

## Dawson's Waterfront

Tenants Will Have to Vacate Before the First of May.

Big Alexander McDonald Will Lose Heavily on This Account.

The Dawson correspondent of the San Francisco Call, in a letter from the Klondike capital under date of March 15th, says that after the third disastrous fire on the waterfront, Commissioner Ogilvie served formal notice on the tenants that they will have to move, buildings and all, immediately following the first of May. The government last year leased the waterfront to Alexander McDonald, with rights to sublease it. The government officials were changed and the present council, and the commissioners have gone, and the tenants notice that the lease was unlawful. The tenants some months ago refused to pay their ground rent, and the agents of McDonald (McDonald being now in the States) did not crowd them in the courts in the fear, it is said, that it might be shown they had no right to collect, whereupon all those who had already paid would sue for recovery. A case finally got into court, however, and was decided in McDonald's favor, Judge Dugas holding that the tenant had no right to question the title of a landlord after having become a part of the lease. This has brought greater contention along the front than did the several fires and tenants are being levied upon all along the line, elected and sold out where they don't promptly pay arrears, for the tenants of the houses are responsible under the law for the ground rent. In nearly all cases the stores are not occupied by the owners, or at any rate by the holders of the ground lease. The former have paid their rent regularly to the lease holders, but these have not paid, and many will refuse to pay the ground rent, and much distress and embarrassment are suffered by the storekeepers, who, because business has been so bad are not prepared to pay the rent a second time. They are rushing into court on various pretexts to seek relief.

Almost the same confusion exists concerning the town site property. Last summer it was stated authoritatively that Harper, La Due and Pittman had received their patent for the town site land, and Major Walsh, then commissioner, gave notice that he would support the company with the mounted police in keeping squatters from the land. People who wished to build a cabin in which to live without first buying a lot were required to go to the hills, far distant from the river and town. Now it appears that the patent has not been issued, or at least, the agents of the company here do not know if it has been, and are powerless to erect this squatter's camp in a fairly decent location. The uncertainty, of course, frets the company and the would-be squatters as well, neither knowing his rights and both fighting for advantage at this formative period of the city. The displacement of the people along the waterfront will compel them, all business people, to seek new locations on Second avenue. Titles to vacant lots may come into question and no end of litigation be the result.

Senator Jere Lynch has just purchased a bench claim on Adams Hill, on Bonanza, near the mouth of the Klondike, the consideration being something like \$50,000. Mr. Lynch will put a large force of men at work with steam saws. The claim is thought to be very rich.

The investigation into the official acts of ex-Gold Commissioner Fawcett has terminated without anything having been developed showing crookedness on the part of Fawcett on the eve of his departure for the outside, which was attended by a great crowd of the best people of Dawson. Mr. Fawcett is now on his way to Ottawa.

Thomas Tritton, special deputy United States marshal, left for Circle City last Monday, carrying a warrant for the arrest of Captain Danabe, commander of the Columbia Navigation Company's steamer Sovereign. Danabe is charged with having sold everything movable on the boat and converted the returns, together with other sums belonging to the company, to his own use, spending the money in riotous living. Danabe is charged also with conspiring with United States Commissioner Crane (who, besides holding this office, is in charge of the North American Transportation Company's post at Circle City) to divert and hamper the business of the Columbia Navigation Company.

I shall start tomorrow for Eagle City and make a complete though necessarily rapid tour of the principal creeks in that and the Forty-Mile district on the American side. Great interest is felt in the diggings there, and if they should develop any reasonably good pay there will be a big rush down the river with the breaking of the ice. The reports that have reached here through the winter from that direction have been of the vaguest and most conflicting nature. The mines are a long distance back from the river, and those who come out are informed only with regard to the immediate locality in which they were working, some of these being very encouraging and some of them equally discouraging stories, and neither can be entirely credited. I have found that the only way to get the truth is to go after it. I have delayed the start until this late date in order that there may be something definite to learn when I do go—that is, that the work in the mines shall be sufficiently advanced to determine what is in the ground. The trip will cover a run of some 400 miles over the ice and consume about three weeks' time.

### TRIAL OF MRS. GEORGE.

Canton, Ohio, April 11.—When the hearing of the charges against Mrs. George was resumed to-day, John A. Shanahan, who yesterday testified to seeing Mrs. George near the scene of the killing within a few minutes of the occurrence, was recalled for additional cross-examination. Mrs. George sat on a bench for a few minutes before six on the night of the murder.

## ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Successful Affair at Victoria West.

Very successful anniversary services were held on Sunday, and yesterday evening in connection with the Methodist Church in Victoria West, Rev. Mr. Sutherland of Wellington preached at both services on Sunday, his discourses being listened to by large congregations. On Sunday afternoon the children were addressed by Hinkson Siddell, M. A. Last evening the little church was crowded to the doors, the occasion being the anniversary tea and entertainment. The ladies had made their usual hospitable provision for the entertainment of their guests, and it was eight o'clock before the tables were cleared and the "feast of reason" began. Noah Shakespeare occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with a speech, in which he congratulated the congregation upon the fact that the small edifice on the property is being rapidly wiper out. Rev. Mr. Knox also spoke, and Mrs. Gladding gave an appropriate reading. Rev. D. McEae, pastor of St. Paul's, also delivered a discourse and was followed by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, who convulsed his audience with some anecdotes of his youthful escapades with the popular pastor of the church. Musical selections were given by the choir, and by Messrs. Firth, Collins and Okell.

The financial results also were very satisfactory.

## Victoria's Holiday

Fort Macaulay Will Be Stormed on the 24th of May.

A Four Day's Celebration Recommended by the Sub-Committee.

The sub-committee which was appointed to draft a programme for submission to the main celebration committee met last night at the City Hall and decided upon a four days' demonstration. Capt. Flinnis, R.N., Col. Grant, R.E., and Col. Peters, D.O.C., were present and consequently the sub-committee had the benefit of the advice of the local war lords. Capt. Flinnis presided, the meeting being held in the hall of the City Hall. The committee, after consulting with the other two and suggested that on the afternoon of the 24th of May the ships be brought around opposite the forts at Macaulay Point, where the Engineers and Royal Marines, together with the Fifth Regiment will defend the fort. Finally a landing will be effected by the marines and the fort stormed. A few de-joe and march past would follow. The marines would commence. No prizes will be given at the afternoon.

Capt. Flinnis suggested that the 25th be devoted to regatta and his views were concurred in throughout by Col. Grant. The regatta will be held on the 25th. The Second Battalion will again be invited to assist in the celebration and the opinion of all present seemed to be that the affair will prove an immense drawing power for the city. Although it was decided to hold a four days' celebration, two of these only will be occupied by the committee, the other two being assigned for athletic sports in any form which the perfecting of the different sports interested through their organizations if deemed desirable.

The programme as decided upon by the sub-committee, provides for firemen's races on the forenoon of the 24th, with the attack on Fort Macaulay in the afternoon, and illuminations and a band concert at Beacon Hill at night. The band concert will be repeated the following evening, the next forenoon being devoted to a firemen's tournament, and the afternoon to a regatta.

These recommendations are subject, of course, to modification at the hands of the general committee, but will in all probability be confirmed by that body.

### GRAND TRUNK ENGINEER SWEARS BY CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

Mr. Geo. Cummings, for over 20 years engineer on Grand Trunk running between Toronto and Montreal, says: "The constant duty with my work gave me excessive pain in my back, making my kidneys. I tried several remedies until I was recommended by my friend Mr. Dave Cook, to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Two boxes have completely cured me and I feel to-day a better man than ever. I recommend them to all my friends."

To get relief from indigestion, biliousness, constipation or torpid liver without disturbing the stomach or bowels, take a few doses of Carter's Little Liver Pills.

### CHOCATE AT THE OLD BALLEY.

London, April 11.—Mr. Joseph N. Choate, United States ambassador, occupied a seat on the bench of the Old Bailey (central criminal court) to-day beside James Grantham and listened to the trial of a cosmopolitan charged with the murder of his paramour.

Mr. Choate was welcomed by the sheriff and corporation officials, and Justice Grantham explained to him the criminal procedure before the case began.

## Hood's Pills

Are prepared from Nature's mild laxatives, and while gentle are reliable and efficient. They

## Rouse the Liver

Cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Sour Stomach, and Constipation. Sold everywhere, 25c per box. Prepared by C.L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

## Kootenay Railways

Wholesome Competition is the One Thing Needful in the Boundary District.

What the C. P. R. Has Done, Is Doing and Intends To Do in That Rich Country.

Grand Forks, B. C., April 7.—The people of Southern British Columbia do not regard with any particular enthusiasm the advent of the Canadian Pacific Railway into the Boundary district. This sentiment is often expressed in the forcible vernacular of the west is re-echoed and repeated with equal vigor in the local press. This strange state of affairs can only be ascribed to the latent fear that the recent and naturally to be derived from modern transportation facilities will be negative in practice; in other words, there is a fear that the C. P. R. will prefer at the first opportunity to introduce high rates. What the general government has already done, however, is to be expected under similar conditions in other communities. The Dominion government, it is true, nominally retains the power to raise freight rates over the projected road. This agreement upon examination would be found to be less effective than would be supposed. The C. P. R. purposes to float its bond issue at the rate of \$35,000 a mile. It must be remembered that the government has already contributed \$4,000 a mile towards its construction. When the government seeks to revise freight charges, Sir William Van Horne may justify his figure by contending that although they seem rather high, interest must be earned on a bond issue of \$35,000 a mile as well as interest on a large stock flotation. It is said here the road, despite occasional heavy rock work, is being built for less than \$20,000 a mile.

At Ottawa last year the Kettle River Valley Railway bill was defeated on the cry of "Canada for Canadians." This plea was only utilized to mislead the legislators. The C. P. R. extension into the Boundary country is being entirely built by American contractors with the aid of Swedish and Italian laborers transported from American cities. These people are paid a wage of \$1.00 a day, but they are not to be paid for the cost of their food, clothing, and shelter. The company is not to be paid for the cost of their food, clothing, and shelter. The company is not to be paid for the cost of their food, clothing, and shelter.

The C.P.R. when it entered the smelting business declared its policy would be to build up and foster an industry. An official of the company referring to the Hall Mine smelter at Nelson, said: "We would be fools to allow smelters and sampling works in Nelson to compete with us for ores that we need for our own smelter. The company is not to be paid for the cost of their food, clothing, and shelter. The company is not to be paid for the cost of their food, clothing, and shelter. The company is not to be paid for the cost of their food, clothing, and shelter."

The Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate which operates at Rossland was recently successful in a prolonged struggle with the same company. It protested against the smelting of its ore at the company's smelter, and the company refused to accept the ore. The syndicate is now in a position to smelt its ore at its own smelter, and the company is now in a position to smelt its ore at its own smelter.

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Public sentiment on this question after a year's consideration has undergone a marked change as indicated by the resolutions adopted by various boards of trade. Even with railway competition the C. P. R. will possess a decided advantage over competitors as its line traverses the Crow's Nest coal belt. Grand Forks, B. C., April 7.—Mr. J. P. Graves, whose name is so prominently associated with the development of the mining resources of the Boundary country, has arrived here after a visit to various eastern cities. A man of action, resource and precision of judgment, Mr. Graves to-day returned to add the finishing touches to a series of enterprises that will ere long attract world-wide attention. His success in associating himself with leading Canadian and American capitalists has been simply phenomenal. He is the resident director of various mining companies, and a smelter corporation which owns in the aggregate over 100,000 acres of land in various portions of British Columbia and the States of Washington. Several of the properties include such bonanza winners as the famous Knibb Hill and Old Indian mines. Mr. Graves is the vice-president of all these corporations, whose capitalization exceeds ten million dollars. A supplementary list embraces the City of Paris, the Lincoln, and No.

4. The Majestic Company, including the Lexington, City of Denver, Oregon, Montreal, and the smelter company which owns the Victoria, the Fourth of July, Phoenix, and Adams claims. By a deal between the various corporations their entire ore products will be handled at the proposed smelter, of which Mr. Graves is also the resident director and vice-president. The capitalists that have backed his projects include such well known men as Messrs. A. F. Gault, the Montreal millionaire merchant prince, S. H. C. Miner, president of the Granby Rubber Company, C. E. Gault, A. L. White, Chas. Smith, vice-president of the Provincial Board of Trade, D. D. Mann, railway contractor, R. W. Graham, Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, Thomas Graham, D. A. McCaskey, W. H. Robinson, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, Granby, Que., Hon. Rufus H. Pope, M.P., Senator M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, Que.; V. Boswell, Quebec; J. P. Whitney, the Philadelphia glass manufacturing and wealthy Bostonian, however, were made for doubling its capacity at a comparatively small cost.

"We have decided to build a smelter this summer at a point in the Boundary country," observed Mr. Graves to your correspondent. "We are giving the question of location careful investigation and consideration. The smelter will have a daily capacity of 500 tons. It will cost \$150,000, including a central plant with buildings and smoke stacks. Location, however, will be made for doubling its capacity at a comparatively small cost."

"Last year's investigation demonstrated that as ideal a site as could be secured exists in the Kettle River valley. It is a site of great value, and the ore is found in abundance, and either fork of the river possesses strong merits. Of course there are many considerations involved in reaching a final decision. I would instance drainage, water supply and water pollution. No proposition involving a refusal of proprietors to waive future claims for damage will be entertained. Property owners, I feel convinced, will not be so short sighted as to offer ill-founded objections to an industry that involves the welfare of the region."

"There is no doubt a smelter with the high stacks now in vogue could be erected within four or five miles of Grand Forks with the certainty that no damages would be caused to existing interests. This has been demonstrated at Denver, where reduction works are established within a few miles of the city. The same is equally true of Butte, Montana. The noxious fumes emitted from these high stacks can be readily carried away and absorbed in air currents."

"Will you likely locate at Cascade?" "I am going into the smelting business because we think we can treat our ores cheaper than anybody else can do the work for us," he continued. "If the C. P. R. engages in the same industry our plans will not be interfered with. The difficulty with Mr. Ferguson arose, and select another applicant."

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case I have ever had. I have used it with myself or children.—W. A. Streud, Popomocin City, Md. For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

## Burdock Blood Bitters

Removes all poisons and impurities from the system. Makes the blood rich, red and pure.

Stirs up the sluggish liver and clears away all the bad bile. Acts on the kidneys and bowels. Gives strength and vitality in place of weakness and languor.

The most wonderful blood purifier, restorative and strengthener known to science.

Mr. George Heriot, Baillieboro, Ont., says:

"Two years ago I was very poorly in the spring, had no appetite, felt weak and nervous, and was unable to work much and was tired all the time."

"I saw Burdock Blood Bitters highly recommended for such a condition as mine, so got a bottle to try it."

"I started taking it, and inside of two months I was as well as ever I was in my life."

"I cheerfully recommend B.B.B. as a splendid blood purifier and spring medicine and wish it the best of success."

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