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SCHOOL SYSTEM

Will Not Be Inaugurated By the Government Until Next Fall.

COUNCIL HAS APPROPRIATED \$10000

But the Money Is Not Available Now.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LACKING

Financial Aid, in the Meantime, Will Be Rendered to Private Institutions By the Government.

Last summer the local government made the initial preparation to establish in Dawson a public school system. A full line of books, charts and supplies, were ordered from the outside; but most unfortunately they were lost in transit at the time of the accident to the steamer W. S. Stratton. If these things had arrived, the council was prepared to make appropriations for the erection of a school house and the establishment in every detail of a good system; but the execution of such plans was prevented by circumstances.

Recently a number of citizens signed and presented a petition to the Yukon council requesting that a school system be established immediately. The council has passed a resolution which favors the institution of a public school; and has appropriated the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose. This money, however, is not available at the present time, even were it possible to secure the necessary articles, such as books, etc., which would be requisite in order to render the system efficacious. The treasury is

not only depleted, but the account of the government is overdrawn at the banks to the extent of about \$30,000.

As soon as navigation opens, it is expected that a complete set of school supplies will arrive in Dawson. Then the council will assume the responsibility of providing for the immediate establishment of a public school system. During the summer, revenue for local purposes will be raised by some manner of taxation, and next fall, pupils will have the advantage of attending a modernly equipped public school.

Governor Ogilvie, when questioned this morning respecting the matter, said:

"The government has done all that it was possible to do, under the circumstances. School supplies were aboard the W. S. Stratton, and when she foundered, they were lost. Since then, we have been, and are now, willing to assist financially the management of private schools. As soon as possible, a public school system will be organized by the government; and the matter will certainly not be deferred after the opening of navigation. At present, it is impossible for us to proceed."

The following communication has been submitted for publication by a gentleman who has taken an active interest in the school question:

"The outstanding need of Dawson is a public school, and the best possible. This is about the worst place on earth to put children or men who have nothing to do. I believe that many more families would be brought in were there a public school, and I fear that many already here will be sent out because so much time has been lost.

"Naturally we look to the present governing body to deal with the question. There is no municipal organization and the need of public schools is increasing every day. Schools seem a part of the British constitution and civilization as much as courts of justice, jails, sanitary arrangements and hospitals, for which governors and efficient provision has been made here already.

"So far as I know there has been no reply to the petition signed so largely and by representative influential citizens. Until that reply comes we must assume that the council is devising some plan to be worked by itself alone or in co-operation with a committee appointed by a mass meeting of citizens called to consider the question of public schools. The council must outline some policy in this matter and must have some control in expending money which it votes. This, because the support of schools, should be a general tax. Children growing up without an education are not only a disappointment to themselves and friends, but a menace and loss to the whole community.

"Then it must be secured that there is no needless multiplication of expenses for teachers, management, rents, etc. Grants of public school money must be conditional on certain requirements being met as to efficiency, and non-sectarian character of the teaching. It is not reasonable to expect private citizens to begin schools, depending largely on the council's aid until they know what the council's requirements are."

A Pleasant Party.

A very pleasant party was tendered the members of the Saturday Night Whist Club last night by Messrs. Hebb, Buck and Day who have been among the club's most active members during the winter. Pioneer hall was engaged for the occasion and had been tastefully decorated. Tables were prepared for those who desired to devote themselves to cards and splendid music was furnished for the dancers of whom there were just enough to comfortably occupy the floor.

During the evening Messrs. Hanbury and Kalenborn favored the audience with musical selections. At midnight a delightful lunch was served after which the festivities were continued until a late hour. Among those who attended were: Mesdames Sale, Calderhead, West, Lancaster, McKay, Wright, French, Moore, Robertson, Hias, Misses Carr, Conner, Hughes, Mosher, Dr. Mosher; Messrs. French, Lindsey, Gov. Ogilvie, Buchanan, Buck, Hebb, Kalenborn, Hanbury, Watson, Allen, Sale, Fenney, Griffith, Olson, Storey, McKay, Stauff, Baber, Moore, Davis, Wiley, Atwood, Cantwell, Kirk, Adams.

Weather Report.

The maximum temperature for the 24 hours preceding 9 o'clock this morning was 49.5 degrees above zero. The minimum temperature during the same period of time was 14 degrees above.

LIQUOR LICENSE

May Be Materially Reduced by Yukon Council in the Very Near Future.

ORDINANCE AS IT WAS INTRODUCED

First Reading—Was Referred to Finance Committee

PROPOSED REDUCTION LARGE

Hotel Licenses Cut One-Half—Saloons Listed at \$1500—Ordinance Will Probably Pass.

In its report of the proceedings of the Yukon council's latest meeting as published in yesterday's issue of the Daily Nugget, an error appeared in which the statement was made that the ordinance amending ordinance No. 29, of 1899, respecting intoxicating liquors, had been put upon its third and final reading and passed by the honorable body. Such is not the case. The ordinance referred to was read for the first time, and a motion being made that it pass to the second reading resulted in its being referred to the finance committee.

The full text of the ordinance which the Nugget herewith presents to its readers will prove most interesting to the hundreds in the district whose liabilities from a financial standpoint will be greatly lessened providing the ordinance is passed; and so far as can be learned from unofficial expression of the various members of the council, there is a very strong probability of its passing as presented.

The ordinance as presented, read the first time and referred to the finance committee in whose hands it now is and by whom, in counsel with the license inspector of the district, it will be given due and weighty consideration, is as follows:

The commissioner by and with the advice and consent of the council of the Yukon territory, enacts as follows:

Section 23 of said ordinance is hereby amended by striking out all the words in said section after the words "that is to say" and by replacing them by the following:

Per Annum—For hotels in Dawson, \$1250; in Klondike City and Bonanza City, commonly known as The Forks, \$1000; at all other points in the Yukon territory, \$250. For saloons in Dawson, \$1500; in Klondike City and Bonanza City, \$1250; at all other points, \$500. For shops, \$1000.

Per Season—Steamboats, \$500. On motion for second reading the ordinance was referred to the finance committee for report.

Lull in Litigation.

But very little business has been transacted in police court for the past few days, owing to the fact that there has been a very decided decrease in the number of litigants and people who have real or fancied grievances. There were no cases up for trial either yesterday morning or this morning, although two or three complaints were entered which will terminate in hearings later on.

Ed. McConnell Returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McConnell returned to Dawson yesterday. Since their departure last fall, they have traveled extensively. They visited Mr. McConnell's old home in Iowa, then Chicago, New York, Washington, D. C., and thence to California, where the parents of Mr. McConnell now reside. They went to Florida. From Tampa, the couple embarked for Cuba, and after a brief visit to that island they continued their journey to Venezuela and other South American republics. They returned by the way of Mexico, and entered the United States at El Paso, Texas. Before leaving for Alaska, considerable time was spent in the principal cities of the Pacific coast. At Skagway, Mr. McConnell was delayed on his

trip to Dawson by an attack of sickness, which confined him in the house for about ten days. Even now, the gentleman is far from well.

People of Dawson will remember that in June of last year, Mr. McConnell, while visiting Circle City, was arrested upon the charge of having assisted a jail delivery at Circle in the winter of 1897. He was tried in a most irregular manner by Commissioner Crane, who held the gentleman under bonds to appear before the grand jury at Sitka. In speaking of the matter this morning, Mr. McConnell said: "I was in Sitka while outside, but nothing was done in reference to my case. I do not know that I have been indicted by the grand jury. My opinion is that no action has yet been taken."

The gentleman asserts that among all the places which he has visited, none appeared to be so prosperous as Dawson; and he is well satisfied to cast his lot and fortune here.

Mining in Siberia.

Some time ago the chamber of commerce endeavored to get some information in regard to privileges believed to have been extended by the czar to Americans desiring to mine in Siberia, but no definite information seemed obtainable. The Juneau Truth has a letter from the United States consulate, St. Petersburg, dated Feb. 13, which states:

"The order prohibiting foreigners to mine on the east coast of Siberia is still in force, and a special permit can only be had by some one with a strong personal influence with the emperor, on whose special order they are issued." Alaskan.

"Arctic Evening Sun."

G. B. Swinehart, the pioneer Alaska publisher, will establish a daily newspaper at Nome City, the metropolis of the great American gold camp. It will be known as the Arctic Evening Sun. The Nome Midnight Sun is to be the designation of the weekly edition.

Malcolm McDonald, late of the Seattle Herald, is to be associated with Mr. Swinehart in the publication of the Arctic Evening Sun. Mr. McDonald will go north by steamer, April 3. The plant and general equipment for the newspaper which he and Swinehart are to publish will be shipped on a sailing vessel leaving Seattle next month. Swinehart is now on his way down the river from Bennett to this city. He will remain here until the opening of navigation.

Alex. Calder Dead.

Today a telegram was received by Mr. Alex McDonald notifying him that his friend and partner, Alex Calder, had died early this morning at Fort Selkirk. In company with Messrs. Rory McDonald and Duncan McDonald, Mr. Calder was on his way to Dawson. Last Thursday he was taken seriously ill with pneumonia; his traveling companions delayed their journey in order to render him assistance. His sudden death will be deeply regretted by his many friends and acquaintances in Dawson. The deceased came to the Klondike with the first stamped. With Alex McDonald, he is interested in Nos. 23 and 27 Eldorado, and also in mining properties on Hunker, Sulphur and other creeks.

Chief Stewart Leaves Tomsrow.

This evening, at Fire hall No. 2, the members of the department will tender a banquet to Chief Stewart, who will leave for the outside tomorrow evening. The journey of the chief will be undertaken in the interest of the department. He has been commissioned to purchase supplies, including boiler tubes and coils, suction valves, hose and an alarm system. Before returning, the chief will inspect the departments of several large cities. He will visit Vancouver, where his father resides, Victoria, Seattle and San Francisco. He expects to return to Dawson at the end of about two months and a half.

During the chief's absence, James Westerbrook, who has filled the position of foreman, will be acting chief; and Seymour Knight will assume Westerbrook's old position.

TARIFF RATES

On Freight From B. C. Ports to Dawson 40 per Cent Lower Than Last Year.

REVISED SCHEDULE IS RECEIVED

C. P. N. Co., W. P. & Y. R. R. Co. and C. D. Co. in Combine.

GOOD NEWS FOR SHIPPERS

Ton Measurement Increased From 40 to 55 Cubic Feet—Rates on Live Stock Cut Down.

Agent Thomas Davies yesterday received the revised list of freight charges which have been adopted and issued by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., the White Pass & Yukon route and the Canadian Development Co., which three companies cover the route from all British Columbia points to Dawson via Skagway. The new rate is between 35 and 40 per cent less than that of last year, the principal concession to the shipper being an increase in the number of cubic feet given in ton measurement. Heretofore, in marine measurement everywhere 40 cubic feet has been the ton standard. The new rate established by the above-mentioned combine is 55 cubic feet, an increase in itself of nearly 30 per cent.

Last year the through rate per ton weight was \$160 first class, and \$145 second class; this year the rate is \$145 first class, and \$125 second class. The following is the new and revised rate:

General Merchandise—Shipments of five tons or under: Through rate \$145 per ton weight; provided the total measurement of each shipment does not exceed an allowance of 55 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight. All excess measurement over such allowance to be charged for, in addition to the through rate, at the rate of \$1 per cubic foot. Shipments of over five tons: Through rate \$125 per ton weight; provided the total measurement of each shipment does not exceed an allowance of 55 cubic feet to each 2000 pounds weight. All excess measurement over such allowance to be charged for, in addition to the through rate, at the rate of \$1 per cubic foot.

Cattle and Horses—In lots of not less than 14 head, \$85 per head. Shipments under this tariff will be carried subject to the conditions of the company's bill of lading, and will also be subject to the following general conditions: Single articles of freight weighing over 2000 pounds, or timbers over 30 feet in length will be carried only under special engagement. Powder and high explosives, calcium carbide, acids, gasoline and naphtha, will be carried only under special engagement. On all freight of a perishable nature, charges must be prepaid in full. On and after August 20, 1900, shipments will only be accepted at owners' risk of delivery during 1900, and the carriers must be fully released by all parties in interest from all claims and liability arising out of or occasioned by non-delivery during 1900.

N. B.—No employee or agent has authority to change or modify the rates or conditions of this tariff.

American Mail in Transit.

The United States mail from points along the Yukon river from St. Michael to Eagle reached here yesterday afternoon and passed on up the river last night. The outfit comprised only five small pouches.

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