

Story of a Yukon Cabin

How a Comfortable Home Was Erected in the Dead of Winter.

Another Letter From the Special Correspondent of Montreal Daily Star.

Stewart River, April 8.—During the month of December, building took out in the lower or northern part of Stewart town, at the steamboat landing, and about fifty cabins were soon in the course of erection. There was trouble about the lots. A smart fellow named Dawson came up later, and finding that many of the cabins were placed too far forward on the front street, he "jumped" some seventeen of the lots and let out contracts for the erection of buildings...

Bob and I decided during the boom to secure a couple of lots, and hold them by erecting cabins thereon. Such a rush for building lots soon descended the island, outside of the police reserved, of suitable timber. First the dry spruce trees were taken, then the green ones. The snow was already deep, and a little snow every day. I fancy this was precipitation from the large open places on the Yukon, for there were spots that never froze over. These few places seemed like oases in the clear cold waste of the winter. The top with clouds a large part of the time. It was, however, milder when the sky was overcast. Trails were beaten into all parts of the woods. The island is about five hundred yards wide by about one mile in length. These trails were:

Alive With Men and Dogs. Handling sleds heavily loaded with logs for building purposes, lumber for firewood. All these islands are well wooded with good spruce and fir, poplar, also balsam, and a sort of bulpine. They average about a foot in diameter. Some are nearly two feet in diameter, and are very tall and straight, but full of knots. The average size of cabin lots is a cabin lot inside.

But the good weather was not to last long. It was like daily torture for nearly two weeks before the weather moderated. While we chopped—but when nicking and fitting the logs it was different, particularly when sitting on the wall sitting. We wasted no time in making fancy dovetailed corners, simply chopped notches in the last two logs, and fitted the two new ones into them until their trunks almost touched along the whole way along. The effect was not bad when the ends of the logs were sawn off neatly. Once or twice Bob sighed and said: "Oh, if our fathers of Ontario saw this work!" I simply replied, "True; but they build to occupy for a generation; we one for one or two seasons."

Are There More Victims?

Halifax People Anxious About Others on the Edmonton Trail.

A Cousin of Dr. Borden Among Those of Whom Information is Urgently Desired.

The news that the Dixon party has probably been lost on the Edmonton trail has naturally caused a great deal of excitement in the city of Halifax, from which all the men came. The arrival of the tidings of their loss on Hay Mountain has not only excited the immediate friends of the members of that party but has caused apprehensions among all those who have friends on the same trail from whom they have not recently heard.

On Saturday evening telegrams were received by newspaper men in the city from Halifax papers asking for further information regarding those who are known to have started on the same route to the goldfields. Intelligence was particularly desired of the whereabouts of one Borden, who started about the same time as the Dixon party in a company made up of a man named Booth and his wife, McIntosh, Ralph Critchton, Mr. Jas. Ferguson and Fred Pysant, both of Halifax.

White the walls were being built, logs had been sawed into a couple of dry places. The cuts being displaced now, the pieces were taken out, leaving an aperture for a window. Into this was fitted a window frame having, instead of glass, which was costly luxury, stretched over it a piece of bleached cotton well waxed with candle wax on a hot plate. It is as good as glass for the winter, and does not gather a particle of ice on the inside. Having no comfortable bank frames and covered the bottom with spring iron tie poles, to be covered later with shavings mattress, we protected them from the moisture below the walls and canvas, and then moved in.

Cottage City Arrives

Three Miners From Upper Stewart Bring News of Starvation and Death.

An Indian Murder-Route Being Surveyed for a Glencora-Teslin Railway.

Steamer Cottage City, which reached port early yesterday morning from Alaskan ports, brought 130 passengers. The majority of these were residents of the Alaskan coast cities and tourists. There were but three on board from interior points and these three were not of the expected Klondike brigade. They were from the Upper Stewart, from far away in the little explored lands at the headwaters of that river, where for eighteen months they delved for gold.

Mr. Justice Spinks's Conduct. On motion to go into supply Sir Hilbert Tupper referred to papers in the matter of the Government of the Yukon. Mr. Justice Spinks, who he said was actuated by a desire to squeeze him out and put in a nominee of two government supporters. The result of the inquiry was the withdrawal of the motion. Mr. Justice Spinks's conduct was commended by the House.

Drummond County Railway Bill Passes the Committee Stage—Another Stage on the Alaskan Dispute. Ottawa, June 3.—The House of Commons was yesterday favored with a further explanation in connection with the Alaskan boundary question, from which it appears that so far as the commission is concerned, it is no longer in existence as a body.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

THE BRITISH TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

LYNCHINGS IN THE STATES

The Hague, June 10.—At today's meeting of the Brussels conference section of the conference Major-General Sir John Ardagh, of the British delegates, declared that Great Britain could not bind herself to sign a convention drawn from the Brussels conference of 1874, but must reserve the right of judging of the necessity or expediency of abiding by the stipulations of that conference or this conference in general orders to her armies in the event of war or of opening a campaign.

London, June 10.—Politicians who have closely followed the affairs of the Transvaal and Mr. Chamberlain's attitude with respect to them, are fully satisfied that the colonial secretary's statement in the House of Commons on Thursday meant that Sir Alfred Milner, his exalted and diplomatic resources, to effect a reasonable settlement of the matter in dispute, and that it had been proved finally that President Kruger was irrevocably before the fact.

Washington, June 10.—An appeal has been issued by the Afro-American council of the United States to the governors, legislators and officers of the Southern States "to prevent lawlessness and to secure to all citizens the protection to which they are entitled under the law." The appeal says: "Since the first day of January there have been 28 cases of lynching in the South and every one of them colored. This is not only an unexampled outrage upon them but demoralizing to the white race. It terrorizes and unmans the former. It familiarizes the latter with lawlessness and crime, creating in them contempt for lawful authority and desire for mob rule. It is harmful and destructive to the best interests of both."

NEGRO'S CRIME AND MENT

A BRIDE SHOT

THE CROPS

Sardis, Miss., June 12.—A colored man, taken from a Sunday between midnight and dawn, was hanged to the gallows. The woman was outraged and she was severely beaten and her head and neck were severely injured. The woman was severely injured and she was severely beaten and her head and neck were severely injured.

Detroit, Mich., June 12.—Press to-day says Governor Woodworth is not a candidate for office next year or next, according to made by one of his closest advisers. It is said the governor is not a candidate for office next year or next, according to made by one of his closest advisers.

London, June 12.—The Express, in its weekly crop report, says: "Belgium, Holland and Austria-Hungary are expected to have a very good year, but Spain and Poland are expected to have a poor one. In Russia the drought is still severe, and the hope is that it will allow the hoped-for harvest to be a success. In Serbia and Bulgaria a short crop is regarded as inevitable."

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

THE BEST MEN

THE MEDICAL DISCOVERY

The best men are not those who have waited for chances but who have taken them; besieged the chance; conquered the chance; and made chance the servant. The lack of opportunity is ever the excuse for a weak, vacillating mind. Every life is full of opportunities. Every business transaction is an opportunity to be seized. It is an opportunity to be seized. It is an opportunity to be seized.

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