

## OLD LANDMARKS REMOVED

## Names Associated With the Yukon Materially Altered.

## Geographic Society Announces a Code of Rules and Establishes an Official Style of Orthography.

Colonel Steele, of the N. W. M. P., was lately in receipt of a copy of the first annual report of the Geographic Board of Canada. The courtesy was due, likely, to the fact that the Colonel was able to assist the board materially in the labors which they report, and which consisted principally in a revision of the geographical nomenclature of the Dominion. A study of the report discloses an apparent thoroughness of effort that is a strong testimonial to the character of the board. The body was constituted in December of 1897 by act of parliament, which further provides for their actions becoming effective upon the several departments of the government without approval.

In the report at hand, the board publishes a code of rules which shall govern the spelling of geographical names. They recommend that the possessive form be avoided, also the use of hyphens, especially in Indian names; the use of the word "city" as a part of a name should be avoided, "canyon" should be used instead of "cañon," brook instead of creek, etc.

The report contains an extensive list of names passed upon by the board and describing the manner in which they shall be spelled and used officially. A majority of them belong to the Yukon territory, and it is observed that not a few very important changes are made, both as to form and spelling.

For instance, Lake Lebarge is changed to Lake Laberge, and possibly for a very good reason.

Deep Lake, of the upper trail, has been changed to Canyon lake, probably because its surroundings are canyon-like and the lake is not as deep as it might be.

Long lake, another body of water indelibly impressed upon the memories of the thousands who rushed their weary way over it in the early days, has been named Mountain lake, and that may sound prettier than the old name, even though it carries no old and dear associations.

Arkel lake, also, has been wiped off the map—that is, so far as regards its name—and hereafter will be known as Kusawa lake.

In regard to the river, the Hootalinqua, than which there are few prettier, it is changed by the board to Teslin.

One of its neighbors popularly termed the Lewis has been officially designated the Lewes. This is historically correct, but it will be hard to effect a general adoption of the style.

One sensible change is in the name of Illes-too a brook, which will hereafter be known as Ille's trook.

Popular custom has been to speak of the Stewart's principal tributary as the McQuestion; the name of the popular gentleman in whose honor it was named, however, is spelled McQuesten and the public, by whom "Jack" is liked, will not be slow to do him the justice of adopting the proper mode of spelling his name.

The "Stickeen," too, undergoes a change and adopts the prettier form of Stikene.

Too has river is changed to Thomas river, and properly enough, too, for even if it has an historic significance, the people do not know it.

The most important change in regard to places comes right home, for Klondike City is shorn of its pendant and before plain Klondike. Owing to the fact that the place bears the same name of the district it is in, we believe the rule of the board applying thereto should have been ignored in this instance and the word "city" al-

lowed to remain. However, they are "doing it."

Selkirk is a pretty name, but it may apply to Alexander Selkirk, the "Robinson Crusoe" of boyhood days, or many other things. But there never was but one Fort Selkirk, and everybody knows where and what it is when they see the name; hence, the board saw fit to disagree with the late custom of designating the capital of the Yukon as Selkirk, and order that it be called Fort Selkirk, as of old. Bravo!

Dawson City proved none too great to escape the pruning knife of the board, and now it is plain Dawson. But we don't mind it a bit, that's what we've been calling ourselves for a long time.

In the name of Skagway, the letter "w" is adopted in place of the "u" oftentimes employed, which is well.

Other names which are made up of more than one word are merged together; for instance, Fortymile, Gold bottom, Nogold, Whitehorse rapids, Dognose.

Grizzly Bear bluff, is shortened to Grizzly bluff, which is commendable.

Plain Klondike takes the place of Klondyke, Clondyke and Throndiuck, and a long-suffering public will thank the board heartily for it. "Throndiuck" is a living nightmare.

A chain of mountains north of the Klondike is named Ogilvie mountains, while one of its highest peaks is called Harper mound. Many other places and objects are given names, making the report one of especial and deep importance to the territory.

Nugget readers who like to be informed and spell correctly will do well to cut this out and paste it in a convenient place for easy reference.

## The Cheechako's Lament.

Oh, let me go back to the land of my birth,  
To that fair, sunny land where the bosom of  
Each  
Is never enveloped in a mantle of snow!  
To that glorious land I must go—I must go.

Yes, I came here for wealth, for the bright yellow gold.  
Expecting to find it wherever I strolled,  
And to gather a ton, more or less, here and there,  
And then blow it in with the fellows elsewhere.

Now, see how designedly I was deceived,  
For the fabulous tales I sincerely believed;  
But the truth is the gold is not here to be found,  
Neither scattered about or down deep in the ground.

And I think I should know, who for two weeks have toiled  
With these hands, that with labor were never before soiled,  
Until blistered and bleeding, with shovel and pick,  
Where gnats and mosquitoes were swarming so thick  
As to hide the fair face of the sun; and the  
Was worse than the tropics. Besides, when  
I tried to lift out of the moss and the muck  
Stuck fast, and I struggled and cursed my ill luck,  
And lamented the day when this country I struck.

The winters they tell me are something so grand!  
And so cold that if only a moment you stand  
With face quite uncovered while breathing the air  
Your lungs will freeze solid wherever you are.  
But I've no wish to try it—I've had quite enough.

Of this wonderful country, and fare that is tough,  
Till I'm starving I am with trying to live  
On beans and sour bacon and flapjacks, that  
One the scurvy and turn me so terribly sick,  
That gold loses its charm, and my shovel and pick  
Are tossed into the Yukon to seek for the gold  
Supposed to be somewhere awaiting the bold  
Fortune hunter, who cares less for life or for limb.

Than do I just at present, and so in favor of him  
Will I gladly resign, and then hasten to go  
To the land where the palm and prime beef-steaks grow.

So do not detain me, but buy, if you will,  
My outfit so costly, for I am would I fill  
My sack with enough of the treacherous dust  
To take me outside, for leave this land I must;  
And I promise that never, though moons wax  
and wane,  
Will I ever leave home for Alaska again.

EMILY R. HASTINGS.  
Oleto, Alaska, 1899.

## Discovery on Stewart.

Mr. Dufferin Pattullo arrived home Sunday from Stewart whither he went to inspect the recorder's office. He reports that on Saturday a discovery was recorded on a creek located about 60 miles up the river, and that the discoverer exhibited about \$2 in gold dust that he took out there. The discovery didn't cause much excitement and no stampede at all. Mr. Pattullo says there is little doing in the district just now, but that the men there are hopeful that things will turn out well.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Captain Frank Harper went to Selkirk Thursday.

Ed Cowley has been succeeded as floor manager at the Pavilion by Frank Hudson.

Judge and Mrs. Dugas arrived home Sunday from an extended sojourn in the gold fields.

Miss Phoebe J. Hoover will open a private school at Fairview place on Monday, August 14.

J. L. Bell, jr., left on the Canadian for the outside Monday in charge of the remains of his late father.

Dyea experienced another bad fire a few days ago, the soldiers' barracks and the wharf being destroyed.

Mr. E. E. Dilley and Miss Freda Doserich were united in marriage Saturday by Rev. Dr. Grant.

First Officer Breen, of the Susie, was confined to his bed by illness upon the boat's arrival here Wednesday.

Chief Allen has learned that the new chemical engine lately ordered by the fire commissioners is on the way in.

The Willie Irving gave a picnic ride to a number of people Sunday and left for the White Horse again on Monday.

Messrs. Reed & Gibson lost a pocket-book containing \$250 on Saturday, but it was happily found by a neighbor and returned.

John Carmody, a hustling newsboy who had been a familiar figure about Dawson for some weeks, stowed away on the Bonanza King last week and left for the outside.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Vigelius, who reside at the north end of Third street, became the happy parents of a baby daughter on Friday. Mother and little one are reported as doing nicely.

Dr. Good, the health officer, has issued a notice that people will be prosecuted for throwing paper, rubbish, boxes or slops in the street. The step is a good one, doctor, and The Nugget predicts a cheerful compliance on the part of the public.

William Lawbach got his right hand in contact with an edge at the Yukon sawmill Saturday, with the result that three fingers were completely amputated as well as part of another finger and the thumb. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

Hundreds of people have visited the new Nugget office in compliance with the invitation published in the last issue, and many expressed a genuine wonder at seeing in the Klondike all the machinery and modern appliances belonging to a first-class, up-to-date newspaper office.

Seattle papers say that Mrs. George Cormac and Mrs. Sookum Jim became involved in a drunken row at a hotel there recently and the former was thrown into jail. A few hours later Jim was also rounded up by the police and given sleeping quarters in the jail.

John King, the well-known Sulphur claim owner, left last week for the outside, to be absent about six weeks. John is one of those unlucky men whose name is also carried by another man; the other fellow, of course, is of the rascally order, and only the other day one of his peccadilloes got John's name into the papers in no pleasant way. John's salvation lies in the fact that everybody knows him.

A stevedore named C. Campbell met with a serious accident Tuesday, while engaged in unloading a boat at the dock, a pile of flour falling against him with such force as to throw him vio-

lently against the side of the ware house. His head and shoulders were severely bruised and he was rendered unconscious. Manager Fulda had the injured man taken to St. Mary's hospital, where he was taken care of by Dr. Good.

The public having spent thousands of dollars in building sidewalks upon the order of the Yukon Council, it is respectfully suggested that it has become the duty of the government to construct street and alley crossings at various places about town where the walks end abruptly and at considerable height. The present situation—necessitating a continual stepping up and down—is fairly abominable.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

F. J. Belcher left for Seattle on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNamee left for the outside on Monday.

Robert Crook left for the outside this week, possibly to remain.

Paul Ogilvie, son of the commissioner, left on the Canadian Monday, en route to Ottawa.

Mr. E. Jamme de Lamare, editor of the Klondike Review, a Paris Publication, has left for home.

C. Milne, manager for the Parsons Produce Co., left for the outside on the Canadian Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dumbolton left on Friday for a short trip to the outside. Mr. Dumbolton will return with a lot of cattle.

J. J. Healy left on the Hamilton for St. Michael. On board, too, were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Healey, Mrs. King and Miss King, who are bound for the outside.

Theodore Eggert, the well-known musician, returned on Friday from a brief trip to the outside. He brought back a lot of new music with which to edify Dawson's public.

Ed. Herring, one of the best known of the Nugget's staff, arrived from the outside on Sunday, accompanied by his wife and baby. Ed now proposes to settle down and grow up with the country.

The father of Klondike Dossie Schultz, the first white baby born in Klondike, and who traveled 6,000 miles before she was a year old, received a letter last week concerning the little one, who is in the hands of kindly people at Seattle. She is now nearly two years old, and gives promise of possessing intelligence and character.

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## Notice of Dissolution.

The firm of Ferguson & Cushman, of Grand Forks, was dissolved on July 25. All bills due said firm will be collected by A. R. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson has formed a new partnership with Mr. R. S. Exbridge, and will continue business at the same stand, Grand Forks.

## Notice.

## YUKON TELEPHONE SYNDICATE.

There is delinquent upon the following described stock an account of assessment, levied on the 25th day of July, the amount set opposite the names of the respective shareholders, as follows: James Scoville, certificate No. 7, number of shares 25, amount of assessment \$625, and in accordance with law and an order of the board of trustees so many shares of said stock as may be necessary will be sold at the office of the general manager of said company, Second avenue, on the 18th day of August, 1909, at 2 o'clock p.m., of said day, to pay said delinquent assessment thereon, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

N. A. FULLER, Secretary.

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