Steele Diary 1898 2008.1 Box 3, Folder 16

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Map-pencil sketch (appears to be lake with island)
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SB Steele NWMPolice BM.C 21425.A
January
Saturday 1
New Years day. Fine. Chinook. Elmes with us. Capt Macdonell also. No snow except in drifts.
Sunday 2 Macleod
Weather fine. A Chinook. No snow.
Monday 3 Macleod
Weather fine. Got pass for Macdonell to Toronto from Mr Whyte Mgr CP.Ry to do business for the Black Diamond Mine Co. Sell stock and clear off bond.
Tuesday 4 Macleod
Weather fine. Telegram from J B Clarke re the "Diamond" Answered one of last nights re same.
Wednesday 5 Macleod
Macdonell to Toronto. Telegram to him to be sent if I get answer re of Kaslo BC. Gave Macdonell copies and originals of telegrams and letters to Sons F Gt Northern railway St Paul Minnesota. My birthday today. I hope the next if I live to see it will be a happier one than the present one. Very busy today indeed. Saw some Welch laborers and wrote to mgr of
Thursday 6 Macleod
Chinook forenoon. Cold P.M. mild midnight. Busy all day came down at noon. Long talk re Phillip. Wired re to McCreary Wpg. Friday

C.P.Ry.
Friday 7 – Thursday 13 Blank
Friday 14 Macleod
Weather fine. Chinook. Busy all day.
Saturday 15 Macleod
Busy all day. A large amount of correspondence came by mail. Not all official.
Sunday 16 Macleod
Weather fine. A Chinook wind. Elmes all day with us. No church parade.
Monday 17 Macleod
Weather fine. Sent the ponies to Calgary in the night of this date. Ct Ryan went with them. The are very good to East. Gave him a letter to the commission recommending him as a packer
Tuesday 18 Macleod
Weather raw. Cold Chinook. Pearce came today. Heard from Stevens today. Wrote John re Mr Pelletiers letter and asked what he wanted.
Wednesday 19
Pearce left for Lethbridge. Busy all day. Nothing of importance going on.
Thursday 20 Macleod
Busy all day on other
Friday 21 Macleod
Escort for the P.M. went west to-day. Wrote Cuthbert and Sanders.
Saturday 22 Macleod
Weather fine. Capt Macdonell came in from Toronto got very little satisfaction indeed from him He did nothing and makes assertions to the effect that B Clarke did not know the stock list not

Telegram from comr re pack horses and from McCreary re the Welchmen who complain of the

the last & had he known that J.B. had the true a/c of the annual and the last he would not have gone down east. This he well knew to be wrong for as a matter of fact he regretted before he

went down that Clarke had the statements and I had none for Clarke to send the rest.

Sunday 23 Macleod

Weather stormy. A blizzard from N.E. with snow. Nothing doing. Called on the Judge and Commission on Labor which had arrived yesterday and men put up at our mess. It consists of Judge Dugas - City magistrate of Montreal. A Mr Pedley of Ottawa Immigration Commissioner a Mr Appleton of Winnipeg Man. These commissioners have not yet arrived. The Judge called in the afternoon.

Monday 24 Macleod

Weather fine. Still cold, but fine. Some labourers came at 7:00 to make a complaint against CPRy Co for not giving them a pass down East. I asked them why they wanted to go. They replied that they were not properly treated. I told them to come up and see the Commissioner at 10:00.

Tuesday 25 Macleod

The Commissioner left for the Peigan reserve at 10:30 the labourers not having turned up. [in pencil: 333 less the day of month]

Wednesday 26 – Thursday 27 Blank

Friday 28 Vancouver [must be an error]

Received orders at night to leave to-morrow for Yukon duty. Set to work and got things in shape for that country.

Saturday 29 Macleod

Left here at 3:00. Deane came up to relieve me. I had handed over to McIlree just before and signed power of attorney for Capt Macdonell to act for me in the Kootenay and in the ___ group. Casy to see looking after ___ pay and see that Mays is all right and infants ___ __. Wrote to Secy BD. to call a meeting to appoint a successor.

Sunday 30 Vancouver

On train from Calgary to Vancouver. Very nice men on board. McNaughton of Montreal and several others. Snow deep in mts.

Monday 31 Vancouver

Arrived from Macleod at 1:00 and put up at the Vancouver hotel. Met a great many old acquaintances and friends. Asked out to dine by the Davis'(?). A big ____ Dinner(?) for Judge Irving of Toronto-Victoria. ____ Batty Irving.

February

Tuesday 1 Vancouver

Dined at the Davis. ___ Murray Bank BC there. Drove back at 11:30 and went out with C___ for oysters. Returned at daylight.

Wednesday 2 Vancouver

Weather wet. I dined out. Saw that all freight is ready to go with me to Skagway. Dined at Alex R Millers(?). Perry(?) came from Victoria saw me and left for Skagway in the P.M.

Thursday 3 Macleod Vancouver

Weather wet went to Bank of B.C. and also to Leland and Davis' office all is settled re Allisons note for the amount owing Bank of BC. Bought a cipher code Slaters.

[pencil:]
Friday 4 Vancouver

Blank

Saturday 5 Vancouver

Nothing to do today. Expected the boat but S(?) Wrote lots of letters met Cor___ and talked over old.

Sunday 6 On board Thistle

Up early. Got on board the boat. Thistle at 10:00 A wretched but full of men and two women. Did not sail until five o'clock. Heavy sea on but did not mind it. Capt Armstrong on board with a large party of men going to build on T___ lake. Feel well got over my cold.

Monday 7 Thistle

Arrived at Connor coal wharf at x5:00. Commenced coaling up. There are coke ovens a lot of new buildings and offices for the company. Left at 3:00 (three) for the north Head wind. Short(?) pleasant went to bed at 9:00.

Tuesday 8 At Sea Thistle

Breakfast at 8:00. Very stormy most of the passengers sea sick. Crossed the Seymour Narrows about dark American man of war lost here with all on board a few years ago. Not a rope even seen since. Ship ran smoothly all night.

Wednesday 9 Thistle at Sea

Ran through Queen Charlotte Sound and along the same islands all day. Very heavy weather most of the passengers sea sick. I did not suffer and had a good appetite which is more than I expected. Got Rain with Millbank sound and had very heavy rolling for two hours. Turned in at 12:30 ship easy had a bad night on account of too much clothing(?).

Thursday 10 Thistle

Up at 8:00 and breakfasted. The course among Islands all day. Passed at 3:30 the wreck of the Coronau(?) wrecked a week ago. The bow sticks high out of water and is held by a hawser to the island on which she struck. Reached Mary Island and anchored for the night. An American customs post is here and we had to report.

Friday 11 Thistle at Sea

Left Mary Island and reached Wrangel at midnight. A very rough and dangerous channel indeed. The capt and mate are very good navigators.

Saturday 12 Thistle Friday

Up early and saw the Danube and the [blank space] in the harbour of Wrangel. Then an old Russian post numbers of Indians here all employed on fishing and hunting. Captain Armstrong went up the river to see if the ice on the Stickeen is all right. He has a big task before him. The Danube and the Tedu(?) went out and recommended to unload capt Armstrongs stuff and disembark his men. Tide rising.

Sunday 13 Thistle at Sea Saturday

Weather raw and cold. Left at 3:00 and got through Wrangel early. Pretty rough at night.

Monday 14-Tuesday 15 Thistle at Sea

Sailed all day. Rough cold, and raw 'went' to bed but could not sleep. The travellers on board being too excited to do any thing but talk. Cast anchor in Skagway bay at 1:20 AM 15th slept a

little after that.

Monday 16th. Weather cold. Got to Skagway at 7:30 breakfasted and went up to find police officer which I did. Went to Klondyke restaurant for Lunch.

[in blue pencil:]
Tuesday 15 Skagway

Busy writing all day.

Wednesday 16 Skagway

Busy writing

Thursday 17 Skagway

Busy writing. Noth of importance going on.

Friday 18 Skagway

Up early and late. Did not do anything waiting to hear from the [black ink:] US Asst QMr called capt Ruhlau by name. A nice man. He is with the troops in town of Dyea.

Saturday 19 Skagway

[blue pencil, paragraph crossed out in black ink in middle:]
Did nothing. The US acting Quartermaster called captain Ruhlau a german by birth but a West Pointer. Sat up late.

Sunday 20 – Tuesday 12 April Blank

April

Wednesday 13

Diary found all right.

Thursday 14 – Saturday 14 May Blank

May

[black ink:]

Sunday 15 Lake Bennett BC

No work doing with office but lots going on outside. Boats being built. Lumber sawn etc etc and in fact the scene is one of the busiest(?) one can imagine. 960 tents here and more than that many at Lindeman(?). Many down the lake as well. Did not leave the house to-day.

Monday 16 Lake Bennett

Wrote Strickland re a statement of Engleharts (\$200.00) Wrote Belcher do. wrote Cartright re the workers on the Summit. Wrote Belcher re an ____ change of duties. Warned(?) the officers. Concurred on all points re the customs. Wrote Cartright on all points of importance. Demanded from Mr Whiteside a report of all he had written to Mr ___ re police and the collection of duties

on the summit and got it. It seems that some men are more likely to make trouble than to stave it off. Did not go out except for a moment for fresh air.

Tuesday 17 Lake Bennett BC

Up early. Breakfast 9:00 office 9:30 Busy all day. Wrote Perry re Chilkoot. Englehart wrote Perry re Patterson and run between the Lakes Bennett and Lindeman. Wrote Cartright re D. Stewarts affair. Sent mail to Belcher with report re Englehart and Whiteside. Sent pay sheets to Ottawa. Statement of vouchers to comptroller. Wrote Jarvis sent order to Sgt Greene re doctors(?) on Skagway. Wrote to Strickland. Gave orders re registrations of boats examination of do. at the hall-Tagish house.

Wednesday 18 Lake Bennett BC

The registration of boats commenced at 9:30 and Godson was kept busy all day. I walked over to Phil Walshs tents and on to the high cliff above this place. It is a wonderful sight to see at least one thousand tents from one point and no army near at hand. In taking the names and numbers of the boats a great thing has been done for B.C. first has given Capt Rant a chance to ask each to produce his license for cutting logs to build a boat in B.C. The Miners licence of the Dominion not covering that.

Thursday 19 Lake Bennett BC

Weather very fine. A large number of boats being registered by Godson and two men counting them. Sent a mail to ____ of Inspector B___ of the Chilkoot detach^{mt}. Mess^{rs} the Rev Mr Lyon Jephson(?) D.S.S. of ___ and ex S.S. Belcher came and called upon me and had a long chat. Forwarded a letter from Mr Lyon to Bishop Bompas of Selkirk to Strickland asking him to forward same. The mail to Chilkoot contained many impt letters and Inspr Belcher was asked to see them placed with the purser or Capt of a good boat or send them over to Sgt Greene at Skagway.

Friday 20 Lake Bennett BC

Signs of snow in the Mts and some flakes falling here. The sun obscured for the first few days. Mr Kleinschneidt came at 10:30 and reported that he had discovered a cache of stolen goods and asked what he would do. I ordered Sergt Joyce to go over and get a team Mr Rants to haul the stuff down to our store.

Saturday 21 Lake Bennett BC

Busy all day. Wrote Mays fully re the movement from Macleod to Montreal to here. Have written Galbraith and Mr Mackenzie re the mining claims Empire and also the latter re my affairs in the country. Asked Mays to send the furniture and my papers to Montreal care of Auguste Harwood. 1420 boats counted between here and Lindeman. Godson still busy at taking the names of the people and the numbers of the boats. Wrote Jarvis and Mr Wills bank of Commerce started out by canoe for Dawson.

Sunday 22 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. No work to day. Mr. Wall came at three PM and gave us a short visit in which he had some resolutions from the "Woodsmen of the World" to the effect that they thanked the Dominion of Canada police the B.C. officials for their kindness and upright way in which they do their duty. Church of E service by Revd Mr. Lyon. Pres. Do. by Rev Mr Dickey. Some boats starting out.

Monday 23 Lake Bennett

Busy all day wrote letters. C___ Mackay called Brooks also and Mess^{rs} Cole and Sola both Englishmen going on.

Tuesday 24 Lake Bennett BC

Queens birthday(?) sports held from 1:30 PM. Salute by the Maxim at 12:00. Tug of war between police and Americans and between Australians and Scotch. Police beat the Americans then the Scotch beat the Australians and in the finals the police beat the Scotch, winning the prize. Large number of people attended the sports. Did nothing all day but entertain guests. Went to bed at 9:30. Police won the tug of war against the world – beating Scotch, Amerns and Australians. A good days sport.

Wednesday 25 Lake Bennett BC

Busy all day wrote lots of letters two to Mays. Belcher, Willison and many others. Mail goes early tomorrow morning. Up at 7:30 Let Mr Whiteside have a lot of money 300 to take him to Dawson. Wrote Mr White am sorry to hear of his sons death. Advised Mays to leave for Montreal poor little woman. Busy at all sorts of things. The registration of boats going Reminded Jarvis of the pack and saddle horses for Major Walsh wrote Comptroller and informed them of the place Major Walsh would be.

Thursday 26 Lake Bennett BC

Busy all day. Went to lunch at Mr Lyons camp. Very nice. Walked about a good deal after officers hours. King of the N Pacific and GNRy called. One of the steel steamers took a trial trip to the ice and was so far a success. Two boats tried to run the cañon one empty and they capsized no lives lost. Ordered that a canoe go down in the AM to see how far we can get. Godson very busy with the boats and a great demand for licences. Mr Osborne came last night. All ____ of the town.

Friday 27 Lake Bennett BC

Got a small mail from Vancouver B.C. Milne still down on Godson. Sent a canoe down the river to see how far it is open. ___ and Flett went. Ordered Godson to get his report ready at an early

date. Got two large mails from Vancouver and prepared to answer it. Wrote a great many letters. Got two from the Commissioner. He is well pleased with Wilsons arrest. Sat up very late.

Saturday 28 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. A strong wind last thing yesterday. Cole came and said Good bye to me. Very busy with my mail and Corpl ____ busy at letters.

Sunday 29 Lake Bennett

Weather very fine. Did not go to church unfortunately was asked out to an al fresco luncheon by Dr Buckle a retired naval surgeon. Old ___ was one of the party and a nice young couple from England named Arthur who are on their wedding tour via New Zealand Australia. A representative of the "Financial News" (England) named Norman was there also. Very nice lunch but seats awkward walked to Lindeman Lake after lunch. Ice nearly all out.

Monday 30 Lake Bennett

Weather fine. Many hundreds of boats in full sail down the lake. Think they are too early. Left at 2PM by Messrs Goddard and Calverts Steamer (Steel) to go down the lake on a trial trip. The party were visited by me and consisted of Zach Wood. King (NPRy) Captain Rant and a couple of others and the owners of the boat Mrs Calvert also – who is a very nice lady. Walked to foot of Lake Lindeman in the morning busy until luncheon time. Steamboat acted well. Scenery fine. Large number of boats in between ____ route.

Tuesday 31 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. Nothing of importance busy getting mail matter ready. Walked up to Lindeman by the rocking(?) bluff behind our quarters. Willison here still. He wrote letters and attended to his mail lots of letters came and were stored in P.O and elsewhere. McKay called. Willison went to bed early being tired. I wrote the Commissioner a long letter on all points. Wrote Sgt Greene to send it via Seattle as it has Amrc Stamps on same. Wrote my wife. Boats are running through the cañon.

June

Wednesday 1 Lake Bennett BC

Weather warm and fine. Walked up the hill and to the cañon once saw boats smashed. Walked again to the cañon up the trail. Put men on to see that there was no trouble. Patterson complained that there were men going to compete with them in running boats and to cut prices which are now low enough. Arranged to let Capt Rant have a man to regulate traffic. Young Jacques called and had a long chat. Arranged for Godson to go to Tagish Lake by first boat to and take two men and a canoe. Willison here arranged matters.

Thursday 2 Lake Bennett BC

Weather windy and cool. Up early found that Sergt Joyce was not up and one or two more N.C.O. All the men were up in time and alert. I went and gave very strong orders on the subject. Wrote Belcher per Mr Jacques men to let us have the entries and invoices(?) of the customs office. Wrote Cartright the same. Arranged that a Non Com officer would be stationed at this cañon to regulate the running of boats and to see that Patterson had no opposition. He having blasted the rocks during the winter. Walked up the hill and on to Lake Lindeman.

Friday 3 Lake Bennett

Did not do very much for myself to-day. Did not feel well.

Saturday 4 Lake Bennett BC

Fine. Very busy all day for a large mail came. got an agreement from James D Pierre Joseph ____ for a lease of land on the Indian river. I hope we shall get it. Sent it to James B Clarke. Mackay drew up the papers and Capt Rant attended to the affidavit. Got a power of atty from Burdett(?) too to locate claims.

Sunday 5 Lake Bennett BC

Sent Dawson mail down per const Latrop(?) who gave a receipt. He went by the "Bellingham" and the rates are 75 per man for the trip down which is reasonable. Ordered the Tagish mail back to here so as to send it down to Skagway. I will be by steamer. The bank of Commerce people went off today. Mackay also. Mackay went with them. Ordered Strickland to let them through early. Ordered Srg^t Graham to have the batteaux fitted up and to be loaded tomorrow and sgt Joyce to get the men.

Monday 6 Lake Bennett

Hard at work all day. Busy at all sorts of things.

Tuesday 7 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. Busy all day. Men getting our batteaux ready for the ____ river. Gave Serg Graham orders about it, and ____ the detachments to be fed. Got a letter from Perry re the money and requested(?) ____ matters sent to him to ____ to my wife. Got news of Dalton McCarthys death by an accident. Very strong feeling in the country.

Wednesday 8 Lake Bennett

Weather fine busy all day at correspondence arranged to escort the money for Victoria by Supt Wood. Our boats are being repaired. Got a long letter from Mays. Sorry she cannot come but hope it is for the best. Reports children all well and improving arranged with Mr Goddard re the mail service to Dawson.

[pencil:] Thursday 9 Tagish Lake Post
Left Bennett at 10:00 on the R. J Goddard and with a headwind part of the time reached here at 8 PM a pleasant sail weather fine passed very many boats en route inspected the barrack stopped at the Stricklands had very pleasant evening of it. Heard of a on the eoal men here and fine at that \$36.00 in gold.
Friday 10 Miles cañon
Left on the Goddard at 7:30 pushed along Tagish river Marsh Lake and the 30 mile river made good time very little delayed to two barge loads of sheep(?) down the Marsh lake. Scenery beautiful. Mountains in the background foothills poplar & fir Current not swift in short stretches. Spent the evening in the room given the men about 52 boats have been lost in the Squaw and White Horse rapids and several men have(?) drowned. Ordered that none but good pilots run the rapid and that then must report. [Vertical: Arranged to have built round.]
Saturday 11
Left at 8:50 for Tagish and Bennett the steamer Goddard goes well up stream good up to Norman Met the Barnes brothers who are pilots and have never lost a boat. The river(?) is very fierce(?) and a good of water for the last few miles and the high on the right bank with poplar on that side bank densely wooded with moderate sized fir, spruce and small poplars the shore rocky(?). Three miles up the banks get and the Mt can be seen on the right. More Jack pine on both sides. Tagish(?) 5:30 Got all the mail matter and an express parcel to go to for Strickland. Arrived at Bennett at 2 PM-AM.
[black ink:] Sunday 12 Lake Bennett 75 in shade to-day
Mail large when I got up answered it at once. Wrote about everything and answered everything. Sent ten dollars to Mrs Drinhaus(?) Seattle. St Thomas street with directions on it to go by City of Seattle Ordered the boats be loaded tomorrow ordered forage to Summit and all supplies not ordered here to Tagish Asked for stores for summit and Tagish also for mail tenders. Arranged with Mr D to support our efforts to get a lease for dredging on Indian River.
Monday 13 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. Got a letter from Nichol(?) asking me to let the Salvation Army through lighter than the regulation amount etc etc wrote Major Walsh and stated that this was refused and that his order was the only one fortunately for him the order had been already rescinded by Major Walsh. Busy loading boats found all the four tons boats too small. 3 tons is the outside that they can hold here purchased two more one from Domville one from Racine.

Monthly report to Major Walsh to written for May. Tuesday 14
Tues. Lake Bennett 13.6.98 14.6.98 Very busy all day. Corpl Tennett wrote a great many letters and so did I to the south the north to Major Walsh etc etc. Very much pestered by numerous enquiries for all sorts of people about their affairs etc etc. Answered all in a satisfactory manner the and myself. J Macaulay and Henry called in the evening. Left at 10:30 wrote until 2 AM the 15 th inst boats nearly ready and in good shape. Sent Major Walsh full particulars.
Wednesday 15 Lake Bennett BC
Busy all day. Got full returns of men in boats sent same to Major Walsh. Sent men to establish upper post on Lac Labarge. Detailed Const Hume in charge of the upper one which is called Labarge. Saw Const Hume and impressed upon him the necessity of doing the work in the best manner. Boats started at 2 PM. In good style met a head wind which eventually turned fair. Wrote Strickland re his work the post etc etc. Saw H Macaulays liquor examined.
Thursday 16 Lake Bennett BC
Mailed to Serg Greene Skagway a parcel to go from there by express to Henry Birks and Sons, Montreal containing a six oz nugget which I got from Pat Galvin(?) and a small one from Pete Morris J S de Ville. I requested green(?) to forward and report on co. Wrote Birks & Son to make three bracelets of them and the small one into a pin. Wrote Strickland re search. Wrote to Mays about the bracelets. Left on the for White Horse at 6:30 got into back water at Little Windy and nearly smashed the scow(?).
Friday 17 8 miles below Marsh Lake
Left the at Wheaton R when we were forced to anchor last night after a good nights rest at 7:30 passed the police boats on Lake at 12:00 Landed Young Harry D at the Perry Mills at 11:15 getting fresher. Arrived at Tagish at 1:45. Saw the the the land and boarded the boat good. Boat rigidly searched nothing found Left at 4:30 went down Marsh Lake and the boat up river Cool and pleasant mosquitos not bad.
Saturday 18 Miles Cañon
Got here at 10:20 We left our moorings at 7:30 and made good time. Got here and placed Sgt Joyce in charge. Wrote Major Walsh in reply to his letters that came thru Seattle re Service re Sugar Supply to Starnes re Man at Big Salmon and re that detachment kept copies of all. Wrote strong memo on the behaviour of our men in this district. Walked over the portage saw Miles cañon and the Squaw and White Horse Rapids. Saw many boats go through they are bad if not handled skilfully. Ordered re forest fires going down the rapids and Sgt Joyce Sgt Joyce Sgt Joyce Set Joyce

Miles Cañon
Sunday 19 Lake Bennett

Left Tagish at which we arrived at 1:00 and sailed all night. Went to bed at once slept until six. Breakfasted arrived here at 9:30 found as usual a large mail awaiting me. Set to work to read the letters and get started. Got all notes made re mail etc etc and worked hard all day long etc etc. Arranged for supplies for Tagish to be sent down by the Irving(?) (___) and 500 lbs sugar five hundred of ___ by the Ora to Major Walsh - and wrote him re mail etc etc. Const ___ the mail to Dawson ___ 11.20 AM

Monday 20 Lake Bennett

Mr Clute(?) & his friends there sent corrections appeared(?). Put Const ___ and mail aboard the boat Ora for Dawson. Wrote many people. Esther, Miller, ___ etc Mays Dr Harwood, Belcher, Cartright, and many officials the latter copied. Mr Clute Inspector of customs came and called with Mr McMartin and another whose name I have forgotten. Mr F ___ and Dr Lindsay of Calgary also after work. Shipped 20 tons of provisions for Tagish post. I ___ sent off Dawson mail

Tuesday 21 one mile below March Lake Serves R. (?)

Left Bennett at 8:30 AM on board the Willie Irving and reached Caribou Xing at 1:30 saw Scotch CE at work for Yukon Ry(?). He presented a copy of letter from the Minister of Int. Arrived at Tagish at 4:30 Before leaving Bennett shipped over Seventeen tons of stuff. Provisions, etc on the vessel. I also on the ____ letting some(?) to Belcher Mr Clute Inspector of customs and Mr Mc Martin Collector went with us Saw Strickland gave him Engleharts letter to Milne which ____ him very much. Dined with the Stricklands Clute also. Left at 6:30 reached here at 11:00 Tied up for the night.

Wednesday 22 Miles Cañon

Left our moorings at 6 AM and reached here at 8:30 AM. I looked round to see that my orders were being carried out re traffic through cañon. Wrote Major Walsh to the effect that our boat went through all right. Also that ___ had come with some ___ for summit copied the letters. Met Mrs Church(?) going to Dawson. Lay down in the PM and had a nap having had no rest last night owing to Mosquitos Many boats going down. The ___ started down at 9:30 and made a successful run Const [next page: Dixon in chg.]

Thursday 23 Miles Cañon Wednesday 22

Up at 6:30 AM. Looked about me after breakfast and at 12:25 got on board the Willie Irving and we started to run the Cañon and rapids. The rudders were taken out (a mistake) and two sweeps in the stern and two in the bow. Two men each on the bow sweeps one on each of the stern (Not

enough) We got into the Cañon and had a run struck the wall starboard and gave the boat quite a jar. Ran the Squaw rapids. The head of the White Horse over the White Horse. It was a fine and rather exciting thing. I saw the right places to all the way. Walked back in an hour five miles.
Friday 24 Miles Cañon Thursday
Up at 6:30 cool with strong southerly breeze. Told Sergt Joyce that a woman had stolen through the 2PM made and impressed on him the necessity of a man being on duty all night as well as day. The Hepburn tramway has cut rates. Told MacCaulay that he must get proof of his charter or I could not help him. Spoke to Const Dixon. He has run four hundred boats Ducharme(?) prefers the batteaux the Dr Allard say that a square sterned boat with batteaux build forard is the best and boat but that a 25 to 30 foot scow 7 foot beam and [next page: six foot on the bottom is the surest to handle.]
Saturday 25 Miles Cañon Friday
Weather cool. Rain at 2:00. Not many boats in. Climbed the hills to the eastward for about two miles back. It got to be warm. Soil sandy and the grass scanty. Roses in bloom all over. Macaulays horses graze up there, the hills are covered with their tracks. Came back at 11:30. Walked about a good deal. Not many boats going down. Most of the pilots idle. I am anxiously waiting for the arrival of Mess ^{rs} Goddard and Calverts steamer (Steel) which is to run on this stretch of lake and river. The customs people must be at Tagish. A man came in a(?) [next page: Re a stove at Tagish McCutcheon.]
Sunday 26- 25 Sat. Miles Cañon cont
Up early as usual. No steamer yet. Got a lot of information from Captain Higgins who has sailed the world over and has been running the White Horse and Cañon since April re the improvements necessary in the White Horse Rapids.
Sunday 26 [same page as above] No boat yet did not rise early being Sunday. Men not working much. J.B. Wickery of the Alaska Pacific Express Co. Dawson called to see me as to the transport under police discussed by us of express matter from Dawson to the Coast. Referred him to Maj Walsh and F White. [Vertical, superimposed:] Boats came in with Col Donnell and others also going Godsons etc etc Had a long talk with the colonel.
Monday 27 Tagish
Left Miles Cañon at 10:15 AM. Boat not working well. The water pipe too small boat steers badly (the Kilbourne arrived at the foot of Marsh Lake at 6:35 Tagish at 8:30. Mrs Strickland gave me some dinner. Left at 10:00 with Mr Clute Mr Martin and a boat load. Got through arm in calm water. Kept on all night to darkness. This being latitude 60°15.

Tuesday 28 Lake Bennett

Arrived on the Kilbourne at 8:30 with the rest of them. Got breakfast for Macaulay & the Dr (Sugden). A very large mail waiting for me. Belcher had arranged with him re the barracks at the Chilkoot pass. Felt sleepy not having been in bed until for twenty four hous. Mr Clute told me that he was well pleased at the way duty was done and customs collected by our men in the and that he was prepared to that we collected more money for the Government than one the regular cont [next page: that the was in packet.]
Wednesday 29
Up late fatigue caused by being forty hours without sleep caused me to over sleep royally so that I was not up until nine o'clock. Belcher, Clute, the customs "boys" Macaulay and Dr Sugden left for Lindeman and the two latter for Dyea and Victora. Gave Sudgen a letter for a telegram for Mays who is to reply to mail it to me. Gave Macaulay letters for Comptroller, Mays and many others to be mailed in Victoria. Stamped all(?) well. Waded through enormous correspondence to-day and got it in shape arranged about Belchers quarters.
Thursday 30 Lake Bennett, BC
Up early worked hard to get a mail of south and did so at 2:00. Board on Corpl J gave him his discharge. Cartwright with me. Arranged about the whole business. Shipped 11 tons of supplies to Tagish. Ordered lumber to be rafted to the post at Tagish. Ordered Lewis at Caribou to take chg of it. Bought two very fine Strickland canoes for 156.00 each with sails or paddles and mast. The best ever seen here. Got another mail. Great worry owing to delay in mails. Dr. Harwood appointed but will not accept the position.
July
Friday 1 Lake Bennett
Made arrangements for a large mail. Mr Clute to Tagish. Cartright to the White pass with McMartin. Some bother about where Wood placed the money in Victoria. It is Milnes stupidity which causes the trouble. Wrote Mays and gave her full account of what is to be done down, and the of the place. Major White Wilson called at 8:30 also at Mr Escombe with the latter has brought in a lot of Whiskey for Dawson. Has pass but as yet no letter covering it same.
Saturday 2 Lake Bennett
Very busy writing getting mails off. Made full reports of everything. Sent out to Skagway a large mail post(?) from the P.O. here. Belcher here. I dined Dined at the Calverts and spent a very pleasant evening there. Left at 11:00. Still bright day light one can read all night. Retired at 10:30 PM.

Sunday 3 Lake Bennett BC

Up early and went to work at my monthly report which is voluminous this this [sic] month (for June). Mail from Skagway no cow came. It did not arrive so I am much disappointed. The steamer Kilbourne came in this AM. Heard by Mr Guiller(?) ____ of the sad death by drowning of my friend Mr W G Lyon C of E minister for Selkirk. Doc Cleveland(?) was fined by Strickland for having liquor in his possession illegally liquor spilled.

Monday 4 Lake Bennett

I let Dr Boyle have an order on Insp Cartright for canoes \$200.00 apiece-and ordered him to use the less damaged ones until the Dr got the other two. The Flora came in to-day all right from Miles Cañon. Body of man found and buried at foot of the White Horse. Wrote Strickland re permits ordering that none be accepted without the Ministers orders. Wrote him copy of Ministers letter of the 10th May. Escombe came re the Whiskey permit. I refused to let him in as there were no.

Tuesday 5 Lake Bennett

W Rattenbury called and asked me to bond letter to liquor to Dawson for Escombe. I refused and read him my orders. I allowed Dixon take two trips with the Flora to White Horse until they get a captain from Wrangel. Wrote Jarvis and sent monthly report which is exhaustive to major Walsh and a copy to Comptroller. Srgt Joyce to hold the letter until steamer arrives from Dawson. Mr G____ went off by the Flora, gave him a free passage on account of Const Evans sending him up.

Wednesday 65 Lindeman

Busy at Bennett and sent off a large and important mail to Skagway for Ottawa and other points in Canada. Sent mail on Flora to the North. Dawson etc. Const Dixon from White Horse rapids in charge. Steamer Kilbourne went too. Left at 2PM for this place, both steamers came up. Left on the zinc boat. ____ heavy boats dangerous shipped lots of water soaked through. Inspected and chose site for detachment. Mr Smith very kind and put us up in his tent for the night.

Thursday 76 L Bennett BC

Weather cold, strong wind. Cam Lindeman	e down and the steam scow in 35° minutes good time from
Sea, Flora in Lake Benne	rt
[same page] 67 th July.	
Sent off a large mail to the east a	nd to Dawson. Also sent the Dawson mail east by Const
Buchanan to Skagway to go by th	ne Steamer

Friday 8 Lindeman BC

Busy at Bennett and finally sent off a large and important mail to Skagway for Ottawa and points in Canada & States. Sent mail per Flora Lake Bennett & Klondyke N. Co Const Dixon from White Horse Rapids in charge steamer Kilbourne went too. Left at 2 PM for Lake Lindeman both steamers came up in afterwards left for here on the zinc boat. Seas heavy boat dangerous shipped lots of water soaked through. Stayed all night here. Inspected and chose site for the Dt buildings. Mr Smith very kind. Relieved Sgt Dan(?) for duty at Bennett also Const Woodhouse went to bed at 11:30. [superimposed, vertical, crossed out:] Bennett BC. Busy all day Sent to Dawson the mail for Major Walsh in reply to all of his received to-day. Constable is in the office and took charge of the orderly room from Sgt Graham(?) who had just taken it over for Corpl Bennett(?).
Saturday 9 Lake Bennett BC
[Scribbled out: Weather cold. Strong wind. Came down on a stearmer sea 35° minutes from Lindeman to of the Lake seven miles. Heavy Mr Escombe again. Think that the people has] wrote Walsh re mail. [superimposed, vertical:] Got a large mail from Major Walsh from Dawson today by the Flora. Saw Rattenbury re the selling of liquor on the bar of the boat. Ordered SSerg ^t Richards to go to Regina where he says he will re-engage with Force. Wrote Walsh and Com ^r also on the subject. Gave him order on Belcher for expenses.
Sunday 10 Lake Bennett BC
Weather fine but cool. Heard all about Soapy Smiths death from Mr Hall of Skagway Alaska. One Murphy shot him with his own gun good riddance. Ordered patrols after the party sent orders to Cartright on the subject, wrote Belcher to that effect and all about death. Wrote Major Walsh on same and. Sent on board Flora orders to all detachments to get at once men who said they were Called one of them Mr Caswell who said he was sent up by the judge.
Monday 11
Whiskey came in last night for one Holland and Mr King they called in the morning and stated that Chambers had a contract with them on the whiskey and said he had permit which he has not. Wrote Major Walsh and Chambers on the subject and advised Holland to go down to Dawson and see Major Walsh who might by that time be able to give one. Wrote Strickland on same subject and to the same effect almost as Major Walsh. Busy all day sent large mail East.
Tuesday 12 Lake Bennett
Weather very warm. Sent Srgt up to Lindeman with the mail. Heard that no lynching of Soapy Smith gang took place wrote Belcher to confirm it. Heavy fires all day north. Smoke very thick at 8:30. Major Wilson Roberts and Calvert called in the evening. Had a call from Rattenbery re freight he is not satisfied because I gave a good deal of to Upper Yukon Co although they do it cheaper. I talked plainly and he will find that the Govt must get the lowest rates.

Wednesday 13 Lake Bennett

Fire at Chilkoot Pass. Warm. Busy all day walked a good deal for exercise.

Thursday 14 Lake Bennett BC

Rained at night. Very warm 70° at midnight. Sent a large mail to Skagway per Const Christianson who is to bring back same ____. Big fire yesterday in Chilkoot pass people flying for their lives from it. Tramway towers burned down in some places. Steamer Flora came in late from White Horse. Prisoners attempted to escape from durance vile from Tagish. Letter from Strickland.

Friday 15 Lake Bennett BC

Wet nearly all day. Sent a large mail to the south through Skagway and to the Chilkoot Daltons trail. Const Jones on leave for his teeth and Special ____. Wrote a lot of letters for Dawson. Arranged for Mr. Holland to carry the mail to Major Walsh and with him a letter of identification. Sent other letters by him also. Wrote Cartwright. Wrote Mr Starnes and McIlree did not get the latter over to-day. Wrote Strickland re house.

Saturday 16 Lake Bennett

Weather hot, 80 in shade. Busy part of the day walked out worked until midnight. Handed to Mr Holland a package of mail for Major Walsh and to his care Attn for Bank of Commerce and Gold Commissioner Thos Fawcett, ____ to Major Walsh the explanation of Major Strickland re the alleged complaints against him by O'Brian man, and the passing of it in private.

Sunday 17 Lake Bennett BC

65° midnight

Rained slightly the last night and up to six o'clock P.M. today with slight intervals of ra. The Flora left to meet the Ora at White Horse. The Clerk wished to charge me for a few letters to Major Walsh at Dawson - 50¢ each I would not pay it but gave them to Mr Holland and he kindly offered to take them for me which I accepted. The Indians accused of the murder of the man on the McClintock mine sent from Tagish by Dawson Sg Majr Tucker in charge of them.

Monday 18 Lake Bennett BC

Up early. Wrote several letters signed orders, re ____ to arrivals etc etc Very little doing to-day. The steamers are all out walked several miles in stretches. Wrote McIlree - saw Racine re launches gave him paper for models of same. Escombe & Brooks the packer came in in the evening. Report of the Skagway paper making extracts of all the comments of the eastern press Canadian re the administration of the Yukon. Brooks says his wife has come. Asked for ____ for freight.

Tuesday 19 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. No clouds. 78° in shade in log house. Busy at correspondence. Walked out for exercise two (2) miles. Major Wilson Cabert, Escombe and Brooks called. Dined at Capt Rants nice dinner salmon trout etc etc. Sat up. The Major and Escombe last did not leave until 12:30 Exercised as usual. Sending money to Sgt Green by Brooks for cows and to pay Dalton for them. Clute not back from Lindeman, expected him tonight. Sent Cartwright one hundred dollars to be accounted for

Wednesday 20 Lake Bennett

Busy all day walked a little for exercise. Clerks getting the instructions on the timber ready for the detachments. Zack Wood wrote us a very nice letter and exchanged clipping in which I am stated as having him apptd a member of the Council of the Yukon district Hd qrs Dawson. Wood is a supt he also so he informs me with the rank of Major in the Militia. I am to command the whole of the Yukon police - Ogilvie Commissioner of Yukon Judge McGuire and self and Gerrard members so they say.

Thursday 21 Lake Bennett BC

Up early. Busy all day kept ten fast ____ men going. Wrote Majr Walsh and Comptroller and Insp Strickland charges made against the men of The Force at Tagish, White Horse Little Salmon. Ordered Strickland and Sgt Joyce to go to into the matters thoroughly Have written re the bribes alleged at Tagish. Walked for exercise. Dr Mitchell called with a letter from Zach Wood. Weather cool and disagreeable enough. No steamers en route to Dawson. Dr Mitchell has been on CPRy boats and is ___.

Friday 22 Tagish Boat

Left Bennett at 5:30 reached Tagish at midnight. Sat up until 2:30 talking to Strickland. Steamer had it pretty rough in ___ Arm also saw the majr, "Lovely Dove" "The Cheese" sailing down the lake in good style. The Lovely Dove behind caused the liquor of Escombe to be examined before going to Tagish. He had one hundred cases too many and had to put off all but what were jammed in the hold. I allowed that to remain on board as far as White Horse so as not to disturb the cargo and then be brought back here. They think they are through.

Saturday 23 Lake Bennett BC

Left Got to work and took affidavits of men all of the men and ____ except Duchamp Whitford and Cardinal re charges made by one Dunleavy of Dawson against the police at Tagish White Horse and Little Salmon river. All swore that charges were [caret: all] false from beginning to end. I saw that all had them read and that they understood them. These were only the Tagish lot. Ordered Strickland to send a man to relieve the man at Little Salmon who has to go to Dawson for trial etc etc. Saw Porter sick(?). Saw vein(?) of several looked about. Left here at 9 P.M. Bennett at 3:25.

Sunday 24 Lake Bennett

Got here at 3:25. Boat had Sgt Haslett Const Goss Good & Dunn(?) on board. Up early again after a good sleep and gave orders that freight was to be pushed over Chilkoot. Wrote re many things ____ running fast. Steamer left again as soon as possible. Wrote orders to Green re ten tons of freight etc. etc. Took affidavits yesterday in duplicate and will send them down to Major Walsh for his information and action. I do not believe the charges against them men. They are false.

Monday

Sunday Lake Bennett BC.

Up. Letter from the minister of Interior Mr Sifton who informs me of any appointments to the rank of Lieut Colonel on the active list and Cmdr of the police in the Yukon. His expressions are very kind indeed. Mr White writes in the same strain and gave me some details. I fear that my wife will not be able to come up on account of the children being sick.

Monday [same page]

Belcher and Cartwright left for their posts. I sent off a large mail by the Constable from Skagway. Steamers in lots if money on board attended to w great care.

Tuesday 26 Lake Bennett BC.

Weather cool. Rain last night and. Busy sent off a mail by Mr Calvert of the of the summits Columbus US. but chiefly a steam boat man of Bennett. The ____ Steamer sailed for Dawson at 5:00 PM. gave an order re firewood and to see Willison. Raining again at 11:30 P.M. but not hard. Got money from Strickland to pay all in the district. Sola called with Capt Rant and left with him at 10:30 PM. People coming in from the East saw Macdonald from the Stickine all soldiers not through yet.

Wednesday 27 Lake Bennett BC

Weather cool. The Str ____ took a trial trip. Mr. Russell the steamboat Inpr came. Wood & Cartright arrived. The former from Vancouver. He says that the summits are recognized by the Americans and detachments are to be arranged all right 19 in all from the passes to to(sic) Dawson. ____ dead. Sprague disappeared from R___ mysteriously. A baronet also who was in Pococks party. Ninety more men to come also an officer.

Thursday 28 Lake Bennett BC

Busy all day. Cartwright left for the White pass to-day. Busy at correspondence.

Friday 29 Lake Bennett

Sent off a large mail East. Loaded up the steamer with fuel and other supplies for detachments on the route to Dawson. Got Woods list of orders. They are very conflicting and play the devil with the arrangements of the police in the district. Mail came in but only a few letters. The Lees

came to Skagway with our stuff. I gave orders that men were to be sent to make up the detachments between here and Dawson etc etc. I have not men enough to do it properly.

Saturday 30 Lake Bennett BC

Busy at correspondence with East and North. Wood to Tagish. Mail not ready for the White Pass. ordered that Belcher and Cartwright complete walls as soon as possible for ____ used the men to send to other places. Clute and Belcher to Lindeman. McMartin is for Dawson as assistant inspector of customs. Wrote Perry re the list of Bennett's(?) and Majr Wilsons liquor and made it quite clear. Walked out as far as L. Lindeman.

[in pencil:]
Sunday 31 Tagish Lake 10 miles from Tagish Post

Left Bennett on the Str Kilbourne at 5:30 PM for Allen Creek. Capt Rant and ____ Sola. Const Clare Dr Mitchell and the crew. Capt Goddard Capt Marsh and Mrs Goddard a fine lady and two young girls. Took in two men at ___ mill two men at that place were left over. Tried the Taku arm but it was too stormy so we turned back to the wood yard and moored for the night.

August

Monday 1 Allen River

Left wood yard Tagish Lake rounded the pt and start(?) up the Taku arm at 5:30AM and at 7:30 met Strickland. He says that Allen Creek is the Yukon. I do not think so. We took on wood at 11:00 total delay one hour and at 12:15(?) reached Allen creek 10 ___ at ___ steamer at not less than six miles per hour. The course was south until 1:30 and then south east until 14:25 started up Allen River 4:45 and after a wild struggle of 2 miles per hour got within 2 miles of the Atlin Lake which is described by the party as a fine sheet of water.

Tuesday 2 Allen R

Up at 7:00 boat put out a line at 8:00 with men on it. Made several attempts to ascend but had to stop and tie up after going 200 feet. Arrived and ____ wood for the rest of the trip river reported bad.

[in pen:] Left moorings in Allen(?) R at 7:30 for the Arm. The boat ran down at a great rate. Reached the lake five miles in ten minutes. Left lake and sailed up long bay to Taku arm. Reached entrance of bay at 9:30 2 hrs from the start distance. 16 miles. The course of bay is N.N.W. Steamed down the arm north by north star and in two hours ____ reached lake pt.

Wednesday 3

We stopped twice for wood one hour each. distance from entrance of long bay is 56 by one course the whole as follows

Taku to Long Bay 56 Mouth of Long bay to Allen River 16 Atlin R 07
Across Atlin Lake $\underline{5}$ Total from pt of Taku near Tagish 74

Bennett Wednesday

As above. Reached Bennett at 2:30 very busy. McGregor passed through today did not see him. Report of the Joseph Clossett being a wreck. It is not quite true. Boat had too weak machinery and was loaded and had iron in the hold. Sent Sgt Davis to the Creek on Allen Lake when gold is found to come back [next page: next boat].

Thursday 4

Weather cloudy in the forenoon sunny afterwards. The Kilbourne sailed for the Atlin Creek via Tagish at 11:30. The Nova left last night for same. Wrote Wood re the location of the claims in Atlin informing him that they are in BC. Wrote Strickland the same. Wrote him re the nonexecution of a warrant for one Gifford and ordered it to be done in future. Chalmers C McKay laid complaint against said Gifford for theft of two oxen. I issued a warrant at once and sent it to officer comdg at Dawson. Wrote Wood and Strickland. Mays also Vivian Steele ____ do. long letter. Sent the ____ out of post. ____ some men.

Friday 5 Lake Bennett BC

Very busy all day. Fine weather. The "Emma May" left for the gold diggings on the Atlin Lake. Belcher came and so did Charman(?) of the Customs Service. Wrote some letters and got a large mail from Vancouver BC and other points. Got a telegram from Mays and one letter from her also. Sent wire to her per Perry. At least wrote one which must go tomorrow morning early. Wrote Perry at length. Wrote Perry and enclosed my letter and telegram to Mays. Mr Braid and Chalmers called in the evening.

Saturday 6 Lake Bennett BC

Sent Spl Const Loucks off to Skagway with mail. Wrote Green (Sgt) to be careful that the letters have sufficient postage and are sent carefully. Sent \$300 to Mays. Wrote a great many things and cleaned up all my old paper and referred them to the proper parties etc etc. Wrote to Wood re barracks. Several parties called. Charman went away to Lindeman. Racine called and saw me about a launch. I sent plans etc etc to Vancouver (Perry).

Sunday 7 Lake Bennett

Nova LB&___ S Co came in at 2:00 AM. Some of the men going up lost their grub in the Atlin R. in trying to "track" up, what fools. They should have known of it, a canoe tracked up against a current like that should have a good man in it with a pole and paddles. S.S. Graham(?) to Tagish to hand over the QM Store. Belcher here. Braid gone to Dawson. Wrote about Strickland and the affidavit to Wood.

Monday 8 Lake Bennett BC

Weather warm. 80° in the shade. Lots of people in from Dyea and Skagway for Atlin Lake. Dr Good of Wpg for there per St^r Alameda. reprimanded const Young for not reporting to me as senior Constable Let Const Harding have a pass to Atlin Lake. Sent a mail to Skagway with orders to Sgt Green to see that "Jack" Allen had letter for Mays and Majr Perry. Sent five tons of flour to the detachments as far Selkirk per the St^r Emma May with orders to Sgt Graham to see that haybales went from Tagish. Wrote OC Tagish to see to it.

Tuesday 9 Lake Bennett

Went through and finished up a large mail from Dawson & Tagish post. Str came in at 3:30 from White Horse Rapids, carrying Klondykers and men from Atlin Lake. Many people in en route to the latter place. Sent a mail south via Skagway. Went to Lindemans with Belcher. Inspected the new buildings walls up. Very hot 80 in shade. Canoes are coming over for us. Major Walsh wants an office there (at Dawson) before he leaves. Sat up to 1:30 AM – 10th August. Wrote many letters.

Wednesday 10 Lake Bennett BC

Wednesday to Eake Defined De
Hot 82° in shade at 5:00 PM. Sent mail to Skagway. Rations short at White Pass. Not sufficient here. Such a rush it has raised the freight rates, came in with mail. Letters from Mays. W Johnston and Baxter and Co London wrote in reply to them and to White Pass detachment re the report of people going by the bush to Lake and the distance. All are cheerful four here(?) 16 came by White Pass - but Chilkoot
Thursday 11 Lake Bennett BC
Up at 8:00 did not go to bed until 2:00 AM. Sent oats to Tagish by Upper Yukon Cos barge. Wrote a large No of letters and gave wrote supt orders re command in the Tagish district and all possible matters. Wrote Sgt Green and the Com ^r Yukon letters re the pack horses mules etc for the latter ordered Green by memo to do his best. Very hot. 88° in shade ordered Sgt Davis to take care for all stores, until further orders.
Friday 12 Lake Bennett BC
Weather fine. Lots of people going down to the new this at Atlin Lake. Boats going out all the time.

Saturday 13 Lake Bennett

Weather fine. Nothing doing. Busy all day. Norman called.

Sunday 14 Lake Bennett B.C.

Weather fine. Major Walsh came back to the to-day with Pattullo Phil Walsh, Fidler the two Collins and Bennett(?). Had a long interview with Major. He leaves tomorrow afternoon for

Lindeman. Some of the Majors baggage sent back by mistake. Long talk with the major and got all the news of the Klondyke.

Monday 15 Lake Bennett BC

The Major lake(?) got all settled up and left at 2:30 via Lindeman and left with kind words. His black bag turned up from Tagish with Belcher at 8:00. Gave orders to send it to Skagway & catch him at Lindeman. The major and Phil left me his sleeping bags two sides down quilts one only robe a bed (camp good). Attended to lots of business. Escombe trying to get the supplies working in by BL&KlCo(?). Wrote about it to Starnes and Wood. Wrote about other matters.

Tuesday 16 Lake Bennett

Major Walshes black bag went by Brooks pack team to Skagway. Ordered up all the freight as soon as possible by packers. Ordered the bedstead (iron) and pillows also all very steep from the south. Wrote lots of letters to N.S.E&W. The day drivers to Tagish and Dawson Porter called. Jarvis arrived from Dalton Trail. Belcher left for Lindeman this AM at 7:00.

Wednesday 17 Lake Bennett B.C.

Up early. Busy part of the nothing of great importance going. Jarvis wrote out his wants and talked over them. Belcher returned from Lindeman.

Thursday 18 Lake Bennett B.C.

Up at 8:30 Cartwright & Jarvis left for the White Pass the latter en route home. SSergt Graham loaded up a scow of the Upper Yukon Co for Tagish with Stores consisting of provisions, stoves sleighs or sleds etc etc. Windy to-day not many people in town. Some pack teams came in and a lot of stores for us from the Chilkoot. Wrote to Five Fingers detachment to the effect that the men there for mail would return to Dalton Trail post at once.

Friday 19 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. Busy for but a short time the barge to Tagish went off with our supplies and another is being loaded. Mess^{rs} Coyney and Garland the former N.Y. Herald the latter McClures Magazine called and had pot luck. Mr Steinhoff of Macleod also called. He is en route to Dawson city. Mr Warner C.E. called and stayed the evening. Steamers expected from White Horse not in yet. Clute & Belcher still away.

Saturday 20 Lake Bennett

Windy part of the day but finer than usual. Not much doing. The men receiving and loading freight for Tagish post. Mess^{rs} Garland Coyney here all day. The Nova not in. Alameda arrived the scow had water in it when it was brought by her to Tagish post.

Sunday 21 Lake Bennett

Weather cool. Nothing of importance to-day but wrote letters and sent telegrams to the Chilkoot Pass to go to Sergt Green because he had let the Treasury have a contract for 75 tons of freight and giving orders to Sgt Green to push it through as fast as possible. Lots of letters sent by ____. Letter from Major Walsh re going to Dawson. Ogilvies party. Many meetings introduction to me of Sheffield the newspaper man Associated press.

Monday 22 Lake Bennett

Miss Flora Shaw was here at 10:30 AM and then went on to Lindeman. She spoke very hard of the State of affairs in Dawson, saying that she would not have believed that such things could exist under the British flag. Corruption she meant for she said that we had a very disagreeable and dirty task to perform before we got through with the place (Dawson) Sent for Dr R___ to come up and see Const Pearson who is dangerously ill.

Tuesday 23 Lake Bennett BC

65° in shade.

Up early. A very large mail from the east disposed of and some letters given to Wood. One re dog drivers and request them for other things. Dr R___ came in the evening. He rode over in a day from Skagway. Diagnoses Const Pearsons case as a cerebral trouble. The ___ normal he is conscious and yet raves all night. Got letter from Tramway Co. to the effect that the supplies needed to be pushed through with rapidity.

Wednesday 24 Lake Bennett

Up at 8:00 breakfast ____. Fine day 65° in shade. Mail from Skagway to me. Sgt Green reports all freight left Dyea. Sent mail per for Jack Allan first from Atlin Lake to Macleod to deliver one one to Mays in Macleod and the rest to Major Perry Vancouver B.C. Sgt Green states that Mr. Ogilvie will come with the Tees Steamer in today. Allan says the Atlin is good. A German has struck a rich claim at the lake 25° to 1.00 per pan. The majority are pleased Rant(?) not back yet.

Thursday 25 Lake Bennett BC

Mr Ogilvie arrd Skagway to-day. Sgt Green from Chilkoot. Telephoned Wood Skagway, Comr of Yukon Skagway. Sgt Green to return at once to Skagway, to assist to ____ forward ___ party. Ordered Sg Haslett to send replies at once to me who to look after the freight here for here and push it through sent two tons to Tagish today.

Friday 26 Lake Bennett

Sent Telephone to Comr of Yukon (Mr Ogilvie) and a Supt Wood Skagway. Got reply at 8:30 PM from Summit Chilkoot. Men busy at stores and saw Dr Rummells still here. Busy. Wrote a lot of instructions to Supt Wood Tagish. Lots of pack teams in to-day 600 horses at least. Some people many ___ for Dawson. No steamer in. The Olive May went out to Atlin Lake.

Saturday 27 Lake Bennett

Charman from Lindeman. Christianson to Lindeman and Summit of Chilkoot. Dr DeCoeur(?) from Skagway reported but does not know that I am in the Yukon as far as he has been told. Pearson is better than before. Dr Rummells still here. Belcher here Charman to stay all night. Dr DeCoeur very tired with his ride over White Pass Pass(sic). Cold wind from north then fine. Lake ___ calm - then rough. Men returning from the Atlin Lake.

Sunday 28 Lake Bennett

Charman left for the Lindeman post at 3:30 PM. Weather very fine delightful. Pearson very much better to-day. Warner C.E. called and stayed a while en route to the Log Cabin(?). The Nova came in at 12:30 AM the 28th. Sat up until 1:45 AM.

Monday 29 Lake Bennett

Nova in at 12:30 with about 100 people on board many with gold to take care of f. Osborne and White. Osborne ___ and capitalist and Lees White of Reuters in and two young men five men from Dawson on Electric light business. All praise the police and abuse the mining recorder officer the latter all bribery and corruption. Osborne says the country is fabulously rich. Asked for the Nova to wait for Ogilvie. A man shot through the stomach at White Horse rapids. Mr Ogilvie did nor arrive not any of his party.

Tuesday 30 Lake Bennett BC

Weather fine. Pearson very ill. Dr DeCoeur has small hopes of his recovery. He is very attentive to his patient. DeCoeur came at 3:00 and reported death of Constable Pearson. Wrote to the commissioner and his parents. Mr Ogilvie Comr of the Yukon came in with his party about twenty in all. Saw to the whole of them being put up properly in the hotels except Mr O and the two friends of his and Secy Mess^{rs} Gerrard and Brown.

Wednesday 31 Lake Bennett

Busy all day. Arranged with Mr Ogilvie to move the detachments at the Dalton Trail to a certain extent and also Stickine. Jarvis to come here. Pearson(?) Ditto. Stikine to be only three. Dalton 7 and one S. M and one Corporal. Sat up late went to bed at 1:30. Mr Ogilvie and Mess^{rs} Gerrard and Brown to Capt Rant. The baggage of the party not in yet. Got Mr Ogilvie to write a notice reserving for the Indians at the Tagish ____ a reserve equal to the width around of police reserve and as far [next page: as Lake ____.]

September

Thursday 1 Lake Bennett BC

Up early. Talked over police matters and supplies with Mr Ogilvie and also other ones. Present(?) of five gallons to Porter and Chappell.

[in pencil:] Friday 2 White Horse Rapids Left Bennett at 9:30 by SS Aora for Dawson. Mr Ogilvie and party along. Called at Tagish. Gave orders to Strickland to bring supplies forward. Mrs Strickland showed me the quarters built for me. Arrived at White Horse police detachment. No one at the building (Police) to see me. Went and found all in bed. Sgt Joyce aroused. Under the influence of liquor. I could not try him. Sent orders to officer Cmdg at Tagish to try Sgt Joyce for the affair(?) gave the letter to Const Dixon. Walked across the portage and by ____ walked by foot of rapids and landed barge on Flora. Saturday 3 Lewis(?) River to Dawson Left White Horse at 4:00 arrd(?) Wet cold and very uncomfortable(?) passed LaBarge ____ and saw Gunther about fish ordered him to go on with the contract. Left for. Passed mouth of post men promptly on hand saw after some hours tied up for the night. Hungry(?) passed Big and Little Salmon. Sunday 4 Lewis(?) River Left Moorings at seven o'clock passed Little & Big Salmon. Selected a point(?). Ran the five fingers. They are slight. Saw Capt Holmes and a large amount of cattle. From Dalton Trail went on and reached Tatalers(?) Butte. Selected a place for a post where there is a cut off. many miles. Landed at Selkirk. Left in ½ and hour and reached a point thirty miles

Monday 5 Yukon R

down and tied up.

Up early. Selected a place with Mr O after breakfast at 30 Mile Run and north at Stuart River.

Tuesday 6 Dawson

Arrived at Dawson at 6:30 PM. Went to barracks. Found a mail ready for me and met many friends got my room in the bks and shared with Mr Ogilvie.

Wednesday 7 Dawson

Went to work in the morning and looked over the bks with Starnes. Found several men in hospital. Const Clare went to hospital with typhoid and several others also seven in all are now down. One died last week. Officers busy wrote for Belcher wrote Comptroller for all we need arranged for the new posts on the route Skagway. Wrote for horses and forage for horses owing to high prices. Wrote for ____ for dogs and wrote for dogs.

Thursday 87 Dawson

Saw the men re the complaints re the the post office and on men taking money for work in it. Wrote for Belcher Harper busy and not to go there. Saw Dr Schuman, he is an egotist. The prisoners put in the new guardroom and were cleaned up new clothing bought etc. Saw about logs for a hospital and got reports re the sums. Saw that the prisoners worked harder. Saw Willison re timber. Wrote Cons Mc___ Mays, Auguste, Mr White, McIlree, Capt Rant. Saw Gillespie to last night. Sat up late writing.

Friday 98 Dawson

Up early. Breakfast 9:00 AM. Took cmd of the district and put it in orders. Arranged for fresh orders for the ____ to be made out also for the guard, etc. Many things are required. Latrines hospital etc etc to be built. Sat up very late and had a good deal of talk about matters arranging for our freight being brought from near "Rampart" House. It is about 50 tons ___ and is with some Militia stores en route. A great mistake made in letting a Tin Horn Co have such a large contract ___ new orders ___ out for the guard. [written vertically: Busy all day. ___ Mr Ogilvie.]

Saturday 10 Dawson

Weather cloudy. Up early. Got a sketch taken a poor one. Tried corpl [blank] for being drunk or rather more of or less intoxicated several times between 30th August and this date, fined thirty days pay and reduced to the ranks. Gave Sola letters to Perry, ____, McIlree, Mays, ____, and Comptroller to mail in Victoria. Put stamps on them also sent letters to Rant Wood and others daily. Refused the tender for hospital Saw Stewart and Chambers.

Sunday 11 Dawson

Weather very fine. Nothing doing. Saw Willison in the P.M. The societies paraded and Mr Ogilvie was the first speaker. It was to open a or lay the foundation (the latter I think) of a general hall for the societies. Lt Col Evans came down by the Canadian. Scarthe came up by steamer from the Forty Mile Creek. Got a report from Starnes re the Cmd in the Yukon since supt Constantine left. Sat up and talked with Harper.

Monday 12 – Tuesday 13 Blank

Wednesday 14 Dawson

Took information against a large number of people under the _____ Act. Dined at the Starnes tried did lots of work all day. Saw Faith Fenton and the nurses Victorian order.

Thursday 15 Dawson

Mr. Jeffreys. B. ___ from Mr Welton. McDonald. 6 below discovery on Sulpher. Mr McDonald has to finish cabin and put one hole to bedrock and put up the cords of wood prior. \$1500 each down \$1500 15th March next Property recorded before Thomas Fawcett. The town

lively. I walked through it in the afternoon and saw the sawmill and other places. Crowds on the streets densely packed indeed. Busy all day. Burdett Donnell and Galliher called in the evening.

Friday 16 Dawson

Weather very fine and warm all day. Rained at night, selected spot of the Militia quarters Had great trouble to do so and found the ground very bad. Latrines and all sorts of pestillent places around us. The barracks are in a bad place. My quarters are being built rapidly Willison, Roberts Major Leadbetter and others called to see me. The Commissioner very busy all day. Several cases tried. Tenders opened for the buildings to be put up.

Saturday 17

Busy all day. Built around the place and looked after matters.

Sunday 18 Dawson

Sacred concert held by permission dancers were on the stage. gave leave to Remy(?) to hold this for the hospital benefit. Permitted the pursers of two boats to land perishable goods but at the peril of being brought up by some civilian. The Force are not to prosecute in these these(sic) cases. Macdonald came up to see me re the theft of \$1500.00 by man who worked for him. I ordered that Major Starnes see the Prosecutor (Crown) Mr Sheridan and take steps in the matter according to his advice.

Monday 19 Dawson

Wrote Wood to send down two more horse sleighs, harness and pack saddles at once. Tried several cases. Fined the keeper of ill fame \$50.00 and costs, and others in proportion. Told Dalton to put in a tender for beef for next year. Told Starnes to show him how. Sent up a party of three men to reinforce Sergt Raven(?).

Tuesday 20 Dawson

Busy all day. Walked over the reserve as far as the bridge over the Klondyke. Inspected the land and the drains etc. etc. The buildings are going on well. Hospital barracks gaol. Officers and sergts quarters as well. Tried a good many cases fined several people and ordered rigid search for toughs(?) and bad ____. Ordered rations and tent up to the forks for Sergt Raven detachment. Saw Mr Dickey and Dr Grant. Willison went with me ____.

Wednesday 21 Dawson

Busy. Saw J.W. Obrien. Gave one Huntington leave to put up a shack in rear of Bartlett Bro stable and also ____ as well near there. Gave orders re barracks drains etc etc prisoners – fines preparing of quarters.

Thursday 22 Dawson Yukon

Weather chilly and disagreeable, busy all day.	Mail per the Flora.	Sent a large one to the P.O.
Wrote lots of letters to Comptroller and others.	Tried a few cases i	in the orderly room and
attended to all other duties.		

Friday 23 Dawson

Busy all day. One case. Looked around barracks and the guardroom and cells. Flora went out. Sent a large mail with her. Wrote Mays, Lex, Esther, Jarvis, Galbraith and others. ____ Stuart and others called, Martin and Starnes.

Saturday 24 Dawson

Up early. Tried two cases. Inspected the work going on. Wrote letters to Wood and Primrose. Dont feel so well. Mr Wood saw me and said he saw Wood and Strickland at Tagish. Spent ___ at Starnes. Const__ up and looking better. ___ going out.

Sunday 25

Weather fine. Went up the Yukon in Bruces boat Ogilvie, Starnes, Bruce and others on board. boat slow. Men busy building new quarters for Infantry. Capt Pierce of the Infantry came up with Starnes and asked for a party to arrest some of the hands(?) for theft etc etc. Sent Inspector Starnes to do it. He returned at 11:30 and reported the captain of one of the vessels arrested. Scarth reports a prisoner escaping from 40 mile ____ post and having sent the ____ after it.

Monday 26 Dawson

Fine. Temp 50° in shade. Busy all day. Walked about in the afternoon gave orders for several things to take place. Inspected the new qrts. Met Mrs Davis she was glad to see me going around. Walked to the end of police Reserve. American officer called. They went to Mr Ogilvie. Capt Pearce called. was busy all morning. Inspected the hospital book. Dr Shumann, Dr Belcher Mr Jones and Winslow(?) called to see me left at 12:00. Had many letters sealed all in the AM. Saw Gillespie to-day and Willison also saw

Tuesday 27 Dawson Yukon

32° at 10:30 AM. visited all the barracks cells etc etc, guard room and new buildings. Col Evans & Harper came in at 3:00 for the evening. No cases to-day. Issued a warrant and then summons for theft and wages. Dined at Starnes. Had music at Mr Ogilvies rooms. Inspected all barracks walked up through the town.

Wednesday 28 Dawson

Busy all day. Fine. No cases to try the building are progressing fast. Got a plan of a new court house hall for the judge with sitting room and bedroom attached. Dr to ____ part of it. Arranged to send two more men up to the ____ detachments up the river. Harpers report in.

Thursday 29 Dawson N Yukon

Weather fine. Busy all day. The place of court house agreed to. Tried two cases. Col Evans came to see me etc etc.

Friday 30 Dawson, Yukon

Weather fine.	Caught cold in the head. T	he influer	ıza. Busy a	all morning.	Sent for Staff Sergt
R to take c	harge of Forty Mile Creek	Ft and	l gave Srgt	Smith orders	to go down and see
that that they _	to Sgt	also	Sergt D_	and ascerta	ain what he is going
to do re charge	es to be made out for the me	en who let	the escape	take place. It	f D pleads not he
is too.					

October

Saturday 1 Dawson

Weather fine and I Col Evans and Capt Pierce went up to the R to Selkirk and I am busy had a few calls sent orders out to get the ___ of __ who paid for licences ___ who(?) have receipts for a payment on ___ to get the ___ of the billiard balls(?) men who have billiard tables etc.

Sunday 2 Dawson

Weather dull and dark. The detachment of the Infantry and Artillery arrived under Capt Burstall to-day and went under ___ at once. I ordered that the saloons do not open until 7AM. Got the orders from the commissioner of the Yukon report.

Monday 3 Dawson

Weather fine. Busy all day. Did not try any cases as it is not my week. Mr Ogilvie moved out of the quarters and saw went to the new ones. Mrs C___ came to see me about the building of a place on the Police reserve but I could not do it. I looked over it but could not allow it. Capt Burstall and Capt O___ are nice fellows indeed. Dr Thompson called re Miller a sick man who is an American citizen.

Tuesday 4 Dawson

Weather fine. Busy all day. Heard my first case in my new qrs. The shelves are being put up now and I hope they will be ready tomorrow. Went up town in the PM with John Gillespie and saw the most of it. It is cleaner. Came back Jones dined with me and sat up until 11:30. Harper did not put in an appearance to dinner. The steamer Gold Star left for White Horse in the PM. Ft Inspr Scarth to 40 Mile at noon or later.

Wednesday 5 Dawson

Sharp frost last night and freezing hard tonight. No clothing for the men has yet arrived. Capt Burstall came and saw me re the salutes to officer by men of the Yukon Field Force etc etc. Compromised to suit both I think. Capt Burstall and Capt A came and sat a while with me.

Thursday 6 Dawson

Busy all day. I visited prisoners and inspected the whole of the new Guard room. I attended to office and wrote several letters official and one to Mays. The officers are all with men that at night and had a ____ Mr Ogilvie came afterwards and told me several things that Mr of importance. I suggested the inspection of the women of the town and had his consent. I sent word by Harper to see that the stove pipes were inspected and the fire arrangements.

Friday 7 Dawson

Busy all day. Lent a canoe to Mr Jorgenson a Swede for six hrs. He returned it on time called on Mrs Davis. Called on several. Looked over the Reserve. Sent the Dr to inspect the women. He did not succeed in doing so & will go tomorrow morning afternoon. Mr Wills called with the Dr to see me and asked leave to build on Sunday next. Officer called at night and smoked a pipe. Wrote some orders to the men. Orders to people on the [next page: shore to move.]

Saturday 8 Dawson

Saturday

Busy all day. Belcher came in on the Flora with some freight and a very large mail. Sat up until three AM to read it. Got Belcher a room to look after in the use. Got the account of all doing from Wood and several private letters from friends.

Sunday 9 Dawson

Up early. Sent off mail by the Flora got it off by 11:30 AM. Wrote many letters. Wrote Capt Macdonell telling him to do his best by the claim in Kootenay Empire. Belcher and Bro and Martin in tonight to see me. Scarth here.

Monday 10 Dawson

Busy all day taking evidence against Sergt Davis and for letting a prisoner escape. Fine day.

Tuesday 11 Dawson

Busy all day taking evidence against Sergt Davis for having neglected duty at Ft Constantine letting a prisoner escape.

Wednesday 12 Dawson

Weather cloudy. Busy all day. Took a walk in the evening. Sentenced Davis to pa fine of 45.00 and Corporal Marshall to \$40.00 for neglect re the prisoners escape at Ft Constantine. Visited the guard section and prison.

Thursday 13 Blank

Friday 14 Dawson

Weather fine but a little sharp. Big fire in town. Turned out the command at once. The company of soldiers turned out and fought the fire as well. The police and soldiers were out and at the fire in five or six minutes. The officer in charge was Inspector Starnes. Inpr Harper, Belcher and Scarth went with him. Captain Burstall and his command worked well. Captain Ogilvie worked like a Trojan. I was not warned in time. Starnes sent up to do it but the sentry told him that I had gone. I took all necessary steps after the fire. Went through the whole town.

Saturday 15 Dawson

Inspected the town and gave orders before 11AM to Belcher to go through it carefully and report by means of his men anything dangerous to the public or liable to start a fire. A deputation came up see me afterwards on the same subject. Colonel Weatherly came in and saw me re his specials. I had sworn in some men at last night as constables of the ____ and they had patrolled all night, in town. Busy all day. Did lots of work. Hospital roof being repaired after the fire of yesterday.

Sunday 16 Dawson

Weather fine. Nothing to be done Mr Bill D___ called and got leave to build a small shack on the reserve. Walked out a little and looked into matters.

Monday 17 Dawson

Very busy until two PM. Crowds of people on all sorts of issues. The scows with horses came in in time Sgt C___ in charge. Dog feed out at 60 mile. It is a shame the way the supplies are delayed. Judge Dugas came in to see me us. He had first arrived at the town from the south. Papers re death of the Indians and the White Murderer with Patullo behind. Letter from White to the same effect. Also one re the judge the new postmaster and Mr ___ also. Council meeting.

Tuesday 18 Dawson

Very busy today. Wrote many letters and attended to everything up to date. Sent teams to take Judge Dugas' things up to the store store (QM). Gave one hundred dollar order to Adams to go to ___ and to buy miners supplies. Ordered one scow up by Col Bartlett to a safe place. The QM to see about it. Gave a man leave to build on Mr Ogilvies order, he signed a paper to the effect that he would leave.

Wednesday 19 Dawson

Weather fine. Tried two cases liquor to Indians. Fine 50 with half to informant S M Tucker. Srgt Council(?) got it and to divide half with Corpl Richardson who made the arrest. Wrote a lot of letters to go by the Ora which leaves at 8:30 AM. Some to White some to Comptroller and to Wood. Sent D up to the Tagish district to reinforce. Wrote for to be got at Stewart River and Five Fingers packed lot for with Ogilvie(?).
Thursday 20 Dawson
Weather sloppy and damp. Busy all day on theft case and the meeting of Council of the Territory. We are sworn in in warrant and to be sent down to Ottawa for a change. Many things talked over authority to Com ^r to spend \$5000.00 on sick in hospital. Heard Dr Grant about the Good Samaritan hospital and asked him for a statement. Sent Inspector Starnes & Dr report on hospital.
Friday 21 Dawson
Weather soft. Therm 30 at 8:30AM. Visited the guard room at 8:45 all correct. Saw Harper re Saw Mr Ogilvie re cells, town station and the fire law the prevention of fire. The Dr DeCoeur the dogs. Jarvis and many other matters also the medicines clothing etc etc. Busy all day fined two drunks dismissed a case of theft and went any up town. Saw several people on different matters.
Saturday 22 Dawson
Weather fine. Busy all day fined two people for vagrancy etc etc etc gambling shouting(?) and drunkenness . Went at 3:00 to see a meeting of council found doors locked. Inspected the guard room cells and prisoners placed Lindblad under arrest for not keeping the prisoner sharp at work. Did not punish reproved him for his remissness(?). Spoke to Harper re and told him to decide upon the point as to whether he was to take it over the execution of the Indian or not. Spoke to S re fees.
Saturday 23 Dawson
Weather fine. to attended to work in the orderly room and had orders rewritten for the Guard. Visited the guard prisoners and the sick at 11:00 all correct. Letter from Colonel Evans re another building for men of the Yukon Field Force barrack room recreation room etc etc.
Monday 24 Dawson
Weather sharp. zero today. Fined two man men for being drunk. Meeting of Council. Belcher apptd registrar of births deaths and marriages. Self commissioner of licences. Legal ordinance talked over, hospitals. Self to give food and clothing as per Belcher report. Busy all day. Re tenders for police station got Belcher to see about faulty stores etc etc. Re dogs.

Tuesday 25 Dawson Yukon

Weather fine, bit cloudy. Mr Willis ____ arrived from White Horse with a report that he had turned two scows of ours down here and through Labarge and that they should be here in a day or two. The river is running full of ice and will make it hard for them to land. Let contract for more wood. Set Walked out to town twice and around a bit. The scaffold is being built for the Indians and the White man to be hanged on the first(?).

Wednesday 26 Dawson Yukon

6° above 0° last night. Weather cloudy and raining. Fined several drunks. Busy all day dictated a large number of letters to the clerk. Meeting of Council at 3. Passed ordinances for legal profession considered _______. Justice of the Peace at Selkirk. Hospital grants to the three. Tramway made good all acts of clerk of the court. Inspector Starnes Inspector of weights and measures. Harper Sheriff and a board of health. Busy at night until 8:30. Went to the Starnes.

Thursday 27 Dawson

Weather cloudy snow falling. A fire in the town on second street all the police turned out to it and helped to put it out in fact put it out with a little help. It was fortunately a frame house between two log shacks and did not spread. The Fire Engine was not on hand and did not service(?) because there was no water in the boiler. Wrote letters all day settled disputes tried cases of all sorts and ____ visited cells hospital etc etc.

Friday 28 Dawson

Weather cloudy windy and still above zero. Walked up town in the AM. Attended a council meeting ____ Judge Dr Grant and Rev Mr Dickey came before us re hospital grant arranged to grant 12000.00 to them. 7 to ____ judge. 300 to Dr Grant and two to Rev Mr Dickey. Passed an ordinance re dogs. ____ the health ordinance, left over ____ Monday. Const very ill will die, perforation of the bowel. Typhoid fever. ____ Day called upon us. Sat up until(?) midnight. Did lots of office work as usual.

Saturday 29 Dawson

Busy all day. People interviewing the me. Tried seven or eight cases of one sort or another. Walked out and saw the town in the afternoon. Poor Donnelly died at 1:30 AM. I was still up at the time. I made arrangements for the funeral etc. SM Tucker to arrange it. The grave for the condemned being dug at the back of the stockade. The space for fifty feet North south and east has been declared a gaol for the ____ in council. Sat up late got a lot of licenses from South etc etc.

Sunday 30 Dawson

Weather fine but sharp and not at all unpleasant. Busy for a short time several called sat up late. Wills called. Walked out quite a piece and had a little exercise on foot a good deal. Arranged for the funeral.

Monday 31 Dawson

Funeral of poor Constable Donnelly at 10AM. Catholic Church. Firing party under the command of Sergt Davis. Pall bearers all complete all officers attended and the whole of Capt Burstalls command of the Field Force all looked well. The firing all right and the whole thing favorably commented upon. Attended a council meeting and had some talk on houses and ordinance for health.

November

Tuesday 1 Dawson At 12:30 AM

Judge Dugas gave a reprieve for 24 hours to the men condemned to be hanged. Up at 7:30 and breakfasted at 9AM. Attended to lots of work. Capt Burstall and Belcher with Sergt Raven(?) Kinney and two men of the Field Force went up to the forks. _____ to the creeks to get approximate numbers of the men at work on each creek. Nine to be sent. Belcher to make a report upon everything up there. Saw Ogilvie about the execution.

Wednesday 2 Dawson

No hanging today. Nun Faith Fenton came up in a great(?) state because she had to send off by Sanders on a/c of it having come off yesterday. I sent ____ McBeth to catch him and get the letters from him. He was off in half an hour with a dog team and will make good time. I promised him \$50.00 if he gets the letters from him. Visited the council meeting today. The clerk having told me that this was not the day. Visited the town and hospitals etc etc.

Thursday 3 Dawson

Weather fine and not too cold. 4° below zero. Very like Winnipeg in November. Busy all day. Let Mr Dickey have his rations for what he gave to the Force what Major Walsh came over to Bennett last year. Visited guard. Visited the town town(sic) once on duty as usual did not enter a house. Visited prisoners at work. All working well. Fire in town. Turned out the men. Guard turned over the same as for the usual. Went to QM Store looked at the clothing.

Friday 4 Dawson

Weather fine. Not too cold ears not covered. Tried Const Martin for sleeping on post 3 months impt with H.L. and the whole of it to be done in the cells. Busy at the office. Saw the ____ man Macaulay with them and the 200(?) afternoon was at a council meeting so that we granted a tramway temporarily. Also I spoke of health ordinance to judge. He says we can appoint without a change in it. Arranged to have a licenced district. All Yukon and licences to be(?) [next page: be fixed at \$2000.00 for the year.]

Saturday 5

Swore in a man as officer mess cook. Told a man to come up and be engaged before breakfast tomorrow and sworn in Monday. Walked as far as the police station and saw men at work. Met committee of the licenced victuallers of the town explained matters to them and the rate for a licence in town and that they would be protected. Belcher arrived at 6 5:00 PM. Busy all day and wrote letters. Visited prisoners at work at 8:30 AM. Saw Davis visited to dinner at 5:30.

Sunday 6 Dawson Yukon

Weather cold. 25° below zero last night. Walked as far as new station before breakfast. Rested the remainder of the day. Busy all the afternoon received a deputation from the Catholic priests and in re the licences to be paid by the hotel keepers of town. Dined at DW Davis. Walked out as far as the new station in the afternoon, got back here in 25 minutes from the A C Co large stores in the tramway. Got back. Got home at 11:05 PM. Talked with Belcher.

Monday 7 Dawson

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. 32° below zero all last night. 30° this AM at eight o'clock. Busy all day visited the hospital and was glad to have lots of work done. Arranged to have a mail go on Monday next and the trails cut properly and kept up saw Mr Ogilvie before breakfast and was glad to hear that he was pleased about it. Attended Council at 3:00 and was busy. Licences were spoken of and a good deal done. Walked four miles.

Tuesday 8 Dawson

Weather cold. 30° below at 4:00 AM. 20° with a slight wind at 8:30. Walked around. Inspected the hospital and the cells before breakfast. Busy all morning. Dictated numerous letters for the different people with whom I am concerned. Pattullo Bros Koffman Jones and Mills the banker called. Walked twice up town to the N.A.T(?) once arrd to the Catholic Church hall once. Arranged for the dying of the mens long stockings. Telephoned to Sergt Raven.

Wednesday 9 Dawson Yukon Ty

Weather 20° at an early hour	6:00 at 8:00. Bus	sy all day. Cou	uncil at 3:00.	Nothing to do.
Talked over things. The Judge call	ed upon me after	wards and had	a tale to unfol	d. I said I
would look after the boy. Visited h	ospital at 8:30 G	uard room at 1	0:20 all correc	t arranged for
dog team to take the ten men of Cap	pt Burstall to Sell	kirk Const P_	absent and	intoxicated.
Thursday 10 Dawson				

Weather finer only 0 to-day and taken at ___ above 0. Busy all day. Many to see me all day. Very many things ___ as usual. Told Ogilvie re the crown prosecutor who is not the man to do the work ___ he is much maligned. Arranged for the arrest of two men on bonanza.

Friday 11 Dawson

Weather fine, mild. Busy as usual. All hand busy as usual in court. Dr. Richardson called complained of Dr Thompson. Visited hospital at 8.45 AM and at 5.15 PM. Received a note from the Cr Prosecutor re a case on Kentucky Creek. Wrote for 20(?) more Militia. Wrote Woodside. Wrote several letters. Visited town stn walked up to the cemetery on the hill. Nine graves there already. Gillespie called and Belcher Dr Good. [next page] Dr Schuman(?) arrested(?)

Saturday 12

Fine and mild. No ____. Walked up town and retd in half an hour. Busy at letters and other matters. The mail cannot go until Tuesday next and eame so I must put of the team of dogs. Wrote many letters dictated several. Did what I could for the poor woman Mrs ___ who had trouble with a trespasser. Took in an old man Mr Ogilvie sent to me gave him meals. The two Belchers and Burstall came and Scarth.

Sunday 13 Dawson

Not much doing. Had a few miles of a walk and a little reading. I got some work done in the office. All the major t___ busy. Const getting ready.

Monday 14 Dawson

Weather fine, above zero. Visited hospital on arrival.

Tuesday 15 Dawson

Busy all day at the mail for the south and got that for the Commissioner at 9AM. Also Y.F.F. and force all the general mail of the Commissioners staff and G.C. and the two corps.

Wednesday 16 Dawson

First mail of the season off at 8:30. Capt Richardson in charge and two dog trains sent Piper and a ____ Bill for the latter to go through with Richardson and a dog team for a corporal and two men of the YFF for Selkirk orders for it to return at once, and bring anything for Colonel Evans to Dawson. The next mail to go on regularly.

Thursday 17 Dawson

Suggested to Ogilvie that paupers should not be allowed in and that each of the people must have six months provisions and at least \$200.00 dollars each. 26 below zero and a slight wind. 33 below 0 at 4 PM and falling fast. Attended Council from to 3:00 until 6:00PM. Discussion re the license Comr Girouard wants a French man on the board. I said I did not know any of them. Busy all day. Arranged for P by the commissioner orders.

Friday 18 Dawson

46° below 0 last night. Corpl Richardson arrvd at Indian R in 7:00 hours and was ready to go on Saw Com ^r re annual report and then and money necessary to be in their possession when coming down White and Chilkoot passes to come in Was at Davis party walked to top of hill at 4:00 returned when in less than an hour.
Saturday 19 Dawson
Busy all day, 45° below zero to-day and a slight wind. Walked to town office re the provisions and money to come in with people wrote to Wood and Bennett Lindmann White Pass Summit. Wood up here with Belcher to Patullo, Johnston Chappell, Burstall, Belcher and Starnes called. Some people came and asked if the police could find(?) them en route by the ice. I replied no.
Sunday 20 Dawson
46° below zero. Slight wind. Walked to top of hill and back to barracks in 45 minutes. Gave Col W letters to Macdonell Wood. Primrose & Cartright to enable him to get along and the former to sell mining claim. Belcher and Bro Nicoll & Stewart Burstall Scarth. Ogilvie and Godwin came to stay a while. Left at midnight. Took exercise for only an hour.
Monday 21 Dawson
46° below 0. Mr Tobin arrived here to-day and reported from Moodies party. Moodie gone home from Selkirk to Triumph Creek. Council meeting at 3PM. Several minor matters disposed of. Sent one Russell to Perry Belcher the wanted me to use influence to get him the Grand Forks town site. Belcher gave him a flea in his ear.
Sunday 22 Dawson
43° below 0 last night. Busy all day. Belcher tried a number of cases for selling liquor without a permit. Day Smith, Belcher and a friend of Day called. Walked up town twice and had a smart walk. Inspected the station, as usual visited the mens and prisoners dinners hospital as usual. Met lots of people all day.
Wednesday 23 Dawson
Weather cold. 43 deg below zero and a sharp wind. Went to Com ^r re the young man John and got a promise of work. Dined at the Starnes with Judge Aulac and some others. Walked to top of the hill hay for the soldiers.
Thursday 24 Dawson
Cold at 12:30 AM. Thermometer rose to 33° deg from 43 deg below zero. Weather fine all day. Thanksgiving day. Dined at at 2:30 self and the Belchers. Turkey jelly, mince pie plum pudding Irish potatoes all well cooked. Came home after a pleasant evening at 8:00 wrote

letters. Wills and Belcher called. Burdett came on business and to see Starnes. Wrote letter to Reg Harwood.
Friday 25 Dawson
16° below zero last night 8° at 8 AM. Busy all day. Meeting of the council. Sent to Dr Wills to go as far as 60 mile. Inspected the town station at 12:30 AM PM.
Saturday 26 Dawson
Mr Aulay(?) left to-day for the south on the ice. He promised to call upon me and failed. He made an appt with me for 8:00 but did not come. Visited the hospital the prisoners at work, worked all day went up the hill at 5:00 with Masters, Stewart Dr Halton Burstall. Col Griffiths Scarth Starnes and called at 8:30 and left at 12:00. Several people saw me today.
Sunday 27 Dawson
Weather windy 16° below last night. 10° below later. Was not well had a bad cold and did not rise until one PM lunched and felt much better. Harper sick has pleurisy but is better tonight. Scott Potts and the Belcher in the country(?) called Capt Burstall also.
Monday 28 Dawson
Weather windy in the AM, cooler in the PM. Council meeting going on to-day. Busy all day at work. No lunch. Col Evans arrived from Selkirk and Capt Bennett with him. Harper ill with earache but worked although advised not to do so. Col Evans called, Mr French do do Masters(?), Burstall Ogilvie Johnston Belcher Goodman and John.
Tuesday 29 Dawson
Weather mild, 15° below zero busy all day Belcher and of the fire department arranged an ordinance for the prevention of fire. We were busy at the liquor ordinance (Belcher and I) until four P.M. At four Belcher and J Wells manager of the bank and D W Dais of the custom department worked at the liquor licence ordinance until 11 P.M. Sat up until 2 AM and went through the licence Koffman Burstall called.
Wednesday 30 Dawson
Weather fine. 10° [damaged] Town Stn [damaged] [damaged] not so. [damaged] Dais(?) and I worked at the ordinance for licences to other with sent off a mail to leave tomorrow. Col Evans Burstall Ogilvie and Smith went to the St Andrews dinner. Went to bed after midnight.
December
Thursday 1 Dawson

Wills. Dais(?) Belcher and [damaged, mayb	e Col] Evans _	[damaged]	_ left at [damaged]
night(?) walked [damaged] stn and up	the north en	d of town at the	hill. Tired and lay
down at 3.00 not having had sufficient sleep	p for days. Insp	ected hospt guar	droom, cells, etc for
the present as usual, all in very good order.			

Friday 2 Dawson

Weather fine. 15° below. Busy all day. Belcher got the typewriter(?) at work and got the licence law and fire protection ordinances through all right. Inspected the guard the hospital and offices in the morning. Harper still sick looks very ill but says he is better. Ogilvie Dr. Good(?) and Patullo called all and stayed the evening. Col Evans still suffering from his sprained ankle.

Saturday 3 Dawson

Weather fine, only one above all day. Snow. Walked one(?) time. Wrote to the dance hall people to look out. Busy all day and had a lot of work to do. Wrote several letters. ____ Col Evans still in barracks. Visited hospital guard officers and QMS.

Sunday 4 Dawson Yukon

Weather finer 15° below at 10° [sic] AM. No work doing. Read over the type writers copy of the ordinance for Licence and sent it to Mr Ogilvie. Heard a lot tonight re people who came up here. B____ Domville and Chappell called upon me and the two former left at 1 AM Monday. Visited the hospital and all correct. Walked up town and inspected the station.

Monday 5 Dawson

Weather fine. 8 below 0. Colonel Evans called at 2 PM and spoke to me re Capt Ogilvies trip to Circle City also the trip out of Bliss and Sgt Lebine(?) and the JP position. Some dogs came on Gold Comr as reported to be on the way in to the country. Worth five (5) ___ and some dog teams of ours. Council met on licence ordinance and after discussion had approval of half adjourned until tomorrow at 3 PM. Col Evans and Major Belcher called to say good bye.

Tuesday 6 Dawson

Mild. 2° above freezing point. At council meeting 3 to 6 PM. Passed fire protection ordinance also the amendment to the Dog ordinance which I ____ on account of the fine minimum being too low high. It is now not exceeding \$25.00. Several called tonight. Got a lot of letters by the mail. Arranged to get dog feed down from Selkirk.

Wednesday 7 Dawson

Weather mild. 25° above zero all day. Busy at correspondence. Walked out all day. Arranged for lots of work build cells hospital and offices. Mr and Mrs Jeffreys called upon me to-day and stayed half an hour. Stuart, Koffman, Griffith, Belcher and Burstall and Gillespie called.

Thursday 8 Dawson
Weather fine 24 above 0. Busy inspected hospital Sent Judge Dugas an indigent to look after the court room. Harper up and at work. Walked to top of the hill inspected the Dog pound. Lectured the keeper re letting the dogs loose from it without a muzzle on him. Smith Belcher Pattullo and others in my qrs. Wrote many letters. Kept at it until 7:30 PM. Up until after midnight.
Friday 9 Dawson
Weather mild 6° above 0. Busy all day. Inspected QM store cells, offices, Hospital and wrote letters dictated orders etc etc. Walked to the station once and up town again. O'Brien the prisoner who escaped from Const Lindblad(?) was brought back by Const and Special McBeth.
Saturday 10 Dawson
Busy all day and busy at work. Walked out. Inspected the hospital.
Sunday 11 Dawson
Busy all day. A great many people here after their dogs etc. [scribbled out: Belcher dealing with it. Dined at the Domville and B place. Came home late. Cold about 8° below 0.]
Monday 12 Daw
Busy all day. Sat with Dais and Wills to arrange the liquor licence ordinance for the people in town. Have to go up to the Forks tomorrow. Wrote lots of letters.
Tuesday 13 Dawson
Left at 10 AM with Mr Ogilvie the Gold Comr Mr and Mr Miller for the Grand Forks arrived at 12.15 Dais Wills and I dined in barracks and then with Sergt R inspected the hotels asking a licence. Left at 2.20 and arrived here at 4.20. Miss Faith Fenton called on business. Visited Belcher to raise hell with the saloons and theatres for conduct.
Wednesday 14 Dawson
Weather fine 2 above Belcher got a large number of people and so did the Sergt Major. Mail ready to go express to have the last mail at Stewart River because the driver would not go back on without a guarantee of his pay. Corpl(?) Green sent it on to the next station with orders to catch up the next one - which most likely it will do Walked up town twice

Thursday 15 Dawson

and up the hill partly A___ once.

Weather fine. Busy all day. Attended a meeting of the council and discussed the in of the police of the town of Dawson in the hour of meeting (by me). 2.00 was the time arranged for Capt Ogilvie and party to Circle City. Milligan fined for obscene language and the French girls up for the offence of immoral acts.
Friday 16 Dawson
Busy all day licence for of the incorporation of Dawson as a city. Decision the idea of Gillespie from the Govt re the hill before letting it become law. All agreed to that at once. Brown(?) and D McY(?) Stuart came to see me also Pattullo.
Saturday 17 Dawson Sunday
Weather fine. Sp Const Bell came in with letter from Corpl Richardson to the effect that the mail was lost on the boat(?) at Little Salmon and that they barely escaped with their lives. My five hundred dollars sent to Mjr Wood is gone with the rest of it. It is pretty tough hard work and bad luck. Dined at DG Stewarts. Griffiths and Mr Brown there.
Sunday 18 Continued
Walked out once. Feel disturbed(?) at the report about the mail wrote several letters.
Monday 19 Dawson
Weather fine 10.00 below zero at 9.00. Walked town station supplies visited office and had Went to council at 2.00 PM. Mr Ogilvie at council(?) we sat on the ordinances and had a short session walked up town at night wrote Mr Ogilvie re the Stuart(?) Dan Stuarts Wood, the latter having asked me to protect him could get no reply. Busy. Mr O being out. Mr Willison says Stewart has the right to the wood. I have ordered Capt Belcher to protect him.
Tuesday 20 Dawson
Weather fine. Const a wood the up to the wood(?). Is to of the fence in town Dr Stewart and of and Boyle. Saw Ogilvie, Stewart and Boyle it and it resulted in nothing. They are all unwilling to act. Lithgow came tonight and had a long chat. Sent two dog teams to Selkirk with Mr Pattullo and Mr McLeod.
Wednesday 21 Dawson
Busy all day visited the hospital [three lines damaged] go to council wrote the commissioner on the subject of the same. Saw Mackay and Boyle re wood and police protection of the people hauling the same away. Stewart I saw at 9.00. He refused to meet Boyle. Starnes

at Mr Ogilvies and settle the matter out of court. Met with Davis and Wills on the Licence Commission and arranged for licences granted several applications.

Thursday 22 Dawson
Weather mild. 10 below zero. Busy at all sorts of work all day and council re at Judge Dugas re Boyle & and Stewart outfit and dispute. Ordered that no men go up on breach of peace. Saw Judge re the construction of Smith of McRae and also arranged that the be the Dealt with a prisoner.
Friday 23 Dawson
Weather cold. At annual report all day the lots to the came a last night if until hour 40° until 8 PM
Saturday 24 Blank
Sunday 25 Saturday Dawson.
Weather fine 15° below at 8.30. Busy all day. Inspected the cells officers the hospital etc prisoners at work. Attended to several matters annual report and other correspondence Belcher as usual busy trying cases and attending to licence work. Mr and Dr Simpson called. Also Mr Smith Clerk of the Court. John Wood the rest of the Inprs(?) The Commission for Licences met and attended to all matters brought before us.
Monday 26 Sat 24th(?) Dawson
Weather fine but snowing. Mild 2 above zero. Several liquor licences issued today. Busy all day, a great many came to arrange re the licences etc etc but could not Chappell called. Capt Bennett called. Sent letter to Mr Ogilvie re dogs. Several people came and asked leave to up the dance Sunday. Told them I had no power to do so.
Sunday 25 Left my qrs with Chappell back to the Police Station at 1.10 am ret ^d at 1.35.
Tuesday 27 Monday 26 th Dawson
Weather fine. The mens dinner today, made a little speech to them and so did Capt Burstall and all of the officers. A flash light was taken. Visited with Capt Burstall all the YFF and was well received. Dined at the mess, good dinner. Mr Ogilvie left early. Wills, Dr Davis and Dr Thompson Capt Bennett Starnes Belcher and Harper. Left at 12:30 and had dull time. Mc was there.
Wednesday 28-Dawson Tuesday 27

Visited Hospital officers and gd room cells etc. Busy all day. Fined and gave CB to some of the men who went down town after their dinner without leave and had to be brought back by escort.

Walked to and reached the station down town. Signed several licences for selling liquor of \$20000 taken in.

Wed 28

Busy at council report all day. Saw a great many people.

Thursday 29

Weather Dr J Stewart and the Wills family left for home at 2am. Busy all day at annual report. Mail in from Tagish Lake Post and Tagish not open on the 30 Nov last boat the Ora to White Horse from Dawson on the 1st November. Sergt Donnell arrd from Tagish. Woods reports for the year arrived.

Friday 30 Dawson

Busy all day. Bothered a great deal by people who are interrupting about all sorts of things when I wish to complete my annual report. I have never had such trouble with it the men being quite amused to create work. Cannot do as I would wish.

Saturday 31 Dawson

Weather finer than yesterday. 40° below last night. 33° at 9AM. Busy at my annual report.

Memoranda

List of supplies at Tagish

Stationing for Miles cañon.

Report of all month losses of boats at the White Horse rapids.

N.C.O. for Ditto

Sent Dawson mail off with Const Shiring(?) no American mail came down from Skagway.

Memoranda

Name of dt	Miles	No of men
Skagway	11	2
Summit Chilkoot	25	6
"White Pass	cc	6
Bennett	10	14
Caribou	25	5
Tagish	25	35
McIntosh R		
of Lake Marsh(?)	25	5
Teslin		
Portage	40	5
White Horse	35	5
LaBarge	25	5
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Weather Record

Name of Dt	Miles	No of Men
Cudahy	40	10
Stikine R	40	7
Dalton Trail Post		10
Total		250

The NCO on Constables two dog drivers and two teams of dogs at each post.

Addresses

Pilots. White Horse Rapids & Miles Cañon

THOUS. WHITE	10150 11	apras oc	
	Miles cañon		
Allard	White 1	Horse	1
Barnes C	cc	"	2
Barnes O.F.	"	"	3
Dunham	"	"	4
Flett	"	"	5
Hammier	"	"	6
Haggan	"	"	7
Langdon	"	"	8
Lusk	cc	"	9
Milne	"	"	10
Murray	"	"	11
Nesbitt	"	"	12
Smith W.	"	"	13
Smith	"	"	14
St Clair	cc	"	15
Regan	cc	"	16
Walker	cc	"	17

Sugden Dr Pike Dixon Canott Travis R	« « « « «	« « « « « « «	18 19 20 21 22			
Addresses						
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Notes and Bi	lls Rec	eivable				
has been granted to the to the North American Transportation and Trading Company of Chicago Ills USA. A is enclosed beneath together with a copy of the regulation under which a licence with will be issued in favour of the company berth No 13 situated at south of sixty (60) mile river and containing an area of one square mile has been granted to the Central New York Man and Co of New York. The for just if & Sketch here with. Berth 16 Wilson Smith of Montreal commencing at Junction of Lake Creek with the Stewart R up said creek five miles in direct						
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Notes and Bills Payable Addresses

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LJR Hubert SLB Barrister 16 Rue St Jacques Chambre 22 Montreal P Que Mrs S.B.Steele 508 St. Urbain St Montreal.

in depth on each side thereof. The upper boundary to be at right angles to the general bearing of the said Lake Creek ____ in there the berth containing an area of ten miles square miles more or

Cash Account - January		
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Cash Account – February Date	Received	Paid
Klondyke		75
Cash Account – February – December		
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End Papers		
20 tons in four ^4 ton boats. Stationary for Miles Cañon.		
Beaudry a dogdriver at Command Child Refuses to go Souwester Slicker 1 long gun Lined duck suit. 1 pr of Klondyke boots.		
Sent boots long. Brammick(?) Hotel of Broadway to the left as you go up Brammick(?) and his mother runs it.		