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**THE TIDE TURNING.**

The tide of affairs in South Africa has at length turned in earnest. Ladysmith, if not already relieved, is in all probability only a very short time away from receiving Buller's victorious troops. That general had the utmost difficulties to contend against. He has been compelled to drive the Boers from one entrenchment back to another, each one being fiercely defended. When he finally enters Ladysmith he will, it appears to us, have achieved a triumph even greater than the surrender of Cronje.

In the event that the reported Cronje surrender is correct, an immediate advance of the British into the Transvaal proper will probably ensue.

Bloemfontein, the point toward which Cronje was making, is in the Orange Free State on the line of the railroad running up to Johannesburg and Pretoria. The country is more open than that in which the British have thus far been operating and hence will be better adapted for the maneuvers of large bodies of troops. There are a number of rivers to be crossed in this advance, including the Vaal and several of its tributaries, and so long as the Boers have fighting men left just so long may a fierce resistance to the progress of the British be expected. The Boers are now concentrating their entire available strength to oppose the advance of Roberts and Kitchener and the final battle may be fought before the borders of the Transvaal are reached. Should the Boers be defeated in a decisive engagement the road should practically be open for the British to proceed to Johannesburg and thence on to Pretoria.

**REPRESENTATION NEEDED.**

The effort which is being made by the Canadian citizens of the territory to secure representation in our local legislative body will be, we believe, if successful, a starting point from which great benefits will accrue to Dawson and the territory at large. We coincide with the opinion expressed that changes in the mining regulations which are so much desired and which would, we believe, instill new life into the territory, must come from Ottawa. But for that very reason, if for no other, we should have local representation on the Yukon council.

If the council, as at present constituted, had absolute jurisdiction over the regulations and could frame new ones or alter old ones at will, we believe, from private opinions expressed by various members of that body, that substantial and effective modifications in the laws would be made. But inasmuch as the council can act only in an advisory capacity and has no authority in the matter of the mining laws, its opinions ought to carry more weight at Ottawa if a portion of its members were

elected by the suffrages of the men whom the laws directly affect.

We are of the opinion that if the ground now held reserved and hence unproductive, should be thrown open to location before spring, and inducement thus offered to the prospector who is the mainstay of a mining country, to prosecute his business, our population instead of decreasing would immediately begin to increase and would continue to do so for years to come. The gold which is lying on bedrock beneath all this reserved ground will never be of service to anyone until it is taken out.

There are plenty of men here ready and willing to take it out and pay a fair price for the privilege. But they want and are entitled to a chance to secure some commensurate return for the risks and effort involved. The country wants population, but it wants that population employed and prosperous. All this can and will be brought about at no distant date, we believe. The election of two members from the territory to serve on the Yukon council will hasten the arrival of the day when our desires will reach fruition.

The rates charged by the telephone company now doing business here are practically prohibitive. For a brief message to Dominion creek and reply the company charges seven dollars, two dollars of which are paid for messenger fees. The company has emulated the Dominion government in placing its tariffs just as high as possible. The inadequacy of the system to meet the requirement of the situation is apparent to the most disinterested observer. If the company now asking a charter from the council can give absolute assurance of a system such as all are agreed we need and will place its rates at figures which will enable the public generally to patronize them we believe the public weal will be served in granting them a charter.

The question of taking some action to prevent the indiscriminate slaughter of moose and caribou ought to be considered by the Yukon council at an early date. Unless the practice is in some manner regulated big game of the Yukon country will in all probability follow the buffalo of the plains and disappear entirely. The Indians are dependent to a greater or less extent for their food supply upon the big game of the country and their rights are certainly entitled to some consideration. If a game law covering the case is in effect here it should be enforced.

The first day of March and the thermometer down again flirting with the forty mark. But nevertheless, the crispness of the air and the brightness of the sunlight make life a joy. We can imagine nothing more exhilarating than a genuine clear spring day in the Klondike.

**Gold Commissioner's Court.**

The trial of the case of the Crown vs. Judge Davis, which involves a dispute respecting the boundaries of the St George claim on Monte Cristo Hill, was not concluded yesterday. Additional evidence will be taken at 1 o'clock p. m. on next Saturday.

The action of Servini vs. Irvine is on trial today. This suit affects the boundary lines of the bench claim, left limit, opposite No. 10, Last Chance.

The trial of the cause of R. M. Crawford and C. F. Treat vs. James E. Fairbairn is fixed for tomorrow. The plaintiffs are suing for a judgment compelling the defendant to transfer to

them the title to claims Nos. 53 and 54 Eldorado. The complaint alleges that the properties were transferred by plaintiffs to defendant, without consideration, and for the sole purpose of enabling the latter to dispose of the claims to capitalists on the outside; that the defendant was unable to sell the ground, but that nevertheless he refuses to recover it to the plaintiff.

**Athletic Exhibition.**

A good athletic exhibition will be given at Ford's gymnasium this evening. There will be three sparring matches and a wrestling bout. St Clair and the younger of the Age brothers are on the program for a four round go. Another four round contest will occur between Phil Smith and Billy Perkins, the Australian. Jack Merritt and Billy Moss will wrestle a 15 minute bout. The event of the evening will be the ten round go between Bert Ford and Roy Agee, colored. Tickets are \$1 and \$1.50.

**February Weather Report.**

The following is the official report of the weather for the month of February, 1900, as ascertained from the government office.

FEBRUARY	Minimum Temp.		FEBRUARY	Minimum Temp.	
	Above	Below		Above	Below
1st.....		4.0	15th.....		41.0
2d.....	2.0		16th.....		43.0
3d.....	4.0		17th.....		45.0
4th.....	5.0		18th.....		38.0
5th.....	3.5		19th.....		41.0
6th.....		17.0	20th.....		45.0
7th.....		3.0	21st.....		44.5
8th.....		4.5	22d.....		42.5
9th.....		2.5	23d.....		20.0
10th.....		14.5	24th.....		2.0
11th.....		26.0	25th.....		3.0
12th.....		25.0	26th.....		6.0
13th.....		28.0	27th.....		23.0
14th.....		33.0	28th.....		33.0

**Lord Chamberlain Talks.**

In a recent address before the house of commons, Lord Chamberlain, among other things is quoted thus:

"It would be premature to talk of terms of settlement. But," he asserted, "there will be no second Majuba. Never again shall the Boers erect in the heart of South Africa a citadel whence shall proceed disaffection and race animosity. Never again shall they be able to endanger the permanency of Great Britain. Never again shall they be able to treat an Englishman as though he belonged to an inferior race."

Mr. Chamberlain asked the opposition whether it believed in the proposition that the war was necessary, and said that the opposition proposed to vote for the war as "unjust and unnecessary," and then vote for its vigorous prosecution. The war, the secretary claimed, could not be avoided, except by the absolute surrender on the part of Great Britain of all to which she attached importance. Believing the war inevitable, how could the opposition vote for an amendment that said that the war was avoidable. A policy of that sort was said to unite the party, but in the eyes of Europe it threw doubt upon the union of the United Kingdom.

"We have suffered checks," said Mr. Chamberlain, "and have made mistakes. I am not anxious to dispute as to the blame. Let the government bear the brunt, until the time comes, when, under happier auspices, we can see how far the blame is to be apportioned between the system and those administering it. In the meantime blame us. What is now urgent is to redress those checks and to repair mistakes. You say that we have sent too few troops, but we are pouring them into South Africa. In a few weeks we will have 300,000 men there. We will have as many mounted men as there are mounted Boers. Our colonies are multiplying their offers. Every offer is gratefully accepted and Lord Roberts has selected from among the colonists his guard of honor.

"Meanwhile, the spirit of the nation

is unbroken. There is no sacrifice which we are unwilling to ask of the colonies, if we think it necessary to ask it. I must go further than this, and admit that this war, under new conditions, in a new country, with new arms, against new people, whose tenacity and courage are as admirable as the courage and tenacity of our own soldiers, has required a larger scheme than any government has yet been called upon to meet."

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