely be expected in Dawson before Sunday evening.

#### Has the Measles.

Miss Lennie Macdonald, a young daughter of Mr. Chas. Macdonald, is ill with an attack of the measles.

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#### Laborers Revolt

Special to the Daily Nugget.  
St. Petersburg, May 1.—Advises

#### Will Be Tried May 19.

George Dick, charged with forcible entry into the store of John McDonald, and who was bound over for trial by the territorial court by Police Magistrate Macaulay, was brought before Mr. Justice Craig this morning for arraignment. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and elected a jury trial, which was fixed for Monday, May 19.

James Dumbill, the would-be suicide who pleaded guilty several days ago to attempted self-destruction, was up for sentence, receiving two months.

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