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NUGGET'S WORK BEARS FRUIT

Local Government Finally Decides to Construct a Series of Public Highways.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ALREADY APPROPRIATED

With Enough More Pledged to Complete the Important Work.

The Local Government Grew Tired Waiting for the Federal Authorities to Act, and Assumed the Responsible Step Themselves—The Work to Be Commenced Without Delay—Hundreds of Men Will Find Employment.

An act of justice to the people of the Klondike—one that has long been sought by this paper, and which is of the utmost importance to our fellow citizens—has just been done by the Yukon council. At a meeting of that body on Thursday afternoon it was definitely committed to the construction of a series of government roads or trails to the prominent gulches of the district, and the necessary money was voted to have the work commenced at once. The NUGGET has had no more important news to give its readers since it knocked out the infamous tramroad, which, if it existed today, would without the slightest doubt have prevented the action of Thursday, and the people would today be paying out their hard-earned money in illegal exactions.

The credit for the important action belongs chiefly, it is said, to Colonel Steele and Judge Dugas. The project had been referred to at previous meetings of the council, when all the members were present, but nothing definite was done until Tuesday. At that time the councilmen present were Commissioner Ogilvie, Judge Dugas and Colonel Steele—Messrs. Jirouard and Clement having left the country for the summer. The situation was so thoroughly understood that practically no discussion was needed, and almost without parley it was decided to assume the responsibility of constructing the trails.

At the meeting two days later the decision was ratified in no uncertain manner. By a unanimous vote the commissioner was instructed to commence the work forthwith, and he was empowered to incur any expense necessary, while the sum of $10,000 was appropriated with which to commence the good work. It was decided that the project would be the best and cheapest subserved if conducted under the control and supervision of the commissioner, instead of through a contract, and he was vested with all the authority necessary. The work will employ hundreds of men.

Of course, the details of the general plan can only be worked out by engineers and other experts, but a general outline has been decided upon which promises to meet all the requirements and prove thoroughly satisfactory. There will be a substantial wagon road constructed as far as Grand Forks, and from there a good trail will be built up Bonanza a few miles, thence over the grade and down Dominion. Another trail will be built up the Klondike and Hunker to discovery. Nor will they be built in the bottoms of the gulches, to be submerged by water and eventually drowned in muck, but will be located on the side of the same, high enough to be dry, hard, durable and permanent.

Under the existing circumstances, with so large a proportion of the public revenues being taken from the territory, it was considered proper that the public highways should be built under the supervision and at the expense of the federal government; but as no disposition was shown by the Ottawa authorities to assume the obligation—or to "jar loose" from any section of the moneys they have been wringing from the people of the Yukon—the council finally took the bit between their teeth, metaphorically speaking, and decided to assume the responsibility of the work. They hope, of course, that the federal government will see that it is their duty to assume the expense of the great work; but if they do not the council are ready to do it themselves.

The NUGGET takes off its hat to the courage and public-spiritedness of the gentlemen, and begs to hope that the excellent example they have mapped out will encourage them to see that a long-suffering public secures more of such public convenienences, for which they have paid so dearly.

Dawson's New Fire Brigade.

When the boys of the old fire brigade met last evening to enjoy a banquet in commemoration of their retirement from active service they left the protection of the city in the hands of another thoroughly organized and fully equipped department. The reorganization was done quietly, but effectively, and the new fire laddies are already "at attention" for the first call to duty. As forecasted by the NUGGET, the rank and file of the new organization is made up from the forces of several business houses located adjacent and handy to the fire station. All the men desired to make up the full membership of 35 have not as yet been secured, but the following is the personnel of the department up to date:

Chief—W. J. Allen.
Assistant Chief—Hector A. Stewart.
Chief Engineer—C. Bush.
Stoker No. 1—J. W. Stingle.
Stoker No 2—Alex. McGuire.

From the A. C. Co.—Matt Scurry, J. H. Lapere, G S Alexander, J Lawrence, Sid Birch, G. Russell, C. C. Stevens, R. Lannery.

From the N. A. T. & T. Co.—T H Barnet, E. H. Langley, A. H. Kellar, Leon Merry, T. Hayden, W. C Barnard, S W. Taggart, T. Peters, F. W. Hawkins.

From George Appel's Place—George J. Dorfner, J. Oliver, Thomas Blair, William Gilcher, C F. Gilpatrick.

From Klondike NUGGET—Frank J. Hemen.

In addition to the general officers named, it has been decided to let the forces from the three principal establishments have their own officers. The N. A. T. & T. boys have chosen S W. Taggart and Leon Merry as their foreman and assistant foreman, respectively, while the A. C. boys have selected G. Russell as their foreman. Each company will be given charge either of a chemical or the hook and ladder truck, and the situation promises some hot rivalry.

Chief Allen and Assistant Chief Stewart have also been appointed fire marshals, and will at once institute a crusade against obstructed alleys, dangerous stovepipes, flying cloth signs, fire-breeding rubbish heaps, etc. The chief is said to have a vigorous way of enforcing protection measures, and he will look for immediate compliance with his orders when they are given.

On Tuesday evening Chief Allen and his force made their initial appearance and enjoyed their first practice. A line of hose was stretched 1,500 feet and attached to the engine at the water front station. At that distance, with a one-inch nozzle, a stream of water was thrown 100 feet. The line of hose was then reduced to 750 feet and a nozzle 1¼ inches in dimensions was put on, when a stream was thrown 150 feet, with 120 pounds of steam. It was demonstrated that there are facilities for reaching and affording protection to the A. C. Co.'s upper warehouses. Everybody was satisfied with the test, and Chief Allen said the engine is one of the best made.

The company had their first fire run on Friday, for a little blaze at Campbell's drug store, thought to have been caused by a cigar stump. There was no damage.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

After disposing of the trail business, the council took up miscellaneous affairs.

An appropriation of $2000 to defray the expenses of the fire brigade until the last of September was allowed.

C. G. Caldwell presented an account for cutting a trail and packing to the mouth of Meguestin river in 1898, but it was disallowed, as his contract price had been previously paid.

An ordinance authorizing peace officers to enter business places without a warrant and search for evidences of infringements of the liquor ordinance was passed.

The bond of J. A. Longpre for $2000 as deputy sheriff was approved.

The NUGGET has removed to Second avenue, just north of the Melbourne hotel.

Mrs. Charlie Anderson.

The Seattle *P-I* of July 4 announces the arrival there of "Mrs Charles Anderson, wife of an Eldorado king," who was Miss Grace Drummond. The paper speaks of her as being "rich in her own right, and says her sister Maud has also acquired many valuable claims.

Emergency Poor Fund.

At a meeting of the Yukon council on Thursday a motion prevailed appropriating $500 to constitute an emergency poor fund—a fund from which immediate aid can be extended to the indigent should an emergency arise requiring prompt action. It was also decided that certain ones of the town's indigent sick should be sent out of the country.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Eleven sacks of mail arrived on the Columbian Thursday.

Paul Ogilvie, son of the commissioner, arrived from the outside Thursday.

A good strike was reported this week to have been made on Selwyn creek, near Selkirk.

George Lion has purchased the little steamer Majorie for $1800 and will use it as a ferry to West Dawson.

Dr. Brown, secretary to the Yukon commissioner, has been confined to his home for several days by illness.

James Morrison expects to leave today for the states to procure machinery with which to work his Hunker property.

Mrs. James Morrison, wife of the famous owner of 39 below on Hunker, rrived from her home in the states on Thursday.

Mohr & Wilkins have purchased a site at the corner of Third street and Third avenue for a large mercantile establishment.

Manager Falda of the Alaska Exploration Company has purchased the property formerly occupied by the NUGGET and will at once begin the construction of a large business establishment thereon.

Mrs. A. Schulsinger, who arrived in on the Tyrrell Wednesday night, made the trip from Seattle in just 7 days and 21 hours. She left all her fellow passengers on the ocean boat miles behind by her hustling.

Prosecuting Attorney F. C. Wade gave a banquet on Friday evening to a dozen or so friends, the guests including several government officials and representatives of foreign capital. The menu included all the delicacies obtainable, and the occasion was highly successful in every way.

Friends of Sidney Cahen, who is known to have spent more than a year in Rampart City, are very anxious to hear something concerning his present whereabouts. Caher hails from New York city.

J. Maitland Kersey, the hustling and successful manager of the Canadian Development Co., arrived down on the Columbian Thursday and will make a short sojourn here in the interests of his company and its business.

Frank Hudson and Pearl Hall are "collaborating" in the construction of what promises to be one of the cutest and coziest cottages in town. It is located on Third avenue, adjoining the town station of the police.

The *Sun-Miner* this week underwent another change of ownership, Messrs. Somerville, Reese and Micklejohn disposing of their interests in the two papers to Tom O'Brien. The latter has gone on a short business trip to Ottawa.

The engineer of one of the sawmills has fitted out his engine with the whistle of the old Rock Island, and now he creates a commotion three times a day among anxious people who think his whistling is that of an incoming steamboat.

Information is received of the death of Joseph Fulsca, at No. 24 above on Hunker, the result of lung trouble. The remains were interred on a sunny hillside near by, the miners in the neighborhood turning out in goodly numbers to the obsequies.

A real bear hunt within sight of Dawson's main thoroughfare occurred on Wednesday. A large brown bear walked down the bluff on the west side of the river, almost to the water's edge, and was discovered by the barking of the frightened dogs. The squatters thereabouts at once went in pursuit with rifles, but bruin made his escape.

The Nugget Express.

D. W. Semple, superintendent of the Nugget Express, arrived in Dawson on the steamer Columbian. Mr. Semple brought with him another large shipment of express matter, together with a 10-ton consignment of machinery and paper stock for the NUGGET.

The Express Company has opened an office in the Occidental block in Seattle, and is receiving large orders for future delivery in Dawson. The next messenger for the outside leaves in a few days, and orders left at the Express office, in the Aurora block, will be given prompt attention.

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THE BIG SALMON GOLD STRIKE.

Return of a "Nugget" Representative From the New Fields.

Found the Discovery Creek all Staked—Was Present When Gold Was Washed From the Earth of Discovery Claim.

The NUGGET's special representative to the new gold fields of the Big Salmon, Mr. J. M. Pickle, returned to Dawson on Thursday night. He confirms fully the statements previously made by this paper concerning the strike. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Pickle left Dawson on June 24, accompanying Mr. Borden and others associated with the discovery, and expected to get in on the ground floor. It developed, however, that the discoverers were betrayed by one who knew their secret, and upon the arrival of the Borden-Pickle party they found that the creek where the strike was made, called Cottonwood, had been stampeded by a Donahoe party from Thistle and everything good taken. After looking the field over Mr. and Mrs. Pickle crossed a narrow divide to Little Violet creek, which is reported to have furnished good prospects, and staked claims Nos. 5 and 6 above discovery, which they recorded on their arrival at Selkirk. Mrs. Pickle thereby gained the distinction of being the first woman to stake in the new gold field.

Mr. Pickle was in an "I'm-from-Missouri" state of mind, and investigated the reported find closely and conclusively. He found that very little work had been done on discovery claim; the prospectors had been driven out of one hole by water, and at the time in question were working an open excavation 40 feet long and about a foot in depth, at the side of the little stream. Mr. Pickle was shown some coarse gold which the men claimed to have taken from the claim, but he insisted on seeing for himself. Accordingly, about 25 shovelfuls of earth was run through the sluice box, and it deposited considerable gold, one riffle alone catching over $1, though none of it was coarse. Mr. Borden also let Mr. Pickle have a nugget worth $21, which he offered to take oath he helped wash out.

The original discoverers, Mr. Pickle learned, are named Louis Keiser, C. A. Rogers, Charles Peterson and Carl Christianson. They took Mr. Borden and another man in their confidence in order to get their larder restocked. They are still on the ground, and were carrying in provisions when Mr. Pickle and wife left. Mr. Borden also came out and took a position at Hegg's photograph gallery, in order to secure some ready cash. Mr. Borden acted as recorder for the original stakers, and was recognized as such by the government recorder, Norman McLeod, at Selkirk. The Donahoe party also elected a recorder, but they succeeded only in getting the creek greatly mixed up, some of the men even staking the crown's claims.

The route to the creek followed by Mr. Pickle and party was to the mouth of the Hootalinqua by steamboat, thence sixteen miles up the stream on foot and twenty-four miles across the hills to Cottonwood, which is a tributary of the south fork of the Big Salmon. The trail has been blazed a good share of the distance, but it is all rough and much of it covered with boulders and fallen timber, making it extremely difficult.

After Martin's Scalp.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 4.—There is a crisis in the provincial cabinet. Its members have been working at cross-purposes for months, and now Premier Semlin has taken the bold stand of demanding the resignation of the attorney general, Hon. Joseph Martin, better known by his famed soubriquet of "Fighting Joe." Martin refused, pointblank, to accede to this request. Premier Smith asked for the attorney general's resignation on three different counts:

First—That Martin is not attending to the business of his department.

Second—That Martin has been disclosing the private business of the cabinet.

Third—Because Martin has brought the government into disrepute by his actions at the banquet of ex-Lieut.-Gov. Mackintosh at Rossland.

Government supporters say that a caucus will be held at once, and that H. D. Helmcken of Victoria, will be the new attorney general.

Martin's supporters only a few days ago announced that they would do anything, even to the overthrow of the government, to obtain the dismissal of Cotton. A new election is inevitable now, and it will be a game between Cotton and Martin that will finish one man or the other. Cotton is a purely British Columbia man, while Martin is known all over Canada. In the United States he would be called a carpet bagger. He came here from the East only two years ago, and it was jeering reference to his political career there that excited him at Rossland the other evening, when he smashed his palm on the table and declared in thundering tones that he would do as he liked, and the "white-shirted hoboes" of Rossland could "all go to hell."

VICTORIA, July 4.—Attorney General Martin has fallen foul of the Law Society of the province, which is now investigating a charge of champerty against him. If found guilty he may be either suspended or disbarred.

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