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into the park from the Midnight Dome, trailing a Canadian flag in his wake. This was the delight of all the kids, who broke ranks to follow him to his landing place in Minto Park.

Joe Henry, who at 94 years of age is the oldest person in Dawson, was presented with a Jim Logan print on behalf of the community. The presentation was made by Joann Smith, the supervisor of the Macdonald Lodge seniors' home.

Mayor Peter Jenkins was also on hand to wish the crowd well and welcome all the residents "and future taxpayers" of Dawson in an uncharacteristically low key speech.

That left just a few closing remarks by MC Chuck Margeson and the singing of "God Save the Queen" before the crowd got down to the serious business of Canada Day Cake and goodies.

The crowd was expecting a flypast salute from some of the forestry aircraft stationed at the airport, but the actual event was startling anyway as the three planes swooped low over the gardens and park. One onlooker said it made him think of how little we did know about war.

"Imagine if they were shooting?" said Warren Ford, Chief of Visitor Activities at Klondike National Historic Sites.

With the minor softball league windup tournament already well under way, and the Yukon Goldpanning Championship due to kick off a few hours later, it was clear that "Canada Day was to be both busy and rewarding for those who took part.



Pseudo-mountie Tony Berger stands on guard in the True North



Future taxpayer Russell Magee takes time out from baseball to celebrate Canada's birthday



Dawson Mayor Peter Jenkins manages to get through a speech without mentioning body parts or their afflictions



Mountie John Gillen raises the Canadian flag just before the water bombers flew overhead and tipped their wings at Dawsonites that had gathered at the Cenotaph.



# The Town of the City of Dawson

## Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1992

To His Worship the Mayor, Members of Council and Ratepayers of the Town of the City of Dawson, Yukon Territory

We have examined the balance sheet of the Town of the City of Dawson as at December 31, 1992, and the statements of equity, revenue and expenditure, changes in financial position and infrastructure reserve for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the municipality's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the municipality as at December 31, 1992 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements and with the Municipal Act, Government of Yukon Territory.

Coopers & Lybrand  
Vancouver, B.C.  
March 26, 1993

### The Town of the City of Dawson

Balance Sheet  
As at December 31, 1992

	1992	1991
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and term deposits (note 2)	\$ 1,707,061	\$ 1,328,820
Accounts receivable (note 3)	1,272,599	1,536,261
Prepaid expenses	29,146	23,960
Current portion of debentures receivable (note 4)	133,744	55,524
	<u>3,142,550</u>	<u>2,944,565</u>
Debentures Receivable (note 4)	300,000	78,171
Capital Assets (notes 5 and 6)	4,705,279	4,502,437
	<u>\$ 8,147,829</u>	<u>\$ 7,525,173</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 321,023	\$ 155,620
Due to the Government of the Yukon Territory	79,879	82,373
Current portion of long-term debt (note 6)	223,376	229,037
Deferred revenue (note 2)	62,372	56,800
	<u>686,650</u>	<u>523,830</u>
Long-Term Debt (note 6)	694,712	920,419
	<u>1,381,362</u>	<u>1,444,249</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Appropriated Equity	-	277,609
Equity in Capital Assets	4,653,009	4,446,263
Unappropriated Equity	689,753	286,028
Capital Reserve (note 8)	1,303,000	1,000,000
Infrastructure Reserve (Exhibit E)	120,705	71,024
	<u>6,766,467</u>	<u>6,080,924</u>
	<u>\$ 8,147,829</u>	<u>\$ 7,525,173</u>

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL

*[Signature]* MAYOR  
*[Signature]* TREASURER

Economic Dependence (note 7)

Exhibit A

### Statement of Revenue and Expenditure For the Year Ended December 31, 1992

	1992 Budget (approved May 28, 1992)	1992 Actual	1991 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>			
Government grants (note 7)	\$ 1,639,664	\$ 2,209,026	\$ 2,282,330
Taxation	661,587	697,414	653,854
Interest	100,000	105,311	112,271
Revenue - own source	1,091,439	838,213	849,688
Sale of services	93,477	170,408	165,177
Debt proceeds	67,183	81,243	67,183
	<u>3,653,350</u>	<u>4,101,615</u>	<u>4,130,503</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
General government services	559,739	604,962	484,385
Protective services	180,673	156,369	139,307
Transportation services	340,698	263,751	284,235
Environmental health services	2,001,378	2,097,782	2,307,980
Public health and welfare	62,222	51,811	142,358
Environmental development	91,899	94,337	382,418
Recreation and cultural	416,741	302,420	364,875
	<u>3,653,350</u>	<u>3,571,432</u>	<u>4,105,558</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure Before the Following:</b>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>530,183</u>	<u>24,945</u>
Write-off taxes on properties repossessed through tax liens	-	9,291	39,635
Write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable	-	42,095	-
	<u>Nil</u>	<u>51,386</u>	<u>39,635</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ Nil</b>	<b>\$ 478,797</b>	<b>\$ (14,690)</b>

Exhibit C

### Statement of Changes in Financial Position For the Year Ended December 31, 1992

	1992	1991 (restated)
<b>Cash Provided from (Used for)</b>		
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure	\$ 478,797	\$ (14,690)
Add back: Movements of equity in capital assets	545,505	386,318
	<u>1,024,302</u>	<u>371,628</u>
Net change in non-cash balances relating to operations	<u>421,385</u>	<u>(750,770)</u>
	<u>1,445,687</u>	<u>(379,142)</u>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in long-term debt and deferred revenue	(225,796)	616,595
Decrease (increase) in debentures receivable	(300,049)	50,475
	<u>(525,845)</u>	<u>667,070</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	42,880	364,192
Capital additions	(584,481)	(384,098)
	<u>(541,601)</u>	<u>(19,906)</u>
<b>Increase in Cash and Term Deposits</b>	<u>378,241</u>	<u>268,022</u>
<b>Cash and Term Deposits - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>1,328,820</u>	<u>1,060,798</u>
<b>Cash and Term Deposits - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,707,061</b>	<b>\$ 1,328,820</b>

Exhibit D

### Statements of Equity For the Year Ended December 31, 1992

	1992	1991
<b>APPROPRIATED EQUITY</b>		
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 277,609	\$ 226,589
Appropriation from (to) unappropriated equity	(277,609)	51,020
Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ Nil</u>	<u>\$ 277,609</u>
<b>EQUITY IN CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 4,446,263	\$ 4,372,807
Capital Assets- Additions	584,481	384,098
Disposals	(42,880)	(364,192)
Depreciation	(338,759)	(312,862)
Long-term debt - principal repayment	3,904	366,412
Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 4,653,009</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,263</u>
<b>UNAPPROPRIATED EQUITY</b>		
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 286,028	\$ 422,762
Appropriations from (to) appropriated equity	277,609	(51,020)
Appropriations to infrastructure reserve	(49,681)	(71,024)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure	478,797	(14,690)
Appropriation to capital reserve for future capital projects	(303,000)	-
Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 689,753</u>	<u>\$ 286,028</u>
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE</b>		
Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Appropriation from unappropriated equity for future capital projects	303,000	-
Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,303,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

Exhibit B

### Statement of Infrastructure Reserve For the Year Ended December 31, 1992

	1992	1991
<b>Balance - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>\$ 71,024</u>	<u>\$ Nil</u>
<b>Add: Grant revenue during year</b>	<u>1,239,057</u>	<u>1,149,824</u>
<b>Interest earned during year</b>	<u>57,817</u>	<u>41,000</u>
	<u>1,296,874</u>	<u>1,190,824</u>
<b>Less: Qualifying expenditures made during year</b>	<u>1,247,193</u>	<u>1,119,800</u>
<b>Change in the year</b>	<u>49,681</u>	<u>71,024</u>
<b>Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 120,705</b>	<b>\$ 71,024</b>

Exhibit E

The above transactions for the year are also included in the statement of revenue and expenditure.

# The Town of the City of Dawson

## Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1992

### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of Accounting

These financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using accounting principles considered appropriate by management and conform to the pronouncements issued by the Public Sector Accounting and Auditing Committee of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and to the Municipal Act, Government of the Yukon Territory.

#### (b) Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures are expensed when incurred and then capitalized and depreciated in accordance with note 1(c), except for capital extensions and improvements to the water and sewer system, which are not capitalized.

#### (c) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are depreciated as follows:

Assets	Rate and method of depreciation
Mobile equipment	Sum of years' digits
Office, general and recreation equipment	7 years straight-line
Centennial Hall, gazebo and floating docks	10 years straight-line
Water and sewer system	20 years straight-line
Reservoir and well system	20 years straight-line
Fire hall	25 years straight-line
Recreation complex	25 years straight-line
Medical residence	25 years straight-line
Public works building	25 years straight-line
Waterfront building	25 years straight-line
Minto Park building	25 years straight-line

#### (d) Land

Land is valued at the lower of acquisition cost and assessed value when acquired or repossessed.

#### (e) Government Grants

Government grants awarded during the year for capital assets and operating expenses are recorded as revenue in the accounts.

#### (f) Fixed Cost Allocations

Certain general and administrative expenses, principally salaries and benefits, are allocated to departments based on estimated departmental end labour costs.

### 2. Cash and Term Deposits

Included in cash and term deposits is an amount of \$66,348, including GST and accrued interest, received for a water and sewer charge, which is being disputed under a court action.

This amount, net of GST, will not be recorded as revenue until the outcome of the dispute is known.

### 3. Accounts Receivable

	1992	1991
Taxes receivable	\$ 179,708	\$ 229,855
GST rebate receivable	108,069	79,218
Grants receivable -		
Government of the Yukon Territory	402,196	584,792
Government of Canada	451,817	399,582
	1,141,790	1,293,447
Trade accounts receivable	130,809	242,814
	\$ 1,272,599	\$ 1,536,261

### 4. Debentures Receivable

	1992	1991
Klondike Visitors Association - 10% debenture, issued September 30, 1987, repayable in annual blended installments of \$67,183, maturing September 30, 1993	\$ 58,744	\$ 133,695
Klondike Visitors Association - 8.5% debenture, issued September 30, 1992, repayable in annual amounts of \$75,000 plus interest, maturing September 30, 1997	375,000	-
	433,744	133,695
Less: Current portion	133,744	55,524
	\$ 300,000	\$ 78,171

### 5. Capital Assets

	1992		1991	
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Net book value
Land	\$ 949,152	\$ -	\$ 949,152	\$ 909,691
Mayor's chain of office	3,219	-	3,219	3,219
Mobile equipment	212,496	128,345	84,151	104,860
Office equipment	102,339	78,266	24,073	27,207
General equipment	277,896	220,185	57,711	69,197
Recreation equipment	14,399	10,720	3,679	5,736
Centennial Hall	28,807	28,807	-	-
Fire hall	1,132,909	236,257	896,652	944,642
Recreation complex	1,128,971	421,963	707,008	752,167
Medical residence	429,905	144,998	284,907	318,270
Public works building	215,479	83,164	132,315	140,934
Waterfront building	228,000	72,960	155,040	164,160
Minto Park building	111,392	19,012	92,380	96,182
Gazebo	35,000	24,500	10,500	14,000
Water and sewer system	2,016,418	1,199,980	816,438	916,102
Reservoir and well system	485,973	24,583	461,390	-
Floating docks	94,061	67,966	26,095	35,501
Paintings	569	-	569	569
	\$ 7,466,985	\$ 2,761,706	\$ 4,705,279	\$ 4,502,437

### 6. Long-Term Debt

	1992	1991
Government of the Yukon Territory 8.25% debenture, repayable in annual blended installments of \$252,109, maturing December 9, 1996	\$ 830,391	\$ 1,000,000
Government of the Yukon Territory 11-3/8% debenture, repayable in annual blended installments of \$10,294, maturing in the year 2000	52,270	56,174
Government of the Yukon Territory 10% debenture, repayable in annual blended installments of \$67,183, maturing September 30, 1993	35,427	93,282
	918,088	1,149,456
Less: Current portion	223,376	229,037
	\$ 694,712	\$ 920,419

The medical residence (note 5) is pledged as security for the 11-3/8% debenture.

Long-term debt repayable over the next five years is as follows:

	Interest	Principal	Total
1993	\$ 106,208	\$ 223,376	\$ 329,584
1994	58,811	203,591	262,402
1995	41,864	220,538	262,402
1996	23,501	238,901	262,402
1997	3,603	6,690	10,293
	\$ 233,987	\$ 893,096	\$ 1,127,083

### 7. Economic Dependence

The Town of the City of Dawson is economically dependent upon the support of the Government of the Yukon Territory.

Included in government grants revenue is \$1,964,600 of grants awarded by the Government of the Yukon Territory.

### 8. Capital Reserves

Capital reserves are as follows:

Year established	Contribution amount	Purpose of fund	Anticipated year of withdrawal or use
1989	\$ 1,000,000	Water and sewer infrastructure	Unknown
1992	110,000	Completion of new well	1993
1992	25,000	Install fire pump	1993
1992	133,000	Water and sewer expansion	1993
1992	5,000	Recreation study	1993
1992	20,000	North end development study	1993
1992	10,000	City dump study	1993
	\$ 1,303,000	Total capital reserves	





**Blowing your own horn**

file photo

Fire spotter Bill Jackson does what he's known best for.

# He plays to keep the fires away

by Dan Davidson

The infamous pink flamingos struck again on the evening of June 5, lining the first few hundred yards of the "road" to the Firedome, where Bill Jackson can be heard wailing at the Midnight Sun on many a summer evening.

The cardboard birds made their first appearance a month or so back, at Shirley Pennell's 50th birthday surprise party, and it now seems that they are on call for anyone who might have an event they wish to brighten up.

Bill's spent the last 1/6 of his 60 years climbing up and down the fire tower on Second Dome, or just sitting on top of the roof of the two room log cabin he lives in up there, from where you can see almost as much of the Klondike Valley in either direction. About the only thing you can't see from that height is Dawson City itself, for the Midnight Dome is in the way.

The view from his windswept promontory is something to behold. Late at night the sun doesn't go down; it just describes that familiar circle that we've all seen in the photographs. There's nothing high enough to obscure it except for the

odd cloud or two, but in spite of that the late evening is no time for shorts.

It's nippy up there in a number of ways. First there is the wind which does gust along at a good rate, keeping the flag flapping. Then there are the bugs, which are so happy to

*Rumor has it that many a tourist has been startled by the strangely Celtic warble of an unseen "wolf" on late summer evenings.*

see warm-blooded creatures unprotected by fur coats that they become quite stupid in their affection. Or maybe it's just the altitude.

This particular Thursday night the bugs had lots of company, as a dozen or so friends and associates followed the 50 famous flamingos up the track to the top, to drop in on the unsuspecting fire watcher, whose keen eyes were completely deceived by the diversionary tactics of his chums. Some eagle-eyed forestry spotter he is!

Rumor has it that many a tourist has been startled by the strangely Celtic warble of an unseen "wolf" on late summer evenings in years gone by. Bill's a piper, you see, and his instrument can be heard faintly on the Midnight Dome, which is

clearly visible from the deck outside the cabin where Bill lives. Midnight Dome visitors must have been especially spooked on that night, for the wild highland strains of two pipers echoed from the nearby hills near midnight, and "Scotland the Brave" was ne'er so splendidly played.

Bill's good friend and sometime Celtic partner, Pete Menzies,

was caught by the pipes and the location and last year produced a song which will probably become a Yukon legend in days to come, about a lone fire spotter who sits atop a mountain, playing the pipes "to keep the fires away."

The only fire in sight was the one in the fire pit, closely watched by a number of the forestry crew, and that's just the way Bill Jackson likes it.

For a flock of instant flamingos at your next gathering, all you have to do is contact Shirley. And promise to return them in good shape, with the name of the party written on one of the birds as a record of the event.

They should be good for another 48 parties as of this writing, as long as they don't get left out in the rain sometime.

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# Letting it all hang out

Staff at the  
Dawson  
Museum  
string up  
decorations  
for  
Canada Day



photo by Lisa Sardi

## KLONDIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES WELCOMES YOU TO DAWSON CITY

### DAILY EVENTS:

#### ROBERT SERVICE CABIN:

- 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

#### OLD POST OFFICE:

- POETRY RECITALS AT 10:00 AM AND 3:00 PM

#### HARRINGTON'S STORE:

- 12:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

#### PALACE GRAND THEATRE: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- STAMPS, MAIL DROP, COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

#### WALKING TOURS:

- 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

- HISTORIC PHOTO EXHIBIT

- TOURS AT 10:00 AM AND 12:00 PM

- 11:00 AM AT THE PALACE GRAND THEATRE

- 6:30 PM AT THE VISITORS RECEPTION CENTRE

- TOWN CORE AT 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM AND 3:30 PM

- MEET AT VISITOR RECEPTION CENTRE

- LE TOUR EN FRANCAIS - 1:00 PM

- COMMENCE AU CENTRE D'INFORMATION

- RESTORATION TOUR AT 1:30 PM

- MEET AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

#### STREET THEATRE:

- 9:30 AM AND 2:30 PM AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

- CHECK AT VRC FOR LOCATIONS

#### BEAR CREEK COMPOUND:

- TOURS AT 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, AND 3:30 PM

- SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS REPLACE THE 10:30 AM TOUR ON WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

#### DREDGE #4:

- ON SITE INFORMATION 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### "FOOL'S GOLD REVIEW"

- A MARIONETTE PUPPET SHOW

- 4:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY

#### KID'S EVENT:

- 3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM FRIDAY AT MME. TREMBLAY'S STORE (AGES 5 AND UP)

**PARKS DAY CELEBRATIONS SATURDAY 17 JULY 1993**  
**10:30 AM MARTHA BLACK UNVEILING CEREMONY**  
**AT THE COMMISSIONERS RESIDENCE**





# Dawson Pathfinders cross the Chilkoot

by Sara Winton and Liza Sardi  
Monday, June 21

**Sara:** Today we drove to Whitehorse. When we arrived we ran some errands. We went to Pizza Hut for dinner and made a dash to catch the hit movie Jurassic Park at 7:00 p.m. After setting up camp we had a free swim while Takhini Hot Springs was drained. We talked quite late and eventually fell asleep.

**Liza:** Today I got up at 5:21 a.m., but it took us until 9:00 a.m. to get organized and on the road. I slept a restless night, I was so excited. We got to Whitehorse by 4:30 p.m. and spent \$184 on groceries for five days. Cheryl and I have been trying to plan a variety of breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks. Jurassic Park was amazing! It has been nine weeks since I last saw a film, when I left Toronto to come to the Yukon.

Tuesday, June 22

**Sara:** We woke up at about 7:00 this morning. We did a bit of shopping and were on our way at 10:00 a.m. We are now driving to Carcross. There is a beautiful view of the mountains. We are not going to bed early tonight despite what Liza says.

We just took pictures of the beautiful Emerald Lake. The scenery is just fabulous. The ride is bumpy so my writing is very messy. We're trapped in the van with a broken radio. We're looking for sheep (what lives of excitement we lead). The mountains are snowy, too snowy. This is summer, who needs snow? Anyway, I'd better get back on track. So far the trip is going smoothly (so far). Cheryl and I are just waiting to break our legs. We just got to Carcross. There is a debate going on, should we go to the washroom or not? (Tara says not to because she has absorbent underwear).

We are not out of Carcross. About the radio, never fear. We have Leonard Cohen.

We just saw a wooden structure for loading ore. We just saw a beautiful waterfall and went over a suspension bridge. The bridge didn't feel any different to a regular road. We're in Alaska now. I've never been outside Canada. We're on our way to the actual climb. AAAAAH!



Liza Sardi, Melissa Flynn, Cheryl West, Harmony Hunter, Tara McCauley, Sara Winton and Anna Chapman-Claxton wait for the train at Bennett. They did the trail in under three days -- but would they do it again?

We decided just to camp at Finnegan's Point. My feet and back are very sore. We walked it seemed for 100 miles but it was really only five. The scenery is so beautiful! Nothing like the good old Klondike. Lunch was exciting...interesting...original...oh all right, it was disgusting. Nothing to do with the cooks of course.

**Liza:** I've been looking forward to seeing wildlife on this trip, but I haven't seen anything. Unless of course we count that beagle that was stopping traffic in Whitehorse. By the time we actually depart from the trailhead at Dyea it's close to 5 p.m. We came out at Finnegan's Point for the night despite protests from four of the five girls. Cheryl and I are worried about crossing the Pass because of our late start. Also the weather forecast isn't that great either -- they are calling for rain and snow. And Sara is breaking in new boots and a new pack and we're having problems cinching the hip belt tight enough. She only weighs 80 lbs!

I'm also tired. It's depressing to start late and then not get as far as we had hoped (Sheep Camp). The trail

was extremely rough the first mile. Straight uphill, and rocky too. Then it evened out to rocky, hilly terrain. Not much of a view from the trail. I had expected to see mountains my entire journey. We hiked through the lower rainforest, luckily there was no rain. The area is very lush and the trees are much larger than in the Yukon. We put the girls to bed at 9:30 p.m. They say that they will get us up early the next morning, but their track record has not been too great. Hopefully they will fall asleep. Cheryl and I did some jerry-rigging of Sarah's pack so we were up till past midnight. Neither of us sets the alarm, I think we both hope they will sleep 12 hours so we can both catch up on our sleep.

Wednesday, June 23

**Sara:** Last night I didn't get much rest, but woke up feeling refreshed. We got an early start and reached Sheep Camp in record time. Today our packs felt lighter, perhaps they are or maybe we're getting stronger. Sheep Camp is truly a beautiful place. I wish we could stay here forever. We stopped at Pleasant Camp for quite a long time. During

this time Tara managed to fall in love with a ranger named Dale. When we reached Sheep Camp we went exploring I led Melissa, Harmony, Anna and Cheryl on a wild goose chase around the waterfall. The rocks are large and watery and are colored a grey-green. The trees and plants are lush and green. White, yellow and red flowers dot the camp adding some color. The mountains surround the camp, creating a beautiful view. The sounds of rushing water, birds and snapping twigs kill your ears. The effect is tantalizing.

**Liza:** I can't believe the girls got us up at 5:00 a.m. Cheryl and I barely got into bed after making some adjustments to Sarah's pack. What's even worse is that we haven't adjusted our watches to Alaskan time. It was actually 4:00 a.m. Depressingly enough I could not fall asleep after Anna's sweet voice crooned us awake. I tried. We made a quick breakfast of oatmeal and hot chocolate and went on our way by 6:45 a.m. It's now 5:30 p.m. and I'm wiped. We hiked to Canyon City, which was sheer hell. I seriously considered breaking an ankle so a

helicopter could airlift me out. The terrain was mucky, wet, rocky, steep up and steep down. I was extremely happy to see Sheep Camp. It's beautiful -- particularly the log cabin with stove (YeeHa!). I actually got to wash my hair. A few of the girls carved their initials into the walls. We met up with a ranger named Diane who was wonderful. While other people we met discouraged us, telling us we couldn't make the trip, Diane said she had full confidence in us. She told the girls she had complete faith in them, that they could and would cross the Pass. Right on Diane!

Thursday, June 24

**Sara:** We're at the summit! It was hard and a lot of work, but we did it! Now we're sitting dressed in warm clothes and eating lunch. There was lots of snow and rock. Now we get to slide!

After lunch we continued on down the Canadian side. There was a lot of snow, water and wind. We were all cold and wet by the time we reached Happy Camp. We were all tired and miserable but after a nice hot dinner Melissa and I had an adrenaline rush. We raced to Deep Lake in only an hour and 10 minutes. Deep Lake was a bug haven. So we pressed on to Lindeman. Harmony, Melissa and I were practically starving ourselves talking about spaghetti, pizza and lasagna.

**Liza:** We got up at 7:00 a.m. to cross the Pass, but we didn't get going till 9:30 a.m. Boy was Cheryl disappointed. Particularly because the girls had left their packs all over the site and spent half the night chasing two boys. The path to the scales was longer than I expected. I fell once and scraped my left knee before the Scales. Weather was great when we started. We had sunshine and few clouds. I was wearing shorts.

As we stood at the Scales and surveyed the Pass it didn't look too bad. I was encouraged when a German couple passed us and in a blink of an eye they disappeared from view up the Pass. The Pass itself was not as difficult as I had expected, but that does not mean it was easy. The rocks were large and hard to scale. But Ranger Diane said she did it everyday and she only had one knee cap. She used an icepick for support. At the point where the snow met the rocks I fell through twice. Each time I went hip deep and it was extremely cold because I was wearing shorts. My legs were bright red and I was afraid of frostbite. At the same time my face was getting sunburned.

The rocks were difficult because of their steepness. It was incredibly hard to see where I was going because I had to climb on all fours with a 40lb. pack on my back which went well over the top of my head. I couldn't straighten up to see the

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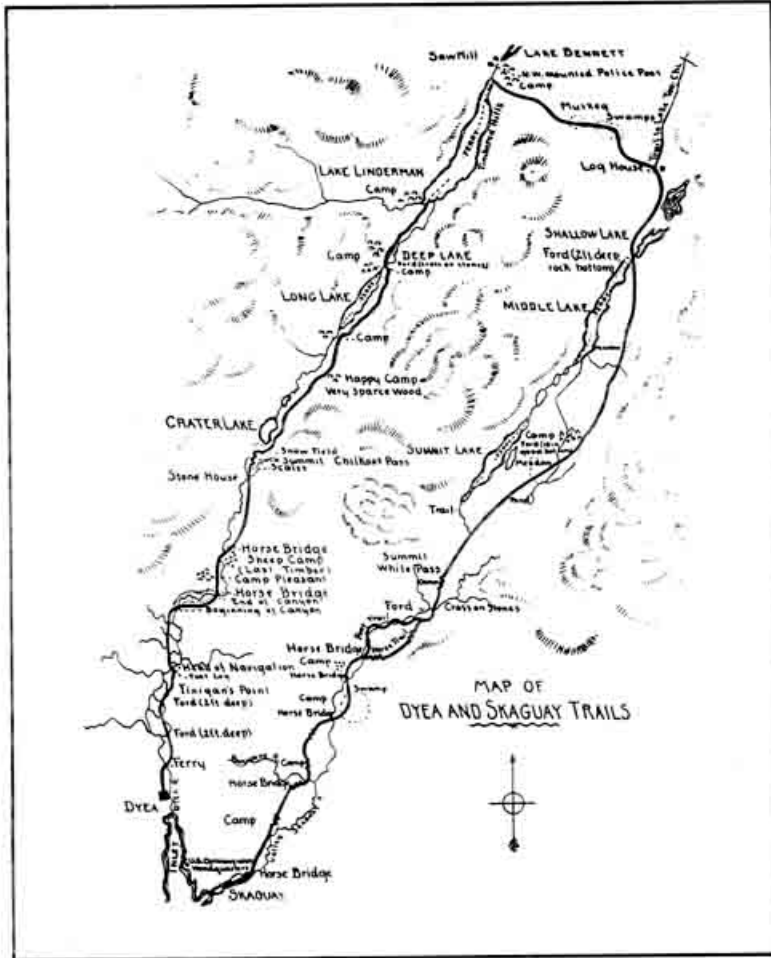
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Map from gold rush times showing both the Dyea/Chilkoot and Skagway/White Pass trails.

next orange marker. At one point I attempted to stand vertical and almost fell backwards. My knees were starting to swell and I became more and more clumsy as I climbed. In the end I was the fourth to arrive at the Canadian border. I stopped to take pictures.

What a sight it was. I could see for miles and miles. Mountains of snow with patches of grey and green for rocks and water. We broke into a rousing, shouting chorus of Oh Canada. I was so proud. I couldn't believe that I had actually done it. I crossed the Pass!! According to the map it was all downhill from here.

It started to spit as we crossed from the Pass to Happy Camp. The snow was hard to walk through. And most of the area had fogged over. The rain stopped by the time we got to Stone Crib but it was difficult to dry out and we had to search through everything to find enough dry socks for everyone.

In the end we ended up hiking straight to Lindeman City (13 miles in one day). I slipped off a rock into a creek and I couldn't get up for a few minutes because of the weight of my pack. I now have a matching scar on my other knee. I can say that the path was a bit better. Let's just say it was just continuous agony.

Friday, June 25

Sara We got to sleep in until 7:30 a.m. on the last day of the hike!! We are all feeling mixed emotions. The end of the hike — yaah and boo! Who knows the mountains, the snow, the water and mud. I couldn't believe it! Could it all be over?

During the hike Tara's pack

managed to completely fall apart. I was sent ahead with some friends of Liza's. They were nice and I had a good time. Melissa, Harmony and Liza caught up to us after not too long. We arrived in more than enough time to catch the train.

For some of us it was our first train ride. We arrived in Whitehorse at about 8:00 p.m., had showers and ate some dinner.

Liza Cheryl and I are moving considerably slower this morning. I don't have gangrene in any of my cuts thanks to Cheryl's first aid expertise. I thought that I would be the last to make it to Bennett, but I didn't do too badly. We all walked fairly quickly because we knew that if we missed the train to Fraser we would have to walk 10 miles. The only thing we forgot to take into account was that the schedule was in Alaskan time, so we had over an hour to spare.

In retrospect I think crossing the Chilkoot is a lot like giving birth. I've heard that a mother's body releases a hormone that makes her forget all the painful things that have happened to her. And she wants to do it all again.

by Dan Davidson

Hunched up against the back of the bear container, the four to five-year-old black bear looks more scared than angry, but he's making popping noises with his jaws and hissing a bit. Even encased in a corrugated steel pipe with bars at either end, he's an individual you have to take seriously.

He's been paying too close attention to some placer mining camps, and so Yukon Conservation officer Torrie Hunter will be taking him up the Klondike Highway to settle him in a new spot. If it works he'll go back to the wild and stop being so familiar with the things of man. If it doesn't, he'll meet the sad fate of many a problem bear. Tonight, he's a visual aid for a lecture on bear awareness at the Dawson Museum.

Bear Fax is the title of a lecture intended to educate the public on how to avoid problems with bears, and Hunter starts out by telling people what kinds of bears we have and where they are likely to be found.

The grizzly inhabits alpine areas where there are grasses and shrubs but little in the way of tree cover. They come down to clear areas near rivers, but if there's good forest cover and lots of brush, you're more likely to find the black bear there.

The black bear is the easiest of the bears to get along with. Given a choice between confrontation and escape, the black will generally choose the latter. Being able to climb trees gives the black a wider range of options than the more irascible grizzly, whose fight or flight reflexes are limited to what you can do on the ground. Blacks, says Hunter, will flee more than 95 per cent of the time, and none of the humans injured by bears in the Yukon have been mauled by a black bear.

You can bluff a black bear by being cool, but an encounter with a grizzly will probably end up with you being very submissive and hoping it will go away. They are that different in attitude.

The best thing to do is to avoid close encounters of the bear kind

completely, and much of Hunter's talk was devoted to this subject. Avoid camping in good bear areas, like along the edges of streams, beside berry patches, in places where bear spoor of any kind can be seen. Don't cook in or near your tent; most attacks on tents are due to



lingering odours. Cache your food off the ground away from the place where you are sleeping. If you leave a pack outside, you might as well leave it open. The bear will get into it whether you do or not, and there's less damage if you make it easy.

When you are walking in the woods, make sure the wind is blowing away from you and that you make lots of noise. You're not hunting, after all, and most animals which catch your scent will get out of your way, including bears. In June and July though, bears may not be paying attention to woodland noises. This is bear breeding season, and the creatures tend to be preoccupied with that activity above all else.

"They're very involved with their mating gestures and paying attention to each other," Hunter says, "and they're not paying attention to the environment around them as much. Be careful, and during breeding season be aware of that."

After breeding season, the bears focus on storing up fat for the winter; eating is their life and in the short time left to them before they den up in the fall, they are eating machines. They are about 80% vegetarian.

"That's what drives bears," Hunter cautioned. "They eat. And that is the source of most of our problems with bears."

A natural bear will be wary of humanity and its signs: fire, buildings, artifacts, etc. But bears are curious and, driven by hunger, they will overcome their fears. Garbage bears rooting in bags next to an open fire in the dump while people sit in their vehicles and watch are a graphic sign of how thoroughly bears can learn not to be afraid.

Having failed to avoid a bear problem, there are ways that you can prepare yourself to deal with it. Unarmed, you need to back out of the situation, talking, moving your arms, giving the bear a chance to catch your scent and react in its normal manner. Armed, be careful not to let your weapon become a psychological crutch. Carry first aid gear and a communication device. Don't travel alone. Don't turn and run. A bear encounter will be a fright, but the odds favour you coming out of it intact.

Hunter's aim for the evening was to educate. While the focus of the talk was on avoiding problems, there was quite a lot of basic naturalist's information in the talk. On display were two pelts, a mounted paw, and a number of free booklets and fact sheets to help the word out.

The presentation was full of information, but as light hearted as the subtitle on the lecture poster: "Bears have pause but no remote control." Perhaps a reminder that anything you meet in the woods will be real, and those with television reflexes would be better off playing safe.

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# Martha Louise Black: A real Yukon Pioneer

Martha Black, Yukon Pioneer and the second woman elected to the House of Commons, had a lust for adventure.

Born to a middle-class Chicago family, she chafed under the restrictions of her role as suburban wife and mother. So, in 1898, at age 32, Martha and her husband Will Purdy, set out to join the Klondike gold rush. She was not deterred when Will decided in Seattle to seek his fortune in the Sandwich Islands instead. Martha persuaded her brother George and their cousin Harry Peachey to accompany her on her adventure to the Yukon.

They took a boat to Skagway and then, "leaving all civilization behind," embarked on the 42 mile Chilkoot Pass, later described as "the worst trail this side of hell." The 631st woman to cross, Martha braved it's rigors in the latest word in outing costumes: a heavily ribbed tobacco-brown corduroy velvet skirt of "shockingly immodest length." It actually showed her ankles. Five yards around the bottom edge with brush braid and lined with brown silk and interlined with a foot of buckram to give it swing when she walked. A Norfolk jacket with many pleats, a blouse with a high stiff collar almost to her ears and a pair of voluminous brown silk bloomers which he had to hitch up with every step she took.

Martha and party arrived in Dawson City on the afternoon of August 5 — six weeks after leaving Seattle and her husband behind.

Martha settled into frontier life but returned to her family in the south the following summer — to show her parents their third grandson born that spring. She hadn't realized she was pregnant when she embarked on her gold dust adventure!

But she could not shake the lure of the Klondike, saying what she wanted was "not shelter and safety, but liberty and opportunity." She was back in the Yukon within a year, working the placer claims she had previously staked and which yielded her a modest sum. Then, in partnership with her parents, Martha established and ran two sawmills near Dawson.

A need for legal advice on a

business matter introduced her to George Black, a lawyer originally from New Brunswick and a Yukoner since 1897. He proposed within two weeks of meeting her, but the recently divorced Martha made him wait two years before accepting.

Because Martha believed that a husband and wife should be "in complete harmony in religion, in country and in politics," she became "without compunction an Anglican, and Imperialist and a Conservative."

Life with George brought politics. He was elected to the Yukon Council and Martha did her "womanly bit" to help. She cooked for his supporters and attended political meetings.

But she always found time for her own interests. Martha delighted in identifying, collecting and mounting the native wildflowers, a pursuit she named "artistic botany." Over the years she collected 464 varieties of flowers and ferns, wrote many articles and published a book entitled *Yukon Wildflowers*.

In 1912, George was appointed seventh Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and Martha took on the role of "First Lady" in Government House. Eudora Ferry, a society conscious wife of a Yukon Gold Corporation engineer, was struck by Mrs. Black's "dynamic personality." Under her influence, Dawson society became "anything but provincial."

Mrs. Ferry also approved of Martha's transformation of Government House from "...an ugly, rather run-down structure" to "a spacious, charming mansion, filled with handsome furniture, luxurious carpets and satisfying colour... Now Dawson had something to be proud of with one of the most gifted and charming women in the country to act as chatelaine..." Martha opened the doors of the house to the community for many memorable, and sometimes controversial, social events.

In 1916, George organized and led a Yukon contingent to join the war effort overseas. Martha went too, although only after considerable representation to government officials and General Biggar, the officer in charge of troop transport. To the General's comment that she should feel uncomfortable as the

only woman aboard a troop ship with 2,000 men she reportedly replied that she "...had walked over the Chilkoot Pass with thousands of men and none of them had wanted to elope with me."

Based in London, she organized services for Yukon soldiers and sent dispatches home to the Dawson newspaper. She also presented nearly 400 illustrated public lectures on the Yukon Territory, an undertaking that earned her a Fellowship in the Royal Geographical Society.

Following the war, the Blacks lived in Vancouver until, in 1921, George was offered and accepted the Conservative party nomination for the Yukon riding. His victory began a pattern that would shape their lives over the next 14 years: living in Ottawa when the House

was in session and returning to Dawson every summer. They came to know the 4,000 mile journey well: by horsedrawn stage and railway to Skagway, by boat to Vancouver and by rail to Ottawa.

Mrs. Black's reputation on "the outside," as Yukoners termed the rest of Canada, was based on her lively personality, her work on Yukon flora and fauna and her active role in cultural affairs.

When George was too ill to defend his seat in the 1935 election, Martha ran in his stead as an Independent Conservative. She campaigned vigorously, covering many of the 2,00 square miles by plane, boat, steamer, a two-horse team and her town two feet. On February 6, 1935, just two weeks shy of her 70th birthday, Martha Black took her seat in the House of Commons as an

elected MP, only the second woman to do so. She represented the people of the Yukon for one term, ceding the role to her husband in the next election.

In 1948, Martha was awarded the Order of the British Empire for cultural and social contributions to the Yukon, including her volunteer services during World War I.

By 1949, the Blacks had retired from politics and were living in Whitehorse. Martha settled into a social routine of entertaining, church and volunteer work that she would continue to the end of her life. As she had always hoped, she ended her days in her beloved adopted home, the Canadian Yukon Territory.

Martha Black died on October 31, 1957 at age 91.

## A chronology of her achievements

February 1, 1866

Born Martha Louise Munger, in Chicago, to Susie B. and George Merrick Munger

August, 1887

Married Will Purdy, settling in Walden, a suburb of Chicago

1888

Warren, first son, is born

1893

Donald, second son, is born

1895

Undertakes first women's club work in support of Cuban rebellion in 1895

1898

Travels to Yukon as part of gold rush

1899

Lyman Purdy, third son, born; she returns briefly to the south

1900

Travels back to Dawson with Warren, forms claim-working partnership with two men and cooks for mining crew

1901

Martha's parents join her in Dawson bringing Donald and Lyman; Martha and her parents establish two mills near Dawson; Martha manages them when her parents and Warren return south;

divorces Will Purdy

1902

Meets George Black, lawyer, originally from New Brunswick, who has lived in the Yukon since 1897

August 1, 1904

Marries George Black

1909

Wins \$200 prize in Yukon government-sponsored contest for the best exhibit of native wildflowers; Blacks move to Vancouver; Martha spends next two summers gathering and mounting flowers of the Rocky Mountains for the Canadian Pacific Railway

1912

George is appointed 7th Commissioner of Yukon Territory; Martha excels at role of chatelaine of government house

1913(?)

Martha organizes first Yukon chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire

1916

Joins husband and sons on WWI service overseas, based in London; spends war years providing services for Yukon soldiers, lecturing on Yukon and sending dispatches home to Dawson paper; earns Fellowship in Royal Geographical Society for her more than 400 Yukon lectures

1919

Blacks return to Vancouver

1921, 1925, 1926, 1930

George elected Yukon MP;

Blacks spend session in Ottawa, summers in Dawson

1935

George too ill to run for re-election so Martha does; is elected an Independent Conservative by 134 vote margin

February 6, 1936

Takes seat in House as Canada's second female MP

February 27, 1937

Lyman Purdy dies

August 17, 1937

Warren Purdy dies

1940

George re-elected Yukon MP

1944

Blacks move to Whitehorse from Dawson

1945

George re-elected Yukon MP

1948

Martha awarded the Order of the British Empire for her cultural and social contributions to the Yukon, including volunteer services during World War I

1949

George retires from federal politics

October 31, 1957

Martha dies, aged 91, her coffin is draped with both the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes

August 23, 1965

George dies, aged 92



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# Yukon River rafting -- über alles

by Liza Sardi

On June 8, five Germans and an American prepared to board their log raft and set sail for the Bering Sea at exactly the same time and day Jack London left for a similar journey 95 years earlier.

On June 8, 1898 at 4:00 p.m. Jack London departed from Dawson City for the journey to St. Michael's, Alaska also by log raft.

Unfortunately the last week's departure was not so poetic. Due to delays in preparation, Isabel Buttler, Ronny Dietrich, Dirk Friedrich, Frank Pioch, and Mark Mastin led by captain David Dirk, left a day late.

Almost 100 years after London followed the Yukon River to its end, we've landed on the moon, flown across the Pacific and Atlantic and explored parts of our deepest oceans. Yet the spirit of adventure that gripped London remains, has taken hold and draws these strangers together to repeat his odyssey.

"The raft is the simplest way to travel on water," said David Dirk, who worked in a sail yard in Germany. He is intentionally following in the steps of Jack London.

"Some of the greatest rafters that ever lived were on the Yukon," said Dick North, author and historian. North said that some rafts were 100 feet long and large enough to set up a tent on deck. With these larger rafts it was easy to get pulled off the Yukon into a smaller stream.

"You had to anticipate every spot. It's an incredible art."

"There is very little written about rafting," said North, who has spent time with David Dirk. They've talked about London, the Yukon and river rafting.

The raft is made of 17 lodgepole pine logs, lashed together with Kevlar rope. It has a mast and two sails and a spinnaker. Two people will steer the raft with two 30 foot long poles, called sweeps, on either side of the raft. It is loaded down with almost two tons of goods, including a short wave radio, small oven, food and clothing, even a small table.

The crew is not an organized one. Buttler and Dietrich were recruited after reading an article about David Dirk in a Frankfurt newspaper. Dirk was asking for volunteers for the second leg of his journey. The first was last year, when he and three others travelled from Lake Bennett to Dawson City on the same raft.

Mastin is on the trip to "get out of smoggy, crowded California for one summer." He's been planning a canoe trip up the Yukon since last July. Now his canoe will be strapped to the side of the raft and used for storing gear and exploring when they dock each night.

Pioch and Friedrich came together from Germany and found out about the trip while in town. But neither is worried about running into trouble on the river that claimed the lives of two experienced fishermen in the last year.

Together they make an odd



photo by Liza Sardi

Dirk Friedrich and Ronny Dietrich make last minute adjustments on their raft before departing for Eagle.

assortment of sailor, student, carpenters and construction workers.

They are not the first, nor the last to be lured by the length, history or geology of the Yukon River. It's one of the largest in North America, over 3,200 km (2,000 miles) from the mountains of British Columbia to the Bering Sea.

Some of the literature on the Yukon says it was one of the first rivers to be discovered by North Americans as they originally migrated across the Bering Straits. But it was one of the last to be explored and mapped.

The history of its exploration differs with every author. Some say it wasn't until 1835 that a Russian trader stumbled across the river and called it Kwipak. In 1843 Robert Campbell found the Pelly and followed it to another larger river he named Lewes. In 1845 John Bell,

following orders to explore Porcupine travelled downstream to a large river which he called Youcon, the name given it by local Indians. A post was built here in 1847 and one at Fort Selkirk on the Lewes. It took three years before it was discovered that they were on the same river. And it was the same one the Russian traders in Alaska called Kwipak.

Life on the Yukon was quiet until the goldrush. Then it became well travelled as a means of transportation. Since the Second World War, and the start of the Alaska Highway, the river was gradually replaced by air and road travel. Highways put the paddlewheel riverboats out of business.

Dawson First Nation elder Archie Roberts remembers a time when the river was busy with rafts. As a boy the 69-year-old would watch them

pass his home at Moosehide.

"The river is a great way to travel — free transportation," said fishermen Tim Gerberding.

The speed of the water varies with the height of the water. The higher the water, the faster the river travels. Gerberding says that the river drops over 1,000 feet from Lake Bennett to Dawson, and another 1,000 feet from Dawson to the Yukon's mouth. The river widens further upriver, where it meets other larger tributaries, such as the Tannena. The river braids out at the Yukon Flats. Some of the sloughs are narrow.

Rafts can easily be sucked off into a slough, or slower channel, because of they are unwieldy.

Above Tannena at the Rampart Rapids the water is said to drop seven feet in one mile. "The river roars through there," said Gerberding. "It was once considered

for a hydro-electric development."

"The attraction is the lack of challenge," said Gerberding. Anyone on the river can kick back, feel completely free. There are various banks to stop and spend the night and historical sites to see.

"You can go 2,000 miles without exerting yourself."

Today a rafter can travel from Lake Bennett virtually alone on the river where tens of thousands of stampedeers built their boats surrounded by tons of goods, waiting for the ice to move out.

Maybe that's part of the draw, no one is alive today who remembers it. All we have left are a few photographs and written descriptions of those who were there.

Author Pierre Berton has travelled on the Yukon three times. Twice from Whitehorse to Dawson and once from Bennett to Dawson. In 1926 he went with his father and mother on a poling boat, the second time on a journey with his family and the third with 25 others for the 100th anniversary of Parks.

"There is something new at every corner," said Berton. He says the river widens and narrows, the banks are high and low and you can see moose, bear and lynx along the way. When he was with his family they caught fresh grayling at cooked it for breakfast at 30 mile.

In his book *Drifting Home* about his family's 11 day journey from Lake Bennett to Dawson he reminisced about what it must have been like during the Stampede.

"What a sight it must have been! Round boats and square boats, tiny canoes, huge scows — everything from catamarans to kayaks," wrote Berton.

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# Porcupine Caribou Almanac # 67

In the last column I left Banks Island with its 1992 population of 49,000 adults and 10,000 calves (still growing) versus a Peary caribou population of around 1,000 adults and 450 calves (status uncertain).

Even back in 1980 it was clear that the muskox population was out of control and that no politically

acceptable harvest could stop it. The quota of 2,000 initiated back then had no more likelihood of being fulfilled than the 1990 increase in 5,000 does now, their functions being merely to cap the commercial harvest. Still, in recent years, the Bankslanders have attempted to capitalize on their predicament with a commercial harvest that, last fall, took 1,792 — just a tad short of the 10,000 needed to stabilize the population.

Meanwhile, across the Beaufort Sea on the North Slope, another conundrum has been unfolding. In 1969 and 1970 a total of 64 muskoxen from Nunivak Island were introduced to areas adjacent to Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. According to Yukon biologist Cor Smits, "From 1974 to 1985, the population within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge study area increased rapidly, doubling every three to four years. In November 1985, 476 muskox were seen."

Muskox began showing up in the Yukon shortly after the Alaskan transplants. In his 1989 report Smits observed, "The muskoxen eruption into the calving and post-calving range of the Porcupine caribou herd is of concern to some Inuvialuit of the Mackenzie River delta. They fear that a continued increase of

muskoxen on the North Slope may eventually have deleterious effects on the growth and well-being of caribou. Their fear stems from the decline of Peary Caribou on Banks Island which have been correlated

by Doug Urquhart  
Porcupine Caribou  
Management Board

important because it does not mention any traditional knowledge about muskox in the North Yukon — only on Banks Island. This may be because there have not been any muskox in the North Yukon for a very long time. Apart from a skull found on Herschel Island in 1908 (quite possibly brought there) and remains at some inland archaeological sites, no reference to muskox in the area exists — not even from the whaling era where hunting of other species is well documented. Some feel that muskox were wiped out prior to whaling (as further west in Alaska) while others suggest an absence for thousands of years.

Traditional knowledge and scientific knowledge. Modern wildlife management is attempting to blend them, particularly through co-management organizations like the Porcupine Caribou Board. But what happens when these two branches of learning continually butt heads as in the Banks Island and North Yukon cases? Whose side wins out and must there even be such a conflict? Let's review the situation.

Traditional knowledge from Banks Island states that muskox and caribou are incompatible. There is no reference to numbers but presumably this relationship is only

a problem at high densities. There appears to be no traditional knowledge about muskox/caribou competition from the North Yukon and adjacent NWT (perhaps because there's nothing to base it on).

Until recently, science endorsed the opposite position. A 1990 Pear Caribou Status Report by CWS biologist, Frank Miller, blames severe winters and hunting pressure for the Banks Island caribou decline and goes further to warn that, "This serious situation...could be mistakenly attributed to a supposed competition between caribou and muskoxen rather than the real causes." Scientific controversy does exist however, and incidents of caribou and muskox relying on essentially the same foods have been reported with mixed results — sometimes the caribou do better and sometimes the muskox.

Unfortunately such reports come from areas quite different than the North Slope. Thus biologists are caught in a Catch 22 because the only way to get good data is to wait

until it's too late to do anything about it. Meanwhile, Nic Larter, Renewable Resources muskox/caribou biologist in Inuvik, is planning a large scale study on Banks Island to check out competition from every angle — and no doubt he too will be told in Sachs Harbour about Susie Tikalik's warning that muskox can be bad news for caribou.

At this point one could argue that a muskox population of 157 (727 including Alaska) can do no harm, especially since they overlap with Porcupine caribou only in the summer. But a small muskox population is a manageable one. Once it exceeds reasonable harvest controls there is no fallback and a Banks Island can result. It's was too late back in 1980 when the population had already exceeded harvest capabilities. Then what about the North Yukon?

At our meeting in Inuvik, Ivvavik Park superintendent Peter Lamb stated that it was not the Canadian Parks Service's policy to kill off wildlife that became established in

their domain. Outside the park muskox are listed as "Specially Protected Wildlife" which means not even native hunters can take them.

Scientific and traditional knowledge. Science says wait and watch what some biologists call "hands off management." Tradition says it's a problem let's do something. If we can learn anything from the past it is that the chance to make a difference may be running out. A few more years and the Yukon/Arctic Refuge muskox populations may be too big to manage. Meanwhile, there could be some time for a compromise between the scientific and traditional approaches. Time to manage existing populations, while looking for scientific support of traditional knowledge.

If anything good is ever to come out of Banks Island saga it could be better partnership between science and tradition.

Otherwise, as the saying goes, "Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it."

## Strengthening the Circle

I'm back and rested!

In May we looked at the positive and negative qualities that our child has. Then we chose which qualities we were going to reinforce.

This month as I promised we will be looking at, Behaviours to Ignore and The Child That is Challenging.

Again I ask you to look at your list of "negative" qualities. Carefully go over it and ask yourself are some of the items really a matter of taste, preference, or personal style? Note:

Do not waste your time or energy in changing these attributes. They are best left alone. No amount of nagging or reminding will make a "shy child" outgoing, or an "awkward" child graceful.

Forget about hairstyles, clothes, taste in music, and so on. Harping on these things won't produce change. Instead you are likely to spoil your relationship with your

child. Some of the behaviours that annoy you may be related to your child's age or to the culture he or she lives in.

by Jim Johnston  
School Counsellor

they think are super heroes. Some twelve-year-old girls are often "boy crazy." It is common knowledge that we often find teenagers pushing the limits on their quest for independence.

Nagging about how your teenager looks or decorates their room creates more conflict and little change. I agree that it is necessary to set limits to protect your child, and save your sanity, but we should concentrate on more important issues.

**The Child That is Challenging**  
Often parents feel that one of their children would have fit better in another family. Where did he come from? Your's may be a family of athletes but this child is sensitive

and fragile, or it may be the shy one in a family of outgoing social butterflies, or the learning disabled in a family of scholars.

The difficulty is seeing your children for what they are and not just for what he or she is not. If you try to make them "fit the mold," your child will feel frustrated and unhappy and end up believing that something is wrong with them.

If you recognize and value their unique talents, a child who doesn't fit in can still feel good about themselves and have high self-esteem.

**Exercise:**

Write a brief description of the "ideal kid," the one who would fit the family norm more closely.

What does this child look like? What are they good at? What are their interests, personality traits, likes and dislikes? List the qualities of this ideal child and compare them to the qualities you listed for your real child.

Put an "A" next to the qualities that are alike and "D" next to the qualities that are different from the ideal child.

**Important:**

Different does not mean "negative." An attribute can still be a positive one even though it is different from your ideal.

Next month we will be exploring the things that our child excels in.

We will be looking at whether or not our child's different qualities have something we value at their root? Then we will revise our child's positive and negative lists to include our new discoveries.

Bye for now and we will see you next month.

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## Shelter Update

by Wendy Cairns

Our annual walk-a-thon was held on Sunday, June 27. The weather cooperated with use and we had more walkers out than last year. We are still collecting money from our sponsors but we will have a total available for the next issue of the Klondike Sun. Many thanks to all those who donated or walked. For those who haven't it's not too late to donate! For contributions of \$10 or more we will be issuing a charitable tax receipt by mail.

The money generated from this fundraiser will go towards offering people in the community a variety of programs this year. One of those will be the Women's Retreat at Moosehide on August 20 to 22. We are encouraging you to register as early as possible so that we have a better idea of how many women will be attending. Registration forms will be available at the River West restaurant, the post office and from any shelter staff.

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### RECYCLING

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Thanks to the Raven Recycling Papersave update for much of the info in this article.

## Library Pages

Welcome to the Library Pages. Summer is in full swing and the library is bustling with activity.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the library, the seasonal residents. Over 50 temporary cards have been issued to date. People from all across the nation are enjoying the atmosphere and resources the library has to offer.

Since the last column we have received several boxes of new adult non-fiction books. They're on

display in our comfortable lounge area amid the plants, new magazines and latest newspapers.

The library also has a collection of over 100 video titles at any given

by Jennifer Docken

time. Some titles to note are: Land Before Time, The Greenhouse, Yukon Sport Fishing and Field Dressing Big Game. We also have numerous talking books. These are

in big demand especially in the summer months when people are travelling long distances. Heavy equipment operators make very good use of them, as well.

The library will be closed for an annual carpet cleaning beginning Sunday, July 18 and extending to Thursday, July 22. We will reopen the doors on Friday, July 23 at noon.

There's still plenty of time to stock up on books before we close. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

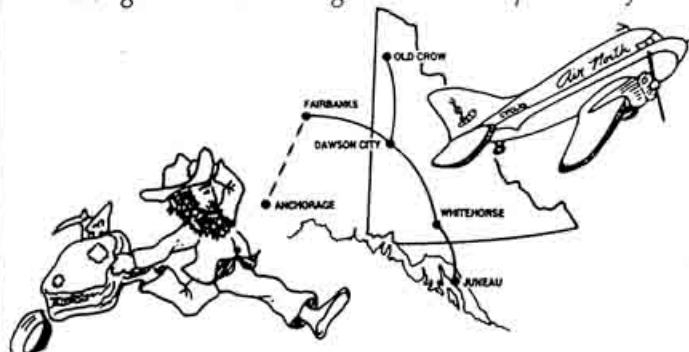
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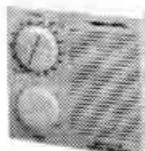
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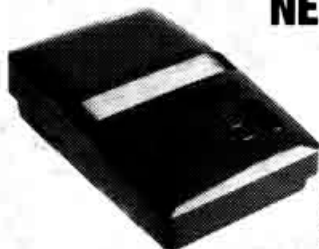
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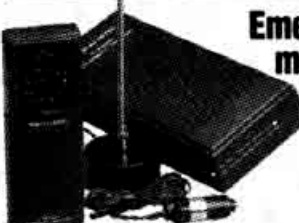


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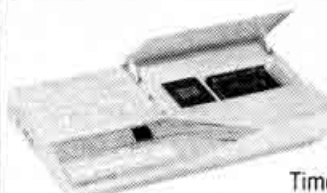
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The Klondike Mines Railway, O'Brien's brewery and the train's roundhouse.

## The Klondike Mines Railway

by Greg Skuce

Gold was discovered on Bonanza Creek in the Klondike region of the Yukon in 1896. This find, combined with an ongoing worldwide financial depression, lured over 30,000 people to the area to see their fortunes. Most of the newcomers became placer miners, a labor intensive occupation involving the use of water to wash the gold from gravel dug out of the permanently frozen earth.

Dawson City, built at the confluence of the Yukon and Klondike Rivers, was the supply and transportation centre for this new mining area. The discover claims, in the middle of the rapidly expanding goldfields, were located 15 miles from Dawson.

The trails and roads that were developed as the gold rush progressed were inadequate at best, passing through low-lying swampy ground. With any amount of traffic they quickly turned to quagmire. The miners needed tons of equipment and supplies on their claims and did not want to take the time out of their already short summer season to deliver the materials themselves.

Freighting companies working with packhorses, mules and wagons charged astronomical rates because of the poor road conditions.

Passengers service was slow and unreliable. It was increasingly apparent that an inexpensive transportation system was necessary. A few far-sighted individuals thought that a railroad would be the answer.

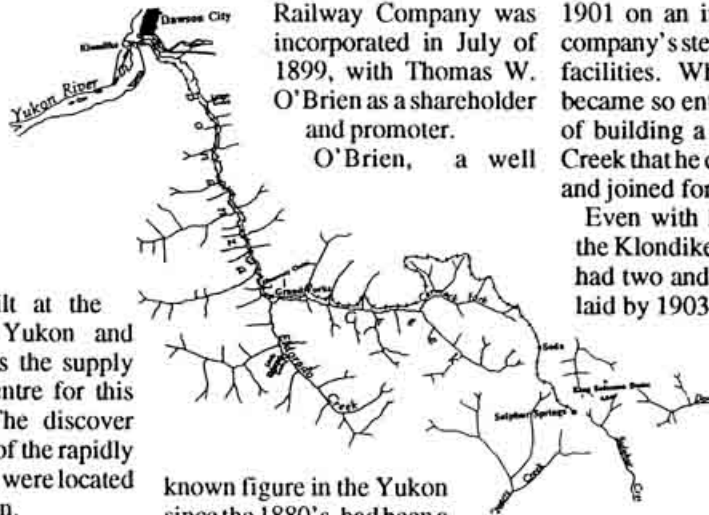
John H. Mackenzie, a businessman who arrived in the Klondike in 1898, decided that a narrow gauge railway would be a sound investment. Taking into account the actual cost of construction, the existing freight rates and the amount of business available, he estimated that the

project would pay for itself within sixty days of operation.

Along with his partner, H. Stratton, they applied for a charter to Ottawa which was finally granted in 1900 with provisions for telegraph and telephone lines.

The Klondike Mines Railway Company was incorporated in July of 1899, with Thomas W. O'Brien as a shareholder and promoter.

O'Brien, a well



known figure in the Yukon since the 1880's, had been a miner and trader around

Fortymile, a settlement downstream of Dawson. Throughout his years in the Yukon he was involved in many business ventures, including the Yukon Sun newspaper, real estate (most of Klondike City), roadhouses and hotels, stagelines and a brewery that produced steam beer.

O'Brien was also the president of both the Yukon Liberal Party and the Yukon Order of Pioneers at various times. He had already been attempting to alleviate the transportation problem with his "Pioneer Tramway Company," a tramline that was intended to run from Klondike City, an extension of Dawson, to Grand Forks, a fast-growing community near the centre of the goldfields.

The tramline never got off the ground and the route turned into a roll road of questionable legality.

O'Brien did keep working on the railroad plan, however, applying for waterfront lots in Klondike city for the freight yards and in Dawson for the main terminal.

E.C. Hawkins was the head engineer during the construction of the famous White Pass and Yukon

Railroad, a line from Skagway on the Pacific Coast of Alaska, through the coastal mountains to Whitehorse in the interior of the Yukon. He was promoted to the position of manager of the White Pass and Yukon Route after the railroad was finished. Hawkins first came to Dawson in 1901 on an inspection trip of the company's steamboat transportation facilities. While in Dawson, he became so enthralled with the idea of building a railway up Bonanza Creek that he quit his job on the spot and joined forces with O'Brien.

Even with his formidable team, the Klondike Mines Railway only had two and a half miles of track laid by 1903.

There were so many problems determining the right of way over potentially valuable mining claims along crowded Bonanza

Creek. Though a railroad company possessed a charter to cross the ground, they were obliged to make some compromises in order to accommodate the miners. There were some difficulties that arose between A.N.C. Treadgold, a mining promoter who held large concessions of claims, and the railway company.

In a letter from Mackenzie to O'Brien, Mackenzie refers to some of the demands made by Treadgold in order to cross his claims to Bonanza Creek (90 Below Discovery).

"(Treadgold) finally agreed to give a right of way over his claims provided the Railroad Corporation would pay the expenses of fighting up to date, guaranteeing to protect the miners from loss by moving the railroad when necessary and putting a covering over the road so that hydraulic operation could be carried on and the material washed down to pass over or lie on top of the timer work over the railroad."

*The continuing saga of the Klondike Mines Railway will continue next month...*

# Liquid Gold

*A miner without water is stuck between a rock and a hard place*

by John Gould

Water plays so important a role in placer mining that without a good supply, mining comes to a standstill. Even today with good pumps and the ability to recirculate.

In fact, it is so important that during the summer of 1906, a rainmaker from California was hired under contract to make rain. The summer of 1905 was so dry, that many of the miners had to shut down due to the lack of water, by July of that year there were seven forest fires raging within sight of the city.

John T. Lithgow, the comptroller for the Territorial Government, proposed to the Yukon Council that a contract be entered into with Charles M. Hatfield, a rainmaker who had considerable success in California. As it turned out, he was too busy in California that year to come north. During the next winter, a contract was made with him to come to the Klondike in June of 1906. The contract was for \$10,000, half put up by the government and the rest by the miners.

Hatfield arrived on June 6, 1906, along with his gear, and his brother who was also his assistant. On June 12, Hatfield was set up on King Solomon Dome at the head of Hunker, Quartz, Sulphur, Dominion and Bonanza creeks.

Items appeared in local newspaper in large headlines daily on how Hatfield was doing. The Dawson Daily News did not consider it worth big headlines, there were only small items in the occasional paper.

There was one rain in June, and the miners said it was only enough to water a small cabbage patch. By July 4, there had been no rain. The committee who had hired Hatfield held a meeting and decided to give him another two weeks; then on July 19, they decided to meet with him to explain why there was no rain. He had made no rain in July and only one and three quarter inches in June.

On July 23 they went to meet Hatfield but he never showed up, so the contract was cancelled.

In the meantime, Chief Isaac of the Moosehide Indians told the Dawson Daily News that he had four medicine men making big medicine, so that Hatfield would make no rain. When Hatfield's contract was cancelled he loaded all his equipment into a buggy; he was on his way to town when the rain came in a downpour — Chief Isaac claimed that his medicine men had made this rain. Hatfield was only allowed expenses from the contract and was never heard from again.

There are several poems written on Hatfield's attempt to make rain. One, by a C.S.W.B. in the Yukon World paper in June 1906, was "Omar Revised." One verse went as follows:

"Oh, thou with chemical and stink  
Arrange the rainfall so that all may drink;  
Thou wilt not cause disastrous  
floods, and thou  
Tell us that in your system there's a

kink."

The spring run-off of melting snow does not last very long, two to six weeks depending on the size of the collection area. By 1900 when the steam thawers were in use, the size of the dumps were several times larger than in the past — this was when the amount of water available was found to be critical. By this time mining was being carried out on the hills and benches, where after the run-off there was no water unless pumped or ditched from the adjacent creeks. The miners working on the lower end of the creeks had a good supply of water, even if it was very muddy from those working above, those at the upper end of the creek would have very little water. The surrounding hills had also been stripped off of all trees. When it did rain, there was nothing to hold back the rain water; the rain could last a few days and all run off in a rush — if the rain was heavy enough it could cause flooding conditions on the creeks and quite often it did.

The average annual precipitation in the Klondike is 10 to 12 inches with about four inches of this being snow. Many miners would build snow fences during the winter by piling up snow, so that the spring thaw in their area would last longer. This did not work, it just made a larger run off.

It was after the gold rush of 1898, when stem was being used to thaw the permafrost that the summer mining really got started. The miners on Bonanza and Eldorado worked together to make the best use of the available water. Flumes were built on trestles carrying the water back and forth across the valley and down the valley. The miners at each claim would take what they needed and ensure that it went back into the flume, in addition to what seepage or bedrock water there was to the benefit of everyone. This allowed all the miners at least some water; of course it soon becomes very muddy and almost too thick to be of use in saving gold, even with the addition of clean water from whatever source such as the small gulches along the valleys. Dirty muddy water does not wash all the gold from the gravels, it carries on out the end of the sluice box. This is one of the reasons why the modern miner is able to make it worth his while to mine the old tailings.

The miners resorted to many methods to get water in large enough quantities to be able to wash the gold from their gravel deposits, listed are a few of the methods.

Diverting creeks or streams using ditches and fluming. Dams, storing water during the spring run-off. Pumps - Piston, for pressure and pumping to high levels, steam and electric powered. Centrifugal, for pumping into sluice boxes and recirculation, steam or electric powered. Pulsometer, for thawing or draining a work area, steam powered. Chinese, for drain a work area, water powered.



# THE 1993 GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS



by Liza Sardi

There was a second gold rush in Dawson on Canada Day.

Twenty-five contestants showed up for the Cheechako competition at the Klondike Goldpanning Championship on July 1.

The first place winner in the cheechako category was Eli Sobus of Grand Island, New York. He found five flakes in 5:45 minutes.

Sobus is a retired liquor store owner who has been returning to the Yukon every year for the past five years. He previously won a second place medal in 1991 in the same category. This year Sobus emptied his entire bucket into his pan in one shot, then panned it all at once.

Bob Lee of Palmer, Alaska placed second. He found four flakes in 5:52 minutes.

"I was sloppy and a little too fast," said Lee as he looked enviously on Sobus' first gold medallion.

Third place went to Alfred Niesuer of Germany. He found four flakes in 10 minutes. Niesuer was one of a party of 10 Germans to come over specifically for the gold panning competition.

A pre-measured mixture of sand and gravel and flakes are given to competitors. Only the judges knew of the actual quantity of gold pieces in each event. The winner in each category was decided on a basis of overall time and number of flakes.

The tone of the panning championship became much more serious when it came time for the Yukon Open. While the Cheechako competition is aimed at visitors to the Yukon, the Yukon Open is limited to Canadian residents over 16 with a Yukon medical card, driver's licence or KPMA membership card.

The winner of this competition, Dawne Mitchell, will be attending the Goldpanning Championships in

Tankavaara, Finland. Mitchell scored an impressive seven flakes in a total of 6:42 minutes. Like Sobus, patience was the key to her victory. Mitchell took the longest time of all seven competitors in her category.

"I can hardly smile, my lips are quivering," she told those trying to snap her picture as she held onto the 2-foot trophy.

"I never thought I'd beat these guys, they're pretty darn good," said Mitchell, who compared her technique to the "turtle versus the hare."

Mitchell has attended all the Dawson championships, except for 1986, when she spent the summer at the Yukon Pavilion at Expo.

While at first there was some speculation as to whether or not Mitchell will be competing in the men's or women's category in Finland the problem. This year the competition included both, though in the past men and women have competed separately. The solution was quickly found.

Mitchell has decided switch prizes with second place winner Ralph Nordling. Nordling has competed in the Edmonton Klondike Days festivities before and had his heart set on visiting Tankavaara, even if he didn't win first prize at the Yukon open. And Mitchell wanted to go back to visit her mother's farm in Castor, just outside Edmonton. It will be her first summer visit in 16 years.

"People may think I'm nuts," said Mitchell, but she said she's already been to Tankavaara in 1987.

Mitchell was the Women's World Champion in 1984, the first year that the championships were held in the Yukon. Mitchell's rise to the pinnacle of panning began on a dare in 1984. She did have some experience panning. Since 1977 she's worked at the Poverty Bar

tourist gold panning, as sluice box tender and as a heavy equipment operator for different mining operations. And she's been practicing for this year's event. Mitchell used her own pan to secure her victory.

The World Championships in goldpanning will coincide with Lapland's Gold Week from August 8 to 15, 1993. The very first world championships were held in Tankavaara in 1977.

Judges for the Yukon championship were Parks Curator Michael Gates, musician Lee Worden and pianist Bill Costin.

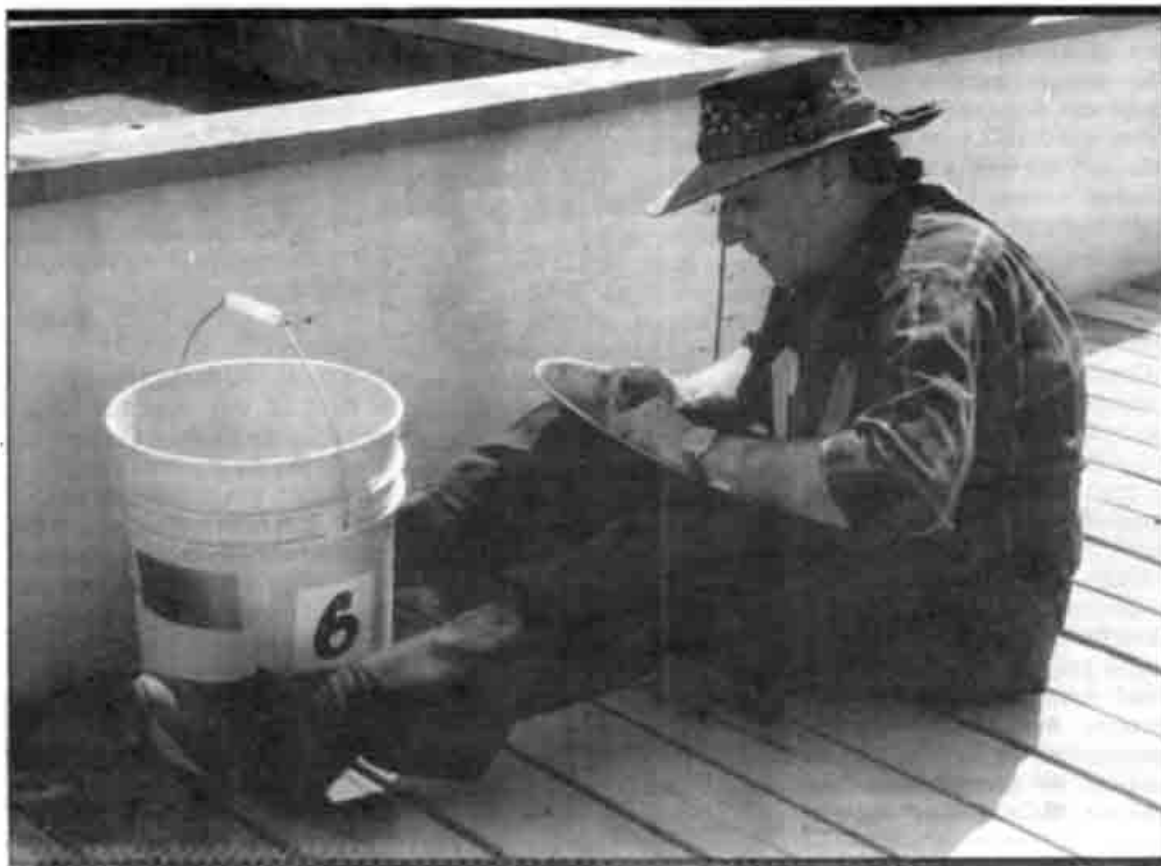
Gates will also be in Tankavaara for the World Gold Championship. He will be representing Canada and the Klondike Centennial Society when he presents a history of Yukon gold mining at one of the symposiums.



(top left) Judges Lee Worden, Michael Gates and Bill Costin weigh the evidence. All three must agree on the total number of flakes.

(top right) First place winner Dawne Mitchell holds her first place trophy, but has declined a free trip to Tankavaara.

(bottom) Last year's Yukon Open winner Pierre Monfette get's down to business.





# NATURAL HEALING



Left: Nic Cote picks flowers at the Dome. He will sprinkle tobacco on the ground as a sign of respect for the earth.

by Liza Sardi

The 30 people gathered for Bertha Blondin's traditional medicine class have linked hands with each other to pray in the quiet, rainy afternoon. One of them holds a baby who squeals and squirms as the rest of the class is trying to concentrate. A few of the women around try to appease her by patting her, jostling her and talking softly. No dice.

Blondin walks over, picks up the baby, and it immediately silences.

Hmm. Any sceptic of Blondin's powers may be having second thoughts.

Blondin was in Dawson from June 8 to 11 teaching a four day intensive course on traditional healing. Part of her work is done in the same classroom the students meditate and pray in, the Tro'ndik Heritage Centre. The rest of the course was taught outdoors, on the Dome or at Moosehide.

She uses traditional herbs, flowers, roots, berries, bark, even moss, to heal.

Blondin was born in the Northwest Territories, but has recently moved to Pelly. She said she has had this "special gift" for healing since before she was born. She started practicing when she was five-years-old. Now it is her life and job. It is a commitment that she has had and that she urges others to take seriously.

"You feel it here," she pointed to her chest and imitates the sound that she hears. "Thunk, thunk."

Her heart directs her to the right plant, to the right tree to cut down when the class is on the dome.

She warns the class that they cannot use what she teaches them to show off, they must take it seriously.

Blondin said that once her people were afraid to give away their

medicine. They feared that it would be misused. Medicine people hid their talents and would not admit that they were healers.

"We were pushed down," she said.

But now the ancient methods of healing are resurfacing.



Stone berries, fireweed, and rosehip can be used to heal rashes, excema, tuberculosis, sore eyes, even diaper rash.

"We find that many of our people are dying, mistreated with modern medicine," said Blondin. She said she has snuck into hospitals and avoided modern doctors to heal patients.

Her most important rule is to practice happiness. Blondin teaches that the emotions of the healer effect the emotions of the sick. "Laughter is one of the most important medicines."

"You know when you laugh so hard you have to go to the washroom?" she crossed her legs to emphasize the point and the class nods and laughs. "That's good, that's good."

"In the water alone there is a lot of medicine. Would you believe rock in a river can heal you? Yes," said Blondin. She explains how river rocks can be used for arthritis, and cracked bones. Muck can be used for cuts, bruises and rashes.

"My father was 85 when he died and he had no grey hair," said Blondin. In fact Blondin herself has

no grey hair and very few wrinkles for a woman who is close to 50.

"Drink 20 to 30 cups of water a day and you'll be full of life," encourages Blondin. She herself practices what she preaches. She eats only wild meat. Ducks, grouse, caribou and moose.

Over the course of four days Blondin taught face and foot massage and herbal remedies from the collection of raw materials to storing and packaging. At times the class was crouched on the floor using their own body energy to heal one other. Later they crouched in the bush collecting stoneberries, birch bark and moss.

Later they boiled the many natural plants they had collected in special medicine pots (such as glass, which contains no

chemicals).

The class got larger and larger as the week progressed as word spread around town that Blondin was teaching the class.

Those who participated in the class were young and old, Indian and non-native and both local residents and those who had come in from the bush.

Lauresa Stinson said she thought that the most important thing was that Blondin and other natural healers are now allowed to share their talents.

"I think that's what was most enjoyable for most people," said Stinson. Particularly, she believed, in today's society of pollution, processed foods and AIDS.

Stinson is currently putting together a book of notes from all the other class members. She hopes to have a complete copy by late August for the Women's Shelter's women's retreat at Moosehide. She will then get Blondin's approval and distribute some copies.

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# Fifteen years of sound festivities

by Palma Berger

This July 1993 will be the fifteenth anniversary of the Dawson City Annual Music Festival. How did the first one start?

It began back in 1979 (remember, the year of the FLOOD?) Monina Wittfoth, John Steins and David Essig were enjoying the Frostbite Music Festival in Whitehorse. Essig, was responsible for the first Farrago Festival, suggested, "This can be in Dawson City, too." So they tried it.

What a learning experience that first festival was! From how to organize a festival, to how to dig latrines.

Lou Stevenson kindly loaned her hay field across the river for the acts. The salmon for the barbecue was donated. The Eldorado van was donated for the weekend. Donations from Dawson paid for expenses. Larry Barr of Territorial Gold Placers donated 18 gold nuggets for each of the 18 performers.

While most of the performers were from Whitehorse, the organizers were lucky enough to get the Swan City Swell Fellows from Grand Prairie and Paul Han of Edmonton, the Cockney Cowboy.

The Klondike Visitors Association cleared out Gertie's gambling hall and donated the use of the hall for their dance.

The Festival was a success! It even came out \$1,000 ahead which was donated to the Recreation Centre Fund. In those days the cost of the barbecue, dance and concert was \$10!

The Festival continued to evolve. At the end of each Festival one sees the exhaustion, the burn-out and hears "never again! This is killing!" Then next year the same faces are there, helping.

The organization had been run entirely by volunteers until about eight years ago when a summer



John Steins, left, will be co-hosting this year's festival after a long absence. Last year's performances by the Barenaked Ladies (above right) typified the energetic good times the Dawson Music Festival is noted for.

employee was hired to handle the office work.

This year the enormity of organizing a festival of this size has necessitated the hiring of a production manager, as well as the office clerk. They are the only paid members of the organization of which there are nine board members and over 150 volunteers. The organization has become active year-round what with fundraising, coffeehouses and bringing in concert acts for the winter.

They have never hired an artistic director, all work including "Selections" has been done by committee. This may slow things down sometimes but there is consensus before anything is attempted.

Each committee is responsible for the various aspects of the Festival, such as workshops, hospitality, box office, technical crew, children's concert, programmes and the concession stand.

Throughout the year volunteers and board members also focus on fundraising sponsorship. The backbone of the organization has been Karen DuBois. Someone remarked that it was a sight to see Karen a few years ago with two young toddlers demanding attention while she was on the phone to Toronto trying to book some big acts.

The acts that have been brought in have included many famous and sometimes Juno award-winning performers: Fred Penner, Jane Siberry, Parachute Club, The Romaniac Brothers, Matt Minglewood, Roy Forbes, Crash

Test Dummies, Bourne and McLeod, Blue Rodeo, Barenaked Ladies and so on.

To express the more personal feminist viewpoint were Lucie Blue Tremblay and Daisy DeBolt. M.C.'s have included Arthur Black (1986) and Ralph Benmurgui (1992). The many Yukon performers have been wonderfully received.

In 1992, even a couple from Russia performed at the A Capella workshop. They had been at the Storytelling Festival in Whitehorse and just had to see Dawson's Festival.

In all, Jennifer Williams of the Klondike Sun said it best with "Dawson City Music Festival has an uncanny knack for bringing in bands on the verge of stardom."

As well as the concerts, there are many workshops given around Dawson over the weekend of the Festival. These are a learning experience for the artists and a source of great enjoyment for the audiences. To ensure that no hint of favoritism be implied, the workshops were moved out of business establishments to non-business locations such as St. Paul's Church,

the gazebo on Front Street, the Commissioner's field and MacDonald Lodge.

In the mid-80s, a craft fair was added to the grounds and to make it more of a family event, children's concerts, a parade and activities are now featured. This was a popular move.

The Music Festival itself has grown more sophisticated. In 1985 a tent was acquired. This doubled the box office. In 1990 two tents were linked together. This year they purchased a new tent top and pieces to make it go up faster.

They acquired a much-needed new sound system, a real improvement. But these acquisitions mean that they had better have trained staff to handle them. Various members have been trained to learn how to operate and maintain the expensive and expanding inventory.

After continuing success for 15 years, where to now?

It appears the Festival will need to expand as the tickets sell out so rapidly.

Some dream of an open air permanent shell for the Festival and other activities. Where to put it? Who are the young people coming up who will be able to take over this aspect of the Festival?

One thing is for sure, the Festival will never lose its special Dawson atmosphere. As Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies said "You get a chance to sit down with other musicians. With other festivals there are just too many people running around trying to get things done."

Dawson is small enough that everyone is half a block or two away. In fact, Charles Campbell in his review of the Georgia Strait called it "Canada's Tiny Perfect Folk Fest" explaining that it is the intimacy of a festival held among friends that makes the difference.



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# Caribou punch is 11,350 years old

by Palma Berger

This 'punch' made from the antler of a caribou was actually found in 1973. Mining operations have been an invaluable source of unearthing Pleistocene mammal bones in the Dawson area. Dr. Richard Harrington was at the placer-mining operation of John Erickson and Herman Liedtke on Hunker Creek collecting mammal bones when he noticed this 13 cm. bullet shaped piece of caribou antler. It appeared to have been purposely shaped for use as a punch. That meant People did it!

Since 1966 the Canadian Museum of Nature has been collecting and studying Pleistocene vertebrate

glaciation.

An account of this was written up only in the September 1992 issue of 'Journal of the Arctic Institute of North America' as the punch was put aside for a time awaiting further study. Time had eroded the surface of the punch, so it was difficult to tell how it had been fashioned, and dating it was difficult as the equipment was not in place at that time. But a new method of radiocarbon dating by AMS (accelerator mass spectrometry) was developed and in 1989 it was sent to Geneva Switzerland to be dated. There it was confirmed that it is 11350 years old.

This now fits in with artifacts found

# Miners and friends will be entertained

by Noreen Sailer

This July 30, 1993 will be the fourteenth Annual Klondike Placer Miners (K.P.M.A.) Steak Barbecue and Dance.

This fun event was suggested 14 years ago at the Annual Spring Meeting. It was to be a miner and friends social event and a fund raiser for the Association, which is exactly what it has become.

Some of you will remember the first barbecue and Dance was held in Finning's new parts building in 1980 with music by Brian Harris and his group, some of whom were employed in the placer industry.

The second year, Finning's building was full of parts, etc., so the barbecue was held in the Bonanza Recreation Centre in Dawson, and has been held there every year since.

It was also decided to honor a member or members of the K.P.M.A. who have made significant contributions to the Placer Industry as a miner or as persons dedicated to the industry. The following people have been selected over the years as Mr. and/or Mrs. Miner and with the exception of a few are still active in the industry.

1981- Mary and Ole Lunde  
1982- Margaret Bremner  
1983- Agnes and George Shaw  
1984- Paula and Lorne Ross  
1985- Edward Bleiler, Mayo  
1986- Ian Bremner  
1987- Noreen and Art Sailor  
1988- Marion Schmidt  
1989- Sandra and Norman Ross  
1990- Lyn and Lowell Bleiler  
1991- Mary and Alex Seely  
1992- Donna and Murray Crockett  
1993- To be announced at dance.

This honor is acknowledged by an engraved plaque gold pan from the K.P.M.A. and a beautifully framed picture depicting gold by Johnson-Matthey Refiners, Brampton, Ont.

Suggestions and comments for this honor are always accepted by K.P.M.A. at Box 4427 Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 3T5.

The original dance floor was built and donated by Ross Mining and was used for ours and many other dances in the Rec Centre. The floor finally succumbed to weather and wear and was replaced with a new one in 1989, the cost of which was shared by the K.P.M.A.

The barbecue and dance caters mainly to the Placer miners and friends, the Service and Supply business and anyone else interested

in good food, good music and placer mining. Every year the event is attended by upward of 500 people and their families and is the major fund raiser for the K.M.P.A.

The task of organizing this function for the first two years was handled by Paula and Art Ross and in 1982 the job was taken over by Art and Noreen Sailer. We have had the pleasures and trials of doing it every year to the present.

Organizing such an event involves many, many hours of time and effort by a number of dedicated volunteers, who give freely of their time and services.

The Supply and Service business's both local and non-local also contribute advice, goods, services and/or door prizes.

This support is very, very important to the survival of the industry and the dance.

We hope everyone enjoys a review of our barbecue and Dance, this is a great evening to enjoy family, friends and good music.

So, ladies please bring your sweets for the most popular food table in the building. See you all on July 30, at 6:00 p.m.

Please renew your membership to the K.M.P.A., let's show the Executive you appreciate all their hours of hard work.

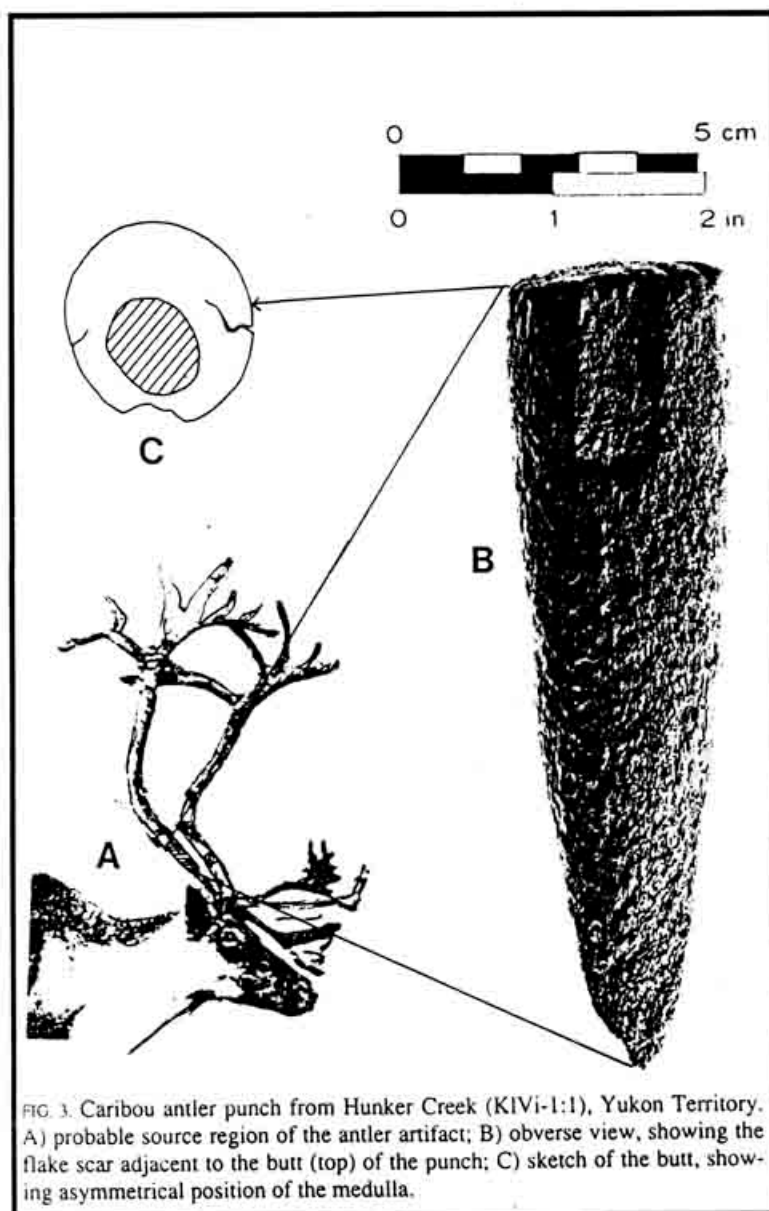


FIG. 3. Caribou antler punch from Hunker Creek (KIVI-1:1), Yukon Territory. A) probable source region of the antler artifact; B) obverse view, showing the flake scar adjacent to the butt (top) of the punch; C) sketch of the butt, showing asymmetrical position of the medulla.

remains from the Yukon, of animals that lived here during the last two million years, as well as trying to discover why they became extinct.

Most of the animal fossils occur in the frozen organic silt just above the surface of the gold-bearing gravel, which is why the scientists have been so grateful to the miners who have saved for them so many fossils which they have unearthed.

At this locality on Hunker, scores of well-preserved specimens, such as long-horned bison, woolly mammoth, small Yukon horse, caribou, American lion and wolf were collected. These were all animals. This discovery of the 'punch' reveals for the first time that there were people in the Dawson area towards the close of the last

in the Blue Fish caves near Old Crow, Yukon, and in Central Alaska. There is obviously a bigger archaeological site somewhere near Dawson, but it will be difficult to locate. The distance from Ottawa is so great, the facilities so lacking here, the population so sparse, and funding fast disappearing that finding more will have to wait.

But still this is one more piece of an intriguing puzzle falling into its little place. Admittedly it is also frustrating because among Ice-age vertebrate localities in Canada, those in unglaciated parts of the Yukon Territory are most productive of fossils.

If fossils are preserved so well here, who knows what artifacts are also preserved somewhere out there.

## Comings and Goings

It's great when young friends return to the town of their childhood.

Tess Powter, that little redheaded ball of fire, who used to keep her brother and sister in hand when her family occupied the home of Dawson's first mayor, her Dad working with Parks Canada, can be greeted at Gertie's where she is behind the Blackjack Table. Have a great one, Tess!

Long time resident of Dawson, Nancy Firth, Sr. was checking out her old neighborhood.

Nancy's first home in Dawson was next door, where Berger's were. It was 57 years previously, before the family moved to larger quarters on Seventh Avenue, where Mrs. Cleland resides. Mrs. Firth and Mrs. Cleland both originated in the Kootenays in B.C., Fernie and Invermere.

Welcome home to the Algotsson family, who spent the past two years in Sweden. Hans, Debbie (Foth) and sons, Anders, Karl, and David, not only made the family connection with the European Grandparents, but the boys attended school and now speak fluent Swedish. Debbie took a two year sabbatical as a teacher, so there's no knowing what else she added to her fertile mind.

We hope they are as happy to return to Dawson as their grandparents, Pete and Brownie Foth, are to have the youngfolk underfoot, while they spend their summer on Cripple Gulch on Bonanza Creek.

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## Dawson karaoke champs place third and sixth in Whitehorse

by Brent Morrison

Charlotte Cox of Dawson placed third and Caron Giddings sixth in the Yukon finals of the Great Canadian Karaoke Final held at the Whitehorse Gold Rush Inn on June 12.

Danny Hunt of Marsh Lake was crowned winner.

Competing against seven regional winners from across the territory, Hunt was determined best overall by judges David Steel, Scott Ross, Sheila Thorpe, Brian Levi and Marie

Gogo.

With the victory Hunt won a five day trip to Toronto to compete in the Canadian finals for a \$5,000 prize.

In addition to the karaoke competition the evening had another purpose, raising money for Lupus research.

Known as "the disease of 1,000 faces," Lupus attacks the skin causing inflammation of it, or the immune system where it attacks a healthy body with a surplus of white blood cells. Lupus affects more than

55,000 Canadians a year.

The evening began at 7:30 p.m. with amateurs and finalists performing. At 10:00 p.m. Irene Pugh, owner of the Gold Rush Inn, introduced the show and told the more than 100 people about Lupus.

Karaoke host Paul Winje then held what he called a "Chinese Auction" before the finals got under way.

Three men went around the room collecting money in hats to buy a walkman. When the predetermined price was reached the person would win the walkman. The auction raised \$251.

Marie Gogo then set the tone for the competition by performing Blue

Bayou before the finals actually began.

Competitors names were shuffled around and then performed in that order. As the competition wore on, the audience became more aggressive, giving standing ovations and hooting and hollering for their favourites.

Winje commented several times, "The judges have their work cut out for them."

After the first round there was a short break and another Chinese Auction was held which raised \$200 for the winner.

Round two saw some of the contestants change costume, and nearly all of them changed their musical style.

*While in Toronto Hunt will be 'checking out the babes.'*

Gidding had performed the show tune Big Spender in round one, then performed her favourite song, Patsy Kline's Walking After Midnight. Cox performed Chain of Fools in round one and Way Here in the second round.

Hunt had performed Led Zeppelin's Whole Lotta Love in round one, then sang the Righteous Brothers' Unchained Melody to near perfection in round two.

When the winners were announced Hunt had placed first and performed the Immigrant Song by Led Zeppelin for an encore.

Afterwards, Hunt admitted that he hadn't even planned on coming to the finals because he had been sick and in bed. He credits his friend with carrying him in from his cabin at Judas Creek and forcing him to sing.

The friend said he got Danny to drink "An old Indian medicine called caribou horn," to cure him.

Hunt says he was also helped along by "positive energy" (tequila).

Hunt arrived in Dawson City three years ago, then moved to Whitehorse. He'll sing anything from Led Zeppelin to the Platters as long as the music is good.

He's never been involved in a band and says he plays guitar, but "really badly."

While euphoric over his win and the chance to compete in Toronto, he says most of his time in Canada's largest city will be spent, "Checking out the babes."

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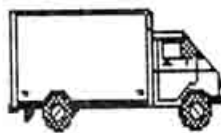
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# Princess Street drop-ins

by Sue Ward

It is exciting to meet folks in person, having corresponded for a number of years. **Gurda and Frank Kurth** put down the carpentry tools in Hinton, Alberta, to not only do a face-to-face with this scribe, but to share precious days with daughter Ursula, granddaughter Elanna, and our Doctor Gerrard Parsons, but to welcome Myk & Ushi's baby, Lillian, into the family circle.

Ushi & Myk Kurth first had to meet family from Switzerland, who had flown over to Anchorage, but everyone finally got to Dawson, where the men took off fishing, while the women did whatever took their fancies on the Home Front.

Next from the Quesnel area in B.C. came **George and Laurie Lawlor**, and friends, **Jim and Elsie Ruttan** of Vanderhoof, B.C. These folks were truly surprised at the extent of programs being offered, extending their stay, and enjoying the warm hospitality and quality of entertainments.

Returning was **Laura Schell** of Seal Beach, California. This was her third trip, having spent an extensive Yukon holiday in 1983 after a taste of our 1980 Flood Disaster. She was a guest at the 5th Avenue B & B for 14 nights, as she relived all of the highlights of her previous visits. Her final day saw us off to an early start to visit the Arctic Circle. Laura records her many friendly contacts on tape, and film, spending several weeks compiling complete recounts upon her return to California. She concluded her 1993 event with four days in Whitehorse and environs.

She is already planning to return for the first Centennial in three years. Meantime she will keep up with Dawson as she awaits the arrival of her Klondike Sun.

No time to let the keys cool out as old friends, **Peg and Phil Watson**, who met while panning for gold, dropped by while giving Dawson the old eye after living for many years near Chemainus, on Vancouver Island.

Hardly hit the keys when **Pretoria Butterworth**, a Dawson belle, many suns ago, returned with daughter, **Joanne**, and her husband **Ed**, who are all set for a tour of Alaska, where "Pete" hasn't had time for a look-see in 40 years!

Now for the other side of the coin. This old scribe actually flew out to Prince George, to attend a surprise barbecue for a very old friend, **Pat Yorston**, where I was joined by daughter **April Moi** of Tumbler Ridge, B.C.

My surprise was for my two Sourdough Grandsons, **Dusty and Joe**, to greet me at the P.G. Airport. Two handsome sixfooters. Had so much time fled by since we last played street-hockey and I watched them practice on wobbly ankles?

April and I drove on to Quesnel, where we had all been so much younger for so many memories. Four wonderful days with old friends with a whirl to Barkerville to check out

the competition as our family had played a big part in having the B.C. Government declare the Village and Park a Centennial Project in 1957.

The rainy day did little to dampen the joy of the many visitors. The Musical Comedy *The Family Tree* written especially for the Theatre Royal was delightful. I couldn't help wondering why none of our producers had, to my knowledge,

produced an act written around our ravens! Great material!

A final delightful dinner in Prince George with our Yukon Veteran's Counsellor **Carol Holton**, and family, spun a warm cocoon of security around this stray Sourdough.

And thanks to all our friends who gave my pal "Banjo" such T.L.C. She had a ball!



by Ella Patay

Russia and the United States agreed last week to greatly expand access to each other's commercial air routes.

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**Wanted to Rent:** Family of four looking for house to rent or lease to own. Call (604) 651-7711. /5

**House for Sale:** 1,738 sq. ft. Situated on 2 full lots with large garage and greenhouse. 3 (possible 4) bedrooms, 2 large bathrooms, 3 built-in appliances, large sundeck, in quiet Dugas St. neighbourhood. To view please call 993-5116 evenings and weekends. /6

**Needed urgently!** Three bedroom house with plumbing, heat, and furniture. Contact Jim 1604-689-1442. /9

**For Sale:** 3 lots and house and outbuildings, property of the late Joe Lamontagne. Contact Gilles Lamontagne at the house after July 22. Or phone Montreal at (541) 464-0483. /12

**For Sale:** House on lot 27 Dawson City Dome Subdivision, 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathrooms, oils & wood stoves. Asking \$125,000. Phone Ross at 993-6329 or 993-5046 or Pat at 993-5736. /9

**House for Sale:** Rock Creek. Contact Jenny Kearn 667-7167 or 993-6430. /12

**For Sale:** 20 acre lot at Rock Creek. Shop and temporary housing or rental unit on site. One Kilometre of highway frontage. 993-6163 /12

**For Sale:** Dawson Dome road lot with Brand New 1993 "NOBLE" mobile home "Arctic Package" 2 large bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms. \$95,000. Contact 390-2220 or leave message at 668-7595. /12

**For Rent:** 2 Bedroom trailer with addi-  
**Space for Rent:** Prime Downtown commercial Retail/Office space available. View at Con's Convenience Store or leave message at 993-6611. /12

**For Sale:** HENDERSON CORNER CABIN 3.5 landscaped acres, electricity, guest cabin, garage, water pump, 2 appliances, 2 woodstoves, Bay Window, and a loft...Well, just come and look at it. Contact Kim Tuson at 993-5852. Asking \$70,000 (which is a good price!) Let's negotiate. /12

## Employment Wanted

I would like to apply for any full-time positions available. My work history is as follows: Direct Transport in Guelph, Ont. 14 yrs. as Driver-Dockman & Temporary Dispatcher. I have an AZ licence. I worked at Kitchener-Transit as a vehicle service attendant for 5 yrs. I have also worked for the City of Guelph for 1 yr. as a vehicle service attendant. I would appreciate the opportunity to learn any position available. John Everson, Guelph Ont. (519) 822-7564. /9

Slovene-Canadian Igor Plenar: travelled around the world, would like to stay in Dawson for a few months. If you have any work contact him at general delivery at the post office or leave a message at the Hostel. Experience selling, carpentry and hotel work. Speaks eight languages. /9

Multi-Trade services Gov. reg. tradesman 02/A015512 Alberta carpenter. Quality drafting, all type wood products construction, handyman building maintenance. Phone 993-5036 leave message. /12

## Autos

**For Sale:** 1975 Chev 3/4 ton truck. 6 cylinder, P. steering, P. brakes, steel flat deck. \$1,500. Call: 993-5760. /10

**For Sale:** 1992 Nissan Path-finder. Fully loaded, Full warranty. Phone 1-667-1013 (local Dawson). /9

**For Sale:** Honda 3-wheeler Big Red, like new \$1,800. Small heavy duty utility trailer 10X 4 deck with side racks \$800. 35 h.p. Johnson outboard motor-long log. Gordon Caley 993-5008 or 5319 /10

**For Sale:** 1987 Black Dodge charger, good gas mileage, excellent shape. \$3,000 or best offer. Call 993-6635 and leave a message. /10

**For Sale:** 1985 White Toyota Tercel 4 door hatch back, 5 speed. Asking \$2,500 firm. Contact Kim Tuson 993-5852. /12

**For Sale:** 1980 Mustang. Call Atlin 993-6611. /12

**For Sale:** 1986 Hyundai Stellar, 4 door Sedan, dark grey. 99,000 km - excellent condition. Very clean and comfortable. Power windows, locks, stereo. Call Tim @ 993-6715. \$3,800 o.b.o. /12

## For Sale

**For Sale:** Propane Furnace 68,000 BTU \$600 or best offer. Call 993-6042. /5

**For Sale:** Ball Gown. 10-12 Frilly Magenta with pink floral inset. Call Nancy at 633-2945. /10

**For Sale:** Ball gown size 12. Crushed Red Velvet with Cream coloured lace \$500. Phone Bonnie at 633-6618 or 633-2945 /10

**For Sale:** used top for 60' x 80' oval

circus tent. Vinylized, fire retardant, with grommet holes. Brand new worth \$5,000; asking \$500. Contact DCMF office at 993-5584. /10

**For Sale:** Herbalife Products. Weight loss, weight gain and nutrition. Call Herbalife Distributor Lois Haffey 993-6121

**For Sale:** Queen Size 4 post waterbed with semi-motionless mattress, heater & liner. Used only 1 month, \$400. Call 993-5433 and ask for Ken. /10

**For Sale:** 20 HP Mercury Outboard Thunderbolt 14' Prince Craft Aluminum Boat. Asking \$1,800. Phone 993-6250 evenings. /12

**For Sale:** New Alphen dog and cat food more meat - better protein! No artificial preservatives, color or flavour. 100% money back guarantee. For information call Lois @ 993-6121

## Personals

Dawson Music Festival has misplaced or lost many microphone cables and patch cords. Please return. Call 993-5584 or 993-5419. /10

**Dawson City Music Festival** is looking for Non-Profit groups or individuals to provide Security Services for all or part of upcoming Music Festival Weekend, July 23, 24, 25 for a fee. Contact Avalene at 993-5584

**Volunteers are needed** for the Dawson City Music Festival this July 23-25th. If you are interested in billeting, heading up the Concession, Billet or Clean-up Committees, or helping out in any capacity, please contact the DCMF office at 993-5584. /10

**Reward offered** for information or return of bird house stolen from front yard of Donna Close. Phone 993-5404. /10

**Personal:** Young, free-thinking, athletic, independent, well-travelled man with traditional values in a state of transition seeks further domestication from companionable, romantic, independent, free-thinking woman. Offers rural homestead, linoleum, propane fridge and adaptable lifestyle. Object: relationship and opportunity for further growth and spiritual challenge. Please respond in writing (no picture required) to the Klondike Sun, bag# 6040a. /11

**Personal:** Nurturing, generous, liberal-thinking man with strong character and a wide range of interests such as travelling, philosophy, politics, architecture, community involvement, energy-efficient construction and reading (erotic cookbooks in particular) who enjoys living in mild anarchy seeks adventurous, challenging, romantic, active, independent woman experienced in life to share food, friends, family, romance and companionship. Offers a settled Dawson urban lifestyle: linoleum, electric fridge and limited plumbing. Please respond in writing (no picture required) to the Klondike Sun, bag# 6040b. /11

**Personal:** Young, hardworking, athletic man of European extraction, continuing world traveller interested in learning

new languages, living at the margins of consumer culture in the Yukon seeks companionable, strong, independent and grounded woman (must be willing to pack ice) for relationship and family. Offers rural homestead (sorry, no linoleum or propane fridge), solid traditional values, generous soul, sense of humour and independent adventure travelling. Please respond in writing (no picture required) to the Klondike Sun, bag# 6040c. /11

**Personal:** Young female newcomer to Dawson, athletic, romantic and intelligent with a ranch background, searching for independence and on the verge of big changes (education and travelling) seeks knowledgeable, well-travelled mature man with positive life experiences, sense of humour, kind heart and confidence in his own character for companionship and supportive relationship. Please reply in writing (no picture required) to the Klondike Sun, bag# 6040d. /11

## Wanted

Your D.C. General Store cash register tapes! Help us raise funds for our computer...Bring your till tapes to the Dawson Daycare at 3rd & Church St. Every cent counts. The Dawson Daycare. Thank you. /12

**Wanted to buy:** Gold Jewelry making tools and tanks. Call 993-5804 or 993-5303. Ask for Bent. /12

**Wanted:** Mike Scandiffio for sports ed.

**McDowall Family**  
Wishes to thank the Downtown Flamingo hockey team & their families for the pool party & beautiful picture of Dawson.  
Special thanks to:  
Lawrie Stewart (organizer)  
Bob Laking (sponsor) &  
Ray Johnson (photographer)  
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Grant, Coleman, Dale, Clair, Eric, John, Kevin, Irwin, Murray, Gary & Fred

ON BEHALF OF THE CANADA DAY COMMITTEE, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO:  
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KELVIN LEARY, ED LENCHUCK,  
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NANCY'S RESTAURANT, FATHER BOYD,  
JOANNE SMITH, JOHN GOULD  
SOURDOUGH SUE WARD, PAT HENMAN  
DAWSON ELDER JOE HENRY  
DAWSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE NOT MENTIONED.  
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COMMITTEE CELEBRATE CANADA'S BIRTHDAY.



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Phone 993-5381  
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## THANK YOU

To our friends, family, and all the other thoughtful people who were such a source of comfort, help, support and kindness in the loss of our husband, father & grandfather. During this time of sorrow for us, your expressions of Sympathy, Flowers, Cards and Donations will always be remembered.

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