

Good Morning!

The following is the story of the man our restaurant is proudly named after:

THE SPIRIT OF SAM STEELE

Superintendent Sam Steele of the North West Mounted Police was no stranger to action. The big, burly Mountie had helped rid the west of whisky traders, policed the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and averted war between natives and white settlers in British Columbia. At last, as commanding officer at Fort Macleod, married, with three children, he thought he might settle into peaceful retirement.

But the discovery of gold in the Klondike changed that prospect.. Canada needed someone to control the thousands of miners [mostly American] who flooded the Yukon. They also needed someone to hold the territory for Canada. The man for the job was Sam Steele.

Steele arrived in the American port of Skagway, Alaska in February 1898. Skagway was a wide-open town, dominated by a suave killer named Soapy Smith. Smith controlled the saloons and dance halls, where gamblers and prostitutes parted miners from their gold. Steele was determined to keep Smith and his type of corruption out of Canadian territory.

He scaled the passes of the St. Elias Mountain that terrible winter. With parties of Mounted Policemen, he set up border posts flying the Union Jack. The Mounties collected custom duties, confiscated handguns, and arrested men who mistreated their pack animals. It was clear that Steele was in charge. Soapy Smith's desperadoes were met at the border by Winchester rifles and Canadian law.

In the spring, Steele moved down to Lake Bennett, a tent city of more than 10,000 people. Here, prospectors saw two sides of Steele. He was known to lend his own money to men down on their luck, and to write personal letters to the families of those who died in the territory. But he could also be tough. One American caught with marked cards protested that he had rights as a U.S. citizen. Steele confiscated all of his goods and had a Mountie escort him on the 50 km. climb to the border.

Once the ice cleared, Steele and the other stamperders of Lake Bennett rode the wild Yukon River down to Dawson, with many hazards and fatalities on the way. Dawson was a chaotic boomtown of saloons, gambling dens, dance halls and a population of 14,000, including a number of veterans from Soapy Smith's gang. With a force of only 13 men, Steele cleaned up the town. He knew that he could not prevent the gambling and other vices, but he made sure that the games were honest, and he dealt swiftly with those who disturbed the public order. He also formed a board of health that stemmed a raging typhoid epidemic.

Unfortunately, it was political corruption that ended Steele's posting. Politicians in Ottawa wanted their friends to get a share of the Yukon gold, and Steele stood in their way. The crooked minister in charge of the Mounted Police relieved Steele of his command, despite the pleas of the citizenry of Dawson.

When Steele tried to leave quietly in September 1899, the prospectors, gamblers, ragtime piano-players, and dancehall girls of Dawson poured down to the wharf to give Steele "such an ovation and send-off as no man has ever received from the Klondike gold-seekers," in the words of local newspaper. They cheered Sam Steele until his steamboat was out of sight.



Sandwiches

Sam's Sandwich

Black forest ham, scrambled eggs, and Swiss cheese on a toasted bagel. 11.95

Breakfast Burrito

Scrambled eggs, peppers, salsa, and cheddar cheese on a tortilla wrap. 10.95

Northern Salmon Bagel

Smoked salmon, cream cheese, red onion, cucumber, and capers on a toasted bagel. 12.95

Denver Sandwich

Scrambled eggs, ham, peppers, green onion, and cheddar cheese on your choice of toasted bread. 11.95

All breakfast sandwiches come with your choice of: fruit kabob, or yogurt (peach, strawberry, field berry, or blueberry), or 1/2 grapefruit.

Yogurt and Granola Parfait

Mixed yogurt layered with chewy granola containing rolled oats, raisins, sunflower and sesame seeds, coconut, dates, wheat germ, and honey. To make it perfect we add seasonal berries. 7.95

Fruit and Bran

Two fresh fruit kabobs with a fresh baked jumbo muffin and your choice of yogurt. 9.95

Light Breakfast

Two poached eggs with choice of toast or English muffin. Served with your choice of yogurt, fruit kabob, or 1/2 grapefruit. 9.95

Hot Cereal

Hot oatmeal with raisins, cranberries, brown sugar, and milk. Served with your choice of toast. 8.95

Cold Cereal

Your choice of our cold cereal selection: Raisin Bran, Corn Pops, Special "K", Rice Krispies, All Bran Flakes, Froot Loops, Corn Flakes, Frosted Flakes, or Granola. Served with milk and your choice of toast. 8.95

Light Breakfasts

Eggs

Traditional Two Egg Breakfast

Two eggs cooked the way you like them with hash browns, choice of ham, bacon, sausage links 11.95 or smoked salmon, and your choice of toast. 12.95

Steak and Eggs

Two eggs cooked your way, a six ounce sirloin steak, hash browns, and your choice of toast. 15.95

Steele Street Omelette

Eggs, black forest ham, spinach, green onions, mushrooms all cooked into an omelette and filled with cheese. Served with hash browns and your choice of toast. 13.95

Miners' Omelette

Mushrooms, steak, bell peppers, tomatoes, onions, and cheese are combined into a fluffy two egg omelette. Served with hash browns and your choice of toast. 13.95

Cheese Omelette

A fluffy two egg omelette filled with a mix of melted cheeses. Served with hash browns and your choice of toast. 10.95. Add in spinach, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, bell peppers. 0.75 each. Add in bacon, ham, sausage, smoked salmon. 1.50 each.

Eggs Benedict

Everyone's favorite breakfast. Two soft poached eggs on a toasted English muffin with back bacon and topped with hollandaise sauce. Served with hash browns. 12.95. Sub in smoked salmon for back bacon. 13.95

Toast choices include: white, brown, multigrain, marble rye, sourdough, or English muffin.

French Toast

Egg dipped bread. Cooked on the griddle and dusted with icing sugar. 9.95

Four Pancakes

Fluffy pancakes made fresh and served with your choice of bacon, ham, sausage links 11.95 or smoked salmon. 12.95

Pancake Combo

Two pancakes, two eggs your way, hash browns, and your choice of bacon, ham, sausage links, or smoked salmon. 13.95

Sweet

Side Orders

Meat

Bacon, ham, sausage links 2.50 or smoked salmon. 3.50

Toast

White, brown, multigrain, marble rye, sourdough, or English muffin. 2.75

Fruit Kabob

An assortment of fresh fruit, kabob style. 3.00

Yogurt

Peach, blueberry, field berry, or strawberry. 3.00

Jumbo Muffin

Daily baked for freshness. Your server will let you know today's flavours. 2.50

Bagel

Cinnamon raisin or plain. Served with cream cheese. 2.75

Hash browns

Crispy and delicious. 3.25

Coffee

Regular or decaffeinated. 2.50

Tea

Tetley orange pekoe, organic lemon ginger green tea, earl grey, organic pomegranate and acai berry green tea, lemon lift, English breakfast, or green tea. 2.50

Caffeine Free Tea

Peppermint, chamomile, cranberry apple, or cinnamon apple. 2.50

Hot Chocolate

Topped with whip cream. 2.95

Soft Drinks, Ice Tea, or Lemonade

Pepsi, diet pepsi, 7Up, gingerale, Brisk lemon ice tea, Brisk lemonade.
Small 1.95/Large 2.95

Fruit Juice of Milk, or Bottled Water

Orange, cranberry, grapefruit, apple, prune, or tomato juice. 2% or skim milk.
Small 1.95/Large 2.95. Bottled water. 2.50

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