

**GOLD COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT
1900**

SKAGWAY, YUKON TERRITORY

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Geographic Location: Skagway, Yukon Territory

Event Year: 1900

Settlement Type: Mining Camp

Population Estimate: 3142

Main Occupations: Law Enforcement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 1900 marked a significant shift in the administration and development of the goldfields and settlements in the Yukon Territory. As the Gold Commissioner, I am pleased to present this comprehensive annual report, highlighting key achievements, challenges, and recommendations for the continued growth and prosperity of our region.

CLAIM REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

In 1900, a total of 2,514 new mining claims were registered, with 1,245 of these being staked within the Skagway Mining Camp. The majority of these claims were for placer mining, with a focus on gold and silver extraction. Claim transfers also increased, with 542 changes in ownership recorded throughout the year.

CLAIM STAKING STATISTICS

Claim Type	Number of Claims
Placer	2,035
Quartz	479
Other	0

CLAIM DIMENSIONS AND LOCATION

The average claim size in 1900 was 500 feet (152 meters) along creek length, with a total of 1,250 claims exceeding this size. The majority of claims were located within the Skagway River watershed, with a focus on the following creeks:

Creek	Number of Claims
Skagway River	845
Dead Horse Creek	342
Bonanza Creek	201

MINING REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

The Dominion Mining Regulations (1898) were strictly enforced throughout the year, with a total of 150 fines issued for non-compliance. The most common infractions included failure to post corner markers, insufficient representation work, and unauthorized claim staking.

LEGAL DISPUTES AND RESOLUTIONS

A total of 247 legal disputes were resolved in 1900, with 143 of these being related to claim ownership and boundaries. The majority of disputes were resolved through arbitration, with a total of 123 cases being settled through this process.

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The estimated population of Skagway Mining Camp in 1900 was 3,142, with a breakdown of:

Category	Number
Miners	1,821
Merchants	341
Law Enforcement	145
Other	835

REVENUE COLLECTION

A total of \$253,111 was collected in fees and royalties in 1900, with a breakdown of:

Category	Amount
Claim Staking Fees	\$83,111
Royalties	\$115,111
Other	\$55,000

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Several key infrastructure developments were completed in 1900, including:

Project	Description
Road Construction	A total of 10 miles (16 kilometers) of road were constructed, connecting Skagway to the nearby mining camps.
Telegraph Installation	A new telegraph line was installed, connecting Skagway to Dawson City and the Outside world.
Water Supply	A new water supply system was installed, providing clean water to the mining camps and townsite.

COMMISSIONER'S OBSERVATIONS

The year 1900 marked a significant turning point in the development of the goldfields and settlements in the Yukon Territory. While challenges remain, I am confident that with continued investment and support, our region will continue to grow and prosper. I would like to express my gratitude to the North-West Mounted Police for their tireless efforts in maintaining law and order, and to the mining community for their hard work and dedication.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend the following for the continued growth and prosperity of our region:

1. Increased investment in infrastructure development, including road construction and telegraph installation.
2. Continued enforcement of mining regulations to ensure the sustainability of our goldfields.
3. Exploration of new mining opportunities, including quartz and other mineral deposits.
4. Development of a comprehensive plan for the management of our water resources.

5. Establishment of a permanent court system to resolve disputes and provide justice to our citizens.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I am proud to present this comprehensive annual report, highlighting the achievements and challenges of the past year. I am confident that with continued investment and support, our region will continue to grow and prosper. I would like to express my gratitude to the mining community, the North-West Mounted Police, and the Government of the Yukon Territory for their hard work and dedication.

APPENDICES

The following appendices provide additional information and data:

- Appendix A: Claim Staking Statistics
- Appendix B: Claim Dimensions and Location
- Appendix C: Mining Regulations and Enforcement
- Appendix D: Legal Disputes and Resolutions
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- Appendix G: Infrastructure Developments
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CERTIFICATE

This report is certified to be a true and accurate representation of the administration and development of the goldfields and settlements in the Yukon Territory for the year 1900.

Signature: _____

Title: Gold Commissioner

Date: 11 July 2023