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AN ABSURD PLAN.

As stated in yesterday's telegraphic dispatches the proposition has been seriously considered in Ottawa of giving the Yukon territory representation—so called—in parliament by extending the jurisdiction of the member elected from Edmonton. We are unable to understand by what process of reasoning the powers at Ottawa are able to arrive at the conclusion that such action would in any respect bring about the end which they maintain they desire to reach.

To include the Yukon territory in the Edmonton district will serve to give this country representation just about as effectually as though the territory were tacked onto the province of Quebec.

Apparently the government at Ottawa has no idea of the distances involved in traveling through the western and northwestern portions of Canada. When the fact is considered that the distance from Edmonton to Dawson is greater than the distance from the former point to Ottawa the absurdity of the plan to embrace the Yukon territory in the Edmonton district becomes at once apparent.

The member from Edmonton cannot possibly represent the Yukon territory in parliament as it should be represented. When Dawson and the Yukon are represented in the national legislative assembly it must be by a man who is so familiar with the conditions which prevail in this territory and with its requirements in a legislative way that there will be no possibility for him to make any mistakes.

Be his ability what it may, the member from Edmonton will first have the interests of Edmonton to look after and naturally would have but little time to look after matters which to us are of the most vital importance. We consider the suggested plan of representation little better than none at all. In fact it might easily prove worse than none at all. If such a compromise is agreed upon, it may delay the granting of representation proper for an indefinite length of time. It would be better for the general good of the territory to do without representation for the next six months rather than be made the victim of such a make-shift arrangement.

There is such a thing as too much zeal even in the very best of causes. We suppose the dog catcher is a necessary evil—a sort of by-product of our latter day civilization, without which it would be impossible for us to live, move or have our being. But notwithstanding the important part he occupies as a cog in the ever advancing wheel of progress, there is a reasonable limit beyond which even so mighty a potentate as the dog catcher should not advance. It appears that the dog catcher is also a dog fancier of no mean qualifications. His ever ready rope is twice ready for the sleek, well fed canine property of the prosperous citizen, and the better the blood in the animal the greater the skill of the dog catcher in throwing his rope. If your dog carries about him evidences of comfortable and prosperous circumstances, you must watch him with an eagle eye, or the dog catcher's remarkable powers of discrimination will be brought to bear upon your property with disastrous results to your feelings, to say nothing

of your pocketbook. Efficiency in a public servant should always receive commendation, and there is no reason why the dog catcher should prove any exception to the rule. It occurs to us, however, that if his zeal should be turned in the direction of mangy dogs which are a distinct nuisance and not be confined so closely to the pursuit of dogs whose owners take care of them, the results would be better all around.

Candidates are getting their war paint on and the atmosphere smiffs of battle not long to be deferred. If by any possible combination of circumstances Premier Laurier should fail to keep his promises with reference to representation in the Yukon council what a weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth would result. We do not believe, however, that any such fear need be anticipated. The prime minister has passed his word to parliament and to the people of this territory that they will be given representation and we have no doubt that his word will be faithfully regarded. In fact it must be regarded.

As will be seen by reference to our local columns a strong objection is to be made to the collection of the proposed local revenue. If any doubt exists as to the legality of the tax which the council proposes to collect, that doubt should be removed immediately. It must be said that the rate of taxation is not exorbitant nor the amount which it is proposed to raise excessive. If, however, there exists any reasonable question as to the council's authority we repeat that such question should be removed at once.

According to reports brought up today from Nome, the only circumstance which stood in the way of a crowded passenger list from Nome on the steamer Hamilton was the fact that quarantine regulations have prevented the departure from Nome of parties desiring to leave. It is claimed that all up river steamers will be crowded with passengers for Dawson as soon as the quarantine is removed and travel in and out of Nome is again allowed to go on uninterrupted.

An Impassable Chasm.

"Could I have a few minutes' private conversation with you?" he asked as he stood at the open door of a lawyer's office in a Philadelphia building the other afternoon.
"Can't you speak right out from where you are?" asked the lawyer in reply after looking the man over.
"I'd rather make a private matter of it."
"What is the nature of your business?"
"Confidential—strictly private and confidential, sir."
"Well, I have no time to grant you a private interview. If you have anything to say, you can let'er go right here. Now, what is it?"
"I—I wanted the loan of a quarter, sir!" stammered the man.
"Oh, you did! And you wanted a private interview to ask me that?"
"Yes, sir. I knew that it would hurt both our feelings if I was refused in public—yours because you couldn't afford to loan me the money and mine because I couldn't get it. Can you grant my request, sir?"
"No, sir."
"And does it hurt your feelings?"
"Not a bit! You are mistaken on that point."
"And my feelings are the only ones hurt?"
"Yours alone."
"Just so," said the man as he bowed and backed out. "I beg your pardon I was mistaken. You have the money and no feelings, and I have the feelings and no money. Impassable chasm; no use in trying to bridge. Good day!"
M. QUAD.

A Few Fine Teams.

The horses lately purchased of M. J. Heney, the railroad contractor, by J. S. Lancaster and shipped to the latter's partner, R. W. Calderhead, are the largest and finest stock that has ever been received in Dawson, and are being readily sold at good prices. As the freight on a plug is the same as that on a good draught horse, the wonder is that a better quality of stock has not been shipped here in the past. A first-class team is now worth in Dawson from \$1000 to \$1350.

Why buy an inferior cigar when you can get the famous Needles Cigar, guaranteed Havana filled, for the same money, to all dealers.

REGARDING LOCAL TAXATION

A Few Reasons Why It Should Be Delayed

Until the People Taxed Are Given Representation on the Board by Which They Are Governed.

The following protest has been prepared by Joseph Clark, secretary of the citizens committee, respecting the taxation ordinance about to be enforced. The protest is headed by an introductory statement which refers to the invitation extended on the tax notices to all who feel themselves aggrieved by reason of the amount assessed against them, and continues as follows:

Under and in accordance with the above invitation the undersigned beg to submit that they feel themselves aggrieved upon the following among other grounds:

1. In the styling of Dawson as a municipality, when as a matter of fact Dawson is not a municipality, but simply a portion of the Yukon territory, more densely populated than the rest, but in no sense differing from the balance of the territory, or subject to or liable for any different taxation from that imposed on the balance of the Yukon territory under the existing Yukon territory act.

2. That the said alleged notices do not contain sufficient information upon which to base any definite stand, but we submit that any assessment roll should inform the taxed of the exact amount which will be expected from him, or at least the gross amount to be collected and the gross assessed value upon which it is to be levied.

3. That the attempt to inflict further taxation upon the already excessive burdens of the citizens of the Yukon by a body composed exclusively of paid officials of the government of Canada without a single representative of the taxed upon that body is contrary to the recognized spirit of Canadian government, and is contrary, in our opinion, to the direct and implied assurance of the government of Canada, and members of the house of commons, and is especially obnoxious when no attempt has been made to consult the representatives of the citizens or the whole citizens through a mass meeting called for that purpose.

4. On the contrary the citizens in mass meeting assembled have duly and regularly protested against any method of increased taxation until after the election of at least two representatives of the citizens upon that council, which resolution of protest was duly forwarded to and acknowledged by your council.

5. We maintain that no steps toward, in any manner, increasing the taxation of the citizens of any part of the Yukon territory, should be taken until after the election of the two members of the Yukon council, which we believe will soon take place.

6. No taxation ordinance for direct taxes should be considered without first consulting representatives of the citizens who are to pay the taxes.

7. This memorial we claim to in no way effect our right to take any and every legal objection to which we are entitled in order to present and estop this or any other method of taxation without representation.

Under all the circumstances we protest against the legality or justness of this alleged assessment roll, as being excessive in toto, and the further proceeding with it, and we ask respectful and immediate consideration of this memorial in order to prevent irresponsible persons from taking advantage of the dissatisfaction now existing on account thereof, and the territory, becoming involved in unnecessary and dangerous agitation.

Dated at Dawson, July 20, A. D. 1900.

A Great Loss.

A recent Washington dispatch says The loss of the Oregon to the government at this time would be irreparable. She is the greatest ship ever built in any navy. It would take three years to replace her. The Oregon never gave any one any trouble. On her trial trip she exceeded her contract speed by two and a fourth knots. Her required speed was 15 knots, but she developed 17.15 knots on her trial, and went even faster in the battle of Santiago after steaming 14,000 miles. After the war with Spain she was cleaned at the Brooklyn navy yard, and it was found that no repairs were necessary. She left the Brooklyn yard in company with the Iowa, and reached the Manila in perfect order. Admiral Dewey acknowledged her arrival, saying that she was in perfect

order and fit for any service She has been in the Philippines ever since, with the exception of one visit to Hongkong to have her hull scraped and painted.

A letter was received here from her commander while she was in Hongkong, saying that there was not a butt or a rivet loose, and that the hull was as good as when she was launched.

She would be an immense loss to the government—far more than her cost, as a ship like her is badly wanted in the present emergency. The moral effect she would exercise on the allied fleet would be worth more than two ships in her class which have not proved their ability and endurance as has the Oregon.

Best potatoes in town. Mohr & Wilkens.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

We are selling lemons. Mohr & Wilkens.

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R. W. CALDERHEAD, Agent

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