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THE REASONS.

The consensus of opinion among those who have recently returned to Dawson from the financial centers of Europe is that interest in the Klondike is decidedly on the wane. This is in no way due to a lack of confidence in the resources of the country, nor does it result from a lack of capital to invest where it can be shown that investments mean fair returns for the money. The fact of the matter is that capital has been frightened away from making investments here, on account of the nature of titles to property, and as a result of the hardships imposed upon the investor by the mining regulations now in force.

It is a fact, upon which there can be no argument, that title to mining property, the value of which runs into hundreds of thousands of dollars, may be jeopardized or lost entirely through failure to observe insignificant technicalities in the law. Such features of the regulations furnish multitudinous opportunities for the professional litigant, and, naturally, make the investor wary of placing his money where it will be subject to loss from such causes.

The exactions of the government, levied upon the miner and claim owner at every turn they make, have become so well known in the money centers that, as a result, the opinion holds that investments in the Klondike are doubtful propositions, even where the ground involved is known to be rich. Capital is naturally timid, and does not advertise itself, ordinarily, as being ready to jump into anything and everything which comes along. Capitalists are like the Missourian—they require to be shown; and it must be conceded that, under existing conditions, it is a matter of difficulty to demonstrate, to a shrewd investor, good reasons for placing large sums of money in this country.

The resources are here, which should and would guarantee large returns for every dollar invested here, were it not for the laws which so hedge the mine operator about, that he is in many instances practically helpless.

It will be remembered that, during the winter, many learned dissertations upon the subject of meat appeared in the columns of our contemporary, the News. The News' "beef editor" became very much alarmed at the dire results which were bound to follow from an overstocked meat supply in Dawson. We had it from the voracious narrator that, when spring opened, hundreds of carcasses of beef would be given away, and other hundreds thrown into the river, as a result of the high prices which prevailed for meat during the winter. Now, the gentle springtime

is at hand; the gurgling waters of the Yukon murmur softly to themselves as they take their way toward the ocean, and all nature has assumed her holiday garb, and rejoices in the fact that stern winter has again let go his grip upon the Klondike. But where, O where, amid this glad season, is the "beef editor" of our contemporary? Why does he not come forth and tell us how it happens that beef, once more, is flirting with the dollar mark, and little to be had at that? We have seen no wagon loads of beef dumped into the river; neither have we been on hand when meat was to be given away. Why does not the "beef editor" appear and tell us when these events are to take place?

The proposal now being mooted in England for the establishment of a royal mint in Canada would be a step toward the recognition to which the Dominion is entitled, for services rendered in the Transvaal war. The war has demonstrated, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that the strength of the empire lies in the loyalty of the colonies. Canada and Australia, in particular, should come in for favors, now that the war gives promise of reaching a speedy conclusion. England can not do too much for her children, who have so nobly come forward to the rescue when the integrity of the empire was imperiled.

Some method should be devised whereby owners of dogs may be compelled to care for the animals during the summer months. The town is overrun with half-starved, mangy dogs, the owners of which, having worked the poor brutes during the winter, are now satisfied to see them turned out to rustle for themselves or starve. The council might well give a little consideration to this matter. Dogs form an important element in the development of this country, and they are entitled to protection from misuse and cruelty from inhuman masters, who do not appreciate the value of the faithful animals' services.

Elsewhere, in this issue, is recorded the fact that the Armours intend opening a wholesale establishment at Skagway. This bears out the observations made in these columns that Skagway, as the key to the Yukon country, should ultimately claim considerable pretensions as a wholesale center. Dawson merchants can have orders filled by wiring Skagway for goods from reliable houses, a big volume of business is absolutely certain to go to the Lynn canal port.

The preparations being made by the committee having in charge the festivities for the Queen's birthday, give every promise of resulting in a splendid celebration. Dawson will have on her holiday attire, and will be prepared to entertain in a royal manner all guests who may come.

The return of a number of old timers on the first boats indicates that the attractions of the Klondike's capital are as fascinating to the sour-dough as ever. The Nugget extends them all the glad hand and rejoices to see them back.

Swell four-in-hand ties, all shades, \$1. Ward, Hough & Co., 111 First ave.
Same old price, 25 cents, for drinks at the Regina.
Private dining rooms at the Holborn.
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STROLLER'S COLUMN

It looks very much to the Stroller as though the actions of the council in discontinuing its appropriation to the free library, thereby necessitating its going out of business, and of granting license for the sale of liquors in the same room is a deep laid, systematic revenue production scheme. The library cost \$375 per month and produced nothing aside from its moral influences. To start with, a saloon will pour \$1500 into the capacious maw of the public sack; those young men who have spent many useful hours in that particular room will have no place to spend their leisure and will, per force, be driven to frequent that or some other saloon.

Observation—yes, experience—teaches the Stroller that the man who habitually frequents saloons more or less becomes addicted to the use of ardent spirits, and the percentage of drinkers who know just where to stop and who do stop at the right place, is very small. They more frequently forget to stop until they are gloriously drunk. In Dawson it costs more to get over a drunk than it does to cultivate it. A heavy fine is paid to the government, and that is why the connection is clear in the recent acts of the council. From a business standpoint it is a master stroke.

The Stroller overheard a very unkind remark on the street one day this week which he stopped to rebuke, when he almost got himself violently handled for his pains. The remark was something about people holding their noses every time they hear the expression "claim renewal."

"I have the greatest money-making scheme on earth if I could only get outside in time to carry it into effect," said a visionary man to the Stroller a day or two ago. When asked his scheme he toned his voice down to a whisper and said:

"It is compressed air. My plan is to take the next steamer for the outside, when the first thing I'll do after my arrival will be to buy a few hundred syphon bottles the same as are used in saloons; these I will take to fruit orchards where I will climb into the various kinds of fruit trees and, with an air pump which I will have, I will fill so many bottles with the aroma from the blossoms of that tree and so on until I get a general assortment of the most delicious fragrance the world has ever known. Late in the summer I will snip my stock here to Dawson where I will realize a fortune. Here is the plan: Say you want to have dried apples for dinner! All you have to do to make them appear as fresh as the day they came off the tree is to take your syphon and inject some of my compressed fragrance of apple into them. All other kinds of fruit can be treated the same way. It is a great scheme, and about next September you will see me back in Dawson with a cargo of compressed air that will enable me to pass the balance of my life in comfort, not to say elegance. If you have a couple of hundred or so that you would like to make a good thing on, why—well—ah—I—ah—might let you in with me."

It is wonderful what hardships people will endure in their efforts to obtain gold. Not long ago the Stroller encountered a Bonanza when he was appalled at several sights which greeted his optics. Men were met on the trail carrying everything pertaining to a mine except the dump, on their backs. Trudging along over a rough, sidehill path where even a mountain goat would hesitate to venture, men were met who were making of themselves veritable beasts of burden. Among the items of which the various cargoes were composed were noted a cook stove, several pans, a skillet or two, a tent, pick and shovel, ax, roll of blankets, pair of gum boots, remnant of a sack of flour, a heavy heart and a woe-begone expression that foretold determination to do or die in the attempt. Inquiry as to their destination disclosed the statement that they were heading for Dawson from which place they would take passage, usually in small boats, for Nome.

And the Stroller has no doubt but that, before coming to the Klondike many of these same men grumbled when their wives asked them to carry in a bucket of coal.

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