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AT LAST

Communication With the Outside Re-established.

First Budget of Telegraphic News From the Coast—Atlin News Sought After.

After a lapse of over a month we are again enabled to give our subscribers the gist of the more important news by wire from the outside. The "break" was closed up on Thursday at 1.30, but with the accumulation of private messages, press messages were held over until yesterday.

Under the censorship of a committee of the Board of Trade, we have, during the last four weeks, sent out dispatches, amounting to nearly 1500 words. Our correspondent in Vancouver attests to placing of these dispatches to the best advantage. In connection with this wise move by the Board on behalf of the district, we have received the following wire:

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24th.—Atlin attracting attention in Seattle. Continue your bulletins through Mr. Goodman, who assures me of a wide circulation. The Consolidated Spruce Creek Placers' pamphlet is a work of art and I have mailed you a copy.

J. H. BROWNLEE.

Chief Justice McColl Dead.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24th.—Chief Justice McColl died in Victoria last week in convulsions; diabetes the primary cause of death.

E. P. Davis, K. C., of this city, is almost certain to be his successor. The Vancouver Council of the Board of Trade and the Bar are urging Mr. Davis' appointment.

Dominion Nominees.

F. S. Barnard, ex-M.P., Conservative and George Riley, Liberal, have been nominated for Victoria to fill the seat vacated by Col. Prior in the Dominion House of Commons. A bitter contest is being waged.

Dunsmuir Government in a Bad Way.

Members of the Opposition in the Provincial Government, who recently met in New Westminster, declared that Premier Dunsmuir will have a following of but twelve when the House meets next month.

Atlin Copper Property in Demand.

George Findley, of Atlin, is now in the city. He claims to have the biggest and richest copper deposit in the world on the south-west shore of Atlin lake. He succeeded

in interesting R. G. Tatlow in the property and Mr. Tatlow has gone to England to float it.

[It is understood that the property in question is that situated on the mainland about two miles south-west from the Laverdiere property on Copper island. Several local miners are interested in the property and they will doubtless be pleased to learn of Mr. Findley's success.]

Railroads in Dawson.

E. C. Hawkins has returned from Ottawa and says the railway from Dawson to the creeks will be built next summer.

Family vs. Family.

Edna Wallace Hopper, daughter of the woman who married the late Alexander Dunsmuir, brother of the Premier, has issued a writ to set aside Alex. Dunsmuir's will, alleging that her mother was improperly induced to sell out her interests. She claims half of the estate of her step-father, including his joint interest in the railways, mines, etc., with James Dunsmuir.

B. C. Fishery Commission.

The Dominion Government has appointed the following gentlemen to sit as a Fishery Commission for British Columbia: Prof. Price, G. R. Maxwell, Aulay Morrison and Ralph Smith. They will enquire into the trap question.

Let Dogs Delight.

The insurgent fleet has been sunk in a naval battle off Colombo by the Government forts. Governor Palma was killed.

Cabinet Changes.

Hugh Sutherland, ex-M. P. has been sworn in as Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in the Dominion House.

Richard Reid Dobell, a member, without portfolio, of the Dominion Cabinet, was killed in England by being thrown from a horse.

A Missing Warship.

H. M. S. Condor has been missing for some time and almost all hope of her has been given up as she is long overdue from Honolulu.

The Lost Is Found.

Mrs. Powell, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, whose mysterious disappearance has caused much excitement in this city has turned up in Seattle, alive and well. She had eloped.

Marine Disaster.

The lives lost by the wreck of the collier Bristol, owned by Dunsmuir & Co., are said to be: Capt. McIntyre, Pilot Roberts of Victoria, C. Vivian, A. Edwards, J. Silva, W. Romer and H. C. Hurlten.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 25th, 1902.

The question of freight charges, past, present and future over the White Pass & Yukon Railway is one of all-absorbing interest to us all, therefore we make no apology for the space occupied by the remarks of our esteemed contemporary, the White Horse "Daily Evening Star," whose aim and object is for the good of the district and for the people who are opening that district up, and "thems my sentiments," say we.

In our boyhood days, in the language of fables, it was impressed upon us never to "kill the goose that laid the golden egg," and in carrying out the fable in its 20th century interpretation, well, we being the goose, cannot live much longer if the W. P. & Y. Ry. is persistently going to bleed us to death, drop by drop.

We once made the assertion in our columns that every inhabitant of this district paid a DAILY TAX OF TWENTY CENTS to the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, and on strict inquiry, we believe we rather under than over-estimated the amount of the tax. It is impossible to expect that the development of the camp will be prosecuted as its values justify when it costs labor almost all it earns for existence. Furthermore, with the tax from the Yukon, we have paid for the construction of the railroad and its equipment and a dividend of twenty-five per cent on its capital stock besides. Is it not reasonable that we have cause to seek relief from such a Shyllock in the soulless disguise of a railroad corporation, who would, forsooth, pose as a "public benefactor!"

We too, have something to say about rates. White Horse has its rates ably set forth by the "Star," and these rates are bad enough, but ours are worse. Let us quote a few instances for the benefit of our friends on the outside: On a shipment of approximately 18,000 pounds of general groceries, mostly staple goods, the through rate paid, from Vancouver to Atlin, averages \$4.34 per pound. Deducting 40 cents per 100 for the ocean transportation, leaves the rate from Skagway to Atlin of \$3.94, a distance of about 165 miles, over half of which distance is by water. Another item, the average rate, over the same route, upon 12,225 pounds, of which 8127 pounds came under Class "A"—the lowest rate upon groceries,—was \$4.66 per hundred pounds.

The best rate we have ascertained was upon a shipment of flour, of 37,000 pounds, was at the rate of \$4.00 per hundred pounds, or a tax of nearly 2 18-100 cents per mile in favor of the railroad!

DEEP DIGGINGS.

Atlin's Deep Placer Ground Promises Permanency.

Large Dumps Being Taken Out At the Different Scenes of Operation.

GOLD CREEK.

Though the results of last winter's work on this creek were said to have been eminently satisfactory, when some twenty odd shafts were sunk to bedrock—at a varying depth of from 30 to 45 feet this winter's work would be liable to convey the impression that the many difficulties encountered in working this deep placer ground were too great considering the returns obtained, or that less expensive diggings had attracted men to other sections of the district, the fact remains that there are not more than one quarter of last year's shafts being operated.

The men who made the first discovery of this ancient auriferous channel, Messrs Howard & Bruner, and who took out some \$2000 from their work of last season, have done but little this winter, owing to legal complications with one of their partners. However, they recently commenced sinking another shaft on one of their claims and expect to reach bedrock on the gutter of the channel within the next few weeks. According to Mr. Howard, given a suitable pump, which will keep the water down, and an inexpensive hoisting gear, there is no more valuable ground in the district than that of Gold-creek.

Adjacent to the discovery claims Messrs. Thomas & Smith are drawing the water from their last winter's shaft and propose to run a drift across the channel. The shaft was put to bedrock last season and the owners claim that the prospects were amply sufficient to warrant the further development of their ground. They have laid in timbers enough for ninety sets, built a log house over their shaft and constructed a drain to carry off surface water from and around the shaft.

Letter to the Editor.

ORIENTAL LABOUR.

SIR:—Re your article in the CLAIM of October 19th last, on the importation of Oriental labor, I have been instructed by the Atlin District Miners' Association of Discovery, B. C., to correspond with you and to co-operate with you in discouraging as much as possible the (rumoured) proposition of one of our leading hydraulic companies to import Japanese labour.

The Association appreciate the stand you have taken on the question, and, while having some doubt as to the truth of the report, feel it their duty not to stand idly by but take a hand in the game.

I may say that 90 per cent of the miners of the district belong to the Association and they intend to use

all lawful means to keep the Atlin district clear of Orientals. The miners feel that they have had some hard knocks in the past and now a knock-out blow is contemplated. Naturally they resent it.

The prospects of the camp were never brighter than they are today. The miners now in the district are satisfied that the day of uncertainty is almost passed. The prospecting this winter of some 200 miners distributed over the several creeks will prove, beyond a doubt, the per-

manency of the field not for hydraulic mining only, but for individual mining as well.

The Association trust that you will, through the Press, in your well-known able manner show the operator that he will make a mistake by introducing Oriental labour into the district and politely inform Messrs. Jap and Chinese that they are not wanted in the Atlin district.

—Yours truly, D. G. STEWART,
Cor. Secy.
Discovery, B. C., Jan. 20th, 1902.

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White Pass Officials Endeavour to Hoodwink

The Eastern Public A White Horse Paper Has Something to Say About Rates

In the issues of the 9th and 16th insts of the "Daily Evening Star," White Horse, appear two well written articles on the question of freight rates charged by the W. P. & Y. Co., for transportation of groceries from Skagway to White Horse. The articles are the outcome of a letter published by Traffic Manager J. Francis Lee in the Toronto "Globe," of Dec. 21st last, in which Mr. Lee takes to task the Manufacturers' Association of Canada for the publication of statements to the effect that his Company charged a rate on flour of \$2.70 per hundred pounds. Mr. Lee says in reply, "This rate is \$1.75 per 100 pounds, not \$2.70, and further, this rate of \$1.75 is a maximum distance tariff rate and not in any way the actual competitive or proportionate rate demanded or collected."

To Mr. Lee's denial of the \$2.70 rate the "Star" says:

"Mr. Lee must surely have been under the impression that the circulation of the 'Globe' was confined to the Province of Ontario, and that the bald-headed mis-statement would never reach those who have to suffer, because of the grinding, grasping, cunching monopoly of which he is the rate-mouth. Mr. Lee's statement is intended to act as a lie, if he does not, strictly speaking, utter it."

The "Star," in order to be in a position to refute Mr. Lee's denial of the \$2.70 rate, made searching inquiries around White Horse as to rates charged importers, and quote rates in detail which show rates upon groceries as averaging \$3.75 in class "A," \$4.00 in class "B," and in class "C" of \$4.50 per 100 pounds, or a general average of \$3.99 2-5 per 100. On a small shipment of 690 pounds the average rate of \$4.44 7-10 was charged for the haul of 111 miles, Skagway to White Horse. The "Star" says, "We will be explicit in every detail, and will verify every statement made in this article under oath, if Mr. Lee has the temerity to intimate a doubt of its whole truthfulness."

In conclusion of the first article, the "Star" says, "One other fact for the benefit of the Manufacturers' Association of Canada as well as for shippers generally. The approximate distance from Eastern Ontario shipping points to Vancouver via C. P. Ry. is Ottawa, 2786 miles and Toronto, 2568 miles. The rate on flour and all goods classified under group "A" of G. P. O., No. 2, of the W. P. &

Y. Ry. from these points and generally from Ontario points to Vancouver is \$1.05 per 100 pounds; the water rate from Vancouver to Skagway, approximately 1000 miles, the rate is 40 cents per 100, and of a total rate of \$5.30 per 100. J. Francis Bland Lee's corporation gets the balance of \$3.95 per 100 for 111 miles and he has the circulating cheek to say to the Manufacturer's Association of Canada:

"It is surprising to know that such an important association should have exhibited such gross carelessness as they have in this instance."

In the local Agent, Mr. Mellott, the Traffic Manager has discovered quite a champion, as on the day following the publication of the first article, he addressed a letter to the "Star," stating, in the first place, that the statement made by Mr. Lee was not concerning the rate from Skagway, but from the Boundary to White Horse and that the Manufacturers' Association was given to believe \$2.70 was the prevailing rate. Again, that G. P. O. tariff sheet, No. 12, was in operative existence, and that this tariff provides for the rate of \$1.75 for the distance mentioned, viz., 95 miles. As to the average rates taken from certain Way bills quoted by the "Star" in one instance Mr. Mellott states that the actual amount collected, instead of \$30.70, was \$26.70, making the average rate \$3.86 instead of \$4.44.

The "Star" comments upon the communication in the following language: "We are pleased to give place to Mr. Mellott's letter. We reiterate every word published in our article of yesterday. Mr. Mellott is at least generous, if not ingenious, in defending Mr. Lee. That gentleman and Mr. Lee know, the consignees of freight shipped from outside points know and the public should know that not a ton of freight per annum is shipped from Skagway to the Summit, and neither Mr. Mellott nor any other railroad official of the corporation in question can show an expense bill from Skagway to the Summit nor from the Summit to White Horse. It is true that all tariff sheets issued to the public quote a rate from Skagway to the Summit and from the Summit to White Horse. Still the fact remains, it is there for the purpose of acting a lie. All the same, consignees pay the full rate as we have quoted. Mr. Mellott says that G. P. O., No. 12, is in existence. Possibly! But again let us say 'no lower rate exists than the one quoted in our article, and G. P. O. No. 2, is the one bills are paid by and made out by.' Mr. Mellott takes exception to our rendering of W. B. 171, Dec. 30th, 1901. But we have nothing to alter; the bill is before us and speaks for itself. We propose returning to the subject of the W. P. & Y. and their peculiar methods at an early date and promise some revelations that may prove interesting to both officials and the public."

ANNUAL MEETING

Congregation of St. Andrews' Church

Discuss Business—Finances of the Past Year in a Satisfactory Condition.

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church was held in the Church on the evening of Monday, 13th inst. There was a full attendance of the congregation and many of the friends of the Church. Mr. Russell occupied the chair. The financial statements showing the standing of the Church were read by Mr. Cross, Sec. of the Church and Mr. Williams, of the Sunday School. The following summary of the receipts and expenses for the past year is given for general information:

Dec. 31, 1900. Balance on hand	\$30.50
Amount received during the year from all sources	1,313.45
	1,343.95
Am't. paid out during the year	\$1,314.84
Balance, Dec. 31, 1901	\$29.11
Assets, Dec. 31, 1901	130.00
Liabilities	\$276.45
Deficit	\$117.34
A. S. CROSS, Sec. Treas. Sunday School.	

Receipts \$166.40
Expenditure 132.65

Balance, Dec. 31, 1901 33.75
J. WILLIAMS, Sec. Treas.

Considering the small deficit, the financial condition of the Church is very satisfactory. Over \$800. was paid on account of the Church building. The assets above quoted do not include the Church property, fittings or fixtures.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act as Board of Management for this year: J. A. Fraser, J. D. Lumsden, John Williams, J. W. McIntosh, D. H. McDonald, J. F. Ward and A. S. Cross, Secy. Treasurer.

After the business had been dispatched, a very pleasant social evening was spent. The ladies had provided refreshments in abundance, which were heartily enjoyed.

Provincial Legislature to Meet.

The following despatch is taken from the "Daily Alaskan," of the 16th, but Coast papers of the 10th not yet having reached here, the report cannot be verified:

VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—The B. C. Legislature has been summoned to meet on Feb. 20.

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Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next sittings for leave to incorporate a railway company, called the "Lake Bennett Railway Company," to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway from a point on or near the Dyea river, on the International Boundary, between British Columbia and Alaska, to a point at or near Lake Bennett, thence to a point on the Yukon river at or near Selkirk in the Yukon Territory.

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Dated at Vancouver, B. C. this 15th day of November, 1901.

D. G. MACDONNELL,
Solicitor for Applicants.



TAX NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all assessed Taxes and Income Tax, assessed and levied under the Assessment Act and Amendments, are now due and payable for the year 1902. All taxes collectible for the Atlin Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated in Atlin. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

E. J. THAIS,
Acting Assessor and Collector.
Atlin, January 2nd, 1902.

Notice of Dissolution.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned at Atlin, B. C., has this day been mutually dissolved. All debts owing to the said partnership must be paid to, and all debts due by said partnership will be paid by R. B. Dixon.

Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 31st day of Dec. 1901.
D. BURTON,
R. B. DIXON.

LAND ACT, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land in the Atlin Mining Division, of Cassiar, B. C., commencing at a post planted on the shore of Taku Arm about half a mile north of the mouth of Atlinos River, thence east 40 chains; thence 40 chains S.; thence 40 chains W., more or less to the shore of Taku Arm, thence following the shore of Taku Arm to the point of commencement.

ARTHUR G. DEER.
October 23rd, 1901

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