

# LETTER FROM MR. HAWKINS

## He Writes Member of Nugget Staff That He Will Reach Dawson on or About March 20th—Creeks Railroad a Certainty—No Trouble at Ottawa.

From a private letter received by a member of the Nugget force in the last mail, which was distributed yesterday evening, it is understood that Mr. E. C. Hawkins has planned to arrive here on March 20th. His chief concern is now on the way and will open offices here as soon as he arrives. This is Mr. Weeks, already well known to a number of Dawson people.

Mr. Hawkins writes that there was no insurmountable obstacle presented to him in regard to the railroad up the creek, but on the contrary he found it was all plain sailing when he arrived at Ottawa. This he modestly discounts all that may have otherwise been said in his praise, in the obtaining of the charter from the government at Ottawa.

### To Close Gap

New York, Feb. 18.—The closing of the last gap and the completion of the telephone service between the Atlantic and Pacific is promised in 1903 by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company.

### To Test Right

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Twenty conductors and motormen of the United Traction Co. have been arrested for refusing to recognize passes issued by Mayor Conway to policemen and firemen. The arrests are a sensational development in the controversy between the local authorities and the Traction Company as to the right of civic employees to ride free.

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Halifax, Feb. 17.—Captain Cheyne, R.N., officer of three Arctic expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin, is dead. He was also a prominent officer in the British blockade of the White Sea during the Crimean war.

### Trooper Mulloy

Halifax, Feb. 17.—The blind Canadian trooper, Mulloy, who was rewarded for bravery in South Africa, has entered the institute for the education of the blind.

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New York, Feb. 17.—M. J. Moore of this city is contemplating the establishment of a complete system of wireless telegraph throughout the United States. His syndicate is now compiling statistics as to topography. One party is traveling along the Northern Pacific, another along the Union Pacific and a third is coming east over the Santa Fe. The syndicate, which is composed of New York, London and Boston capitalists, is negotiating with Marconi for the lease of his apparatus.

### Chief Justice McGuire

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Justice McGuire became chief justice of the Northwest Territories.

### Prendergast Elevated

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—County Judge Prendergast of this district has been elevated to the supreme court bench.

### New Mail Contract

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—A new-mail contract with the White Pass Ry. is in course of preparation.

# IT WAS A GRAND MEETING

## That Was Held Last Night to Remonstrate Against Wholesale Defrauding of Miners By Terms of Treadgold Concession Grant—Committee to Act.

The meeting held in Arctic Brotherhood hall last evening to protest against the concession granted to the Treadgold people was in every sense a great meeting. It was interesting in every way from the moment when the veteran Colonel McGregor called the meeting to order and stated why he had called it up to midnight, when a committee of twenty-three was being appointed to carry out the conclusions the meeting had arrived at. It was made particularly interesting from the fact that several of the speakers said: "I beg the gentleman's pardon," which is the accepted form of platform oratory in Dawson in which to convey to the audience that the previous speaker lies. Mr. Congdon, Mr. Patullo, Mr. Beddo, and perhaps some others, had to have recourse to this form, and it can therefore be seen at a glance that the proceedings were really interesting.

They began with the calling of Mayor Macaulay to the chair. Mr. Macaulay had been away from town on business up the creeks, and had returned at the earnest solicitation of many citizens to preside over this important meeting. In making the suggestion that Mr. Macaulay be voted to this post of honor Colonel McGregor had his only opportunity of publicly knifing the Treadgold octopus, and he did it in great style. He said that if the meeting did not take some forceful action the Moosehide Indians would in a very short while be occupying the palatial apartments now occupied by the minions of Mr. Sifton. This startling prophecy necessarily put a serious face on the proceedings.

The popularity of Mr. Macaulay was demonstrated as soon as he showed himself on the platform. It was his first public appearance as the mayor of the city, and the way in which he conducted this first public meeting was afterwards commented upon, and everyone of the comments made was a compliment to the good judgment and wise discretion of Mr. Macaulay.

George Black was appointed secretary of the meeting, and he proved to be a good secretary in the fact that he never, after his appointment, intruded his personality into the conflict. His position, however, is one of some moment, for if the wishes of the meeting are carried out there will have to be selected a delegation to Ottawa, and upon this subject Mr. Black will undoubtedly have something to say.

But to get back to the meeting. As soon as the mayor had been appointed as the chairman, and had made a few remarks as to the object of the gathering, there were calls for "Barwell," "Barwell." Mr. Barwell is the only gentleman who, in this long crusade against the Treadgold concessions, has presented figures and facts. He is an engineer, and the matter therefore comes within his scope. The call for him, last night before any other speakers was therefore natural, and that he did not reply was a disappointment. But the figures he had published in the Nugget yesterday afternoon were often referred to in the course of the meeting.

After this there were calls for Mr. Beddo, and that gentleman seemed to think that the calls of the audience were not in good faith, but at the suggestion of some political opponent Mr. Beddo came forward, however, and adjusted his eyeglasses, and told the audience that he was going to be caught with that sort of chair. He did not go so far as to

absolutely declare that he was a candidate for "congress" of the Dominion of Canada, but he did say that although he had prepared himself for this meeting he would not show his cards until he had seen those of Mr. F. T. Congdon, who is also supposed to be a candidate for "congressional" honors.

Mr. Patullo, the assistant gold commissioner, was also present and did not desire to speak until somebody had got up before the undoubtedly important audience and had made a bad break that Mr. Patullo could correct. Later on Mr. Patullo made an excellent speech, and his courage in coming forward as an official of the government and addressing a meeting called to express its indignation against the action of that government was afterwards much commented upon. Some very nice things were said of the courage shown by Mr. Patullo on the occasion, and also if the figures that he produced for the information of the meeting. In this regard it was unfortunate that Mr. Patullo spoke so early in the proceedings. The meeting at the time was simply waiting for a speaker who could give them the ultra superlatives of octopus, monopoly, and so on, and then they would cheer to the echo and pass resolutions.

The first speaker who did not care whether he spoke first or last, because he had facts and figures to offer that had to be taken into consideration anyway, was Mr. A. D. Williams. He gained the ear of the meeting, and was cheered from ever corner of the vast hall, when in his opening phrases he referred to the Treadgold concession as "a gigantic octopus." Hurrah, hurrah. Then Mr. Williams mentioned the catchwords of "monopoly" but he did make an excellent speech, one worth more than the careful attention which was given to it, because he was not making a campaign speech, but was giving absolute figures, carefully prepared, in regard to what the government concession to Mr. Treadgold and his partners actually mean. It was the first real argument presented to the meeting, and it was well presented. It went into the whole subject from an engineering standpoint, and in an entertaining manner that managed to hold the audience gave a mass of figures that absolutely showed why the people of Dawson, in this mass meeting, should oppose this concession to Mr. Treadgold.

Mr. Woodworth followed Mr. Williams and told something of his recent experiences at Ottawa. He also referred to the Boyle, the Milne and other concessions, and in general talked upon the lines presented by Mr. Williams, although he did not add in any way to the figures presented by that gentleman. In fact Mr. Williams in this regard made the notable speech of the evening.

Then Mr. Dufferin Patullo, the assistant gold commissioner, to the great surprise of everybody, came forward. But it was not to make a speech. It was for the simple purpose of saying that he could make a speech, but he understood that Mr. Beddo and Mr. Congdon had prepared themselves and he would like to speak after they had presented their arguments to the meeting.

Mr. F. T. Congdon came forward at once, and was ready in speech as he always is. He answered both Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodworth, and said he would have preferred to hear

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