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AN INVESTIGATION

The Commissioner Sits and Charges are Made.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPRODUCED IN FULL.

A Month is Allowed for the Filing of Further Charges.

The Machinery Begins to Grind at Last—Bids Fair to Grind Slowly But Exceedingly Small—The Clerks Forestall the Putting in of Charges by Having Lawyers Present to Try and Contract the Limits of the Investigation—However, Ogilvie Declares for the Widest Investigation.

At last and in a manner promising dispatch at least, the royal commission appointed to investigate the myriad of charges of corruption, malfeasance, incompetency, etc., made by the people and press against certain government officials and employees has set in motion the machinery through which is hoped to secure for the future a complete recognition of the rights of the people as well as the proper punishment of the offending ones. The territorial court was well filled with interested spectators when, at about 11 o'clock Monday morning, Commissioner William Ogilvie took his seat, with Mr. Clement, his legal adviser at his side, and introduced the purpose of the session, by reading in full his commission from the crown to conduct the investigation, which is as follows:

"Victoria, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, etc. To William Ogilvie, Esq., of Dawson City, in the Yukon Territory, in our Dominion of Canada, and to all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any way concern, greeting.

Whereas, it appears from a report from our minister of the interior of Canada that he had under consideration a communication dated Dawson, Yukon Territory, Aug. 25, 1898, addressed to the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, signed by G. J. C. Armstrong as chairman and Percy McDougall secretary, and a number of other persons professing to have been duly appointed a miners' committee at a mass meeting of the miners of the Yukon territory, in which communication it is alleged that many of the government officials have forfeited their claim to the people's confidence and respect by their conduct and action in certain matters. Our said minister further observes that the committee alleges that the gold commissioner's office has been recently closed, and has been for a considerable time in the hands of persons who have no means and desire to bribe the clerks in order to obtain knowledge of the records which ought to be public. It is further charged that wholesale information with regard to unrecorded ground is conveyed to certain individuals outside the office who obtain money to stake and record the ground in violation of an interest in the same. Our minister further states that it is charged that dissatisfaction has arisen with respect to decisions in claim contests, particularly owing to the crown prosecutor, who, while retained as advocate by one of the contestants, was giving legal advice to the other contestant. The Dominion minister is openly charged with serious breaches of trust and malfeasance in office, and some of the officials connected with the recorder's office are alleged to be incompetent. Our said minister further submits that it is stated in the communication that hardships have been caused to many of the claim owners owing to the want of experience of the mining inspectors. The committee further represents that the crown timber agent has granted such concessions and laid down such stringent regulations that only a few parties have the privilege of supplying cordwood this coming winter. On account of this and other reasons set forth in the communication referred to, a copy of which is hereto attached, the committee ask for the appointment of a committee of inquiry.

And, whereas we deem it expedient that inquiry under oath should be made with respect to the truth or untruth of the foregoing charges, statements and complaints, now known by that we, by and with the advice of our privy council, for the purpose of doing by these presents nominate, constitute and appoint you, the said William Ogilvie, of Dawson, commissioner of the Yukon Territory, to be our commissioner for the purposes of such investigation and inquiry into the matters and things hereinbefore mentioned and set out, and we do hereby, under the Great Seal of Canada, Chapter 134, entitled "An Act Respecting Inquiries Concerning Public Matters," confer upon you, our said commissioner, the powers of summoning any witnesses and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and to produce such documents and things as you, our said commissioner, shall deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which you are hereby appointed to examine, inquire and investigate. To have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office, place and trust unto you, the said William Ogilvie, together with the rights, powers, privileges and emoluments unto the said office, place and trust of right and by law appertaining during pleasure. And we do hereby require and direct you to report to our said minister of the interior the result of your investigation, together with

the evidence taken before you and any opinion you may see fit to express thereon.

Following came the usual long line of signatures and titles, and the whole was prepared on the heaviest of parchment, written in a beautiful hand, and decorated with a huge red seal. The document was imposing in appearance as well as in import, and seemed to convey the impression to the hearers that the government of Ottawa considers the charges of the gravest nature.

After the reading the commissioner stated that it was his desire to conduct the investigation to the fullest degree and to the end that the matter may be permanently settled as soon as possible. He had, therefore, decided to invite any who wished to prefer what charges they had, with the assurance that he would give it his attention. He already had in hand several charges that had come to his ears and these would also be investigated. He hoped that all would feel free to tell what they knew, and quoted a section of the Revised Statutes to show that the same could not be used against them at a subsequent time. Attorney Woodworth was present for the miners' committee, and set forth the purposes of that body. The commissioner then addressed that gentleman directly and said that any charges possessing even a shadow of truth would be fully investigated. Mr. Woodworth's reply was that they expected to present much that was far more substantial than shadow. He asked the commissioner if he would summon the accused parties and allow access to the records of the gold commissioner's office. The reply was that any accused official or employee present in the district would be summoned, and such portion of the records as were pertinent to the investigation would be open for use.

Colonel D. MacGregor made a rather lengthy address on behalf of the miners, referring to the widespread discontent which had existed and to the belief, following the appointment of the miners' committee, that something would be done to improve the then existing conditions. He believed that much good had come from it, as the turbulent element in the district had been allayed. He thought it likely that there are persons who are performing their official duties with strict integrity and as the sweeping charges are against the whole official body, this investigation would tend to clear them.

Messrs. Percy McDougall and Geo. Armstrong also addressed the court in behalf of the miners.

In response to the commissioner's renewed invitation for the filing of charges, a stranger stepped forward and described his efforts to record a claim on Gold Run. He was refused the permission point blank by the recorder, who declared that the ground was reserved for the crown, and was also denied admittance to the gold commissioner. He called on the recorder several times in reference to the matter but always with the same result. The final result was that the ground was recorded by somebody else and he lost it. Asked by the commissioner if he thought he saw fraud in the transaction, he replied that he did, as he was the original staker and the recorder had told him the ground was reserved for the crown.

Another man, talking over the heads of the people from a position on the woodbox, asked the commissioner if it was not fraud for the recorder to keep the recording fees of the defeated applicant when two men contested for the same piece of ground. For his part, he thought it stealing. The commissioner said the proceeding was authorized by law and was in the nature of a protection, as it is too often the case in contests that perjury is committed, which is punished by confiscation of the moneys deposited.

In answer to a query, the commissioner

stated that he would receive charges for a month, whereupon Mr. E. C. Allen, for the NUGGET, filed only the following from a large number, reserving the others for further elaboration:

BEFORE THE HON. WILLIAM OGILVIE, INVESTIGATING COMMISSIONER.
In the matter of the investigation into the acts of Thomas Fawcett, as gold commissioner in and for the Yukon Territory.

Complainant:
The complaint alleges as follows:
1. That Thomas Fawcett did willfully manipulate his powers, real and assumed, in the matter of closing and opening of Dominion creek bench claims, to the defrauding of the miners and the benefit of officials and their friends.
2. That at the time pending the issuance of permits to prospect as per his own notice of July 11th, 1898, at 10 a. m., he did willfully deplete from his said notice and issue a permit to Mrs. Emma Koch.
3. That Mr. Fawcett was unfair and unjust to the miners through his office in that when through ignorance on the part of the said miners, or through incompetence on the part of the gold commissioner's office, two applications were entertained for the same ground and both parties paid the entrance fee of \$10, the fee of the misled and unsuccessful applicant was refused to be returned to him.
Messrs. Charles K. Zorn and Andrew Nelson were both allowed to record the same claim, Number 11 above on All Gold. The gold commissioner refused to return the money to Nelson although the claim went to Zorn.
4. That Mr. Fawcett did use his official powers for the benefit of personal friends and to the prejudice of free miners as in the case of the Dominion creek claim of Mrs. Miner when he compelled her to pay \$100.00 under McDonald the sum of two thousand dollars before allowing her to record a claim she had staked.
5. That while the public was being denied access to the records or any information regarding unrecorded ground, Thomas Fawcett did prepare and cause to be prepared more or less complete lists of vacant ground, which he distributed to friends.
6. That an entrance fee was charged and collected to his office.
Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 6th day of February, 1899.

E. C. ALLEN for the "Nugget,"
Complainant.

There appearing to be no other charges forthcoming at the time, the session was dissolved with the assurance of the commissioner that he would pay those in hand before the accused and resume the investigation when they had been given sufficient time to prepare a defense.

A number of attorneys present in the room gave evidence by their interest in the proceedings that they were there in behalf of officials who expected to be mentioned in the complaints and charges.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The burial of the late Dave Evans and Lizzie White, victims of Friday's tragedy, will take place Wednesday at one o'clock p. m.

Fickett & Devlin's new covered stage with stove is a vast improvement on the past. The door fits well and with insulating windows, is as snug as a house.

The Public Charities committee have just prepared a report showing a shortage of \$172.40. The benefit entertainment at the Monte Carlo netted them \$1761, the indebtedness before being \$348.40.

The regular meeting of the Miners' Association was held at the Institute on Monday night. The meeting was a small one, there being only 12 people present. On the matter of changes in the personnel of the committee three of the 12 remained from voting.

An over heated fire set fire, on Friday evening, to the ceiling in the apartments over the Crofto saloon. The fire boys responded to an alarm and extinguished the blaze with a chemical. The damage will not exceed \$50.

The Arctic Ski club had a fine run Sunday and the large crowd of spectators cheered themselves into enthusiasm over the success of the jumps made. The club is now considering the advisability of arranging a prize run for the near future.

From the last mail delivery the Nugget Express made 483 people on the creeks extremely happy, delivering that number of letters by means of the excellent service now being carried on by their dog teams, traversing Eldorado, Bonanza, Hunker, Sulphur, Dominion, Gold Bottom and Lombard.

Latest Arrivals.

A party of N. A. T. & E. Co. attaches arrived in Dawson from the outside Tuesday afternoon. They were O. W. Jackson, a son-in-law of Captain Herby, J. J. Delaney, W. W. Gorman, and C. D. Emmons. With the party were also George Ames and F. W. Smith.

The party was heavily loaded and made slow time, several of the recent arrivals having passed them on the road so that the outside news was here ahead of them. The party left Seattle, December 16th and Skaguay on the 28.

Curley Carr in Trouble.

Curley Carr, the pugilist, is the latest victim of the late police round-up, having been arrested today on two charges. The first is that of vagrancy, but the second charges him with being accessory with one McArthur, a partner, in the theft of some provisions belonging to Frank McCarthy. He has engaged Atty. Patullo to defend him, and the preliminary examination will take place before Justice Harper on Thursday at ten o'clock.

An Old Timer Gone.

John Hughes, one of the oldest residents of this country, died Tuesday at St. Mary's hospital from a general breaking down of the system, aged about fifty years. He came into the country in 1883, engaging first in mining on the Lewis. He was for many years a partner of the late Frank Denmore. The Y. O. O. P. will have charge of the funeral.

Don't forget the date, Friday evening, February 10, grand masquerade ball, Monte Carlo Theatre.

The Regina Club Hotel Bar is the standard of Dawson in quality.

Grand prize wait at the masquerade ball Friday night at Monte Carlo Theatre.

THAT TRAMROAD "WITHOUT A TRAM"

The Council Grants the Tramroad Rights not Asked for.

Council Argue for and Against—Judge Coalines Attorney for Defendant to what He Considers Points at Issue—Taken Under Advisement.

The case of the NUGGET vs. The Tramroad "without a tram" reached another stage on Saturday, when the attorneys for the parties made their argument and his lordship, Judge Dugas, took the matter under advisement. Mr. Petullo, for the NUGGET, presented a strong case in a very able manner and Mr. Tabor's effort showed deep research and careful preparation. The first named gentleman opened by raising the point that O'Brien and Henning, in their application for the franchise asked for the exclusive right to construct a roadbed for the laying thereon of a pole-tramway. The records of the council show simply that the application was granted. Subsequently, however, Commissioner Ogilvie, in a letter to them on the subject, exceeded the terms of the application and informed them that they had been granted the right to construct a tramway or wagon-road. This, the attorney held, was unwarranted. Again, the commissioner's letter clearly stated, "The privilege granted is only such as the local government can give" but "the local government has no control over the lands of the Dominion in the Yukon Territory," and that "until you secure the approval of the minister of the interior or governor-general in council to your scheme you must distinctly understand that no monopoly is secured to you." The attorney then quoted from the territorial laws to show that the control of all the public lands is vested in the minister of the interior, and further supported his contention, quoting the law relating to the establishment of the Yukon Council, wherein that body was specifically denied the right to appropriate public lands without the authority of parliament. The court interrupted to state that the resolution of the council conferring the grant was really made subject to the approval of the minister of the interior. Further citations by the council brought out the further fact that such acts, even when legally enacted, became operative only after they had been published for four weeks in the Canada Gazette, which had not been done in this instance.

The next point raised was that there had, by reason of the construction of the road, been an interference to an established trail, which alone was sufficient to justify a decision for the plaintiff. Counsel quoted the laws defining a highway, which no one has a right to interfere with and contended that the creek-bed, being the established route followed by the miners was, as such a highway, as one of the streets of Dawson. The trail was one of necessity even, and the miners in the gulch, holding concessions from the crown, were entitled to be protected in their rights to the trail.

Counsel then referred to the excessive rate of toll to which the NUGGET had been subjected and to the fact that the terms of the grant had not been complied with in that all of Henning's obligations for labor had not been paid. The court, however, said the only question for him to consider, really was whether the council had the right to give the land for such a purpose.

Mr. Tabor, for defendant, held that the grant was for a roadway as well as a tramway, and that the present road is in accord with the action of the council. The rights of the council were those of other legislative bodies. These were permitted to grant incorporations except for railroads, such as canals, tow paths, tramways, etc., and it was natural to conclude that the right to grant the necessary land went with it, else what use would be the incorporation. The doctrine of implied right bore forcibly on the issue; besides, this matter is strictly local in its nature, which has a bearing on the issue.

The court interrupted here to say that he thought the road a good thing. Some would be made to suffer by reason of having no money with which to pay the toll; but on the whole he did not believe the road would be unpopular if it were not for the brigades which obstruct the creek. He also called Mr. Tabor's attention to a law of '97 which conferred on the minister of the interior the right to dispose of lands in the Yukon territory without the limitations in relation to other public lands.

Counsel contended that the regulations conferred on the commissioner in council rights over the dominion lands in the Yukon district without the concurrence of the minister of the interior and referred to an act approved in December last in relation to the disposition of lands for hydraulic mining. In reference to the creek bed, being considered a public highway, he said he believed it would be admitted that claim owners have a perfect right to build dams in the stream and effectually close it up to passage by pedestrians, which would seem to dispose of that question.

In regard to the provision requiring the liquidation of all claims for labor against defendant he said it was not mandatory. The indebtedness had been taken up as quickly as possible so far as it could be, and the bill remaining unpaid would be met when presented. At the conclusion of the argument his lordship took the matter under advisement. His decision is expected to be given in a few days.

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THE INVESTIGATION.

It always requires the expenditure of much force to impart motion to any large body—as a scientist would say—to replace inertia with momentum. But there is a natural compensation to this, and that is contained in the fact that the initial force required in overcoming the inertia of the said large body also consumes a greater length of time in becoming spent. Applied to society it is just as true. It took seven months from the first issue of the Nugget to secure the commission of investigation which is now in session; but now that it is secured—judging by the interest being taken in it—it will take another seven months to expend the energy imparted. It is not yet half known upon the creeks that witnesses are exempt. It is desirable that this be understood by one and all, that no witness's evidence can be used against himself. When this is thoroughly understood there will be no waits for more charges—we imagine—as there were on Monday morning. The public must be made to understand that they are safe in the witness box—much safer than in the dock. The government has of course made another mistake in not also deposing to Mr. William Ogilvie the powers of inflicting summary punishment upon offenders, for we are altogether too far from the seat of government and too much isolated by natural barriers to be referring everything to it at every whipstitch of the road. All this is going to take time, just as it took an exasperating long time to start the ball a rolling, so it will take a long time before the last is heard of the evils of Klondike maladministration. Long after the investigation is over we will find it still echoing and re-echoing over the wires like the afterclap of a thunderstorm in the distance, and a pure official atmosphere must result.

The governor was asked why he did not include the exemption—or rather safety—of witnesses in his proclamation, and replied that he believed the press would give it sufficient publicity. So be it.

The laws of evidence under which this investigation is empowered to be held provide that a witness shall answer fully and without reservation any question put to him; but that evidence, no matter how incriminating, shall not, mind the words, SMALL NOT—hear it again—SHALL NOT be used against the witness. This must be understood by all or the investigation goes for naught.

Another element which enters largely into the problematical finis of the investigation, is the fairness and impartiality of the investigator. The Nugget believes Mr. Ogilvie disposed to administer exact justice between the interested parties. Did we not believe this to be so, this paper would not waste one effort in this new contest, for we always have our own court of appeal—public opinion—and our standing there and our correct and impartial treatment at the hands of that court goes without saying. We have tried and won many a hard case there and it is always open to us; so we say again to our readers that the very

fact that we have put in an appearance and preferred charges in the court of investigation demonstrates that we believe impartiality is to be the rule.

The investigation is not to discover or convict the men who have profited by buying clerks to prevent the recording of certain claims until they can stake them. It is to find out if the clerks really have done so. Neither is it to punish men who have bought their way into the gold commissioner's office, but to discover if this has really been done. It is not to punish the men who have profited by forming partnerships with men inside the office, but to find out if there really have been or are yet such partnerships.

Again, let it never be forgotten that the day has gone by when to anger an employe of the gold commissioner's office—the gold commissioner down to the door tender—was to forfeit one's rights in the country. With Mr. Senkler in the back office there is no more supercilious overriding of the public by the clerks at the windows. The word is not passed any more from window to window that "So-and-so is a troublesome fellow, so don't give him any satisfaction," as used to be the case. The fact is that just at this moment, owing to the sitting of the commission, there is little left to be desired at the gold commissioner's office excepting perhaps a set of workable regulations and the abolition of the royalty and reservation of claims. There hasn't been so much civility wasted upon these Americans since the discovery of the Klondike. It is really a pleasure to transact business there now—excepting for the long waits in line.

To sum up, there is no reason apparent at this time why this investigation should not result in not only a great change for the better in the administration of Klondike affairs but also in the restitution to defrauded miners of much of the illegally withheld ground. If the investigation at any time should take upon itself a new and objectionable course the public can depend upon this paper to announce it at once in no uncertain tones.

WHY NOT?

The conditions for transporting mail are much more favorable this year than was the case last winter but the outlook for getting in the large quantities of mail matter known to be piled up at coast points is not nearly so favorable as it should be. Travelers who have made the trip from the coast to Dawson state that the trail as a whole is much better than in former years. The river seems to have frozen over with a degree of smoothness unknown for some years. It must also be noted that the entire trip can be made with little or no food supplies to be transported. Road houses are located the entire distance at intervals of from 10 to 35 miles and from our own representatives now en route to Ottawa we have the information that the accommodations are uniformly excellent.

Such being the case it appears that it is only a question of supplying the men and dogs to secure something in the way of an efficient mail service. Whatever obligation the Arctic Express company or P. C. Richardson may have been under to the government it is apparent to the least observant that such obligation is not being met. In fact so far as our information extends no effort is being made by either of the parties named to handle the mail at all.

Due acknowledgment must be made of the efforts of Col. Steele and the N. W. M. P. to bring the mail in but it is quite evident that more means must be brought to bear to adequately meet the requirements of the situation.

The Nugget has had occasion in previous issues to refer to the presence in the Yukon Territory of a considerable body of soldiery. We have in fact objected to the presence of the troops on the ground that the Northwest Mounted Police have proven their ability to preserve order in the territory without any assistance, and in consequence the maintenance of the soldiers in this country, the most expensive on earth in which to

live, is only adding an unnecessary expense to the government budget.

But since the soldiers are here why not employ them in a capacity more useful than mere garrison duty. They cannot possibly be detailed for any more useful service than the transportation of mail. And in so far as fitting them for active service is concerned no drill or exercises they can be given will develop their powers of physical endurance to the extent that trail life would do.

We are inclined to the opinion that the boys themselves would enter with hearty good will into such an undertaking and would do their best to relieve the anxiety of thousands of residents of the territory who are anxiously awaiting the arrival of long-expected mail. The opportunity is at hand to prove the usefulness of the military. The men of the Klondike would be pleased to see full advantage taken of this opportunity.

A RAISE IN PRICE.

A perusal of our files shows that the NUGGET has steadily increased the amount of reading matter contained in each issue. As fourteen is to nine so is the amount of reading matter of this issue compared with our first number. Our subscription price and the price of single copies is found to be too nearly equal, from a business point of view, and a restoration to our former price of 50 cents per single copy is among the early possibilities. In the first place we do not believe Dawson to be a "two-bit" town and have no desire to see it become so. In the second place, the price of single copies is immaterial to most of our readers as they are regular subscribers and the price to them will not be changed.

INJUSTICE.

The correspondence from Stewart, found in our local columns, reveals a most unsatisfactory condition of affairs at that point. Here were a lot of men coming into a new country anxious to comply with its every law. Desiring to prospect the Stewart river they fix upon a point of land at its mouth building caches and cabins. The place soon assumed the aspects of a town and the people came to the conclusion that a city would be there some day, so it behooved them to look into the laws of the land about reservations etc. The law was found to be that the land was reserved as a highway along the river for 65 feet from the bank. Accordingly the builders paced off the ground and conformed to the law. Then Corporal Green appeared upon the scene with word that a survey was not far off and the men occupying lots would be considered the first applicants. Men wanted to build hotels and stores and other buildings and in conformity with the 65-foot law measured that far back from the river and put up their buildings, Corporal Green stating that he believed 65 feet to be the limit. On a recent date men appeared upon the scene and hauled logs to the rear of those buildings. Their intentions were easily detected when the new 100-foot reservation law recently put in its appearance, for the men in the buildings themselves on the highway and found the men with the logs on the lots.

It is evidently a case of the same old trouble; new laws in operation before the people affected thereby are advised of their existence. The injustice of making those men with buildings forfeit their lots or even move back is so apparent as not to need comment.

Must Record Partnerships.

Are you in a business partnership of some kind, or do you intend so engaging in the near future? If in a position to answer the query affirmatively, then you will be interested in learning that it is, or will be, your duty to cause the fact to be placed upon public record, with all its details, by entering a legal registration of the same with the proper official. This fact became known one day this week when Judge Dugas, in passing upon a lawsuit pending in the territorial court, said that such action was demanded by the territorial laws and that he proposed seeing that the law was complied with in the future. When a NUGGET man besought his lordship for more definite information on the subject, he was courteously escorted to the office of the clerk of the court and provided with a copy of the territorial

laws, within which and in chapter XII was found the following ordinance:

Section 1. All persons associated in business for trading, manufacturing or mining purposes in the territories shall cause to be delivered to the registration clerk of the registration district for the registration of mortgages and other transfers of personal property in the territories in which they carry on, or intend to carry on, a business, a declaration in writing signed by the several members of such partnership.

Sec. 2. Such declaration shall contain the names, surnames, additions and residences of each and every partner, or associate, as aforesaid, and the same style or firm under which they carry on, or intend to carry on, such business, and stating also the time during which the partnership has existed and is to exist, also declaring that the persons therein named are the only members of such partnership or association.

The law further provides that such registration shall be made within six months after the date of the organization of such partnership, the one word "company" in the title of his business shall register the same, and that dissolutions of partnerships shall also be recorded. The penalty for a neglect of the ordinance is a fine of \$100.

"This is the law as it stands at present," said the judge, pointing to the page, "and if it is found that it does not properly apply to this region, another one for its substitution will be passed by the council." He further explained that the meaning of the law did not embrace individuals who employ themselves in actual mining, as do the majority of miners and who are partners only in a fraternal sense.

Was Not Dead.

An incident, we believe, not before published was the cruel result last winter of the absence of all mail communication between Dawson and the outside world. Those of us who were outside will remember that Frank P. Slavin was twice reported dead, and upon the second occasion the fatality was related with the minutest detail. So circumstantially was the story given to the public that Mrs. Slavin, living in London, was notified of the death of her husband, and went into mourning at once. For five months the widows weeds were worn when a Klondiker coming out over the ice heard the story and gave it to his. Knowing the Slavin family he at once cabled Mrs. Slavin that he had left Frank in the Klondike country enjoying good health, and the speediest dead man he had ever seen. Needless to remark that the mourning clothes were discarded at once for garments less sombre and a season of jubilee reigned for a considerable time thereafter in the Slavin household.

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THE POSTOFFICE AS IT IS TODAY

That Important Institution Assumes Metropolitan Proportions.

Postmaster Hartman Brings Order Out of Chaos - Prompt, Punctual and Civil Himself He Demands the Same of His Clerks.

Readers of the Nugget who know how ready this paper has always been to uncover or denounce wrong-doing on the part of any public servant wherever discovered, need not be informed that it is ever as alert for opportunities to exploit and praise the worthy effort from the same sources.

It was Postmaster Hartman's fortune to make his debut on the scene at a most exacting time, being just three days after the fire, on October 14th, with a new office just secured, upward of 200,000 letters piled up promiscuously about the building and the public necessarily shut off from service.

The piles of accumulated newspapers, which little or no effort had before been made to distribute, were tackled. A huge list of names of people for whom papers awaited was prepared and posted, as it was impossible to put the papers in the boxes for want of room, so many were there.

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It will surprise many to learn that the Dawson office is now provided with 208 letter boxes, with six delivery windows and a separate clerk for each. This makes all the letters easy of access and enables a rapid and accurate service.

Postmaster Hartman's staff of assistants now consists of eight clerks. Of these Messrs. A. Bourassa, H. Greenbaum, D. Marks, N. J. Caron, Benjamin Craig and T. G. Owen are delivery clerks; Miss Edith Robinson receives the registered letters, issues the stamps and collects the box rents; Mrs. A. Hill looks after the forwarding of all letters and Mr. R. H. Baker distributes the registered letters.

But by all odds the hardest worked person in the office is the postmaster himself. Promptly at his post at 8:30 each morning, he can be found constantly at work there until 11 nearly every evening; indeed it is said of him that so closely does he confine himself to his arduous duties he has not been half a mile from the office but once since his assumption of its duties.

Mr. Hartman is by no means a novice in his present business, having been similarly engaged for years at Gunnison, Colorado, where he left an enviable record. That he has also brought the Dawson office to its present state of efficiency is a matter of pride to our citizens no less than, doubtless, it is to himself.

OUTSIDE BREVITIES.

PRETORIA, Dec. 27.—It is reported here today that the Bubonic plague has broken out at Delagoa Bay.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—The Tacoma police made their first arrest under the Curfew ordinance on Christmas day, when 11-year-old Willie Howard was caught on the streets at 11:30 p. m., and had to spend the night in the lock-up.

HAMILTON, Dec. 26.—A rumor was started on the streets Saturday that ex-Mayor A. D. Stewart, now on the way to Klondike, is dead, but nothing definite can be learned as to its origin or truth and it is generally discredited.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—No settlement has been reached regarding the demanded concession at Shanghai. The protest against the granting of the concessions made by Sir Claude, the British minister, has brought Great Britain and France face to face in China.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The first letter to be sent from Toronto bearing the new Imperial penny stamp was mailed at midnight of Saturday by Mr. John Ross Robertson, M. P., the representative in Ontario of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England.

MADRID, Dec. 26.—The condition of Prime Minister Sagasta, who is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, is announced this morning to be more serious.

LATER.—Although the latest bulletin regarding Sonor Sagasta's condition which was issued this evening, says that he has passed a quiet day, a rumor is in circulation tonight that his respiration is much more dilapidated and it is feared that he will not recover.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Miller Electric Construction Co., of Pittsburg, has invented a new plant to utilize the power of Niagara Falls, and it is expected that work will begin by the first of the year, necessitating the expenditure of \$500,000.

The deepest shaft in Colorado is that of the Geayer mine, at Silver Cliff, which penetrates the rock to a depth of 2,400 feet. But even that is a shallow puncture beside the one which goes down into the depths of the Comstock lode, again active and productive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: The duel with swords between Max Regis, mayor of Algiers, and M. Lepic, one of the editors of the Les Droits Des Hommes, took place at 5 o'clock this morning at Hueaux. Max Regis attacked his opponent with fury and M. Lepic defended himself with energy.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Mr. W. F. King and Mr. W. W. Stumbles, of the marine and fisheries department, and Mr. Doyan, of the inland revenue department, visited on Sir Wilfred Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fielding today and asked that statutory increases of salary be granted to members of the civil service.

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matter if the present act were to be amended and the new bill introduced.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—A steamer which has arrived here from Samar reports that the Tagalog insurgents have been in possession of Calbayog since December 11. Business there is said to be entirely suspended and all the Spaniards of the vicinity have sought refuge in the house of a man named Scott, an American. The insurgents threatened to attack the refugees but refrained from doing so because it was reported that American soldiers were on their way there.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special London cable despatch to the Times says: "The Chronicle will publish this morning an account from its correspondent, sent on a balloon trip across the Channel, showing that the Andree steering gear was tested with perfect success. The sail used was 18 feet square, instead of 12 feet, the one used on land experiments. The aeronauts took their course when a 200-foot trail rope was in the water, and they found that they had detected three points, or about double that obtained on land, in Essex, several weeks ago.

Claims Bought and Sold. By Louis Couture, North West House, two miles above mouth of Yukon. \$1.25 The Merchants' Lunch at the CARRUTHERS, Second Avenue, lasts from 11:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. \$1.25

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Here is a Serious Problem to Be Worked Out Later.

Of Course There Will Be Hardships Connected With It—But There Appears to Be Only the Inevitable to Meet—Trouble at Stewart.

STEWART CITY, January 31, 1899. The unfortunate stepping into an ice crack on Monday by Mr. George Allen, of the Nugget Ottawa party, and the painful spraining of an ankle, has retarded our progress beyond this point until tomorrow, when we propose to resume our journey in good shape.

The reports of Stewart, as far as we can ascertain are not encouraging by any means; but hopes are, of course, still entertained that later developments may reverse this feeling. There appears to be strong faith in Thistle creek, and what it will show upon bedrock is reached. Surface gold has been found in considerable quantity, but there is no practically reliable information as to what pay streak, if any, there is.

It would seem that Stewart is not to be with out her real estate troubles by or through some misinterpretation of the laws, or regulations. It is an unfortunate circumstance that owing to this distance to reach our man, that his status in the matter cannot be given; but we cannot but feel that Col. Steele would not intentionally work a hardship upon any settler, nor do we believe the same of Corporal Green, one of the most efficient officers of the N. W. M. P., and mining recorder for this district, but that there is to be a hardship worked upon a number of residents here there is no question of doubt, as will be recognized from a relation of the following circumstances, a list of which coming to the Nugget representatives, they at once proceeded to investigate.

In the spring of 1898 when boat load after boat load of people were pouring down the Yukon, many realizing that the Klondike district would be over-populated, and the Stewart and tributaries offering advantages for prospecting, decided to stop here. Cabins and houses were erected and Stewart assumed the appearance of a prospective Dawson. Of course the water front was selected as valuable business and residence sites. Desiring to conform with every requirement of the regulations governing the Yukon Territory, Corporal Green, in charge of Stewart Post of the N. W. M. P., was called upon, and information asked of him, as to what should be the required distance to be preserved from the river bank to the front line limits of the lots.

Acting in good faith, the corporal informed them that 50 feet was the legal reservation. Then commenced the erection of cabins, hotels and business places in conformity with this authority, and the month of September found many completed, and occupied. Their surprise may well be imagined when on Christmas eve, Dec. 24th, there appeared from Dawson a gentleman claiming his name to be Davidson or Davidson, who, gathering a number of men together, used them in hauling logs and placing them in the rear of most of the cabins fronting on the river, so that on the morning of Christmas, the 25th, the cabin occupants found that their lots had been jumped. When questioned about the matter, Mr. Davidson or Davidson informed inquirers that he had authority in the shape of a letter authorizing him to do so. Be this as it may, a letter from Col. S. B. Steele under date of December 13, 1898, to Corporal Green prescribes that "no lots shall be located at closer distance to the river bank than 100 feet, and that lots shall be 50 x 100 feet, and that surveyors will be sent to make the survey as soon as the season permits."

It will thus be seen that a large number of cabins and houses will have to be torn down and moved back for rebuilding, entailing the consequent loss of time, and expenses in connection therewith.

The decision of Col. Steele may of course be founded on good and sufficient reasons, and even necessary regulations, but it is to be regretted that misinterpretations of old regulations or promulgation of new, will work a hardship upon a number of people who already lawfully complied with such authority as was at hand.

The only question now is, "Who is this man Davidson or Davidson?" "Why did he attempt to jump these Stewart lots?" "Where did he get his information as to them?" and "From whom emanated the letter he carried?" These are pertinent questions and Stewart people are entitled to know!

An Earthquake at Selkirk. Colonel Evans, accompanied by Capt. Thacker, Corporals Allen and Dougherty, and three privates, arrived in the city Saturday afternoon from Selkirk to inspect the local post. The party left with two dogs a week before and enjoyed a very pleasant trip, the trail being very good, especially this side of Selkirk. At that place, the colonel stated the miners are quite generally discouraged and are throwing up their claims in large numbers. Much security exists among the miners in the Pelly country, he says, and not long since Sergt. Foster went up the river with a supply of medicines and foods made up for the sufferers by the people at Selkirk.

The most interesting news which the colonel could give the reporter was to the effect that Selkirk and vicinity indulged in the novel experience of an earthquake at 6.10 o'clock on the morning of January 2nd. The colonel, as well as nearly everybody else in the vicinity, was awakened by the shock and described the sensation experienced as strange in the extreme. The house he occupied, as well as the bed he lay in, shook very perceptibly, while a stove pipe in the room swayed so violently as to knock against the sides of the building. Many persons made a note of the occurrence and compared time the next day; indeed, the "quake" was the sensation of the day for a while, which is not to be wondered at.

Colonel Evans says, further, that a rumor has come from the East to the effect that the soldiery are to be recalled from the Yukon district in the spring, but he does not know whether there is any truth in it or not. The colonel and party will remain here about one week.

A Good Move. Adjutant McGill, of the Salvation Army, has adopted a plan by which he expects to further extend his work in behalf of the unemployed of the city. He has established what will be known as the "Salvation Army Labor Bureau," and will conduct it on the usual lines, except that no charge will be made for registering. The adjutant states that he can supply good, reliable men and women when desired and requests business men to give him an opportunity to supply them when they are in need of labor. The unemployed are invited to call at the Army barracks and register at once.

WARD OF THANKS. The Salvation Army wishes to express their sincere thanks to Mrs. Spencer, of the Pioneer, for the generous gift of flour, bacon, ham, dried fruit and canned goods given to the shelter.

T. J. MCGILL, Adjutant.

Wanted—A Man. NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE, TERRITORIAL OFFICE. DAWSON, February 6, 1899.

EDITOR OF THE NUGGET: Dear Sir—I have the honor to request that you will insert the following in your paper: Information of Max Stapler, called Max Charles, is desired by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Stapler, of Hanburg.

Mr. Stapler is a Free Mason, and was born in the year 1824, at Gereth, province of Bukovina, Austria. He was last heard of in a letter to Mrs. Stapler from Milwaukee, dated December 8, 1897, in which he stated that he was about to start for the Klondike.

Photographs of Mr. Stapler can be seen at the N. W. M. P. barracks, and I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant. S. B. STEELE, Commanding N. W. M. P., Yukon Territory.

POLICE COURT ITEMS. G. A. Swanson bowled up freely, became loose in conversation through "light" in fact, and paid \$20 and costs. P. Hanson innoculated himself with a respectable "jag" and stood purified of his enormity upon payment of \$25 and costs.

A. Ericson was comfortable and jolly but for said keeping was locked up away from the sparkling "below zero" atmosphere. His night's board cost him \$20 and costs. W. Reader paid \$25 and costs and also the value of the dead dog for having filled him with lead somewhere on Dominion last week.

The sum allowed for the defunct canine was \$24. The dog was looting Mr. Reader's cache and the owner of the disappearing bacon awaited the thief with a gun. His honor, Justice Sturges, took occasion to advise the defendant that as dogs were a necessary evil in this country, he should not have taken the law into his own hands. His remedy was to have taken up the dog or to have sued the owner, J. Johnson.

Sunday at the Monte Carlo. The Monte Carlo Sunday evening entertainments are becoming a settled institution of the community and, as shown last Sunday, fills a popular want for a clean, wholesome pastime for an evening which would otherwise hang heavily on one's hands. A drama entitled "Shipwrecked" was put on with numerous novelties in the olio and a list of moving pictures put on in Prof. Parke's successful style.

The "frilly" umbrella dance and the "Hot-totots" were among the novelties in the olio. Altogether the show is a good one and deserves the patronage it receives.

Decision for Mrs. Duboise. The gold commissioner, Mr. E. C. Senkler, on Saturday last delivered his decision in the Duboise-Murdock bench claim case, awarding the claim to Mrs. Duboise. This is the case exposed by the Nugget in which an appointment for a piece of ground of 60 below on Bonanza was "held off" by Clerk Hurdman, on the grounds that the records showed nothing vacant at that place and Mrs. Duboise must secure a survey of it before recording. Nevertheless, the clerk unobtrusively recorded it afterwards for Fred Murdock without a survey and without him even visiting the ground to stake it. The reason of this sudden willingness to record for Murdock was made quite plain a few days later when the latter presented Hurdman with a deed for a third interest in the ground.

The decision is one the general public will instantly endorse. Three valuable prizes given away at Monte Carlo Theatre Friday night. The Dining Room service of the Regina Club Hotel is such as to invite you back again.

Supposed Robbers Held. The cases of Billy Moss and J. L. Bates, charged with the robbery of Emil Stauff's cache on Friday morning were called before Justice Harper on Monday and the evidence was such that the court held Moss for trial at the next term of the territorial court, Bates' examination being continued to Thursday. A part of the stolen property was exhibited in court,

amongst being some provisions belonging to Mr. Bidder, who kept an outfit in the cache. Even the sleds which held the stolen goods are believed to have been stolen.

Yukon Council. The Yukon council met on February 2nd with all members present. A committee reported no result from their meeting with the medical council but Mr. Clement presented a medical ordinance which he thought would meet the requirements. The ordinance provides for allowing any British licentiate to practice here upon payment of the \$100 fees. That other graduates of four-year colleges be allowed to practice upon payment of the \$700 and their passing the examination of the medical board; that practitioners upon the outlying creeks be somewhat exempted; that the fees of registration be under the control of the council, not the board. Tabled.

The comptroller's estimate of expenses was read. He estimates the expenses at \$26,750. He asked what he should do with a bill for \$3,685 from the Good Samaritan hospital; also a bill for \$8,363 from St. Mary's. The latter bill was partly met by council orders to the amount of \$1,322.50. Payment of the difference and the first bill was deferred.

A letter from Pattullo and Ridley was read regarding the bills of Drs. McFarlane and Barrett for the treatment of indigent patients at the hospital. No action was taken other than to advise the solicitors that the council had understood that the \$5 a day charges were to cover the medical bills.

The comptroller was directed to pay the bill for \$100 for dynamite used in blowing up buildings during the big fire. In regard to the application for an exclusive permit for a bridge across the Klondike, the council took most commendable action. It was resolved that no monopoly should be granted. The bridge can be rebuilt but must be safe for use, and it will not debar the building of other bridges nor the running of ferry boats as was the case last year.

The council referred the license dispute to Ottawa. The men who paid licenses to Bulaya complain that it neither gave them privileges nor protection and they therefore wanted the license to date from the time other licenses were issued. Ottawa.

Judge Dugas reported an ordinance to validate the acts of the Supreme court of the provisional Yukon district after it had been superseded by the making of this into the Yukon territory with a territorial court of its own, the knowledge of this act of parliament not getting here for some weeks and the Supreme court continuing to sit after it apparently had been legislated out of existence.

Harvey vs. Hardy. The above claim dispute came up on Wednesday before the gold commissioner and after the examination of numerous witnesses was decided in favor of Hardy. The facts brought out in evidence were substantially as given in a recent issue of the Nugget and the decision hinged upon the fact that Harvey, while undoubtedly the first staker, did not comply with the requirements of the then gold commissioner in staking the claim with fewer stakes and in more nearly the form of a rectangle. Being on these grounds refused a certificate of record, the ground, though being actually worked at the time by Harvey, was eligible to the location of Hardy, in fact was practically vacant ground. From the evidence Harvey had a hole down some 9 to 12 feet deep when his better posted opponent staked over him and secured a certificate of record. Kelly, Hinton, Hardy and Madden all took part in taking the claim from poor, hard-working Harvey, and all four are government officials or semi-officials. Harvey's ignorance of Lawlett's 90 per cent ruling and Hardy's knowledge of it was what did the work. But of this more anon.

A Cabin Plundered. Details have come to light of the plundering, a few nights ago, of James Donaldson's cabin, during the absence of himself and wife. The articles taken include clothing, firearms, jewelry, etc., and are valued at about \$1,000. Mrs. Donaldson's trunk had also been broken open and despoiled of many articles of value, but the robbers happily overlooked several hundred dollars' worth of nuggets, jewelry and cash. The marauders, it is believed, were frightened away before completing their work as several bundles of articles made up by them, were found about the rooms. One of the stolen articles, a fur coat purchased by Mr. Donaldson for his wife at an expense of \$375 only a few days before, has been recovered, having been found on Second street at an early hour the other morning. It is believed the robbery was perpetrated by representatives of a gang of thieves, and it is a satisfaction to know that the police are not without some clues to their identity.

A Challenge. Pat McHugh challenges any man in the Yukon Territory to either a sparring contest on a wrestling match, barring none, for a purse and side bet. Pat can be found either at the Forks or through the Nugget office.

An Untimely End. Walter B. McDonald, one of Dawson's widely known young men, was laid to rest in the new Protestant cemetery on Saturday, a large following of sorrowing friends being in attendance. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bowdler of the Church of England, assisted by the congregation in singing. The pallbearers were all near friends, and consisted of Messrs. Fred Beatty, W. D. Bruce, George

Butler, Dougall McMurray, Robert Craig, R. Richard Gillespie, Undertaker J. A. Greene had charge of the funeral.

Deceased was born at Manitoba House twenty-eight years ago and came to the Yukon country four years ago with Commissioner Ogilvie's original survey party, remaining here and engaged in mining. His death was due to consumption and his untimely end is mourned by a wide circle of friends with whom he was justly popular.

Store Robbed. McPherran & Johnson storekeepers on upper Front street, reports the theft of a number of articles, including a can of oil, pick, coal and a sled, from before their establishment. The supposed thief called inside and asked the loan of the company's sled, which was granted, and shortly after with the other articles were missed.

Special Rates for room and board by the month at the Regina Club Hotel. Notice is hereby given that the firm of Kelly & Co., Druggists, at Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, and Skagway, Alaska, United States of America, said firm being composed of Charles Kelly and Rene Lepreux, has this day been dissolved.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 25th day of January, 1899. RENE LEPREUX. Don't forget the grand masque ball at Monte Carlo Theatre Friday night.

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