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MR. OGILVIE'S OPPORTUNITY.

The new Yukon Commissioner, Mr. William Ogilvie, comes to Dawson just at a time when administrative capacity is at a premium. A little quiet observation will show him we have much to complain of and a great deal of it is unnecessary. It is naturally to be expected he will be a most busy man for months to come, yet it is but just that he should be advised by some one that his coming has long been anxiously looked for that we might be quickly relieved from certain very unnecessary impositions. Our business men are assured that the expenditure of a few hundreds of dollars in pigeon holes would so modify the postoffice evil as to do away with much irritation on that score. Outside of the royalty and reservation of alternate blocks of 10 claims for the government there is an evil which has grown and grown until the people are exasperated thereby; and that is the inaccessibility of the commissioner's office to the bulk of the crowds of people who have business there. This is something Mr. Ogilvie will see for himself and his good judgment will suggest ways of improving the service. But probably the one thing which more than ought else has led to withering suspicion and distrust, is the secrecy maintained over the public records which are not public. Mr. Ogilvie will find, without much inquiry, that information impossible for the general public to obtain is furnished regularly to a favored few from the gold commissioner's office.

Mr. Ogilvie has spent many years in this territory and has been thrown much in contact with the all enduring miner and prospector. Those who know the gentleman well are authority for the statement that the Yukon commissioner's sympathies are thoroughly in accord with the men whom we all acknowledge to be the very backbone of the country.

The occasion will not come again in the history of the country when a head executive has such an opportunity for the display of executive talents and statesmanship as right here and now, and we all expect great things of the new commissioner.

INCORPORATION THE ISSUE.

The arguments for the incorporation of the town of Dawson into a city, with full control of its own affairs, are beyond controversy. So self-evident is the necessity for this incorporation that the murmuring of the recalcitrant few is liable to call down upon their heads an insupportable weight of public censure. Not that they deserve it for so hopeless is their minority that it cannot have much weight with Mr. Ogilvie or anyone else with sufficient perspicuity to detect the underlying motives. It is to be expected that men with large tracts of unsold lots would rather stay out of a municipality which would tax every lot they had. It is seldom a man's public spiritedness gets far enough ahead of his pocket that the owner only of unimproved lots will voluntarily take upon himself a tax for

the public good. The selfishness of the opposition which would let us go as we are now—an overgrown mining camp, without a voice in its own affairs, without protection from fire or an epidemic of disease and with only such privileges as are kindly granted us from a distant government—the selfishness of the opposition is the death-knell of its influence. And furthermore it is decidedly questionable if we can continue to escape taxation even by remaining unincorporated. Streets have to and will be graded and we shall have to pay for it whether we like it or not. And so on with the other impending reform measures. Taxation cannot be avoided and the only wise course for good citizens to pursue is to go in with enthusiasm for incorporation of the town of Dawson, a measure which commends itself to all thinking minds and to all of our broadest and most public spirited citizens.

PUSH FORWARD THE ORGANIZATION.

The miners' association is now an organized body. It has a constitution and by-laws and has elected energetic and competent gentlemen to act as officers during the coming year. Better than this it is enrolling new members every day and already the funds in the treasury are approaching the one thousand dollar mark. From added members the association is gathering added impetus and it may well be supposed that during the next three months the membership will be increased many fold.

The objects of the association need only be brought before the mine owners and prospectors to secure their hearty sympathy and in most cases active cooperation. The men who are doing the real bona fide work of developing this district, have come now to a realization of the fact that they must themselves look after and protect their own interests. Just so long as the individual miner must confront and contend against organized rascality just so long will he meet with discouragement and defeat. But when the entire mining population shall stand as a unit in a demand for fair play then and not till then may we expect the wrongs that have caused so much dissatisfaction to be righted.

The intending member of the association should realize also that other benefits will accrue to him through the organization. He can make the building to be erected his headquarters while in town. The secretary will be there to give him any information he may desire and he will have a place in which he and his fellow members can meet and transact their business.

It is not without the possibilities of the organization that it may in time become an adjudicator of disputes between its members and thus protect them from the risks and expenses of extended litigation.

In short, the miners' association has been the crying need of the hour. It is now fully organized and pushing forward its work. Every man in the district who has a miners' certificate should become a member. He needs the association and the association needs him.

NEW CONDITIONS.

The advent of the steamboat upon the upper Yukon and Lewis rivers has almost revolutionized the method of getting from the outside to Dawson. The small boat managed by oars and sweep is now a thing of the past. We doubt if the world ever has seen or ever again will see such a sight as was presented this spring when 10,000 small boats loaded with men and outfits swept down the Yukon enroute to the gold fields.

From now on the prospector headed for Dawson will ride to the summit in a passenger coach; take the steamer at Bennett and come down the rivers in luxury and comfort. If he is wise he will not burden himself with a large outfit but will bring his money to Dawson and buy right on the spot. There will never again be fear of starvation in this country. Provisions are here in abundance for the coming winter and undoubtedly will be in years to come. The passing of the small boat has taken a large share of romance away from the

trip into the Yukon valley. The White Horse rapids have lost their terror, for instead of running through in a boat of his own construction the future Chee Chaco will simply walk around from the head of the canyon and take the lower river steamer waiting for him below the rapids. The old timer will witness many of these changes with a feeling akin to regret for the memory of days gone by. Nevertheless he will gladly avail himself of the increased conveniences afforded by the new conditions.

NOT AN "ALIEN."

The miners' association, with a paid up membership of something less than a hundred, and a promise of no many more, has now been fairly started on its journey for good or for ill. The officers chosen by the members themselves are good men well known to the most of the people here, while the constitution and by-laws—also originating with the members—proclaims the association to be in the hands of thoughtful and careful men actuated solely by unselfish and disinterested motives. No one has apparently had a selfish thought throughout the inception of the movement. Mr. Dunleavy's work in connection with the organizing of the members has not earned a dollar for himself nor cost the association one penny piece. Weeks of arduous work have been performed by the various committees and sub-committees without the slightest ulterior motive or hope of reward. Their interest has been simply that of individual miners who saw their own and their brother miners' rights being contemptuously ignored where they ought to be respected.

The movement from its beginning has been largely in the hands of the colonial British, Australians, South Africans and Canadians, the Americans feeling somewhat backward by reason of their being something in the nature of ghosts of a foreign power. This being so, it is but natural that the personnel of the official board and active committees of the association should be composed largely of "Britishers." Out of a total of twelve officers and committeemen but four are Americans. The membership also is somewhat on the same lines. The gentlemen who conducted the preliminary meetings were all British subjects. Attention is called to these points in order to disabuse the minds of some people of the impression that the movement was an alien one—that disgruntled Americans were at the bottom of it. That Britons should lead for human equality, and right, and justice for all, is not such a hard thing to believe. The interested, timeserving traducers of the association have not a peg to hang their arguments upon when the British complexion of the whole movement is made so plain. Its constitutionality is beyond a doubt, and as a body, every member of which is a certified free miner, it is entitled to the utmost consideration at the hands of the law making government.

Churchill expects the Sovereign every day.

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FOR FIRST CLASS MEALS
Reasonable Prices. Try It

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IN CHARGE OF THE SISTERS OF ST. ANNE.

Tickets, good for one year and covering all expense in time of sickness, \$50.
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FATHER JUDGE, SUPT.

Rear of Townsite Company's Office

Bennett Lake & Klondike Nav. Co.

Strs. Ora, Flora Nora

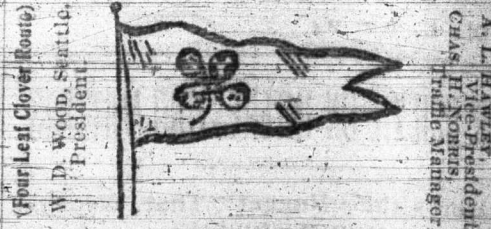
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Water Front, west of A. C. Store.

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European and American Plan

FINE CUISINE

ELEGANTLY FURNISHED ROOMS

EVERY MODERN IMPROVEMENT

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BEST GRADES OF

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Mixed Drinks a Specialty

IF YOU WANT THE BEST, OF COURSE YOU DO!

CHOICE LIQUORS, WINES, MIXED DRINKS,

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Finest Brands of

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DAWSON

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Each room furnished with the spring beds and modern comforts

EUROPEAN PLAN—FINE RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION

FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS

THE NORTHERN

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Choicest Wines, Liquors and Cigars

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QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST

Mixed Drinks a Specialty

HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

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BARRE, WILSON & PETERSON, Proprietors

DAWSON

Headquarters for Best of

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

Mixed Drinks a Specialty

A LARGE INCORPORATION

Citizens Gather Ways

An Offer of \$20,000. Department Can't The Engines Paid

The committee of the meeting of the citizens to take steps for the incorporation of Dawson, reported on a similar meeting. The standing room before the meeting was filled.

Mr. J. A. Chute occupied the meeting to order of the meeting and gave the meeting a preliminary plan and the commissioner's report and were commended.

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