

DIVISION DIVIDED

Has Been Made Into Four Sub-Districts

Major Culbert Takes Steps Toward Bettering the Police System.

Major Culbert, commanding 'B' division of the N. W. M. P., has lately inaugurated a system for the better policing of his territory which it is thought will result not only in economy but also in a more efficient service. Heretofore, the various detachments reported direct to headquarters in Dawson and in case of emergency valuable time was often lost because there was no one on hand with sufficient power to act. To obviate this Major Culbert has divided the division into four sub-districts—over each one of which there will be a commissioned officer in charge. Detachments will report to the officer in charge of the district in which such detachment is located and they in turn will report to headquarters for the entire sub-district. District No. 1 will extend as far south as the divide between the Indian and Stewart rivers and will include the creeks tributary to the Klondike and Indian rivers. It will be in charge of Inspector Routledge who will have his headquarters at the Forks. District No. 2 is what is commonly known as the river division and extends along the Yukon from the dividing line between 'B' and 'H' divisions at Five Fingers to Ogilvie. Will be in charge of Inspector Howard with headquarters at Selkirk. District No. 3 includes the territory tributary to the Stewart river and extending down the river as far as Stewart crossing. Inspector Jarvis is in charge with headquarters at Duncan creek or thereabouts. District No. 4 is in charge of Inspector Cosby, who will retain Dawson as his headquarters and make trips to the different points in his district at stated intervals. His district will include the Yukon river from Ogilvie to the boundary in the Sixtymile district and also that of Fortymile. Captain Cosby will leave on Friday on his first trip of inspection. He will go to Miller, Glacier and Boucher creeks, thence down the Fortymile to the village of the same name and home via the Yukon. Captain Jarvis left today for his new quarters on Duncan and Captain Routledge will at once return to the Forks. The arranging of the division into sub-districts will leave one Inspector Wroughton and Inspector Taylor on detail in the city. Captain Jarvis, who left this morning for Duncan creek will immediately upon his arrival there dispatch men for the body of Edward Ayers, the unfortunate pursuer of the steamer Prospector who died on the trail trying to reach Dawson, and it will be forwarded to Dawson for interment. Captain Jarvis will endeavor to ascertain if there is any probability at all of Ayers' death being caused by foul means.

AGAIN ENLARGED

Cases Set for Trial Today Continued Over.

Quietness about the court house exists today in the same unbroken chunks that has been the rule ever since the close of the criminal sessions. Two cases were on for hearing this morning, Burns vs. Boulais and Hagel vs. Binet, but both upon consent of counsel interested were allowed to stand over. Mr. Justice Craig ordering them placed at the foot of the list where they will remain until after vacation unless Mr. Justice Macaulay can be persuaded to take them up. The cases were placed on the list but last Saturday and his lordship was present this morning ready to hear them, but for some inexplicable reason counsel stated that they were not ready to go on. Next week is the last week of court before vacation begins.

MAIL TOMORROW

Delayed by the Difficulty of Crossing Yukon.

The mail is not expected now until early tomorrow morning. It should have been here today, but the delay in crossing the Yukon at Mackay's has broken down the schedule time. There was open water there and the ice was running too heavily for two or three days to venture across it in a canoe. The down river mail will probably leave here on Friday. It depends on the state of the river. The mail for Miller creek, a new fortnightly service to be carried by the police patrol, will leave early Friday morning.

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THE ROSS PLATFORM

Whereas, in the opinion of this convention, the continued prosperity of the Yukon territory depends chiefly on the efforts of individual miners and prospectors, whose work is conducted under most difficult conditions, and the stability of the business of the country will be insured by furnishing regular employment to workmen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That every effort should be made by the government to secure, and such changes adopted as would secure, the ends desired. That this convention most strongly recommends:

- 1. Reduction of fees for miners' licenses and for recording and renewing claims.
2. The abolition of payment of commutation for assessment work, and compelling the performance of assessment work upon the claim itself, or upon the claims as grouped.
3. The adoption of such regulations as will encourage the working of low grade ground and the development of quartz mining.
4. The amendment of the mining regulations in such way as to provide a mode by which, upon satisfying reasonable conditions holders of mining claims may obtain crown grants of the same.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR SMELTER

Whereas, Large copper deposits are proven to exist in the vicinity of Whitehorse, and the work already done on the same has demonstrated their immense value; and

Whereas, In order to secure the working of such property, the establishment of a smelter is necessary, and the establishment of such smelter would create large employment for workmen, and create a market for the coal known to exist in the territory, and lead to the large development of the southern portion of the district; therefore,

Resolved, That this convention recommend the encouragement by the Dominion government of the establishment of such smelter, by such aid in the way of bonus, or otherwise, as may be deemed best.

TEST MILL AND ASSAY OFFICE

Resolved, That the interests of this territory demand the establishment of a quartz test mill by the government for the free testing of ore in order to encourage and develop quartz mining and the establishment of an assay office, to be conducted by the government in connection with the government mint.

CANCEL TREADGOLD CONCESSION

Whereas, The supply of water and power to the mines on the creeks is one of the most serious questions of the day in the Yukon territory; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the convention, the matter of such supply on fair and reasonable terms should best be dealt with by the government itself, and should not be left to private individuals; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the government be requested immediately to make careful examination and obtain reports upon the subject with a view of cancelling forthwith the Treadgold concession, and undertaking such supply as a national enterprise.

OTHERS HELD BY FRAUD

Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention many of the concessions now held were obtained by fraud and imposition; that it is in the interest of this territory that such concessions should be annulled, and to that end that inquiry should be set on foot to ascertain the circumstances of such fraud and imposition, and action taken by the attorney general of Canada in the premises.

MINING MACHINERY DUTY FREE

Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention it would greatly tend to assist in the working and development of mines in the territory, to permit the importation of mining machinery of a class not manufactured in Canada, free from all customs duty.

WHOLLY ELECTIVE COUNCIL

That the convention views with satisfaction the increase of the number of elective members of the Yukon council, and urgently recommends that the membership of the council be made wholly elective, without delay; and further, that all matters of a purely local character be committed to the council for deliberation and determination.

AGAINST UNNECESSARY CONCESSIONS

Resolved, That a policy should be adopted which would prevent the obtaining of concessions for hydraulic mining, except in places where the dirt is of such low grade that it could not profitably be worked by other methods; and that before any hydraulic lease should issue, notice should be given by the applicant by publication in the newspapers of his intention of applying for such lease, so as to enable protests to be entered against the granting of the same; and that the owners of hydraulic concessions already granted should be compelled to carry out the strict terms of their leases, and that in default of their so doing, their leases should be cancelled.

"Do you think perfection is ever actually attained in this life?" asked the serious youth.

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "some people become perfect torcs."

MENTALLY UNSOUND

Frank Rolston Sent Back to the Hospital

Wished to Get Out to Go to Work But Was Believed Too Weak.

The sad case of a man imprisoned because believed to be of unsound mind, and who yet was able to argue his own case, was before the police court this morning, and was treated with great gentleness and a lot of evidence added in order to impress the prisoner himself with the justice of the decision and its direct benefits to himself. It was the case of Frank Rolston, who has been in the barracks hospital for three weeks. He had been living in a cabin on the A. C. trail and his kindly neighbors pointed out to the police that he was acting strangely and ought to be taken care of.

Constable Egan went to investigate, and found there was no solid food in the cabin and learned that the man had not been eating anything for three or four days. He was weak and extremely nervous. He also both talked and acted strangely. Under these circumstances he was taken to the barracks, and placed in the hospital.

Two of the neighbors, Charles M. Constock and his son George A., who work on the dredger at 42 Bonanza, gave evidence. The father had known the man for three years, and knew nothing of his family affairs. Both testified to their fears that the man's mental balance was gone.

Dr. Thompson, the police surgeon, said he had had the man under supervision for three weeks and he did not think him capable of taking care of himself. For a time, at any rate, he should be taken care of. He had peculiar ideas, was a man of very nervous temperament and was very much run down. He was very much better than when he came in.

Mr. Justice Macaulay gently explained to the prisoner that the doctor said he was deranged and asked if he had anything to say. His reply was, "Any man would become deranged if you lock him up with no one to talk to. I have had nobody to talk to for a month. I want to get out and go to work."

In reply to questions prisoner said he was a native of the British Isles and came here from Australia. Asked if he had any means he said, "Yes, sir, I work for a living." He added that he received yearly remittances from property he owned in Belfast. He also owned property in Australia and New Zealand, and was interested in mining claims on Conglomerate, particularly the Britannia group. He also had some money coming to him on the creeks that he had loaned.

The magistrate persuaded him that he was not strong enough to go back to his cabin and cook for himself. He also pointed out to him that he had not a dollar, and that he would have the kindest treatment in the hospital. He then remanded him until he grew stronger.

The poor fellow, evidently much disappointed, walked out of the hospital. He put on his hat as soon as he heard the decision, and wore it, but was not rebuked.

PORTRAIT OF AYRES

Pursuer of the Prospector Found Dead on Duncan.

The foregoing is a fair likeness of the late Edward Ayres, the pursuer of the steamer Prospector, whose mysterious death on the trail from Queenston to Duncan is now the subject of an investigation by the police.



PURSER EDWARD AYRES.

The picture was sketched from a group photograph taken on the Yukon last summer which was furnished the Nugget by a friend of the deceased. Nothing new has developed since his death was first reported, though the matter is being probed to the bottom.

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The History of Joseph Andrew

CHAPTER I. Once upon a time there dwelt in the far East a callow youth named Joseph Andrew. Being possessed of ambitious desires and vain imaginations, he left the home of his childhood to see for fame and fortune in the wild and woolly west. There he joined himself to a company in Her Majesty's service, known as the North West Mounted Police. But the place was too strait and the pace too slow for the ambitious Joseph, and before many moons had waxed and waned, he repented of his enlistment. Then did Joseph speak softly and seductively to two of his mates, saying: go to, let us depart to the land of the south, even beyond the international boundary, and then be rid of the degrading drudgery which we here suffer. So these three comrades, equipped with horses, whetted and departed by night with all speed into the land of the south.

CHAPTER V. And Joseph, being filled with vain ambition, his head having swelled exceedingly, said within himself: I will become an editor, so will I use the power of the press for my own exaltation and the discomfiture of mine enemies. Then came there into being a paper the like of which no man had ever before seen, neither hath there been the like of it in all the earth. It did belch forth all manner of vituperation and vehement halderdash, denouncing the rulers of the land and all in authority, even with rancorous blasphemy and vile and unseemly epithets. Even the judges of the land were reviled and accused, inasmuch that the utterances of Joseph were declared to be criminally libelous and injurious; and he was cited to appear before the high court of justice to answer for his misdeeds. Then did Joseph give way to fear and trembling, lest he should be cast into prison, and that when an election was pending. So did he eat crow, and swallow his own vomit, saying: Forgive me I pray thee this once, and I will never do it again. Then was the wrath of the judges appeased, and Joseph was purged of his contempt. So the paper of Joseph which did go up as a rocket, came down like a stick, and the plant was sold by the sheriff, and no man collected the office rent.

CHAPTER VI. Then was there a convention convened to nominate a candidate to uphold the banner of the opposition, even to buck against the government. And Joseph did thrust himself forward so cunningly that he did secure the nomination even to the astonishment of his intimates and associates, inasmuch that they said: "We have been lulled."

And one said: Though Joseph were but a yellow dog yet will I vote for him, for he opposed the government. Though his voice in the parliament at Ottawa should be but as that of a marmoset braying to the moon, yet will I vote for him. Though he has neither political antecedents nor previous experience, being neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring, yet will I vote for him. Though he posed as a rebuker of gambling and vice, when he secretly consented to both, yet will I support him. Though he reviled the judges, yet will I stand by him and say well done. Though he is a self-confessed perjurer and deserter, yet will I vote for him. Though he was in the evil days of '97 and '98 a grafter from away back, yet I consider him a fit and proper person to be my representative. Though he be an illiterate ass, and brainless blatherskite, yet will I vote for him. Though he has failed ignominiously in every enterprise to which he ever put his hand, I will assist in his attaining one more failure. And all the partisans of Joseph said, Amen.

CHAPTER VII. And it came to pass that in the year of grace '97 rumors came from a far land in the icy north of plentiful stores of his treasure in the same. Then was Joseph fired with intense desire to become a plutocrat. So he journeyed to the north land, and after perils by land and sea, did safely arrive thereat. Then did Joseph receive appointment to office under the gold commissioner of the country, and became keeper of the door. Whom he would let in and whom he would hindered. So there was strife among the miners who sought entry, inasmuch that they offered gold to Joseph, saying: "Let us in we pray thee." Then did Joseph apprehend the main chance, and seize the same with all his might, working after hours to further the advantage of those who had gold dust to offer. This was his pike enlarged and his horn exalted, and Joseph became a mighty grafter, even next in rank to the chief boodler. But there arose a grievous awe because of the exactions of Joseph and his fellows, the howlers being the low and base creatures whose pokes were empty and could not buy their way into favor. And in process of time there arose a commissioner who knew not Joseph, and who caused him to be dismissed from his office. And so it came to pass that Joseph fell from affluence to penury, and became a disgruntled sore-head, croaker and kicker, even as he is this day.

CHAPTER VIII. Then said Joseph within himself: I have lost my graft; what shall I do? I am too lazy to work; I dare not steal lest I come to the wood-pile; I am resolved what to do. I will get next to the men of muscle, even the mining men, and become a brother to all such as can boast me a bit. So Joseph became a brother unto many, even by flattery and cajolery, saying: I am come to deliver you from bondage and oppression and to set your feet in a large place. Then certain of the people gave heed to Joseph, and did sound loud his praises in the gate, saying: "Hurrah! for Joe, for he dameth the government." So Joseph, who was himself a tail-nor, became the champion of labor.

CHAPTER IX. And it came to pass that Joseph aspired to become learned in the law, so he joined himself to a citizen of the country who was an honorable advocate, and with whom he went out and came in, and did copy writs, and was yclept a student-at-law. And, in process of time, the years of his indenture having been fulfilled, Joseph went up for his exam. with full hope of being admitted to the bar. Then was it seen that Joseph had neglected to absorb the needed learning, for he utterly failed to pass the exam. and was plucked with a grievous plucking, even to his bitter discomfiture. Then was Joseph filled with wrath and did anathematize the examiners with all manner of blasphemous execration. But certain wise men of discretion did advise with Joseph, saying: Tarry in Jericho till your beard be grown, and devote yourself diligently to the study of Blackstone, Coke and Littleton. But Joseph answered and said: I will have none of them, for an old man's beard is not to them comely. I will betake me to the field of politics, for though I am but a kidlet, and have never earned a vote at a federal election, yet will I so pull the wool over the people's eyes that I shall be their choice, and they shall elect me to parliament, and my voice shall be heard in the councils of the nation.

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IS RIVER CLOSED? Editor Nugget—We are much obliged for your statement of the opinion of Mr. Calderhead, published yesterday, as to the closing of the river, but you do not really decide it any way.

MARMION. (Three letters of the same tenor have been received today, and the editor must decline to accept any such responsibility as that suggested by their contents.)

GOING TO EAGLE. But Not to Further Stations Until Navigation. Two weeks ago Mr. W. H. Fairbanks, of the Northern Commercial Company, received an official notification that he had been appointed general manager of the company for this and all the company's northern enterprises.

RATES GOING UP. For Midnight Rides and Sleeps at the Barracks. Taking a snooze on the sidewalk and being taken to jail on a hand cart is becoming too fashionable a fad to suit the taste of Mr. Justice Macaulay, and he gave notice this morning of his intention to put up the rates both for the midnight ride and the sleeping accommodations at the barracks.

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