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**PROSPECTS.**  
The population of Dawson is rapidly thinning down to its winter dimensions. The creeks are filling up and streams deserted for the summer are beginning to teem with tireless miners. A week or two more will see sufficient snow to allow the studding of provisions to the various claims. At present, men are simply taking out provisions enough to live on while doing what is commonly termed the "dead work" on a claim. Cabins must be built and firewood can be cut and piled up, leaving the digging of the ground until Jack Frost permanently fixes the surface-water of the mucky ground.  
The inhabitants of the city are hastening their winter preparations and at the present time there are 227 buildings in process of construction. Recent developments in the Indian river district have demonstrated beyond a doubt the permanence of this camp. Dominion is going to furnish profitable employment for a small army of men, and Dawson's life is guaranteed at not less than twenty years.

The majority of the present population came here with a year's outfit and little intention of remaining much longer—and many could not find it in their hearts to remain even that long. The non-permanence of the majority of our population is leading to more or less of a feeling of "don't care what becomes of the country," which accounts largely for the indifference of many to the prevailing misgovernment. Those of us who come to stay with the country for an indefinite number of years will have to take the principal part in bringing about the much-needed reforms. The large floating population is perfectly indifferent whether or not Dawson incorporates. To a man going out for good it is a matter of entire unconcern, even should the country go to the "demnition bow-wows."

To sum up the situation it is quite evident to thinking people that, barring sickness or death, the country is a good one for the average man to be in. The climate is severe but not nearly so bad as has often been claimed. The comforts and even luxuries of life are rapidly putting in an appearance. It takes some months of residence and unadvised perseverance for anyone to become acquainted with the country about which they have been reading for the past two years. The transient will make no large gains excepting by an occasional speculation in goods, but there is every inducement held out to the permanent settler to make this his home for a term of years at least.

**FAWCETT'S SCHEME.**  
The long-expected relief at the gold commissioner's office fails to appear. A great plan has been inaugurated to somewhat lessen the tell-tale strings of the hundreds of men who seek entrance to that office on business legitimately connected with it. It has been in operation several weeks and works like a charm. Monday the first hundred applicants are numbered; all others know their chance for the day is gone, so they disperse. Tuesday another hundred is numbered at the door and the balance go down town. Wednesday the same, and so on every day. The artistic beauty of the scheme is evident when one sees that but ten or a dozen men were around the door on Tuesday at noon; but one's admiration for the creator of such false appearances is doubled when one learns that the numbers given on Monday, a week ago, had not all been yet admitted eight days afterward. But when one gains access within the sacred portals it is their feeling of uneasy insecurity becomes a positive foreboding. The public feeling was well-illustrated by some wag who has written over both doors: "All hope abandon, ye who enter here." But Mr. Fawcett is as callous to the condition and extent of the public feeling against him as he was to the physical sufferings of the miners last winter. There is not a private citizen in Dawson could continue to do business if he conducted it in half as stashed a manner as is the business of the gold commissioner's office. Why should public servants show more complete indifference to the public than a private merchant would dare do? Is there any good and sufficient reason above or under the earth why Mr. Fawcett should be allowed to retain a position for which he has shown such complete and peculiar unfitness? A blind man in the government observatory; a legless man as a general's aide-de-camp in an engagement; Admiral Dot for an opponent for "solid Muldoon"—none of these would be more out of place than the intractable and incompetent Thomas Fawcett in the gold commissioner's office. Nearly every iniquity perpetrated upon the people had its inception in the shadow of the gold commissioner and would have been impossible with an ordinarily wise and strong man occupying his office. His plea to his intimate friends, that "I can't control the clerk in my office, and therefore am not responsible," gives one a perfect picture of this weakling who, in spite of public sentiment hangs on to his salaried job, knowing that, small as it is, it is treble what his capacities would earn for him in private life.

**SUMMER WORKING.**  
The time is coming when large pieces of ground will be secured by companies to work by summer ground sluicing alone. This summer's experience of Mr. McFarland on Hunker creek in opening up a block of eleven claims, and on which the work has been shut down for the winter, is decidedly promising. The gentleman, before leaving, stated that merely the surface muck had been sluiced into the boxes and a small ditch the length of the claims, yet the results in dust had paid him 25 per cent on the invested capital. Again, on some nearby claims which had been ground-sluiced, some old men followed behind and made wages taking up the bed rock, in some places to the depth of six feet. Only in "summer" workings is this possible.

**A "PENCHANT" FOR RICH PEOPLE.**  
If the miners elected their own recorders as on the American side how long would Mr. Fawcett occupy his present position? His immense unpopularity is not by any means without reason. Not a man or woman in Dawson but owns a claim or claims now, or expects to shortly, and over the mining destinies of all of us this man presides with an autocratic sway. The rich miners have money enough to overawe the gold commissioner and they feel fairly safe, and then again his sympathies have been demonstrated a hundred times to lie with the rich and successful man as against his poor and unsuccessful opponent. No one forgets Mr. Fawcett's reply to certain impoverished stakers on lower Dominion. Rich men have bought claims between the discoveries and upon survey had been touched in their sensitive pockets by finding there was no claim for them. How readily the gold commissioner's sympathies were enlisted to the point of refusing to record the larger claims for poor stakers that he might make a gift

of them to the dispossessed rich men. We venture to advise Mr. Fawcett that his game is up. With a live local newspaper and an aroused community "he cannot deliver the goods," and he might just as well make a virtue of necessity and make righteous decisions in those cases.

**THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE LIBERAL.**  
The incorporation of Dawson as a city will soon be an accomplished fact. Public opinion has expressed itself as firmly in favor of the movement. No matter how wisely or with what degree of justice the Dominion officers might perform the ordinary municipal functions, the people of Dawson could never rest satisfied under such a regime. The English speaking race has become so accustomed to local self-government that it can never be content under any other system. It is to be hoped that when the incorporation ordinance is passed its provisions will be as broad and liberal as possible. The peculiar character of Dawson's population render this a necessity if the incorporation ordinance is to in any way meet the expectations and requirements of the people. We would like to see every man who holds a miner's license entitled to a vote as was suggested at the town meeting some weeks ago. If within the power of the grantors of the ordinance we should favor the election of aldermen at least to be independent of any citizenship qualification. The men who will pay taxes under municipal ordinances will be largely of alien birth. It would, we think, be no more than just that such men should be entitled to stand for the office of alderman, for it will naturally devolve upon that body to frame the ordinances not included in the charter, under which we shall be governed.

Dawson's business men and property owners will not object to paying their due proportion of all taxes required for street improvement, preservation of public health and legitimate municipal expenses. The series of interviews presented in our last issue clearly proves this point. But inasmuch as a great majority of these same property owners and business men are not Canadian citizens, it would, we repeat, be only just if within the powers of the commissioner and council to grant that the citizenship qualification, in so far as aldermen are concerned, be overlooked.

The NUGGET tells all the news just as it happens. Twice a week—\$2.50 per month.

**Removal.**  
After Saturday, August 27th, the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be found in the new premises, between the Barracks and the Gold Commissioner's office.  
A down-town branch will be opened for the accommodation of the bank's customers, shortly.  
H. T. WELLS, Manager.

**A Large Stock of Furs.**  
W. H. Smith & Co. are not counting their energies to supplying Dawson with her winter's fuel. They have just received as handsome and complete a stock of furs as there is in the country. Caps, tapes, coats, robes, hats, and all the luxuries of dress which are so soon to become necessities. They have a stock of over \$10,000 worth of furs and, of course, there is a better stock to choose from now than there will be later. Opposite the Combination.

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FRONT STREET DAWSON

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Mixed Drinks a Specialty  
HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

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BARKER, WILSON & PETERSON  
Proprietors  
DAWSON  
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**ATTEMPT TO DEER**

New York Specula Millions Out of

The Treasury Department details of a gigantic interest in the D. WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. Spectacular bids under the plan to government bonds by Solicitor O'Connell, ment, and today he urged the mass of test tions. Several thousand named. The facts of tomatic scheme operate secure a large amount. The investigation was plaintiffs alleging wrong many bidders. Secretary called the investigation well today, after submitting conference for two hours the developments.

The report indicates in bonds were acquired that a number of New York from New York are shown by individuals forest in them, and signed names at the request of compensation by other signatures that were to sign, and the system report goes on to show were employed who were the last name name, and giving the to the agent or direct control of a large amount. The report and the from publication at the reasons, but Solicitor O' There is a large amount made, and that the followed by the secretary a refusal to issue the b to have been illegal. Secretary Gage said to gations showed that a l offered were not bona f the cases involved in bon is been issued to had no doubt, however as yet undiscovered the star way unknowingly been issued.

MINERS

They Attack and Seiz

St. LOUIS, Sept. 1.—A patch from Fair, Ill., s Six hundred striking seiz David J. Overhol officials of the Springs them in the direction of pose was to demand the union he goes working. Rev. Millard, a minis miners to release the knocked on the head l The miners were over cis of the Miners' U Overholts gave the con for a committee of the Coburn refused and p release of the Overhol tional vice-president of note saying the Overhol ing. The Overholts we this evening. The strikers are said times to hang the Over ed by their leaders from All saloons were close have Wells.

A conference was held retary Ryan, Vice-Pres Miners' Union, and Day ller of the State Labor emagred with Lewis O meet the committee t solemnly the concern's b ment.

Dr. Millard, the minis behalf of the Overholts, will recover.

NATIONAL GUAR GALESBURG, Ill., Sept Illinois' National Guar light to leave at once f with five Gatling gun Lieut. Frank Henry, w special train. Troubl coal miners and depu cause of the efforts of th 1000 colored miners.

Cable Serv New York, Sept. 1.—I in the plans of America new possessions of the eife with San Francisco Japan and Australia. meeting of the directo Co., in the office of J. P. Plans already have b cable, starting at San of Honolulu, Malan i group, from which a sp the main line contini across, and then tra running to Manila and or Tokyo.

It was decided, howe