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MR. ROSS ARRIVES

Reaches Dawson Yesterday Evening in Private Conveyance From Whitehorse

AFTER A VERY PLEASANT JOURNEY.

Brought No New Government Orders From Ottawa

SAME ROYALTY EXEMPTIONS

Alleged Interview on Steamer a Canard—New Commissioner Makes Splendid Impression.

Hon. James Hamilton Ross, with the portfolio in his pocket for the commissionership of the Yukon territory, arrived in the city by private stage from Whitehorse at about 4:30 o'clock yesterday evening. He was accompanied by his private secretary, W. H. Harrison, of Glencoe; Hugh McKinnon, who will be chief of the license bureau; F. T. Congdon, public administrator, legal adviser of the Yukon council and member ex officio of that body, and Mr. Nash, who is also to be a member of the government. Mr. Ross accorded an interview to a number of press representatives at his room in the Hotel McDonald last night

after having dined as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, F. C. Wade being a guest also. The new commissioner has the appearance of the typical western man of affairs, the congressman so frequently met in the corridors of the Ebbitt, Willard and Arlington hotels of Washington City. Clear cut and straightforward in his conversation, he combines the astuteness of the man of experience with the outspoken candor of the typical westerner. Mr. Ross has probably lived a little more than half a century, much of which since he attained the years of manhood, has been in the Northwest territories with the growth, development and advancement of which he has been closely identified. For a long time he was a member and speaker of the Regina legislature and for the past six years has been a member of the Regina government in the capacity of territorial treasurer and commissioner of public works.

Mr. Ross brought with him no new orders from Ottawa concerning the government of the Yukon not previously received, further than that he brought the cheerful and very important information that no change in the exemptions in the matter of royalty collection was contained in the reduction order which order only substituted the words "five per cent" for the previous words "ten per cent." Mr. Ross is not aware that further reduction of the royalty is contemplated at Ottawa. Regarding an assay office at Vancouver he does not think it will be established, but he does think a government assay office for the assay of and purchase of gold will be a future Dawson institution and that while the selling of dust to it would not be compulsory, an export tax would be otherwise imposed and the result would be that the bulk of gold mined in the district would find its way to the local assay office. "However," said Mr. Ross, "I have no suggestions to offer at present, nor will I have until I have been here sufficiently long to size up the situation."

Regarding the alleged telegram in a certain Dawson paper to the effect that on the boat from Juneau to Skagway he had informed a fellow passenger that he favored wide open gambling in Dawson Mr. Ross said, "I would not be apt to make any such remark, nor did I do so." Continuing he said: "The conditions here regarding the conduct of the city are, of course, different from outside cities, but I shall have nothing to say on local matters until I familiarize myself with the conditions."

Regarding local officials, assistants and clerks, Mr. Ross said he does not contemplate any changes. He has in Mr. Harrison his own private secretary, but Dr. J. N. E. Brown, clerk of the council and territorial secretary will be retained.

As to appropriations for the Yukon, Mr. Ross gave it as his opinion that the suggestions and requests made by Mr. Ogilvie in behalf of the district will be acted upon at this session of parliament and so soon as that order of business is reached, in which event upwards of \$100,000 will be available for district roads, while an equal amount will be available for buildings and other public improvements.

As to Yukon representation in parliament Mr. Ross thinks it but a short time when it will be granted by special act.

When asked if there is a likelihood of additional elective members of the Yukon council being provided for, Mr. Ross said he was not able to say, although the principle of popular election is a good one.

Mr. Ross stated that before leaving

Ottawa, which city he visited early in March, he was instructed to carefully investigate the matter of hydraulic mining concessions here and report rully thereon to headquarters. "And I hope," said he, "that my recommendations from here will carry with them some weight; otherwise I would not care to occupy the position I am to fill."

The granting of liquor permits for the Yukon will hereafter be in the hands of the commissioner.

As to taking his seat as commissioner, Mr. Ross will probably do so within a day or two. He said he realized that he is succeeding a good man and wished for himself that his official career in the Yukon may be as free from taint as has been that of Mr. Ogilvie. To him he paid a high tribute as a man and servant of the government.

Mr. Ross' wife and children are now in Regina but will later come to Victoria where Mrs. Ross' parents reside

and after a few weeks visit there, will come to Dawson soon after the opening of navigation. Mr. Ross will probably remain at the Hotel McDonald for the present and possibly until the arrival of his family.

As a pleasant, approachable man who has the happy faculty of putting people at ease the first moment after meeting him, as a man of quick perception, clear insight, apparently broad-minded and ripe in experience with men and affairs, Mr. Ross can not do other than well and faithfully discharge the duties incumbent upon him as the highest official of the Yukon territory.

The new commissioner, Mr. J. H. Ross and his party including Mr. F. G. Congdon, public administrator and legal adviser; Mr. Hugh McKinnon, chief preventive officer of the license bureau and Mr. Nash, arrived in Dawson yesterday afternoon and are registered at the McDonald hotel.

FEAST OF LOVE, NOT

Local Strife and Petty Jealousies Found Place Yesterday

IN MEETING HELD IN B. OF T. ROOM

To Further Arrange for What Everybody Wants

RECEPTION TO J. H. ROSS.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Were Not Read—Committee Enlarged.

Behold, how good and pleasant And how becoming well, Together such as brethren are In unity to dwell. —Psalm 133.

Some writer in the far-away, dim and distant past once wrote: "I had a dream that was not all a dream."

Yesterday evening there was a harmonious meeting which was not all harmony.

The object of the meeting was to hear reports of committees and otherwise further arrangements for extending to Hon. James Hamilton Ross, newly arrived commissioner of the Yukon territory, a fitting and suitable reception, and the only point on which the meeting was a unit was that the reception must be a success. But as to the manner of making it a success there were diverse opinions, many men of many minds.

There are times when petty jealousies should be allowed to quietly slumber and when the rays reflected from broad-mindedness and liberality should penetrate the most selfish heart; but that time was not yesterday and, notwithstanding the fact that peace, harmony, unity of purpose, brotherly love and "All good boys together" was continuously counseled, the coating of whitewash was not sufficiently thick to conceal the raucous that glowed beneath and ever and anon burst forth like smoke from a burning stack pile.

At a meeting held on Saturday for the purpose of inaugurating the work of arranging a suitable reception the attendance was not so large as the matter in hand justified and this was taken by some to mean that snap action had been taken, news of the meeting had been imparted to but a select few and that it was not, therefore, representative; that all the people of Dawson are desirous of doing honor to the commissioner, but that a few had usurped the rights of the many. The foregoing points were raised by C. M. Woodworth who thought that the committees appointed at the Saturday meeting were not so pre-eminently representative of all classes as they should be; that a late election had shown Messrs. Wilson and Frithorne to be the most popular men in the district and that neither was named on the committee of reception. Mr. Woodworth did not say so, but he hinted that there was a glaring possibility that the meeting on Saturday was not public, and as the secretary of Saturday's meeting did not show up with the minutes until yesterday's meeting was nearly over, and as

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WHAT WADE SAID

At the meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday Crown Prosecutor Wade was accused of attempting to place a slight upon the present Commissioner William Ogilvie, in the arrangements for the banquet to be tendered the new commissioner, Mr. Ross. Mr. Wade, with the use of language which would disgrace a bar-room loafer, denied the accusation.

The Nugget herewith presents for the information of the public the following statement:

On Sunday last Mr. Wade in response to a query as to the part Mr. Ogilvie would take in the coming banquet made the following reply in the presence of two representatives of this paper:

"G—d—old Bill. He will take no part. The Ottawa government has kicked him out without ever giving him formal notice. We will have nothing to do with him."

(Signed:) GEO. M. ALLEN.
E. J. WHITE.

GERMAIN

FAILS

MATTERS ON

THE CREEKS

But Has Not Left the Country as Published.

B. F. Germain, proprietor of the restaurant on Second avenue, was reported this morning to have skipped out last night leaving behind an innumerable number of creditors. Such, however, is not a fact, at least as far as the former is concerned as he spent last night at Grand Forks, where, with some of his acquaintances he gave a dinner and otherwise enjoyed himself as becomes a man of an easy conscience and a pléthoric purse.

Mr. Germain was told of the report circulated, he being interviewed by phone, and denied any intention on his part to leave the country adding that he would be down from the Forks this afternoon to face his slanderers and referred the Nugget man to his attorney for information relative to his business affairs.

Attorney Howden, who is acting for Germain, said:

"Germain is entirely out of the restaurant business owing to his venture not paying the past winter and has sold his interest to Mr. Doyle. I understand he has an offer to take charge of a theatrical venture or failing that he will probably go into the mining brokerage business. The present proprietor, I understand, does not assume the indebtedness of Germain, but I believe he will pay what he owes as soon as he can."

It is understood that family dissensions have been the cause of Germain leaving his place of business without notifying anybody of his departure and that papers are to be drawn up for a legal separation of Germain and his wife.

The Lighter.

Mistress—Bridget, I hope you don't light the fire with kerosene?
Cook—Not a bit, mmm! Oi wets it down wid kerosene an' loights wid a match.—Judge.

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