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THE M'COOK INCIDENT.

The McCook incident, so far as the Nugget is concerned, may be considered closed, unless it becomes necessary again to direct public attention to the fact that the United States government is not properly represented in Dawson. If Consul McCook listens to the advice of those who really are his friends he will retire from the scene of his recent humiliation before the facts in the case are presented at Washington. The Nugget, as stated previously, has no interest in the matter other than to subserve the public welfare in the best possible manner. Its duty in the premises has been performed to the best of its ability, and with that it rests content.

It may be well in passing to note what are the rights of a newspaper in such cases and how jealously the law protects it in the exercise of those rights. The articles which appeared in the Nugget, although the truth of each allegation was specifically proven, were, in themselves, essentially libelous, for they held the consul up to the ridicule and contempt of the public. This did not necessarily constitute an infringement of the law provided that the publication of the articles in question was done in the interest of the public good. That the jury, as well as the public at large, took this view of the matter is evidenced by the verdict and the expressions of popular approval thereon. It would be a sorry day for the liberties of the people when the right of the press to expose such flagrant errors on the part of public men should be denied. The influence of the press in securing and maintaining popular rights has been so long recognized that in consequence a wide latitude for comment is allowed, especially where the acts of lawmakers and others holding positions of public trust are concerned.

The very fact that so wide a latitude of criticism is allowed makes it obligatory upon a newspaper to exercise the largest degree of judgment and discretion in its criticisms. To withhold criticism where it is called for is cowardly. To abuse the privilege granted by the law is extremely reprehensible. The happy mean which enables a newspaper to avoid both mistakes is the end to be sought.

RESERVED GROUND.

A hint has been dropped by Mr. Sifton, the minister of the interior, that the valuable fractions held in reserve by the government will ultimately be placed on sale at public auction. Such an action as this would be entirely in harmony with the government's general attitude toward the Yukon.

Mr. Sifton does not take into consideration the fact that the ground held by the crown would not today have one cent of value had not that value been given to it through the efforts of the brave and hardy men who have freely expended their efforts in developing this country.

Imagine a townsite, for instance, where the government reserved each alternate lot. When lots held by locators and investors had been improved and the value of the adjacent unimproved land thus greatly enhanced it would, under the idea with which Mr. Sifton is credited, then become the government's duty to dispose of the property and reap the reward which justly should belong to private enterprise. We think that such a transaction would meet with condemnation from every newspaper in Canada without respect to politics.

But a situation exactly similar exists in the Yukon. Whatever value the reserved ground possesses that value has been given to it by the miners themselves. For the government to take to itself this "unearned increment" is a trick which we can scarcely credit will be done. Those fractions and the alternate reserved claims as well should be thrown open for location to the public.

WHY THESE FALSEHOODS?

A clipping from a Los Angeles' paper has come to our notice containing an article over the signature of a woman who resides in Dawson and pretends to talk with intelligence concerning the conditions which have prevailed in this city during the winter just past. The article is filled with false and slanderous statements and gives its author a place for all time among those who have made it a practice to misrepresent the Klondike ever since the original discovery of gold.

Among other wild and exaggerated statements which the article contains is one to the effect that during the winter some 12,000 men, almost entirely Americans, have been hanging

around Dawson in a destitute condition, living from hand to mouth and not hesitating to rob and steal whatever came within reach of their hands. She speaks of these men as being the scum and raffia of the coast and concludes her story with the statement that nearly all of the tremendous amount of crime which she describes has been perpetrated at the hands of Americans.

To anyone who spent the winter in Dawson such statements, malicious and false as they are, carry no weight whatever. The police records will show that considering the number and character of our population the proportion of crime has been exceedingly small. The Nugget has always maintained that there never was a community of men with more respect for the law and with a greater desire to obey it than is found within the limits of the Yukon territory. Added to this natural inclination on the part of our citizens is the vigilance and efficiency of the mounted police and the two combined have given Dawson a world-wide reputation as a peaceable and law-abiding camp.

Under these circumstances which must be patent to the least observant we fail to see how anyone can send out such false and slanderous statements as those contained in the article referred to. The outside world takes its ideas of the Yukon country largely from what it sees in print from Dawson correspondents. What is to be gained by such malicious representations is difficult to understand. We denounce such articles as unqualifiably false and unworthy of any person calling himself or herself a reputable journalist.

The possibilities of the Yukon from an agricultural standpoint will be quite fully demonstrated this season. Vegetable gardens are to be seen with pleasing frequency and what has already been done is only an indication of greater things to follow. At Fort Selkirk large areas have been laid out in garden-tracks and an abundant yield is assured. The length of our summer days hastens the growth and maturity of vegetable life to such an extent that the season may almost be said to be doubled.

At the foot of Lake Lebarge large quantities of hay were cut during the month of April in order to supply several bands of horses, which were en route to Dawson.

A number of horses used on the tramway at White Horse Rapids were turned loose at the close of the season last fall and allowed to roam at their will. The present spring finds them in first class condition for work.

Undoubtedly the Yukon promises excellent advantages, both from an agricultural and grazing standpoint. Coming years will see those industries greatly developed.

WE PRESENT on the first page of this issue a cartoon which will appeal very strongly to the minds of all whose business takes them up and down the creeks adjacent to Dawson. The cartoon itself tells the whole story and requires nothing in the way of comment. It is scarcely to be supposed that gentlemen who occupy handsome suites of government offices at Ottawa, and whose most severe exertion consists in walking from one department building to another over smooth cement pavements can appreciate the full significance of the cartoon. So long as the royalty comes in they are quite willing that no questions should be asked. The Klondike is looked upon as a storehouse of wealth the treasures of which must be sent to the federal capital to pay bills which ought never to have been incurred.

Dawson's water front episode bids fair to go down in point of historical importance along with Confederation days and the Riel rebellion. It has been on the tongue of every man who ever came to the Yukon country. It has furnished material for lengthy leaders from every newspaper in Canada. It has forced its way into parliament and been made the subject of eloquent appeals and equally eloquent protests. How many gray hairs it has placed in the head of the Yukon Commissioner will probably never be known, and still the end is not yet. Verily how great a matter a little fire doth kindle.

SOME of the energy which the Yukon council displayed in impounding dogs last winter, at a time when a dog never goes mad, might be displayed to good advantage now while the streets are filled with idle dogs. The approaching hot weather is almost certain to develop the savage streak in some of these animals, and serious consequences may ensue. We desire to point out to the council, however, that any regulations with regard to dogs which they may enforce should be directed toward abating and preventing a nuisance, rather than toward working a hardship upon the owners of the faithful animals, which are such an important consideration in this country.

THE sight of a cow contentedly perambulating the streets of Dawson is undoubtedly a treat for sore eyes. We thought that our growing city possessed all the latest modern improvements when the telephone and electric light wires were strung. But the presence of the gentle bovine certainly leaves us with but little to ask for among the things that contribute to human happiness.

IT WILL be news to a great many people outside that rain is just as essential in the harvesting of the Klondike's crop of placer gold, as it is to the grain grower of Washington or California. The recent showers have facilitated the wash-up in many places where work had to be postponed on account of the lack of sufficient water.

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Capt. Storey.— only five jurors." Mar.—"Never y six. It's none of Mar.—"Now, C sin?"

Storey.—"What Mar.—"The on Storey.—"I don you took it from t it was freight in t Mar.—"Never r know is, who own Storey.—"Look this case anyhow defendant, or a w by what right yo or anyone else has anything out with taken."

Mar.—"I knew y kicking; you're a way." Storey.—"That's paid for that." Mar.—"When we and that's all ther Storey.—"I know my kick comes in." Mar.—"Well, shu this robe belongs t Storey.—"I don't ing about." Mar. (getting h you."

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