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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1900

NO ROOM FOR ERRORS.

For three years and more there has been a demand made upon the federal government for reform in matters pertaining to Yukon legislation. That demand has been raised not only in Dawson and other portions of the territory, but has at various times been taken up and advanced most vigorously by the press throughout the length and breadth of Canada. Newspapers, regardless of party affiliation, have called upon the interior department for an investigation into Yukon affairs. They have taken up the cry for reforms and urged upon the government the necessity of granting to this territory some measure of justice in the shape of mining regulations under which it will be possible for the resources of the country to be developed.

The cause has also been advanced by the boards of trade and other commercial bodies of the Dominion, particularly those of the western cities, all of which have united in memorials to the government in support of documents adopted by public mass meetings held in Dawson.

The Yukon question has been before parliament on several occasions. It has been made the subject of vigorous debate and has found able champions in the house who have realized full well that a continuation of the policy originally outlined by Mr. Sifton meant stagnation to all business in the territory and its ultimate and inevitable depopulation.

Discussion of the affairs of the Yukon has not been confined to Canada alone. The wrongs which the territory has suffered under Minister Sifton's direction have been heard across the water, with the result that powerful English newspapers, including the Times of London, have entered most vigorous objections to the policy of government, or rather misgovernment from which we have suffered.

As a result of all the combined forces which have been brought to bear evidences of a change in the attitude of the government toward the Yukon have been made apparent. A realization has come home to the interior department that something must be done to stay the clamor that has been raised so strongly for reforms. With this in view, the right of selecting two members to sit on the Yukon council has been granted to the voters of the territory.

It remains with the latter to determine who shall represent them in this first election. Clearly there should be no difference of opinion as to the general qualifications of the men who are to be distinguished as having first received office at the hands of the electors of the Yukon territory. The position which the people of the Yukon have occupied during three years past with reference to the laws under which we have been governed must be sustained and justified at this election. There can be no way of demonstrating our position more clearly or more convincingly than by the election of two men whose sympathy for the cause of reform legislation is undoubted, and in whom the people may see that their

wishes as the sovereign powers of the country are represented and represented properly.

The issues at stake are too important and the consequences hanging upon this election too far reaching to admit of any error being made. The best men of the community will be at the disposal of the voters and it but remains for the latter to exercise their prerogative with wisdom and discretion.

Reports published elsewhere in this paper from the various polling places selected by the citizens' committee indicate that general interest is being manifested by the miners on the various creeks in the coming convention. As far as reported full lists of delegates have been selected and undoubtedly the same thing will prove true of the outlying districts which have not as yet been heard from. The fact that such general interest is being manifested is a very favorable indication. It is the miners of the territory who are most interested, and apparently they are fully alive to the importance of the occasion.

An anarchist plan to kill William Jennings Bryan has been unearthed. It would be bad enough for a man to be killed after he becomes president, but to be made the victim of an anarchist without even having worn the robes of office would be the veriest kind of a mean trick.

The members of the Yukon council are looking wise and saying nothing, when asked their preference as to candidates for the two seats soon to be filled by popular vote. Evidences of their fine work may be anticipated a little later on in the game.

Martin Makes Charges.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 22.—Some boisterous scenes were enacted on the floor of the legislature this evening, due, in part, doubtless to the fact that one of the ministers had held a dinner party and some of the members showed the effects. The first storm broke through the revival of the question of the pledges and the platforms which the supporters of Mr. Charles Wilson and the Conservative party had given before election. Capt. Tatlow, Mayor Garden and McBride, minister of mines, came in for particular criticism, the members of the administration showing great impatience whenever the name of Charles Wilson was mentioned. Finally the speaker ruled that these matters must not be referred to in the house.

The storm broke, however, a little later, when the speaker was about to declare a government measure carried. After the opposition had called for the registration of names, the speaker said he had not heard the names called for, although three opposition members rose and said they had done so.

Fired by the interruption of government supporters, Mr. Martin launched out in charges to the effect that the opposition was not being treated fairly in the house, and that, if the speaker was not going to accord the opposition fair play, he would take means to make him do so. This challenge was at once accepted by the government, who professed to be much shocked at the grave discourtesy which had been shown the speaker.

Lord calls for retraction were heard, but Martin absolutely declined to make it. Prentice, the provincial secretary, attempted to interrupt Martin, who turned on him savagely and told him to sit down and not always be making a nuisance of himself, adding that he (Prentice) did not know very much, but he ought to have sufficient brains for that. The house did not rise till midnight.

In the Asylum.

Guard—There's the saddest and most violent case we have here. Listen to him rave.
Patient—Dyea, Juneau—no, I don't. Ha! ha! Chilkoot pass—nit. St. Michael—not yet. Mackenzie river—oh, no!
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CURRENT COMMENT

Wants His Mail.

Editor Daily Nugget:
I do not wish to make suggestions as to the manner in which the Dawson postoffice should be conducted, but it does seem that from Saturday until Tuesday is a long time to be compelled to wait for mail. In most countries postoffices are open for general delivery an hour on Sunday, and one hour in the forenoon and one hour in the afternoon on legal holidays. If such customs are practiced elsewhere, why should they not be practiced here? To have to wait three days after mail arrives, fully as long as it now takes the same mail to come from Skagway to this place, is rather a severe test on the patience and temper of a patron, especially when, as I have done, that patron lives 20 miles away from town and makes a special journey to town for the sole purpose of getting expected and important mail. Such practices are not customary on the outside and work hardships here; especially as not one in every ten outside of official circles, had remembered that this is Labor day, consequently a holiday.

MINER.

Not Coming Back.

A late Winnipeg Free Press says that Dr. R. M. Simpson has returned there from a business trip to Chicago and that he intends to resume practice in the prairie capital, having settled all his affairs in the Klondike. This is not in keeping with the announcement made by the doctor when he was going out, but then when a man leaves a place in such a hurry and so quietly as the doctor, left Dawson he has little time and less inclination for full explanations. It may be that when Dr. Simpson said he was coming back he meant it but that when he got safely outside and was still unable to get a comfortable lead on pursuing shadows he decided to keep right on going. If the exhibition which he made of himself when on the witness stand in connection with certain charges of official corruption should ever appear to him as it did to disinterested people who saw it he might be reasonably expected to increase the distance between himself and the original location of the scene, while if he should ever get a good sniff of the odor which with this and other little pieces of questionable business he created for himself he would, if he had any decency of taste, try to get away from his own presence.—Whitehorse Tribune.

Tribby's Letters Torn.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed in letters received from the Klondike in regard to the condition in which mail arrives at Dawson. Postmaster Stewart yesterday received a communication from "Tribby" Collins, well known as a former newsboy of Seattle, asking his aid in bringing about a better condition of affairs. He states that letters often arrive there with the edges of the envelopes so worn that the contents are very apt to be lost. The addresses are said to be often so illegible that the letters cannot be delivered to the parties to whom they are addressed, and the interior of the letter is also frequently so defaced as to render it illegible.

Collins attributes the condition of the arriving mail to the number of times it must be handled in transmission from Seattle.

Mr. Stewart yesterday said that the mail when it leaves this office is carefully tied in bundles and every precaution taken to insure its safe delivery. The first handling it receives is at Skagway, and as the postal officials are usually very scrupulous, it is to be presumed that it receives the same careful attention accorded in the Seattle office.

Mr. Stewart's explanation was that the damage might possibly result from careless handling on the British side of the boundary, which it is necessary for Dawson mail to cross before reaching its destination. For some time, he says, it has been the custom of the Canadian postal officials to disinfect all incoming mail matter, and it is presumed that after the fumigation the letters are not again properly tied in bundles and placed in the sacks.

Mr. Collins' letter also protests against mail being sent to Dawson by the all-water route, up the Yukon river. Klondike residents are usually very anxious for home mail, and the Yukon route takes at least 28 days from Seattle, while by way of Skagway mail can be delivered in Dawson in from eight to twelve days.—P. I., Aug. 25.

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