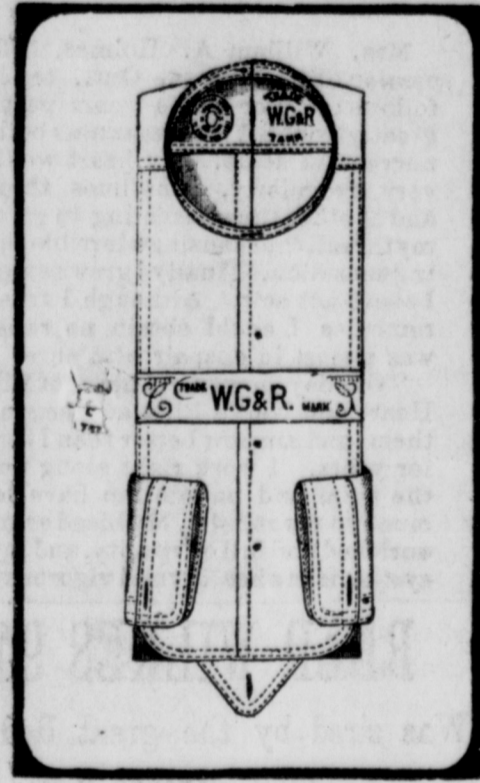


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LETTERS FROM KLONDYKE.

Jim Troy a Woodstock Boy at Atlin. He Has Staked Several Claims.

He Had a Hard Time in a Blizzard.—He Reports His Prospects Good.—Living is Expensive.—Hay \$800 Per Ton.

ATLIN CITY, March 19, 1899.

Dear Brother,—I have got to the end of my journey at last after seven and a half months travelling. I arrived in Atlin on the 15th inst. from Moose Lake via Teslin. I left Moose Lake on the 31st of Dec, '98, with a handsled and four loads of provisions and arrived in Teslin Lake City on Feb. 11th, '99. I got hung up there at Moose Lake in the fall and could not go any farther with horses, so I had to make the rest of the trip on the snow and be the horse myself. I had to build a trail 12 miles long over to the winter trail which made the distance to Teslin 50 miles and with 4 loads I had to go over the ground 7 times which meant 350 miles actual travelling not counting building trail at all. When I got to Teslin I sold a lot of my stuff and made the trip to here with two loads, a distance of 120 miles by land and on lakes. Over the ground only 3 times means 360 miles, which means from Moose Lake to Atlin 710 miles I have travelled and pulled loads, and, counting from Glenora to here, I have travelled over 1500 miles and I think now that I am in pretty good condition for a 5 or 10 day go-as-you-please walking match with the best of them. Atlin City is going to be quite a place; the town site is all laid out and building has commenced but not at full blast yet, as people have not got their outfits all in. There is 1 saw mill running and 3 more are setting up. I am right in the mining district now, Pine Creek, Spruce, Boulder and Wright Creek are all within a day's walk of here and I think the chances are good for to get some property here. I wouldn't change places with the best of them in Woodstock today. Of course I can't tell you much about the prospects as yet, as I have only been here 4 days. But I was over and had a talk with Mr. Queen this evening and I think I will be able to get on to something before long. I suppose you know Mr. Queen is here, and also Chas. Lee and Sim Ryan. I met them today for the first time and was very much surprised to see them as I did not expect to see a Woodstocker in this country. Jack Gallagher is in Skagway but is expected in any day now. The cold weather is pretty well gone here. I got caught in a blizzard coming down Teslin Lake and had to drop my load and walk backwards for a mile to a log camp belonging to three Brown brothers from Moncton, cousins of Jack Chestnut. I had both my wrists, my nose, cheeks and ears frozen, but I only laid up 3 days. Pretty hard to kill an Irishman, anyway.

ATLIN CITY, April 10th, 1899.

Your letter of March 13th just received to day, this is the first letter I have received since last July. I wrote you March 17th from here I suppose you have received it before this time. Since then I have been quite busy trying to locate some property here and have succeeded as far as holding claims go. I have one Creek claim on Pine, one on birch (Creek claim) one on Rand (Creek claim) and one tenth interest in a group of (10) bench claim on Wright Creek. But don't put me down as a millionaire as I can't tell how they will turn out yet. I will go out to prospect them as soon as the snow is gone and see if they are any good. A man has to stake a claim here before he prospects it or he will never get anything. I tried that once and got left. I and Chas. Lee and Sim Ryan were out prospecting some claims to see if there was any gold in them and while we were to dinner up came three fellows and staked them and of course that knocked us out of them. You have to take chances on them being good or go without, so don't put any bets on those claims yet for they may turn out no good. It costs \$2.50 to record a claim and \$2.50 for a leave of absence until the 1st of June to enable you to hold them. I think I will be able to raise some money on the group of bench claims on Wright Creek as we staked one of them for a man who is at the head of a large Hydraulic Co. and we are trying to sell to them. Ten claims in one bunch sells better than scattered claims, and the better they are the more we will get for them. Wright Creek is a good creek. There is not many claims working here yet as it is too cold to do much sluicing yet. I was up on Spruce Creek Saturday the 8th of April and saw two clean ups there. The gold is not very large here, but it is all coarse gold as large as beans and

down to the size of rice, pretty nice gold. Of course none of them are on bed rock yet so we don't know how good they will be until then. Rand Creek is a tributary of Spruce where one of my claims is. I was the first to stake on that creek next to Discovery Claim I and Lee and Ryan. Ryan is one above Discovery, I am two above and Lee is three above Discovery, so they may be all right, I hope so anyway. There is not much building going on here yet, everybody is putting up canvas buildings hotels and all. This new law keeps out capital to a certain extent and the law relating to town lots has also been changed. It used to be so a man could squat on a lot and put up a cabin on it and when it was sold he would be paid a good price for his improvements but now the way it is if you put up a house on a lot it is sold to the highest bidder, and if you can't bid over him he takes it and they allow you nothing for improvements at all, that puts a stop to building unless a man has got lots of money as people don't want to put up big buildings and be knocked out of them if they are not able to buy above their competitors. The commissioner of lands and works is expected here any day, then he will give 30 days notice before the sale and after that there will be quite a boom here. There are four saw mills running here now. The town is all surveyed—laid out in blocks, and I think we will have quite a busy place before fall. There are two towns, Atlin City and Discovery City. Atlin is built on the shore of Atlin Lake, and is very nearly as level as Frederickton; and Discovery is eight miles above on Pine Creek, that is where the first discovery was made. Pine Creek empties into Atlin Lake 1 1/2 miles below town. Spruce Creek empties into Pine five miles above Atlin, Little Spruce into Spruce, Birch into Pine, Willow into Pine, Ruby into Surprise Lake, Pine Creek runs out of Surprise Lake and is 14 miles long from its mouth. Wright Creek empties into Surprise Lake. Boulder into Surprise and gold has been found on them all. Atlin Lake is over 100 miles long. Surprise Lake is 25 miles long. There is a wagon road surveyed out from Atlin to Surprise Lake and work will be commenced as soon as possible. The Skagway Railway is built as far as Lake Bennett and they are building a tramway between Bennett and Atlin Lake to transfer freight from boats. Provisions are at present ranging from 50cts. per lb. to 25. Rice, sugar, oatmeal, bacon, beans and fresh beef are 35cts. a lb. or three pounds for \$1.00. Butter 50cts. lb.; potatoes 2cts. each; cabbage 50cts. a head; hay \$600.00 per ton. If some of them old Newburg farmers could bring in a few loads here, they could go back and retire for the rest of their lives. Oats brings 40cts. per lb; flour \$10.00 per sack of 50 lbs.; baking powder 75cts. per can; condensed milk 75cts. per can; golden syrup in 1/2 gallon cans \$1.75 per can; meals \$1.00; drinks 25cts; tobacco \$1.75 per lb. The names of my claims are "War Eagle" on Pine, "Little Jokes" on Birch, and "Little Joker" on Rand, and the group is the Keystone group. If I locate any more I will call the next one Little Jim after the boy, and the next after his uncle, Big Jim. Every claim has to be named, and it is comical to go along the creeks and read the names of them, some call them after their girls, such as the Annie, the Alice, etc., but I have no tutsey wootsey to call mine after. There was quite a tragedy here yesterday. A man blew his brains out with a Winchester Rifle, and they held an inquest this morning, he will be buried tomorrow. This will be the fifth funeral here since I came. One man died last week here who belongs to Nova Scotia. He has been down there all winter and was on his way back to Dawson City. He just took a run in here to see the place and died the same night of heart disease. His name was McDonald. He was worth \$100,000. There are four banks in the city, the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Bank of British North America, Bank of Commerce and Bank of British Columbia. Gold just sells at the banks for \$17.50 per oz. It is a better quality than the Klondike gold.

Well, I think this will be all for this time, so, hoping that little Jim will not cry, &c. And I do hope he will live to a good old age.

I remain,
Yours,

JIM.

Fined for Selling Liquor.

Charles Thornton was fined on Wednesday last for selling liquor contrary to the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act. He was fined on the testimony of a gentleman by the name of Mr. Atkins. Mr. Thornton sought out Mr. Atkins after the trial and a fierce conflict ensued. There were no judges nor referee and it is not known yet who came out best.

COOK'S SURE COUGH CURE

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE

Of Fred Watson, Book Keeper of The Pure Food Co.

His Relations and Friends Think he has Been Foully Dealt With.—A Fire in the Company's Office.—Books Destroyed.

One of the most mysterious affairs that has happened in Woodstock for years is the disappearance of Fred Watson, book keeper of the Maritime Pure Food Co. On Thursday night last Mr. Watson was in Merad Brewer's music store where there were a number of gentlemen. He left there shortly after ten o'clock with C. F. Allison, whom he parted from at Garden's Corner, saying he had to go to the office and write some letters. He apparently wrote his letters for the letter book in the Pure Food Company's office showed two letters which must have been written late that night. Mr. Watson has not been seen since he left Mr. Allison on Garden's Corner and his family are very much concerned for his safety. They think he has been killed by two tramps, who were loafing about town that night, and thrown into the river. Their theory is that the tramps seeing a light in the office went there hoping to make a scoop, that they gained admission, struck Mr. Watson and struck him harder than they intended, killing him; then, in order to cover up their crime they carried the body to the river and threw it into the current. What adds to the interest in the whole affair is the fact that at one o'clock on Friday morning, about three hours after Mr. Watson was last seen, a fire took place in the Company's office where he was working. The fire originated in the waste basket under a desk. It blazed up and two of the important account books lying on the desk were badly burned. Tom McCarron, the vigilant night watchman, saw the blaze through the window and gave the alarm. After the fire was extinguished it was found that a piece of hose that, at 6 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, was coiled up in the packing room next to the office, had been laid down to the door of the office and that a door at the side of the cold storage room which had not been opened that day at all, was standing open. Mr. Watson's overcoat and rubbers were in the office. At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Company, Mr. Watson's services to the Company had been warmly approved and he had been retained for another year at an increased salary.

On looking at the books that have been burned, the blotter, the journal and the ledger: the blotter was found in the waste basket and was nearly a total wreck: the ledger and the journal had their leaves badly burned and destroyed, but their covers were scarcely touched by fire at all, in fact, the covers of the ledger are perfectly free from any sign of the flame. The company are having the books, or what is left of them, audited, but as yet, they refuse to say whether Mr. Watson was correct in his accounts or not. The young man's family and friends firmly believe that he has been foully dealt with and is dead. Others are not so charitable in their opinions. It is unfortunately true that many people are prone to be harsh in their judgments of others and THE DISPATCH will decline to express an opinion on the matter at the present time.

Fred B. Green the manager of the company had been away for a month and returned on Saturday when he was expected. Mr. Watson had several countersigned cheques in his possession on Thursday and they were found all right at the office. His bicycle is at his home where he left it. There was not a night watch on duty at the factory at the time of the fire, as none is employed there at this time of the year.

Auction.

The auction of the Oak Hall stock will continue every evening during this week. The goods will be sold at auction prices during the day.

Charged With Assault.

William Nason was arrested on Monday on charge of having assaulted James Noak, a young man who works at the Queen Hotel. Young Noak was badly beaten.

WM. LILLEY, JR., the St. John meat merchant who has worked up a large business in Woodstock on account of the specially fine goods he keeps, has been forced by the increase in his business to move from his store on Queen St. to the larger store lately occupied by Noble & Trafton, on Main St. Mr. Lilley's store is wonderfully attractive. It is a pleasure to look on his windows and a greater pleasure to enter his store.

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