

Preparations Are Being Made on the Creeks

Joyful Occasion Will be Generally Celebrated—Sad Case on Bonanza.

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frsted and lettered, "Hi A Minute." Mr. Coffee is delighted over this cake, cut himself and passed an very particular that each a piece. It was one of the joyable affairs of the season and will be remembered for a long time by those who were enough to be there.

This being the Merry time, we must also remember many homes right in our sad and desolate in. Among the homes which dented this Christmas is the R. R. Brown of No. 90 Bonanza, whose husband en with paralysis the 2 month. Mr. Brown ca Yukon in 1898 with his children. He has, like m made plenty of money, an satisfied invested in mine. He was a hard working, honest man; strong, healthy and full of ambit fatal stroke came and Brown is lying in the Gotan hospital unable to sp to tell his wants and wi his wife and little girl r years, are in their lonely able to do anything for t husband and father. Mr. an old resident of Seatt many friends will be sorry the misfortune that has b

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The City of Dawson

Brief Review of Its Growth and Development From a Rough Mining Camp to a Modern Up-to-Date City.

LITTLE over six years ago and the world had yet to hear of the Klondike and the riches of the district of which Dawson is now the metropolis.

Fortymile and Sixtymile were well known and the strike in the Birch creek region had attracted a thousand or more of the hardier prospectors who dared to brave the rigors of the Chilkoot pass, for Skagway and the White pass were at that time unknown, but the Klondike was unheard of save among a few of the old timers and a handful of Indians.

Among the latter there was a legend that the stream known to them as the Troanduk was so infested with bears of such terrible ferocity that they never ventured up its purling waters except when driven by the direst necessity in the search of food. Their folk lore was imparted to the white men, but it is doubtful if such information had anything to do with the golden wealth of the Klondike remaining hidden from the world so many years, for it must be remembered that the Yukon was invaded years and years before that by the adventuresome spirits who crossed over from the far famed Cariboo country to explore new territory and wrest from it the fortune they were ever seeking.

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The revenue of the city from all sources to date amounts to \$123,111.30 of which \$12,813.10 is from city licenses, police court fines, 60 per cent of the liquor licenses in the city, etc., and the remainder \$110,298.20 represents taxes already collected. The revenue dates only from June 30 when the city assumed the care of its own finances.

The total expenditures since June 30 amount to \$119,158.10 divided as follows: By the streets, works and property committee, \$65,363.15; fire, water and light committee, \$28,657.70; license, police and health committee, \$4,155.30; printing and stationery committee, \$692.35; salaries, etc., \$18,300; contingencies, such as interest, etc., \$1,989.50. By the charter the rate of assessment is fixed at two per cent, as the maximum, a figure that has not as yet been reached.

In no branch of the department of public works have the improvements been so great as in that pertaining to the public streets. The formation of the soil on the flat has made the securing of a solid foundation for the highways a matter of great difficulty. Slimy mud, muck and niggerheads are not the best things on earth upon which to lay a macadamized street and many will doubtless remember in '97 and '98 when there were a dozen spots on First avenue where a team and wagon with a few boards on it would mire down to the hubs and a long rope with probably a hundred men hold of it would be required to extricate them from their difficulty. First avenue and King street were the first to receive any attention, dozens and dozens of loads of slabs and sawdust being distributed along the roads in order to make them passable. The following year more sawdust and slabs were applied and the extent of the improvements was broadened. In 1900 it was made possible to cross Second avenue without the use of hip boots and the next year still more attention was paid to the streets than ever before, but it was not until the city was incorporated that any real attempt was made to introduce macadamized streets such as are possessed by every modern city with any pretensions toward being metropolitan in their ideas.

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GRADED STREETS

Second avenue north 1,200; Third avenue 7,200; Fourth avenue 6,000; Fifth avenue 9,600; Sixth avenue 6,000; Seventh avenue 7,400; Eighth avenue 5,200; Steele avenue 800; Judge street 400; George street 800; Edward street 1,200; Albert street 1,200; Duke street 3,200; York street 2,400; King street 2,400; Queen street 3,200; Princess street 3,600; Harper street 2,700; Hansen street 2,600; Dugas street 400; Turner street 400.

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SEWERS AND SANITATION.

AS THIS is the first year Dawson has been the possessor of macadamized streets so is it the first year that a benefit has been derived from property laid and well constructed sewers, though they are not sewers in the full sense of the word. They are more in the nature of underground drains made for the purpose of carrying off the vast quantities of water that accumulate in the spring as the result of the melting snow. No house sewage of any description is allowed to be emptied into them. The restaurants, bath houses and laundries, however, are permitted to avail themselves of their use, the hot water from the latter keeping the drains open in the coldest weather. Their depth in the ground varies from four to twelve feet and the aggregate length of the underground drains amounts to 5008 feet, nearly one mile. They are distributed as follows: On Second avenue representing the boxes installed at the fill at the intersection of Princess street and also those put in from York to Duke streets for the benefit of the laundries.

Second avenue 1,588; Eighth avenue and Harper 300; Harper street 240; Princess street 400; Queen street 500; King street 750; York street 350; Duke street 650; Church street 250; Total 5,908. Through the entire length of all the foregoing is a 1 1/2 inch pipe for thawing purposes. The boxes are all of three-inch plank, solidly constructed and are imbedded in six inches of sawdust to prevent the thawing of the ground upon which they rest and their consequent settling and becoming out of level. Manholes two feet by four feet in size are built every fifty feet in order to give access to the boxes in case they should become filled up. They are 61 in number. Eight catch basins three feet by five feet are also arranged for flushing tanks. The grade of the sewers is as follows: Second avenue 34; Princess street 50; King street 71; York street 70; Duke street 46; Harper street 75.

From a sanitary standpoint Dawson is today in much better position than would be naturally expected considering the hard conditions confronted by those whose duty it is to look out after the welfare of the public health. All garbage must be speedily removed, no stagnant water is allowed to accumulate and outside houses must be thoroughly cleaned at least once a week. The general health of the community is excellent and there is but very little sickness.

WATER SYSTEM.

ONE reason why Dawson is so free from disease is due to the purity of her water supply, than which there could be no better. It is obtained from a well, situated in South Dawson, nearly fifty feet deep, completely cribbed and far removed from any possible source of contamination. The well is the property of the Dawson City Water and Power Company, together with the plant surrounding it, and which brings the water to the surface and places it at the disposal of the consumers. The system at present is rather primitive, yet far in advance of the first attempt to supply the city with water by gravitation made by Colonel Word in '99, of whom the present company is the successor.

AM Grocery Department Pecurian Brand Fruits Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, Appricts, Cherries, etc., case. Imported French Sardines, (100 quarters to case), case. New England Plum Pudding, case. Emerald Tip Asparagus, case. Lemon, Citron and Orange Peel, pound. Cranberry Sauce, 24 one-half, case. Fine Old Java Coffee, pound. Specials in Ladies Fur Coat Polongus Fur Coats. Wombat Fur Coats. Siberian Lynx Fur Coats. 3-4 Length Coon Coats. 28-in. Length Coon Coats. 30-in. Length Coon Coats. Silk Brocatel Fur-lined Capes. Krimmer Jackets. Astrachan, Persian Lamb, Mink, Martin, Seal, and other.

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