

Gold Commissioner's Annual Report

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Geographic Location: Forty Mile

Event Year: 1904

Summary

The year 1904 marked a period of transition in the Klondike goldfields. The population of Forty Mile, our settlement under scrutiny for this report, stood at 17,074 as of the last count. This represents a decrease of 2,000 from the peak of the gold rush in 1898. Despite this decline, our mining camp remains an active and thriving community.

Throughout the year, we have continued to enforce the Dominion Mining Regulations, ensuring that all claims are properly registered and that the rights of claim holders are respected. The Commissioner's Office has also been active in resolving disputes and adjudicating claims. Notably, the case of the disputed claim on Bonanza Creek, "27 Below Eldorado," was settled in favor of the claimant, Mr. James Wilson.

Claim Registrations and Transfers

In 1904, a total of 2,500 new claims were registered in the Forty Mile area, with an additional 1,200 claims transferred to new owners. This represents a significant increase from the previous year, indicating a renewed interest in the goldfields. The breakdown of new claims by creek is as follows:

- Bonanza Creek: 800 new claims
- Eldorado Creek: 400 new claims
- Hunker Creek: 300 new claims

Legal Disputes and Resolutions

A total of 150 disputes were brought before the Gold Commissioner's Office in 1904. Of these, 120 were resolved through mediation, while 30 required adjudication by the Commissioner. Notable cases include:

- The dispute between Mr. John Smith and Mr. Thomas Johnson over the claim on Eldorado Creek, "16 Above Eldorado," was settled through mediation.
- The case of the abandoned claim on Bonanza Creek, "27 Below Bonanza," was adjudicated in favor of the claimant, Mr. William Brown.

Enforcement of Mining Regulations

Throughout the year, the Commissioner's Office has continued to enforce the Dominion Mining Regulations. This has included the issuance of warnings and fines for non-compliance. Notably, a total of 500 warnings were issued for failure to post corner markers, while 200 fines were levied for non-compliance with the regulations.

Population and Demographics

As of the last count, the population of Forty Mile stood at 17,074. This represents a decline of 2,000 from the peak of the gold rush in 1898. The demographics of the population are as follows:

- Males: 10,500 (61%)
- Females: 6,500 (39%)
- Average age: 35 years
- Average family size: 4.5 persons

Revenue and Fees

In 1904, the Commissioner's Office collected a total of \$250,000 in fees and royalties. This represents a decrease of 10% from the previous year. The breakdown of revenue by source is as follows:

- Claim registration fees: \$100,000
- Royalties on gold production: \$100,000
- Fines and penalties: \$25,000
- Other revenue: \$25,000

Infrastructure Developments

Throughout the year, we have continued to develop the infrastructure of the goldfields. Notably, a new telegraph line was extended to the Forty Mile area, enabling faster communication with the outside world. A total of 10 miles of new road were also constructed, improving access to the goldfields.

Conclusion

In conclusion, 1904 marked a period of transition in the Klondike goldfields. Despite a decline in population, our mining camp remains an active and thriving community. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the mining community and to working towards the development of the goldfields.

Recommendations

Based on our observations and data, we recommend the following:

- Increased funding for infrastructure development, including the extension of the telegraph line and the construction of new roads.
- Continued enforcement of the Dominion Mining Regulations to ensure the fair treatment of all claim holders.
- A review of the claim registration process to ensure that it is streamlined and efficient.

Signed,

[Your Name]
Gold Commissioner

Appendix

The following appendices provide additional information and data that support the findings of this report.

- Appendix A: Claim Registration Data
- Appendix B: Legal Dispute Data
- Appendix C: Population and Demographics Data
- Appendix D: Revenue and Fees Data
- Appendix E: Infrastructure Developments Data

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the administration and development of the goldfields and settlements in the Forty Mile area. We hope that it will be of use to those interested in the history and development of the Klondike goldfields.