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### FAWCETT'S DEFENDERS.

The policy which the Nugget has pursued since it began publication in June last has created wide-spread attention in newspaper circles on the outside. The fearlessness and aggressiveness of this paper in calling attention to the unwholesome official atmosphere that has prevailed in Dawson and the gross incompetence and abuses of positions of public trust, has led to extensive quotations from our columns by the state and colonial press.

There is published in Victoria, B. C., a paper known as the Times. We infer from the few clippings we have seen that the Times has undertaken to act as apologist and defender of the Fawcett administration of the gold commissioner's office in Dawson.

If Mr. Fawcett selected the Times as his advocate he is just as unfortunate in the selection of his friends as he sometimes is in the choice of language.

The following article clipped from the Times of August 26, illustrates the methods Mr. Fawcett's friends are resorting to in their vain attempts to shield the commissioner from the storm of public disapproval that should long ago have forced him into the oblivion he deserves.

Readers of the Nugget need not be told that the entire article is a lie manufactured out of whole cloth. It is doubly contemptible from the fact that Dawson is so far removed from direct communication with the outside world. It stamps its author as a man lost to all feeling of moral responsibility and so deeply sunk in the mire of his own infamy as to be utterly incapable of forming an intelligent judgment between right and wrong. However, if Mr. Fawcett can stand the odium attached to such a defender, the Nugget is confident of being able to survive all the libelous statements to which Fawcett's organs may give utterance.

Here is the article as taken from the Victoria Times of August 26:

### "DAWSON CITY JOURNALISM."

"That readers of the Times may understand what kind of a paper it is the *Colonist* quotes with so much gusto when attacking the Dominion government, we print this editorial from the Klondike Nugget of Dawson City:

"We have just thawed out our ink with the idea of splashing some of it on Mr. Fawcett, the gold commissioner.

"We may state at the outset that Mr. Fawcett is not the whole Klondike because he is the gold commissioner. There are men around this town who could eat him up. We ourselves sit in a poker game every night at Red Mike's, where the ante corresponds to a week of the gold commissioner's salary. We chew tobacco that costs \$5 a plug, and have other manly habits that Fawcett turns up his nose at.

"Now we have no kick coming at Fawcett's rake-off, whatever that may be. We believe in letting every man play his own game, and truth compels us to state that in this God-forsaken climate we have to play the game mightily quick, or it is called, on account of darkness. We speak feelingly of Arctic darkness, because we know what it is to get out the Nugget when the coal oil freezes. Indeed the weather may be deemed rigorous when the boiler has to be blanketed to keep it warm.

"However, this is aside from the subject. We wish to draw the attention of the Dominion government to the gold commissioner. Fawcett is objectionable. He is not en rapport with the robust spirit of this community. He has too much regard for law and order—a thing unknown in a United States mining camp. He doesn't drink whiskey at Red Mike's—rusty old

we call it—he doesn't draw his gun without provocation; he doesn't go in for the ironclad soubrettes of the dance hall; he doesn't shake dice, play Faro, shoot craps; in short, Fawcett has none of the virtue qualities that are needed in this progressive city.

"He is not sociable, and, more than that, his personal habits are offensive to many of us. Most of our citizens consider it healthy to change our underclothes and take a bath once a year, whether we need it or not. We ourselves have had one bath and two shaves since the summer of 1896. The rules of hygiene, as taught in the schools of the effete east, don't apply when the thermometer drops to 70 below. Most of our prominent citizens, we repeat, think that Fawcett is altogether too scrupulous about his underclothes and ablutions. He has a heady habit of 'tubbing' every morning; he shaves three times a week, wears a boiled shirt when the weather permits, and has been known to burn \$495 worth of cord-wood to heat water for a hot bath. This is too much. Fawcett is a standing affront to those hardy virtues which have made Dawson the Queen City of the north. We ask the Dominion government to remove Fawcett for his Sybaritic effeminacy."

### A PLEA FOR AN AGGRESSIVE MOVE.

It having been decreed and demanded by the public that the Miners' Association should take up the matter of securing representation for the Yukon Territory at Ottawa there appears to be no reason why it should not be done at once. The association can at their meeting on Monday night direct their officers in the name of the association to prepare and forward to the government the necessary papers. It cannot be done too quickly as it will take a long time for the long red tape of far-away officialism to be run out. However, the wisdom of the association may decide the time to be inopportune, and that when Dawson City shall be incorporated, the Miners' Association and the municipality will be more effective if both jointly address a prayer for a Yukon representative in the house of parliament. It is conceded on all hands that taxation without representation is unbearable to our race, and the extortion of millions for the enrichment of a far-away state and the impoverishment of ourselves cannot but result in the end in ought else than a foreboding estrangement between the Yukon Territory and the parent body. When the municipality and the Miners' Association jointly forward their petition for representation the whole field will be covered, the municipality speaking for Dawson and the association for the territory. It is hardly possible that Laurier could or would wish to withstand such a unanimous demand.

But there are other matters on which the association should speak to the government and at once. The cry of "no royalty" should be taken up until the woods ring with it. How long are we to groan under the present mining regulations made for us by men who at a distance of thousands of miles are regarding us through distorting spy-glasses? It is evident from the handiwork of our lawmakers that they are yet in the clouds of ignorance regarding the condition of our Arctic home. Let the association now speak as the most representative body which we are likely to get in many years.

### A HIGH STANDARD SET.

The outcome of the "political meeting" at the Fairview hotel on Tuesday evening demonstrates one thing above ought else—that the public spirited men of Dawson and the Klondike are, with few exceptions, members in good standing of the Miners' Association and consider the interests of the miners paramount to every other issue. There was absolutely no intention in the minds of any one present to turn the political meeting into an association meeting and yet it followed along those lines just as naturally as water finds its own course.

There is but one conclusion; the public spirited men of Dawson have largely joined the association, are enthusiastic at its success and are unanimous in endorsing its *pro bono publico* policy. Its power for good is recognized by all and already public matters are referred to it as the proper body from which should emanate all petitions to the government and requests for self-government.

If properly handled by its officers the singular unanimity of the association's membership can be made the source of much good to the mining community.

Not a public matter is broached anywhere or by anyone but immediately it is thoughtfully weighed by the association, and its possible effects for or against the miners carefully discussed. A resolution of indorsement is always unanimous and a vote of discredit without dissent. To a man the members are proud of themselves, their order and their officers who stand ready at all times and places to champion their cause in or out of season.

The many tributes paid the association by outsiders on Tuesday night and also on other occasions should show the gentlemen of the association that a high standard of action has been set for them by the public at large.

### THE SANITARY PROBLEM.

At last the long-looked for frost has arrived to give battle to the millions of typhoid fever germs which have thrived in Dawson for the past summer. King Jack is the mortal enemy of the pestiferous germ which thrives in the alimentary canal of the human animal. Already the change for the better is apparent, and as soon as the ground is held firmly in Jack's icy grasp the parasitical germ will yield up the ghost for the time being. But there is another summer coming—and still more after that, and without the precaution of perfect sanitation each recurring season will find the pest robbing the community of a larger and larger proportion of its citizens, until Dawson will become entitled to the proud distinction of being the pest house of the Yukon Territory. Within two years more, unless the proper precautions are taken, no one who places any value upon his life will dare stay over night within the confines of our growing city.

It is a cruel truth but why mince matters? Typhoid is a filth disease and thrives in and is transmitted by human offal. Once grasp that fact and one sees at once the only remedy—perfect sanitation; and that can only be secured by a proper ordinance emanating from a proper city council elected by and interested in our people. Incorporation should be the watchword of our citizens for in that lies the only hope of a future for our city.

The idiotic mismanagement of the gold commissioner's office was never more clearly exemplified than three days ago when a gentleman bought a lock box at the postoffice and received a letter dated August 25 from the gold commissioner. That his decisions should be dropped into the postoffice for city delivery when he so well knew the congested conditions there, and that the letter would probably not again see the light for a month or more, clearly shows the disposition of the man to be to utterly ignore the people's rights to the best service he can give.

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