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A LARGE INCORPORATION MEETING.

Citizens Gather Together and Discuss Ways and Means.

An Offer of \$20,000 From Mr. Wills—The Fire Department Can Be Organized at Once, and the Engines Paid For.

The committee of five, appointed at a meeting of the citizens to meet Mr. Ogilvie and to take steps for the incorporation of the city of Dawson, reported on Wednesday evening at a similar meeting. Pioneer hall was crowded, the standing room being all occupied.

Mr. J. A. Chute occupied the chair and called the meeting to order. He explained the object of the meeting and gave the origin of the committee. Mr. Rankin was asked to take the chair temporarily while Mr. Chute reported for the committee. Mr. Chute said that the committee, consisting of Messrs. Wills, Rutledge, Hansen and himself, had, after receiving their instructions, met two or three times to arrange their preliminary plans and had on Wednesday met the commissioner of the Yukon by appointment and were courteously received. Mr. Ogilvie had expressed himself as pleased with the movement and stated that if the citizens would give him their support shown by a petition of not less than 2,500 names, he would take the matter of incorporation in hand at once. Thereupon the committee had met and made a rough draft of a petition which would be read by the secretary. The deliberations of the committee had been very much aided by Attorney Woodruff. His assistance and counsel had been invaluable and the committee were under obligations to him. (Applause)

Mr. H. T. Wills, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, said he was one of the committee appointed a week ago to wait upon Mr. Ogilvie. As Mr. Chute had said, they had been well received. It only required that the people of Dawson should put their shoulders to the wheel. As a great many of the people of Dawson were not British subjects he explained that by the laws of the territories that was not a necessary qualification of voters in municipal matters. Section 280 of the North West Territorial Laws required the mayor and other officials of a municipality to subscribe to an oath. First, that "I am a British subject and the possessor of an estate valued at a certain amount over and above encumbrances," but voters were defined as men, unmarried women and widows, the territorial property qualifications being that they own assessable property to the value of at least \$200. This would admit Americans to a voice in the affairs of the town. As the matter now stood we had no fire protection, no attempt at sanitation and our water supply was of the poorest kind and cost us fifty cents a pail. We have a fire engine on the streets not yet paid for and useless. Our streets are disgraceful, in many places a perfect mud hole, and even if a fire engine were in shape for use it could not be pulled over those streets to the scene of the fire. Then there was the matter of charity. This winter there would undoubtedly be many cases needing assistance. Under the present system the soft hearted men did more than his share while the hard hearted man did nothing. (Applause)

Mr. Rutledge thought incorporation was the only salvation we have, the only way to get out of the quagmire. With a municipality which would be answerable to us for its acts there would be no inside rings, no inside pools unless the people wanted to have it so. If there were, then an election would soon make it right. Mr. Rutledge then read the sections of the petition to Mr. Ogilvie. The petition sets forth that we have a population of nearly 15,000 people, property to the value of four or five millions, are the center of supply, distribution for a district containing 25,000 people, that we cannot secure fire protection for the food supply which, if destroyed by fire would leave us for eight months without means of replenishing it; that the death rate from bad sanitation was high, streets and highways are almost impassable, water supply poor and costly and that there has never yet been so large a town in the North West refused municipal self-control. The petition is to be circulated for signing.

Mr. Rutledge raised the question of whether the people living on property bought from the townsite company to which there was as yet no title, would be considered as "property owners" and would be entitled to vote. Also, whether the committee had obtained any assistance from Mr. Ogilvie that the titles would ensue. The chairman replied that the committee had not taken that matter up as it was clearly beyond their instructions. Attorney C. M. Woodworth was repeatedly called for and responded in an interesting and instructive talk. He introduced his remarks by recounting the steps he had taken towards securing incorporation for the town prior to the taking up of the matter by the committee. Wherever he had lived before the people themselves had been responsible for their own government and could turn them out if unsatisfactory. Here we were governed from far away—Ottawa—in fact, we had guardians to look after us. To-night we want the rights of a free people—the right to look after ourselves and to have a government which shall be accountable to us for its actions. (Applause)

with the balance of the world, still its destruction by fire would be a disaster. How much more would this be, so here, where for the greater part of the year we are absolutely isolated from the balance of mankind. Mr. Woodworth then called attention to what he considered to be the plain duty of every citizen—to find time for the consideration of these and other public matters and he would be culpably guilty if neglect was the cause of a disaster by fire or other causes. He thought that unless we were extraordinarily careful the coming summer in the matter of sanitary precautions which could only be prosecuted intelligently through incorporation; the amount of sickness would become so great as to touch the pockets of the indifferent ones, and thereby touch them on a vital spot. From his connections with several chartered companies he could further say that incorporation would mean considerable advance in values of Dawson property and he estimated it as not less than ten per cent. A point made by Mr. Woodworth and which he wanted to impress upon the people was that municipal taxes were all to be spent here in much needed improvements and was not at all in the nature of a tribute to Ottawa. The speaker received a hearty round of applause upon taking his seat.

Mr. Chute said that a plan had been hit upon whereby immediate action could be taken in securing fire protection pending incorporation. Mr. Wills had agreed to let the committee have the use of \$20,000 for a certain period at a very low rate of interest provided 10 or 15 citizens sign a note securing the money. Four of the committee had agreed to sign. This would allow of the fire apparatus being made available at once. (Applause)

Mr. Lisle found there was some opposition to the movement. To his mind the matter should be referred to the proposition that there would have to be taxation and government for Dawson and whether we would place that power of taxation and government in the hands of people here whom we could control or in the hands of a government sent us from Ottawa. The cost to the individual would be as great under the one as the other. Mr. Lisle moved the committee's report be approved and the committee instructed to continue in their labors and the motion was carried unanimously.

Some questions from J. E. Peters and others were answered and the chair said that the petitions would be left for signing at the large company stores and saloons.

Mr. Lisle proposed that when the committee considered enough signatures had been obtained, they take up the petitions, draw up an incorporating ordinance such as they desired passed by Mr. Ogilvie and his council and present them at once to that last named gentleman.

Anent the Water-Front.
The old Canadian law governing the sale of lands along rivers was that none should be sold within 60 feet of the water's edge. The new Yukon territorial law increases the distance to 100 feet. As crown land agent the occupation of the Dawson waterfront will come under Mr. Willison, a gentleman who is known to be opposed to the complete sailing out of the river, as has been done under former management. The building up of a wall of buildings overhanging the river has crowded boats and rafts to the two cross-streets which penetrate to the river, and to-day, in case of fire, the use of river water for purposes of quenching is precluded by the impossibility of reaching the river without first blowing up or tearing down some stores. It will be interesting to see how a conscientious gentleman like Mr. Willison will deal with an important matter, the inconvenience to steamboats, etc., so great.

Steamboat Arrivals.
The A. C. Co.'s powerful steamer Leah arrived Monday, with a full cargo as usual. The company is now operating a line of the most powerful and largest boats on the river and they need them every one to supply the enormous trade they are doing this year.

The British American Corporation, Ltd., of Vancouver, had succeeded in getting two of their boats to Dawson Tuesday. The Tyrrell and J. P. Light kept company from St. Michaels up and arrived about the same time. The Tyrrell has a capacity of 175 tons and brought up a full cargo. She is a shapely boat and it is contemplated putting her on the upper river run. The J. P. Light, Captain Gear, is a larger boat, having a capacity of 300 tons. These are the first of the much written of "Moran" fleet to put in an appearance. They were 22 days from St. Michaels. The company has bought out Tom O'Brien in Klondike city, the transfer including both the large store and warehouses built by that gentleman.

DUNLEAVY COMES BACK AT KELLUM

He is Waiting for the Hospital to Receive the \$100.

A Strong Letter to Sir Wilfred Laurier A Deadly Conflict Between Two Moose Bulls—How Tricksters Were Blocked.

EDITOR NUGGET:—Regarding Mr. Kellum's offer of \$100 I could substantiate my words about him in mass meetings. I would like to say that my words were: "to show you the ways of the firm of Wade, Clark & Wilson. I want to see you of a woman who came in contact with them over a claim. She refused the terms. They insisted, when she became very angry and said she would go to the gold commissioner. Then this 'go-between' or creature, said: 'You had better mind what you are doing, and don't say too much, or you will have your rights canceled and sent down the river.'"

Ye Gods! To think a widow woman and a British subject can have her rights canceled by the will of such a man! This same individual said that Wade, Clark & Wilson had a list of over 200 claims, and that the stenographer working in their office had 12 of them to dispose of for his services in their office and at the mass meetings. Mr. Kellum's own statement that "This firm is in it" condemns them, and his telling the unrecognized woman who applied for a claim to bluff the legitimate miner and prospector and hold the claim illegally until the meeting of the first with a fictitious name, proves him at least morally mean. When I spoke of the go-betweens I classed them merely as creatures of the Trinity, and Mr. Kellum cannot whitewash himself on a mere quibble, as Robinson, the man who made the statements complained of in his instructions, so I am quietly waiting for him to hand over that \$100 to the hospital, or what is equally deserving, to the threatened widow woman.

A point which seems to have been lost sight of is that a contract giving away a half claim before it is even staked should cause the gold commissioner to come down out of the clouds and attend to mundane affairs. Thanking you for the space.

FRANK J. DUNLEAVY, Organizer Miners' Association.

A Strong Letter to Sir Wilfred.
The following is a genuine copy of bona fide letters forwarded to the premier and governor-general of the Dominion of Canada. The writer is a gentleman not without government connections and his name is therefore withheld.

Dawson, Sept. 6, 1908.
Sir: Jealousy for the honor of the British Empire compels me to bring to your notice a state of affairs in this place that urgently requires official public investigation in the interests of the empire.

It is the universal opinion here and is a common sentiment that the officials administering this district are guilty of outrageous corruption. Everybody appears to thoroughly and firmly believe this report, and every other man claims to know of specific cases, whereby the scandal grows in proportion, and indignation universally prevails. The state of affairs hinders public business on account of the absolute want of confidence that prevails. It may further be a serious danger to the peace, and may lead to events that are legally unjustifiable, but morally worthy.

It is therefore necessary that the acts of the officials be investigated in order that their administration may be vindicated, or, if proved to be corrupt, that severe examples be made in order that the honor of British public life may be maintained in that purity that is traditional, and of which we, as citizens of our great empire, are justly proud.

I have the honor to be, etc.,
[No. of passport, date and place of issue.]

A Deadly Conflict.
A great curiosity was brought down from Stewart river a couple of days ago by Mr. W. H. Lawrence. It consisted of the horns and skulls of two moose bulls, interlocked and fastened so securely that the two animals had evidently died without being able to separate. The animals had evidently been about equal size and it was at the first charge their horns fastened in the deadly embrace which resulted in death. Their noses were almost together and thus they stood until they fell from exhaustion. From the teeth marks on the skulls and skeletons the hunters declare the carcasses to have been eaten by bears. That it was at the first charge the animals became involuntarily attached to each other is evidenced by the horns showing no other signs of collision. The curiosity has been attracting a good deal of attention from the hunters, for while the accident is quite common among other branches of the deer family, the peculiar form taken by the heads of the moose was unexpected to preclude the possibility of interlocking.

Entertaining Trickster's Blocked.
Some of the "gang" were quite bold when they went out to stake on August 30th and 31st. In order to avoid being mobbed and to impress the actual residents on and owners of the claims across the dome, one party represented itself as official, and even went so far as to designate one of the party as a duly authorized recorder who had power and would there and then issue certificates of record. The following notice on the door of the gold commissioners office shows an attempt to block such palpable fraud:

NOTICE.
It has been reported that someone has been on Dawson and selling records, pretending to take affidavits and other information in reference to claims.
I hereby proclaim that no person has been authorized by me to make any such statements or to take any evidence of any kind, nor will any evidence taken outside of the office of the gold commissioner have any weight in determining the rightful ownerships of any claim.
"THOMAS FAWCETT."

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