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THAT \$8,000,000.

Elsewhere in this paper is published a dispatch from Ottawa which gives a brief retrospect of the past four years, a perusal of which can not fail to impress the reader with the rapidly growing and prosperous condition of the Dominion of Canada. The session of parliament just closed has marked an era in Canadian lore in that it was the longest, but one, in the Dominion's history since the confederation 33 years ago.

As the dispatch says it was probably the last session of the present parliament, and if such is true, an election that will stir up the entire country must be gone through with before the tone of the next law-making body will be known. It is only to be hoped that in a general way the next parliament will enjoy a period of prosperity similar to that enjoyed by the present; for there is no denying the fact that the past four years have constituted a bright and prosperous era in Canadian history.

But the fact must not be lost sight of that it has been within the existence of the present parliament that the Klondike, the greatest revenue producer the Dominion has or probably ever will have, was discovered and developed, and to that same parliament is due none of the credit for such discovery and such development. On the contrary, while the district was yet, so far as development was concerned, in an embryo state, the powers at Ottawa instituted the squeezing process and from that day to this not one moment of relaxation has been given even for a breathing period. The Klondike to the present parliament was purely an accident. It came without governmental effort into the reluctant governmental grasp and there it stays, the grasp tightening as day succeeds day until this particular section of the Dominion is, as we see it at present, a crushed, law-oppressed, tax-ridden spot on the face of a country that has the general reputation of being prosperous. Is it any wonder the Dominion is, to quote Lord Minto's words to the closing parliament, "in a buoyant condition?" Is it to be wondered at that there is a surplus of \$8,000,000 in the treasury? Take the contributions of the Klondike for the past three years from that surplus of \$8,000,000 and what would be left?

To the remainder of Canada and the outside world, the telegram elsewhere published in this paper will doubtless smack of prosperity of the most brilliant order, but to the people of the Klondike, the intrepid frontiersmen who discovered and developed the country, which discovery and development has made possible an \$8,000,000 surplus, that surplus represents just that amount of blood money.

THE WILY CHINESE.

It will be noticed that nearly all the late news from China that has given even a ray of hope that the legations at Peking, with their inmates, have not all been destroyed, has come by way of Shanghai. If what Dr. James B. Angell, an ex-minister to China, recently stated in University hall in Ann Arbor, Mich., is true, and there is no good reason for gainsaying the statement, but little credence can be put in telegrams coming from Shanghai. Dr. Angell said:

"You need not believe any telegrams from Shanghai unless they are authorized by somebody in whom you can

place reliance. Shanghai is the great place for the manufacture of lies. You can believe dispatches coming from Peking if they are issued from some such person as Sir Robert Hart."

For the past several weeks Seattle has been writhing in all the throes incident to a telephone strike, upwards of 50 hello girls having said: "There, you mean thing, if you wont pay us more money we wont work; so there!" The sympathies of the people to a great extent are with the girls with the result that the entire city has more or less been drawn into the trouble. This state of affairs probably accounts for the following editorial note in the P.-I.: "A swarm of bees has taken up its abode in a telephone box in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is said to be causing great inconvenience to the employes and patrons of the line. In Seattle we shouldn't consider a little thing like a swarm of bees worth mentioning in connection with telephone troubles."

As the question as to whether or not an election will be held in this district for the purpose of selecting two members to the board of Yukon council has been satisfactorily settled, the next and all-important question is: When will the election be held? As is well known, there is a desire on one side to have it occur as soon as practical, while there is an equally strong desire on the other side to postpone it as long as possible, indefinitely if the people will submit. As there will be a mass meeting of citizens held tomorrow night, the question as to the time for holding the election is one which can very properly be discussed at that meeting, and there is no doubt but that some time will be devoted to it.

Mining Policy of China.

The financial necessities of the Chinese government growing out of the Chinese-Japanese war have been the cause of far-reaching results toward opening the empire to western enterprise. A number of negotiations have been entered into with the view of directly benefitting the imperial exchequer from the mineral resources of the empire, and they will likely be continued if the present difficulty does not result in a prolonged war and the dismemberment of the empire.

Mining is a very old industry with the Chinese, and the metals are seemingly nearly exhausted to water level. The mines are theoretically the property of the emperor, and only opened by his consent, and although practically the natives mine without this, foreigners, as well as securing this consent, must reckon with the vested rights of the native miners, with the holders of surface rights, and, north of the great wall, with the feudal princes—all of whom have some direct mining privileges—and everywhere with the governing officials. Coal and iron mining by natives is carried on in reality without imperial notice or disapproval, but the metal mining (principally precious metals), has often been checked, and sometimes carried on under imperial supervision.

After the war the door to concessions was more or less opened, but as time goes on it is gradually swinging closer shut, and the terms given more tightly drawn, until the present "regulations" (framed in June, 1899), regarding foreign participation in mining, were formulated. They are usually considered more or less in the light of obstructive tactics, and no foreigners have applied yet under them. In substance they necessitate:

1. That all companies must be at least one-half Chinese.
2. The administration must be entirely Chinese, foreigners participating only in technical capacities.
3. Instead of the large areas formerly given, each concession is practically limited to one mine. Officials of the district must report favorably on the mine and company before charter is granted.
4. The government requires 25 per cent profits as royalty.

As the Chinese have little capital for such venturesome business as mining, the result is that the foreigner would have to furnish all the capital for exploration, and if a grant was secured, would hold it subject to an administration whose smallest weakness is unfamiliarity with the business.—Ex.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

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CURRENT COMMENT

For Legitimate Entertainment.

Editor Daily Nugget:
As the approach of the long, dark winter draws near, the question arises: What will the people of Dawson have for legitimate family amusement during that period? Vaudeville may be all right for certain classes of men who are here alone; but even many of them tire of the same old monotony from the same old people. The day when a rude, coarse woman can win applause and showers of coin from the average Dawson audience is happily in the past and the general demand is for something better—something that has more the air of a first-class theater rather than of a dance hall. There is now sufficient talent in the city, if turned in the right channel, to present a class of entertainment that would at least be interesting even if not first-class. It is to be hoped that before the winter closes down on us something will be afforded in the line of entertainment that all classes may patronize and enjoy—something from which the rude, coarse and vulgar will be eliminated and legitimate, clean amusement substituted.

THEATER GOER.

Sifton Shoots Canyon.

A dramatic race through the famous Whitehorse rapids and Miles Canyon was made Tuesday by the steamer Clifford Sifton. In making the run she struck against the rocks of the canyon once. It was a thrilling moment.

Twenty feet of the guard rail, aft, on the starboard side was carried away as the trembling craft was thrown about by the twisting, seething waters. At the same moment one of the three long sweeps on the main deck, forward, came in contact with the rock, and with a violent jerk, threw the two men attending from their feet. One, a Frenchman, fell on the outer rail and was just going over the side when others on the deck seized him by the heels and drew him back. The second man, a Swede, went over the side, but in his descent threw his arms about the sweep just above the blade. The sweep hung in the big improvised oar lock, and he was saved.

It all happened in a moment. The captain, realizing the peril of the situation, had the boat reversed, and for the nonce, by backing water with her powerful engines, she almost stood still in the raging waters, regardless of their great impact on her hull.

"There were three sweeps out," says H. C. Barley, the photographer, who was on the shore at the time. "Four men manned each sweep, working them constantly to keep the craft in the proper channel."

"In the first canyon the boat swerved to the right, and the pilots exerted all their energy to keep her from the rocks on the portside as she raced along."

"In the eddy just above the second canyon were cross currents that made it hard to swing the craft off a rocky point, straight ahead, into the channel below, and it was in sheering off to avoid smashing head on, and to get into the second canyon that the smash came on the rail. Just below this point I got a picture of the steamer hurrying along the boiling surface of the water between the rock walls, reaching high above the highest deck. I would not take \$200 for the negative. Just below that point the steamer passed where she had no more than ten feet latitude on either side."

"The other parts of the canyon and the Whitehorse rapids were run without incident. Col. Williams, of Texas, owner of the steamer, and others, numbering 35, were aboard."—Alaskan.

Notice.

On July 27th Commissioner Ogilvie issued the following:

After this date anyone building on any of the alleyways laid out in the survey of Dawson, does so on his own responsibility and is liable to be prosecuted as a trespasser on the public domain.

From Livingstone Creek.

Chas. Armstrong, who recently purchased ten claims on Livingstone creek in the Salmon river country, returned from a tour of inspection of his newly acquired property. He brought with him some of the gold from the claims which is very coarse and much resembles that found on Jack Wade creek, except that the surface is not so smooth.

Shindler has bicycle sundries; wood rims, inner tubes, ball bearings, spokes, bells, cyclometers, toe clips, graphite, etc. Wheels to rent by the hour.

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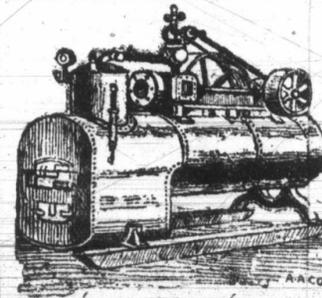
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