

*OFF TO
ALASKA*



THE START OF THE VISTAS - BRITISH COLUMBIA



BC is a Great Place



OFFICIALLY OFF AND DRIVING ON ALCAN



DAWSON CREEK - START OF THE ALASKAN HIGHWAY



LOCAL FRIENDS



JUST THE START



TYPICAL CAMPGROUND



YUKON TERRITORY



THESE WERE THE CAMP SITES ALONG THE WAY









STONE SHEEP ALONG THE WAY



WAYNE AND BETTY, OF COURSE



THEY KNOW WATERFALLS!



RAINBOW OVER DAWSON CITY...LAST TOWN IN THE YUKON



OVERLOOKING THE YUKON





OOPS...MISSING HUBCAP



WATER...WATER...EVERYWHERE

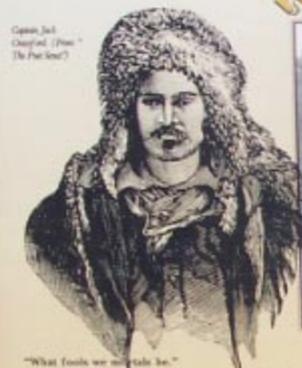


OVERLOOKING DAWSON CITY



DAWSON CITY

THE MIDNIGHT DOME



Captain Jack Crawford (Photo: The Post-News)

"What fools we are! We be."

About 150 people, "many of whom were ladies", attended the first formal gathering to see the midnight sun on June 21, 1899. Weary mountaineers were greeted with a selection of nuts, candies, cigars and soft drinks at suitably elevated prices. Both the British and American flags were raised and the Ceremony began with a bugle call. The highlight of the evening was a speech by playwright and poet Captain Jack Crawford. Disappointing the crowd, the sun set one-half hour before midnight and rose two hours later. No one, from that time on, expected to see the midnight sun on the wastes but the Dome remains a popular spot for sightseeing and celebrating the long summer nights.



On the Dome, June 22, 1899. (Yukon Heritage Collection, #2010)



A midnight scene on the Dome with Carl Johnson, alias 'Spook', John Deane, Bernard, Fred and unknown, Mr. Paul and Carl Lee in background in front. (Yukon Heritage Collection, #4577)

"There shall be no light here."

As the Dawson population declined, Dawson ministers began holding midnight church services on the Dome. In 1905, Rev. W.H. Barnabough preached from Revelation 22:5. Miss Harrell of the Christian Science Society, Professor Tsanpoo, a visiting Anglican professor from Vancouver, Archbishop Shirley of the local Anglican Church, and Rev. Finlay of the United Church of Canada held a Union Service on the Dome in 1925. The ministers may have outnumbered the audience as they preached for half an hour around a small campfire.

Big Changes Over Time

The Midnight Dome is a knob of metamorphic rock, common to the area south of the Tintina Trench fault line. The geology of the two edges of the Trench differs greatly due to a slippage of 450 km. that occurred within the last 65 million years. Generally speaking, gold lodes plume gravels occur south of the Trench and hardrock deposits of lead, zinc and coal are found on the north side.



The Tintina Trench, in the Dawson City area, marks the edge of the glaciers as they melted 15 million years ago. This glacier may have changed the direction of the Yukon River from south flowing to north. The river cut a path through the bedrock instead of making a path in the lower, but ice-filled, Tintina Trench. Later glaciation may have changed the direction of the Yukon River again but today the river flows north.



Robert McCarty, of the Royal North West Mounted Police, opening a post office on the base of the Dome in September 1899. (Yukon Heritage Collection, #2010)



The road was started. Mrs. Dale, who ran the store in the top. (Yukon Heritage Collection, #2010)

In September 1925 a road was built from the graveyards to the Dome, to accommodate the mountaineer passengers who arrived on a one-day sightseeing tour. White Pass & Yukon Route donated \$500 for the project. The labour was done by members of the Yukon Order of Pioneers who borrowed a Caterpillar tractor and a plough from the City.

Fertile Islands in the Stream

Islands in the Yukon River near Dawson have been used to grow potatoes and annual bushes since the gold rush. The islands grow in silt each year, depending on the whim of the river, but the soil is good and their location protects them from early frosts. Sinner Island, 3 km down river from Dawson, was donated to the Sisters of St. Ann around 1900. It provided grazing for the hospital cattle and was a favorite spot for picnics.

THE GOLDFIELDS



Yukon
Heritage Society

24 HOUR (ALMOST) DAYLIGHT





THE WAY ACROSS THE YUKON TO ALASKA!



CLEAR RIVER ENTERING THE YUKON



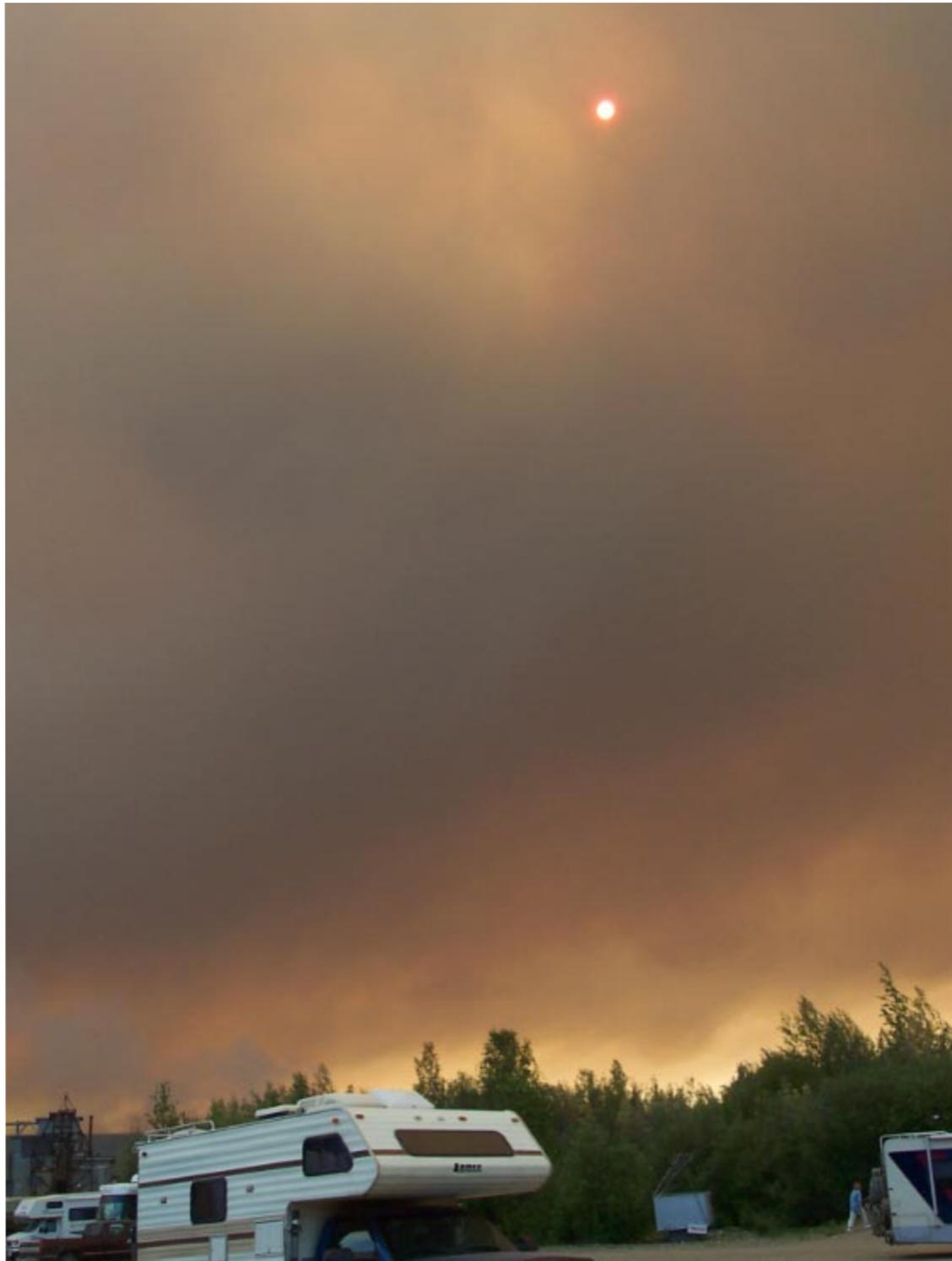
BACK INTO THE USA...NOTE THE POPULATION



THEY COULDN'T SPELL PTARMIGAN



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE....



*THERE'S FIRE. CHICKEN
ALASKA*



A 12 HOUR LAYOVER



DRIVING OUT



ADDED A LITTLE DIRT ON THAT ONE



APPROACHING VALDEZ

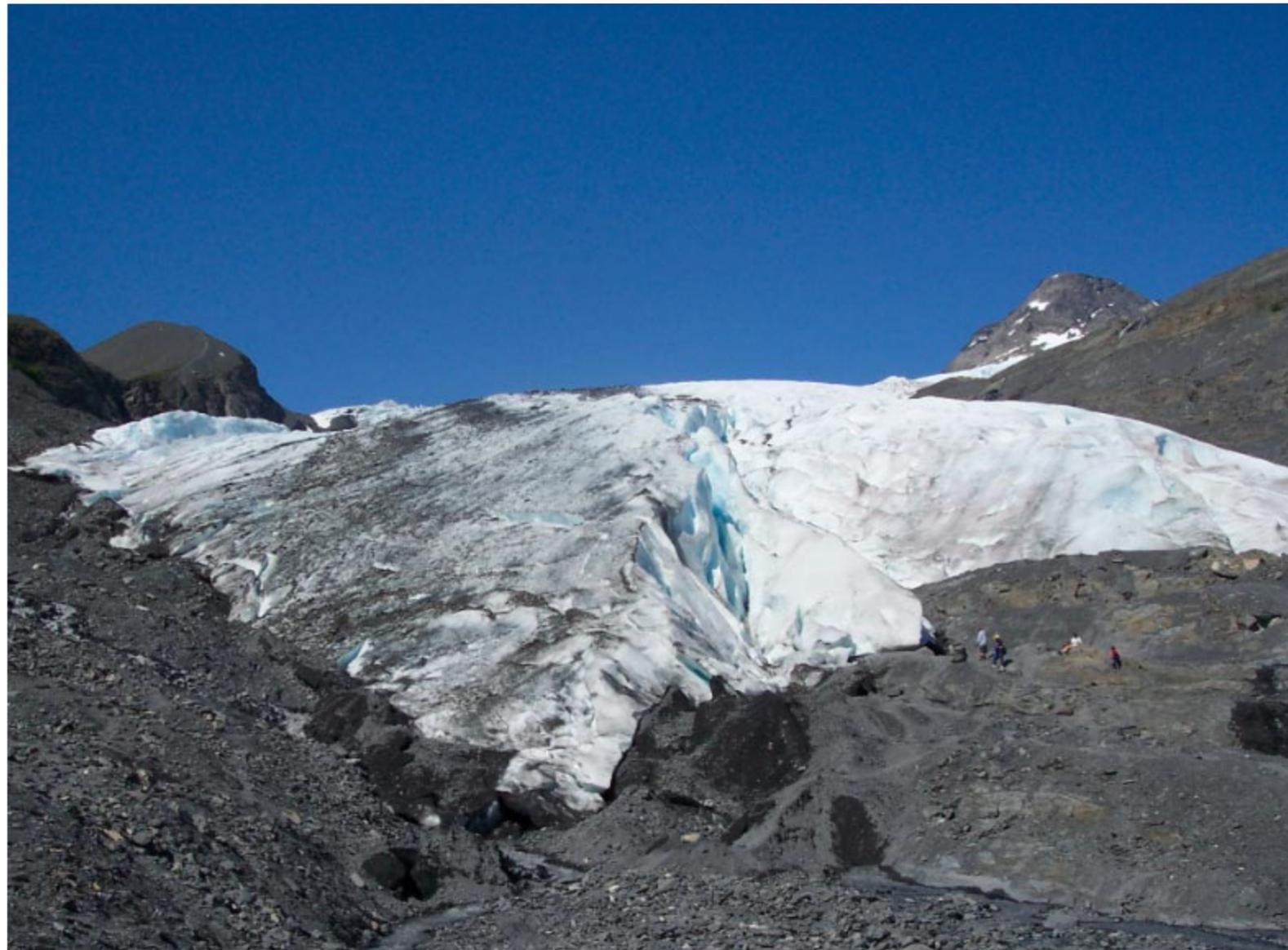


GLACIAL RUNOFF



FIRST VIEW OF VALDEZ BAY





WORTHINGTON GLACIER



*WAYNE BETTY AND
THE GIRLS*



COLD KNEES



*LOTS OF ICE...WHERE'S
THE SCOTCH*



COUNT THE GLACIERS



*BRIDAL FALLS, OF
COURSE*



CAMPSITE AT VALDEZ...NO MOSQUITOES



ONE OTTER...MORE TO COME



SAW THIS IN THE DELTA LAST SUMMER!!



SEA LIONS GALORE



HUMPBAC



COLUMBIA GLACIER



AND IT'S MELTING RAPIDLY



ORCA'S...YES, THEY ARE BIG







LARGE GROUPS...FEEDING WELL



NOT AN ORCA...BUT HUGE HALIBET



PROOF...MINE IS THE BIGGEST



NOT A BAD CATCH



SMALL, BUT DID THE JOB







CAMP ON THE BEACH AT SEWARD



BUT YOU CAN SEE THE EAGLES



MICK, HELEN AND THE REST



*ANOTHER CRUISE OUT OF SEWARD OUR CAMPGROUND IS IN
THE DISTANCE*



MORE GLACIERS



NOW I KNOW BIRD GUANO - NESTING AREAS



*FIREWORKS ON THE
4TH OF JULY - SEWARD*



*ACTUALLY, BARELY
DARK AT 1 A.M.*











RED FROM THE RUSSIAN/KENAI RIVERS



BEACH AT HOMER



*WAYNE LEARNED TO
CLEAN FISH*



OUT ON HOMER SPIT CAMPING



EAGLE'S MEAL



GRIZZLEY ON THE KANAI



ONCE MORE



WE'RE HAVING COCKTAILS ACROSS THE WAY



AN HOUR EARLIER I WAS FISHING HERE



CHASING THE FISHERMEN



THEY'RE GONE!!



MORE BLACK SPRUCE



MIRROR LAKE CASSIER HIGHWAY



WILD HORSES...BABY AND MOMMA

Roadtrek



FREE AS A BUTTERFLY!



BEAR GLACIER - HYDER



BETTER VIEW OF THE CAVE



TIME TO HEAD HOME...