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**Saint Mary's Hospital:
A Golden Jubilee in the Land of the Midnight Sun
Dawson, Yukon Territories**

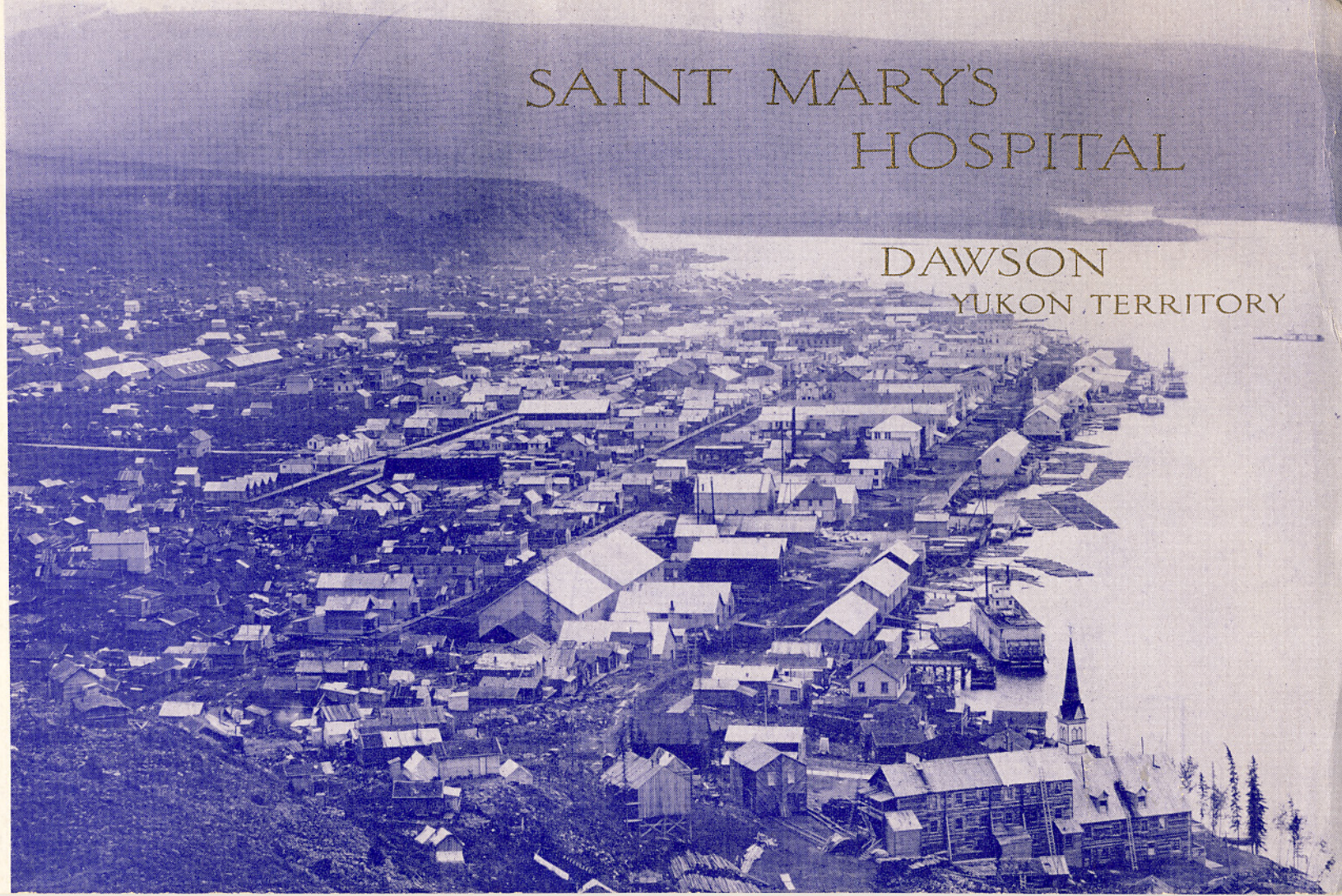
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SAINT MARY'S
HOSPITAL

DAWSON
YUKON TERRITORY



CITY OF DAWSON — 1901

St. Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Church, built by Reverend Father William Judge, S.J., in 1897 and 1898, are seen in lower right-hand corner.



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL - DAWSON, Y. T.

❧❧ 1897-98 - 1947-48 ❧❧

❧❧ *A Golden Jubilee in the Land of the Midnight Sun* ❧❧



DR. W. T. BARRETT
Physician and Medical
Director in Saint Mary's
Hospital in 1898.

An Epic of the Northland

The world was awakened one day, some fifty years ago, to a siren call from the Yukon. The Klondike Gold Rush was on.

From Skagway, over the chilkoots, into the Valley of the Yukon, poured a flood of humanity, braving the perils of a rugged land, in quest of gold.

Up the mighty river from Behring Sea, struggled a second tide to meet the first, where the Klondike River empties its magic waters into the parent stream.

There, on a shelving flat, in the land of the Midnight Sun, they pitched their tents. The City of Dawson was born . . . born of the fever that was setting men's hearts afire for the treasure the North might yield.

From a trading post at Forty-mile, a priestly Seeker of Souls, Reverend William Judge, S.J., joined the rush up-stream. Arrived at Dawson early in 1897, he set himself to meet a double need.

Priest of God, among men and women of all cultures, races, creeds and ambitions, he reared "the first temple to God" in this northerly region.

Man of Christlike Charity, he noted the suffering and distress, the fever and the pain that stalked the men of adventure. Soon he had "the first habitation of the sick" erected beside his church.

Marvel of zealous devotedness, Father Judge was Minister of God, breaking the Bread of Life for his flock, but in that first year he took upon himself the care of the sick and the upkeep of the hospital as well.

With the Spring of 1898 help came. Dr. W. T. Barrett was among the first of the gold-seekers to arrive from the South. Three Sisters of St. Ann were on their way from Holy Cross Mission. In spite of the typhoid epidemic that prevailed, Father Judge could feel his burdens shared. Besides, other hospitals were soon to help in caring for the 40,000 persons who crowded Dawson that year.

But the good man's earthly work was nearly finished. Years of Alaskan missionary service climaxed by the herculean tasks of 1897 and 1898, had taken such toll of his physical reserve that he succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, January 16, 1899.

On a hillside overlooking the City of Dawson stands a monument telling of the esteem and reverence with which the valiant man of God is remembered.

St. Mary's Hospital pays grateful tribute to his name today.



Monument raised to the honour of Father William Judge, S.J., Apostle and Builder in Pioneer Dawson.

Inset. From a portrait painted by a grateful miner.

In Jubilee Strain

While the intrepid Father Judge was striving to cope with the situation in Dawson, in the summer of 1897, four Sisters of St. Ann were on their way up-river from Holy Cross to come to his aid. Low water and the shifting sand-bars of the river delayed the advance of the gold-seekers' boat on which they travelled and they had to return to the Mission for the winter.

Starting out again on the first boat upstream, Sister Mary Joseph Calasanz, Sister Mary Jean Damascene and Sister Mary of the Passion arrived at Dawson, July 11, 1898. Sister Mary Zephyrin, Superior, Sister Mary Pauline and Sister Mary Pudentienne, arrived a month or so later. The last-named is again at Dawson, this year. She is therefore, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of her own arrival.

With the death of Father Judge, the Sisters of St. Ann became responsible for the upkeep and development of St. Mary's Hospital.

In 1899 Sister Mary Zenon already a pioneer in hospital building in a mining town, was transferred from Juneau, Alaska, to take charge and to plan for further extension.

The Sisters struggled on in the first log-building structure until 1906 when they moved to the nucleus of the present St. Mary's.

Funds for this building came primarily from contributions made by the Sisters of St. Ann and from spontaneous gifts and donations. Sisters went, in fearsome trepidation it must be admitted, on collecting tours from mining camp to mining camp along the creeks. They were received with respectful cordiality and a generous response was made to their plea, by men who had reason to know and appreciate the hospital. Bazaars such as only Dawson could witness or produce, helped also in the cause.

Major additions in recent years have brought the bed-capacity to seventy-five providing maternity wing, children's ward, tuberculosis annex, and special service rooms. A new isolation and private room section has just been completed and is known as "The Jubilee Extension."



SISTER FOUNDRESSES OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, 1898
Lower Row—Sister Mary Pauline, Sister Mary Zephyrin, Superior, Sister Mary of the Passion.
Upper Row—Sister Mary Pudentienne, Sister Mary Joseph Calasanz, Sister Mary Jean Damascene.

STAFF SISTERS IN THE JUBILEE YEAR, 1947-48.
Front Row—Sister Mary Pudentienne, Sister Mary Mark, Superior.
Second Row—Sister Mary Barnabe, Sister Mary Ance, Sister Mary Anthony.
Third Row—Sister Mary Gedeon, Sister Mary Clementia, Sister Mary Walter.
Upper Row—Sister Mary Laurena, R.N., Sister Mary Elie Anicet



St. Mary's Hospital is the sole survivor among the hospitals of Gold Rush days. It has been regularly assisted in its heavy expenditures of upkeep, extension and repair by the Territorial Government. Without this aid it would not be able to continue to serve the people of the Northland.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SISTER FOUNDRESSES OF ST. MARY'S

Of the Sisters who came to help at St. Mary's in early days Dr. Barrett writes thus in his reminiscences:

"The Sisters of St. Ann who were called upon for hospital supervision in 1898, were not particularly trained for the work but they were extremely competent in caring for the sick.

This was the result of long experience as missionary teachers and supervisors in the Mission schools where preservation of health, prevention of disease and care of the sick was part of a daily routine.

They brought to St. Mary's a vast store of knowledge and a legacy rich in experience in dealing with humanity in the raw . . . a solid foundation on which to build a more advanced technical education for hospital nursing."

For Sister Mary John Damascene the discerning doctor had a special tribute which was echoed by all who knew her in the twenty-five years she exercised nursing care in the City of Dawson, until her death which took place at her post of duty, in 1923.

"Sister Mary Jean Damascene," he wrote, "was an outstanding example of aptitude and thoroughness in mastering the technique of surgical nursing. She was in full charge of the operating theatre and her work in St. Mary's will remain a monument to her zeal and attention to detail in every branch of her work."

SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL
Erected in 1906 by Sister Mary Zenon



SISTER MARY ZENON, S.S.A.
Superior of St. Marys Hospital, 1899-1909.





OUR LADY OF THE YUKON

The Sisters of St. Ann

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Ann was founded in Quebec, in the year 1850. In 1858 a convent was opened in Victoria, British Columbia. This convent is now headquarters for the western province.

The Gold Rush of the 80's brought Sisters to open a hospital and school in Juneau, Alaska, 1886. Mission calls were answered next at Holy Cross, Akulurak and Nulato. From these were drawn the Sisters who made up the first St. Mary's Hospital staff.

The Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Ann is at Lachine, Quebec. The Community numbers over three thousand. One hundred ten foundations have been made in Eastern Canada and United States, Haiti, Japan, British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon.

The western province includes fifteen schools, eight hospitals and two infirmaries in British Columbia, Alaska and Yukon Territory.

Our Lady of the Yukon

Rude winds may blow, and floods may break,
And cold and snow may dim
The glories of the Midnight Sun,
The Aurora's brilliant gleam;
Still Mary guards the spot she loves
The Yukon wave along
And scatters free the Gold of Christ
To those who seek her Son.

Reverend Mother Mary Leopoldine, S.S.A.
Superior General





G. A. JECKELL, ESQ., O.B.E.

Columbia, was his secretary; his successor, Mr. William Ogilvie in 1898; Alex MacDonald, the Klondike King, who made fortunes and lost them; Henry C. Macaulay, first Mayor of the City, 1902; Judge C. D. Macaulay,

Men of My Measure

From the heart of the Frozen Twilight the strong land spake her sons:
"Long are my valleys silent—seek them, ye fearless ones;
Haste, O men of my measure! Richly the treasure runs."

Then up the river and valley streamed the host of the brave;
Then with on-rush and rally flooded the human wave.
Never a one was weakling; fiercely they took and gave.

Ripped they the creeks asunder, routed hardship and pain;
Then down-laden with plunder, weary from stress and strain,
Sick to death of the battle; came into camp again.

There on the flat by the Yukon, ringed by inviolate snows,
Carefree and comely to look on, gold-born the city arose,
City of homes and hearthfires the heart of the Northman knows.

So wrote Robert W. Service for "Dawson Daily News" when the city was ten years old. The poet could tell of the toll taken by the "strong" Northland in releasing its secret treasure, but strong men endured; a new Territory was established.

Names that stand in history include Major Walsh, first Commissioner of the Territory, 1897; Mr. T. D. Pattulo, late premier of British

Recalling the countless sincere and lasting friendships made in that wonderful land of the north since '98, and celebrating their own half century of life as Yukoners, Mr. and Mrs. George Black send greetings cordial and sincere, to St. Mary's Hospital on the occasion of its GOLDEN JUBILEE.



GEORGE BLACK, ESQ., K.C.

a power and influence in the community for many years; Captain George Black, K.C., Commissioner 1912 to 1916, Yukon representative and speaker of the Dominion House of Commons for many years. When, owing to ill-health, he resigned in the latter year, his gifted wife, Martha Louise Black, was elected to the House in his place. In 1940 he again resumed office and is still the Yukon Member of the Dominion Parliament.

Gold Commissioner, and later Controller after 1919, was Mr. George McKenzie, whose valued friendship and assistance in regard to St. Mary's Hospital matched that of his predecessors in the office. Active in the Administration from 1913 was Mr. G. A. Jeckell, O.B.E., who directed the affairs of the Territory and contributed materially to the welfare and development of the hospital from 1931 to 1947.

Succeeding Mr. Jeckell is John E. Gibbon, Esq., K.C., who in his double

capacity of Controller of Yukon Territory and, ex-officio, Mayor of the City, has been keenly interested in the Golden Jubilee development of St. Mary's Hospital, one of the oldest and most valued institutions of Yukon Territory.

THE CITY OF DAWSON

The City of Dawson was named after Dr. G. M. Dawson, a geologist who explored the region along the Yukon River in 1887. It was the gateway to the Yukon goldfields in the days of '98, and is still the base of supply and distributing point for mining operations in this vicinity.

A system of roads radiates from Dawson to the placer mining areas of the Klondike district where large gold dredges operate in the creeks and valleys. From "Midnight Dome" towering over St. Mary's Hospital to the east, one can view in a vast panorama this mining field which, in the past fifty years, has yielded over \$200,000,00 in gold.



JOHN E. GIBBON, ESQ., K.C.



MARTHA LOUISE BLACK

The Day We Celebrate

Gratefully conscious of its fifty years of continued service in the land of the Midnight Sun, St. Mary's Hospital pays tribute to its founder, Reverend Father William Judge, S.J., to the Sisters of St. Ann who arrived in Dawson in the year 1898, and to all who have been associated with them in the work of the hospital, by this

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Commemorating and signaling the courage and zealous devotedness of these noble pioneers for Christ. The Most Reverend Coudert, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Whitehorse, presiding at the Thanksgiving ceremonies and participating in the festivities, raises episcopal hands to bless the work as his missionary predecessors have done while they witnessed the years unfold.



Most Reverend J. L. Coudert, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Whitehorse



Most Reverend Emile Marie Bunoz
Early Missionary and Vicar
Apostolic of the Yukon.

Missionary Apostles

When Reverend Father William Judge, came up-river from Forty-Mile in March, 1897, he inaugurated a work for humanity in Dawson that has endured to bless his name.

The Yukon was, however, under the administration of Most Reverend Emile Grouard, O.M.I., Vicar-Apostolic of Athabasca-MacKenzie at the time, and soon Reverend Father P. E. Gendreau, O.M.I., V.G., came to take charge of the church in Dawson. In 1902 the Holy See appointed Most Reverend Gabriel Joseph Breynat, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of the MacKenzie Vicariate. He visited St. Mary's that same year.

In 1908, the intrepid and zealous missionary of British Columbia and the North, Reverend Father Emile Marie Bunoz, O.M.I., became Prefect Apostolic of the Yukon and in 1917 was consecrated the first Vicar Apostolic of Prince Rupert and the Yukon.

Laymen, clergy, prelates, alike gave this man of God the appreciation and esteem, the love and respect, which his vibrant faith and learning, his endearing personality and his apostolic zeal merited. For over thirty-five years the North was wholly his—and he loved his work.

As coadjutor of the Prince Rupert and Yukon Vicariate since 1936, and Vicar Apostolic of Whitehorse since 1944, Most Reverend Jean Louis Coudert, O.M.I., has had close contact with Dawson. St. Mary's extends to him sincere and grateful welcome when he comes to participate officially in the Thanksgiving celebrations which mark the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of the Sisters of St. Ann to the Yukon Territory.

Sister Mary Mark, S.S.A., Superior,
St. Mary's Hospital, Dawson, Y.T.

Very dear Sister Superior:

It is with a sense of reverent joy coupled with profound thanksgiving that, commissioned by Reverend Mother Mary Leopoldine, S.S.A., Superior General of our Community, I accept your invitation to participate in the festivities commemorating the Golden Jubilee of St. Mary's Hospital, Dawson, Y.T.

I take pleasure in congratulating, then, in the name of the Sisters of St. Ann, St. Mary's Hospital and all those who have been associated with that institution of healing, on the completion of fifty years of noble and self-sacrificing service to the suffering, the sick and the aged, in the City of Dawson.

That His Excellency, Most Reverend Jean Louis Coudert, O.M.I., D.D., Vicar Apostolic of the Whitehorse Vicariate, is to honour the historic occasion by his presence and by offering the Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving gives us great pleasure. His presence will recall the long line of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate who as early as 1861 penetrated into the rugged North. It will recall, in particular, his beloved predecessor, the Most Reverend Emile Marie Bunoz, O.M.I., who for almost forty years was most closely connected with the missions of the Yukon.

I feel assured that the entire City of Dawson, besides honouring St. Mary's Hospital for its humanitarian service through the years, will, with you, mark the event as an opportunity to pay renewed tribute to the valiant and noble achievements of Reverend William Judge, S.J., as one of Dawson's earliest and most respected citizens, and Founder of St. Mary's.

It seems particularly fitting, dear Sister Superior, that you who have spent a score of years in Dawson, previous to 1920, as teacher in St. Mary's School and the Superior of the hospital, should have returned in recent years to organize the Golden Jubilee activities.

You have with you, too, Sister Mary Pudentienne who as a member of the first contingent answering the call of St. Mary's in '98, was on the nursing staff in Father Judge's log hospital; and Sister Mary Gedeon whose task it has been for the past forty-six years to provide from her garden and hothouse, fresh vegetables for the entire personnel. Sister Mary Barnabè and Sister Mary Amèe are veterans too, in the kitchen department.

Though we cannot mention all the long-term staff officers, we know that on this occasion all who have once answered the call of the North will turn eager eyes towards the land of the Midnight Sun as the hour of the Fiftieth Anniversary draws near.

But no story of Dawson, however brief, would be complete without mention of Dr. W. T. Barrett, Dr. J. O. Lachapelle, of Mr. James McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolan, Miss Nellie Cashman, and a host of other friends and benefactors of St. Mary's in its very first days.

Since the call of the North is strong, and I have been personally favoured with a six-year term in Dawson in the early twenties, I am looking forward with double joy to being with you for the great event.

Ever yours sincerely,

SISTER MARY LUDOVIC, S.S.A.,
Provincial Superior.

May 6, 1948,
Provincial House,
Victoria, British Columbia.



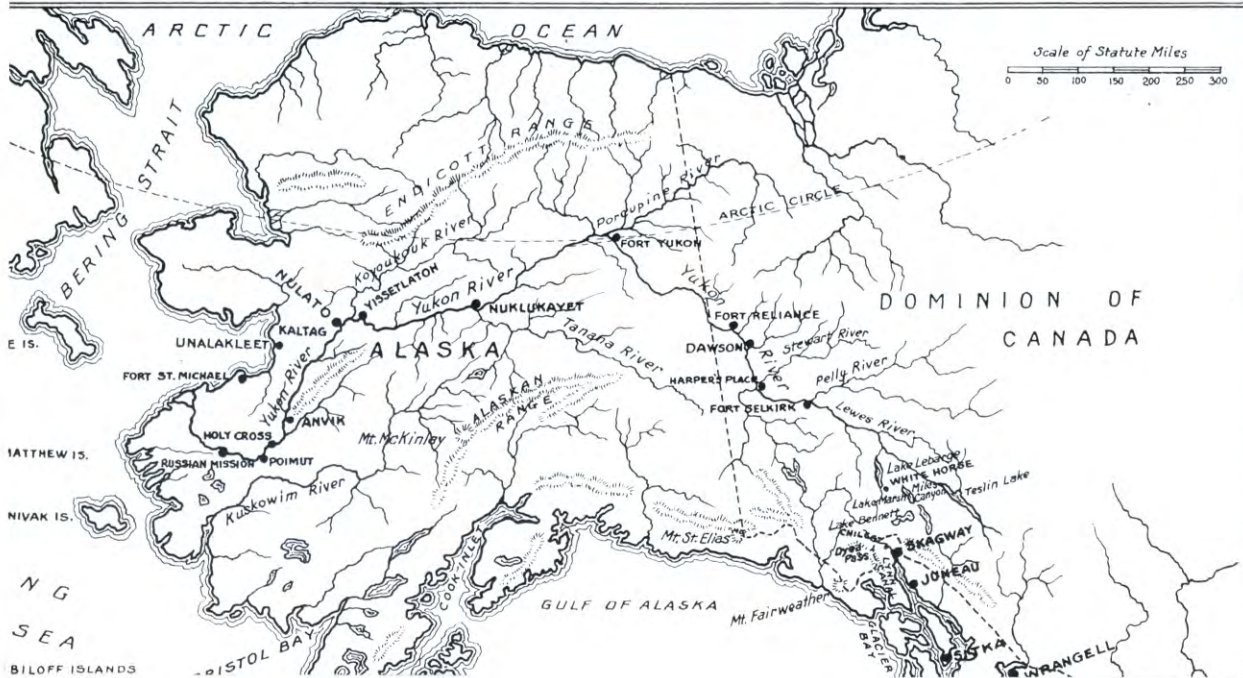
The Midnight Sun Over the Yukon River
Taken from Saint Mary's Hospital Gallery

Sister Mary Pudentienne - Hospital Foundress

Linking past with present in a very charming way is the presence in Dawson, as an active member of the hospital staff, in her eightieth year, of Sister Mary Pudentienne, who was one of the first noble band to arrive in Dawson, July 11, 1898.

Two years ago this "Beacon light" of zealous devotedness for the comfort and consolation of patients and of their occasional guests, celebrated her own "Golden Jubilee" of religious profession. In this anniversary year, she remains as representative of her valiant pioneer companions, to shed a hallowed radiance over the celebrations of the day.

To Sister Mary Pudentienne are offered sincerest thanks and the heartiest congratulations of all who have known St. Mary's Hospital throughout the years.



SISTER MARY PUDENTIENNE
—Hospital Foundress.

YUKON TERRITORY AND ALASKA

The course of the mighty Yukon which plays an important role in these lands of the Midnight Sun, may here be traced from its source in the Coastal Mountains near Whitehorse, to Dawson, and westward through Alaskan territory to Fairbanks, Nulato, Holy Cross and on to its estuarine mouth in Behring Sea.



Saint Mary's Hospital Chapel

God's Gift of Gold is ours today
 As we kneel at the altar shrine
 To speak our deep thanksgiving prayer
 For a Golden Jubilee of time;
 For grace and favor, for cross and crown,
 From Him Who e'er looks fondly down;
 Who whispers on this Day of Gold
 Sweet hopes that future years unfold—
 For St. Mary's 'neath Midnight Sun.



Reverend Sister Mary Mark
 Superior of Saint Mary's
 Hospital.



Reverend Philius Gagné, O.M.I.
 Chaplain at Saint Mary's
 Hospital since 1919





A Medical and Nursing Staff Group



Health Restored to a Tiny Tot

Nurses Sitting Room and Dining Room



Members of the Medical Profession

From the days of Father Judge when Dr. W. T. Barrett undertook the medical direction of St. Mary's Hospital, the institution has been the field of professional service for doctors and surgeons of outstanding merit. The Call of the North is still being answered.

It would be impossible here to mention those, even, who were contemporaries of Dr. Barrett. We cannot, however, pass over the name of Dr. J. O. LaChapelle whose memory lives in the Yukon.

Dr. Allan Duncan and Dr. Barrie Duncan, brothers, of the present staff, have served St. Mary's and the people of Dawson for a number of years, and are participating in the celebration of St. Mary's Golden Anniversary.

The Nurses

In the years since 1898, St. Mary's has been staffed by nurses from far and near. In these later days of tourist interest, many a graduating nurse has made application for a staff position even before her courses were completed. Then, sailing up the Pacific Coast, to Skagway, she has followed the miners' trail through the White Pass, and down river, to Dawson, rejoicing in the endless days of Midnight Sun and thrilled by the majestic grandeur of the mountains. With the lure of the North in her veins, she comes to serve hospital needs and to experience northern life, winters of ice and snow and 60' below zero weather.



DR. W. E. THOMPSON

and

DR. J. O. LACHAPELLE

Staff physicians in the early days of St. Mary's with Dr. W. T. Barrett, Dr. J. A. Sutherland, Dr. A. A. Macfarlane, Dr. Alfred Thompson, Dr. J. A. McArthur.

(From "Yukon Catholic," January 1902)

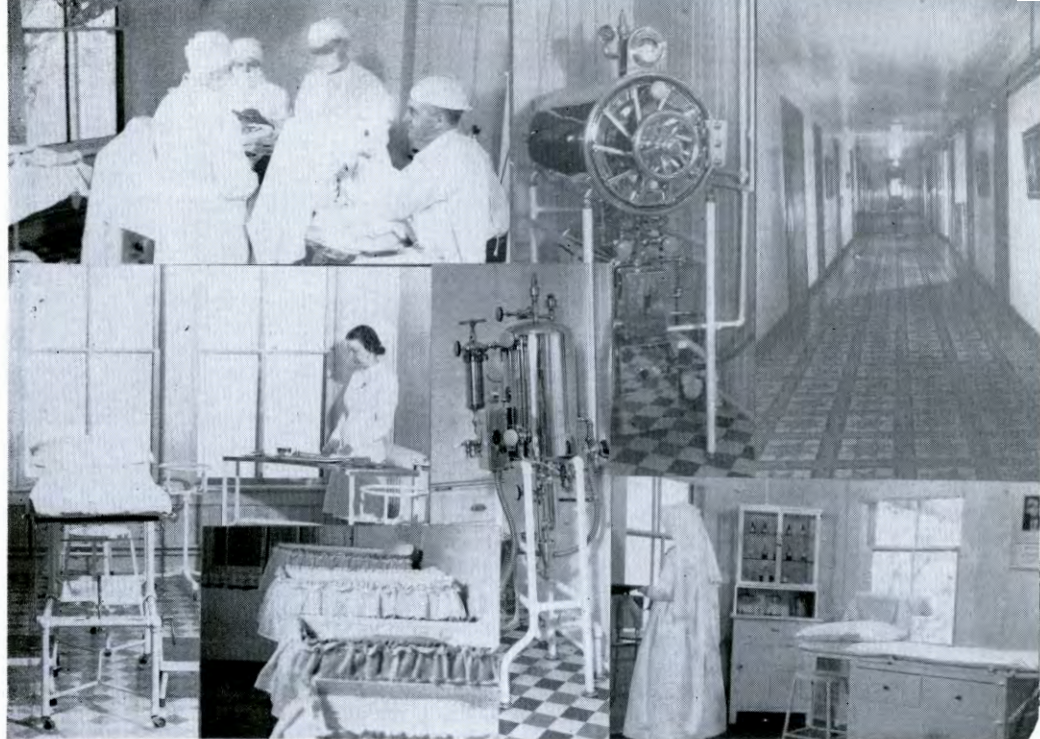


Superiors of St. Mary's Hospital

Sister Mary Zephyrin—Foundress.....	1898
Sister Mary Zenon.....	1899-1909
Sister Mary Marcienne.....	1909-1915
Sister Mary Mark.....	1915-1919
Sister Mary Ludovic.....	1919-1925
Sister Mary Perpetual Help.....	1925-1930
Sister Mary Antonia of Jesus.....	1930-1935
Sister Mary Rose Eva.....	1935-1939
Sister Mary Henrietta.....	1939-1944
Sister Mary Mark.....	1944-.....

Statistics of Fifty Years

Patients cared for.....	25,685
Operations	3,476
X-Ray Photographs	4,723
Births	657
Deaths	892



Scenes in the Surgery, Sterilizing Room, Infant's Ward, Main Corridor and Dressing Room.

Friends of St. Mary's have done much to help to furnish and redecorate rooms:

The Northern Commercial Company.....	a room	Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. McFarland.....	a room and a resuscitator
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLeod.....	a room	Yukon Consolidated Gold Company.....	five-bed ward
Osborn Family	Diathermy	The Graduate Nurses Association.....	Several Rooms
Mr. and Mrs. T. Campbell in memory of Mr. Samuel McCormick.....	a room		

And a host of others whose contributions are valued and whose appreciation and interest help to make St. Mary's a haven of comfort for the sick and afflicted.

That We May the Better Serve

From the days when St. Mary's Hospital was organized for the care of the seekers of gold in a new land, it has been an important community agency, exercising its meed of educational influence, and being an active health centre for the little world it serves.

It is that it may enjoy every facility it can afford for the curing of disease and in carrying out its programme of preventive work, that it continues to invite the support and understanding interest of all who come within the sphere of its influence.

It is to this end, also, that the citizens have a share in determining the policies of the hospital through representation on the Advisory Board. These share likewise in maintaining standards and in guaranteeing the most efficient professional service for the patients, while, by their sympathetic knowledge of hospital problems and their steady co-operation in the functional role of the institution, they help to carry the burdens of administration.

Relying confidently on the assistance of its many good friends and supporters, St. Mary's Hospital pledges itself anew, in this GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR, to serve the people of Dawson and vicinity with efficiency and assurance, in the spirit of faith and of zeal that marked its foundation fifty years ago.

SOME YUKON FACTS

The visitor finds the Yukon a land of contrasts—in climate, in physical characteristics and in human interest.

Access to Dawson City from southern points is had by steamship up the Pacific Coast of Canada to Skagway, Alaska, thence by White Pass and Yukon Railway to Whitehorse, Y.T., and down the Lewes and Yukon Rivers by sternwheeler river boat. Alternative routes are, over the Alaska Highway by bus to Whitehorse and thence down river by boat, or by air, via Whitehorse, from Edmonton or Vancouver.

INDUSTRIES

It was the fur-trading industry that opened the Yukon Territory to outside influence. A recent year's harvest of pelts including muskrat, beaver, marten, mink, fox and lynx exceeded \$700,000.

But mining is, and will continue to be, the one profitable export industry. The variety and widespread distribution of lode and placer gold prospects suggests unlimited possibilities for future expansion. The 1947 gold production was \$1,800,000. The year of 1900 was the peak year of easily-mined ground when the output of gold reached the value of \$22,275,000.



Pioneer Patients and their Library

One by one these Senior Citizens of the Northland relinquish their tiny holdings along the gold-spent creeks of the Yukon, to seek the care and comfort of St. Mary's Hospital, which, since Dawson's early days, has served the miners' needs in time of illness.

The romance and the thrill of the Gold Rush of '98 lives on in the tales these Gentlemen Unafraid could tell!

St. Mary's Hospital Advisory Board

St. Mary's Hospital reorganized its Advisory Board at the beginning of the present year. Acting on the Board with Sister Mary Mark, Superior, and Sister Mary Clementia, Secretary, are Dr. B. P. Duncan, Hospital Physician, and Mr. C. J. Lelievre, chosen by the hospital. Mr. D. H. Livingstone, represents the Territorial Government, Mr. McLeod White, the mining companies, and Mr. H. W. Firth, named by the Chamber of Mines, represents the citizens of Dawson and surrounding districts.

The Board exists for the purpose of maintaining a closer relation between the hospital and the community served, and in assisting the Sisters of St. Ann in operating St. Mary's Hospital, which is public in the sense of service rendered, and private only in being institutionally owned, and therefore is in need of such assistance and support.



Providing Fuel Against Yukon Cold

Heavy Timber Cribbing to keep the steep bank from breaking away into the Yukon River.

Greenhouse

Present-Day Dredging for Gold

Bull-dozer cutting away the hill to make room for Maternity Wing.

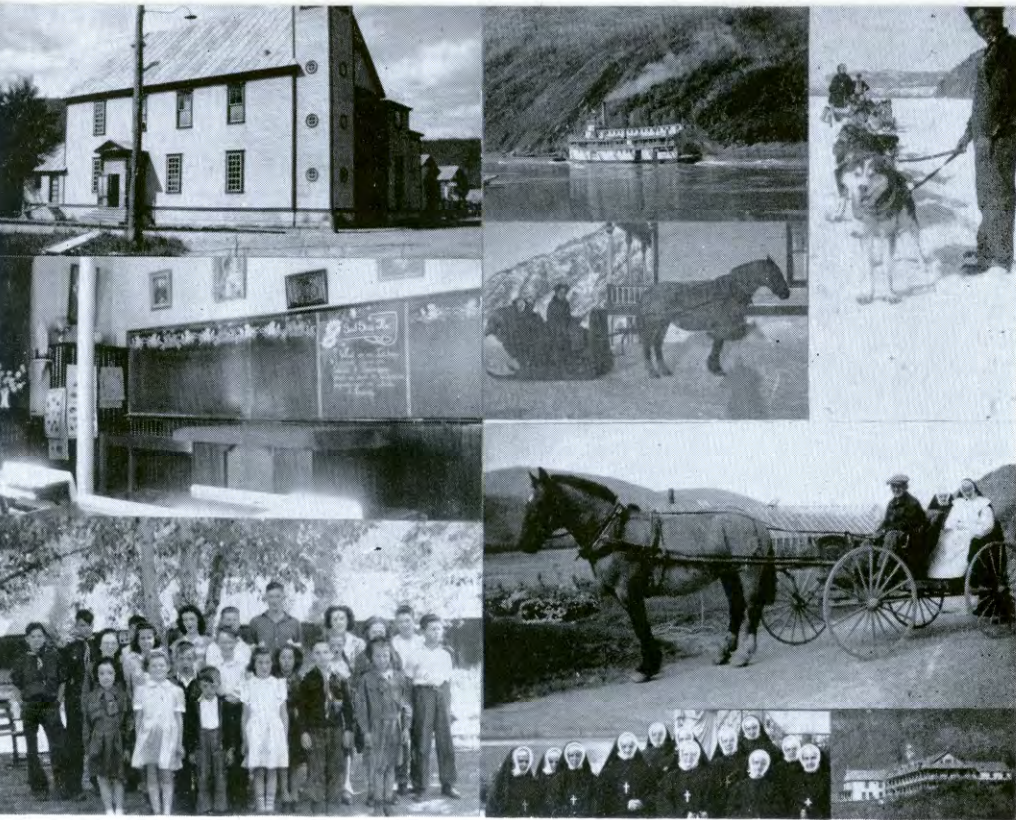
Hospital Garden

Nurses' Sport

Sister Mary Gedeon with her chickens.

Farm Buildings

Life in Dawson has a virility all its own.



St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School dates from November, 1899, when Reverend Father P. E. Gendreau, O.M.I., arranged for a downtown school which registered fifty-three Catholic children the first year. Sister Mary Joseph Calasanz, assisted by Miss Marie Connor, was the first teacher. Sister Mary Edith and Sister Mary Zenaide followed in 1900, and in 1904 Sister Mary Cassilda, Sister Mary Mark and, later, Sister Mary Ralph, were on the teaching staff while Sister Mary Sylvina organized piano classes.

A Commercial class functioned from 1914 to 1920 with Sister Mary Esther as teacher.

With decreased enrolment in Dawson's recent years, one teacher only has been required. Here Sister Mary Jean is particularly remembered as she was in charge for twenty-five years between 1915 and 1946, and Sister Mary Rose Eva had the music and singing.

Sister Mary Anthony is the present class teacher. Sister Mary Clementia teaches piano and, incidentally, drives the "Ford" which replaces the out-moded horse and carriage.

Saint Mary's School . . . Classroom and School Group

Some means of Yukon Travel

*City the sun rejoices, skies of midnight aglow,
Babble of childish voices, gardens where poppies blow,
Cabins with curtained windows, snugly nestling low.*

—"Dawson" by Robert W. Service

On This Golden Jubilee Occasion

The Sisters of St. Mary's Hospital acknowledge with profound gratitude . . .

the generous and devoted assistance of the members of the medical profession with whom they have been associated in caring for the sick.

the ready co-operation of graduate nurses and all hospital workers.

the support of the worthy Auxiliaries, of the Hospital Advisory Board, the Government representatives and the men of business in the city, and of all who have in any way contributed to the welfare and development of the institution.

They wish also to pay special tribute to their Most Reverend Bishops, the Reverend Clergy and to the esteemed Superiors of their Religious Congregation, to all indeed who have made it possible for them to reap so bountifully of the Gold of Christ's Charity, in this Land of the Midnight Sun.

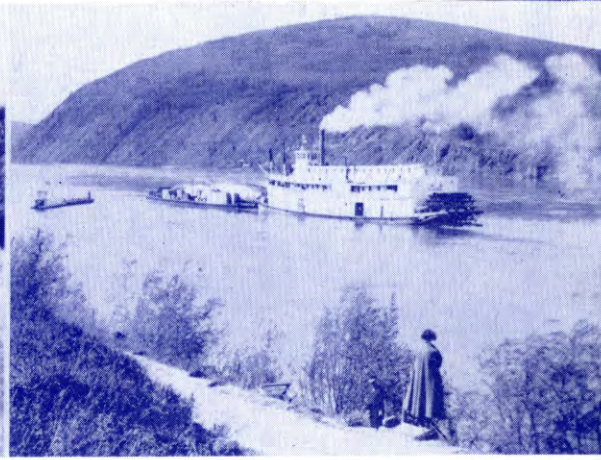


*There on the flat by the Yukon, ringed by inviolate snows,
Carefree and comely to look on, gold-born the city arose . . .
Blue at its feet the river, skies opalescent above,
Homes and gardens and children, peace and plenty and love.*

—“Dawson” by Robert W. Service

Saint Mary's on the Banks of the Yukon
The Jubilee Extension is seen under construction—to the left.





On the Mighty Yukon River