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WHY WONT THEY?

A condition confronts the Yukon territory of which the government may well take cognizance. Men are leaving Dawson by hundreds for the lower country. Every steamer that has thus far gone has been loaded to its fullest capacity, and others which are shortly to sail will be similarly crowded. It cannot be said that the population is being attracted away from the Yukon territory by reason of any well-founded belief that richer or more extensive diggings have been discovered on the other side of the line. On the contrary, it is the universal opinion both among men who have left and those who remain that in respect to the richness of its deposits of placer gold the Yukon territory is surpassed by very few, if by any, mining camps in the world.

The explanation for the present situation must be sought in the laws which so hedge the individual about and cramp his efforts that but little encouragement is left him to attempt anything either in the way of establishing the existence of new deposits of gold or in developing the districts already known to be gold bearing.

If the local representatives of the government have in the past felt any doubt as to the effect upon the country of the present vicious and wholly unsatisfactory system of regulations such doubt should be entirely eradicated from their minds by the object lessons which the departure of every steamer for the lower country is furnishing.

We are unable to understand how the Yukon Council can sit idly by and watch the richest portion of Canada's possessions become rapidly depopulated and not even raise a voice in protest. The Ottawa authorities must certainly look to the local council for some suggestions as to matters of policy toward the Yukon, and if ever there was a time when such suggestions are required that time is right now. The councilmen, notwithstanding the fact that they are appointees of the Minister of the Interior, might for once act in accordance with their own knowledge and convictions and send down to Ottawa a clear statement of fact with reference to present conditions in this territory and the causes which have brought them about.

If they are not absolutely bereft of reason, they should be able to see what is patent to every one else in the country, viz.: the laws are slowly but surely sapping the life blood from this territory.

The council should impress this fact upon the Ottawa authorities in a manner so certain that no mistake could longer be possible.

The gold belt adjacent to the Yukon river is undoubtedly the most extensive in the world. The

precious metal is known now to be present in greater or less quantities along its entire length. With the influx of people now pouring into the lower country the possibilities for development during the next five years are wonderful. With the handicap of restrictive legislation renewed the Canadian portion of the Yukon v. lley would already contain a population of not less than 100,000 people.

Notwithstanding the continuance of general financial prosperity throughout the states, an occasional heavy failure is announced, which serves to indicate that stock markets are uncertain matters, even in a time when, generally speaking, every one has money to invest. The latest big firm to go upon the financial rocks is that of Price, McCormack & Co. of New York, who failed on May 25th with liabilities amounting to \$13,000,000. The firm has assigned and is endeavoring to straighten out its difficulties with its creditors.

The town is still pretty well filled with stray dogs, whose masters leave them to eke out a miserable existence during the months when they cannot be worked. A few mangy animals have communicated the disease to others, and the streets are overrun with the brutes. A man who will turn a dog which has worked for him all winter long out to starve when summer comes again is possessed of meanness which beggars description.

Africa will attract an immense amount of capital for investment as soon as it is definitely known that the war has ceased and law and order thoroughly established again in the country, which has been the scene of such hard and prolonged fighting. However, it appears that the end is not yet, although Kruger is reported as a fugitive in no less than a dozen different places.

Canadian Notes.

Ottawa, May 16.—News reached here today of the murder of Thomas McCabe by an Indian named Waber, some 200 miles back of Buckingham. The victim was buying furs from the Indians and refused to trade with Waber until the latter was sober. This so enraged Waber that he later on returned and killed McCabe with an axe.

The banking and commerce committee this morning reported a bill incorporating the Canadian Bankers' Association, the object of which is to promote generally the interests and proficiency of banks and bank officials, and the training of those seeking employment in the same. The bill also gives the association power to make rules and regulations for operating clearing houses.

Deputy Minister of Finance Courtenay has received \$895.89 in small amounts from different parts of Canada and the United States for the Indian famine fund.

Quebec, May 16.—A rumor is current here that the attorney general of Quebec has refused the application of counsel in the Weir case for a new trial. Weir was president of the defunct Ville Marie bank, and is serving a sentence of three years in the common jail for having issued false statements to the government. Counsel sought to have a new trial on technical grounds.

Montreal, May 16.—In the customs case, Queen vs. Fitzgibbon, Schafheitlin & Co., drygoods merchants, of this city, charged with having defrauded the government of \$169,000 in customs dues, defendants this morning were fined \$8000 and ordered to refund the government, according to arrangement, \$10,000.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum of the United States and Canada opened in St. Lawrence hall at 2 this afternoon. The business today was devoted largely to the reading of the reports of the officers, etc.

Ailsa Craig, Ont., May 16.—The coroner's jury in the case of Christian Ann Charlton, who died here a few days ago, have brought in the following verdict: "From the evidence we agree that the said Christian Ann Charl-

ton came to her death because of improper medical treatment at the hands of the so-called Dr. Victor R. Hall." Hall has been remanded for trial for one week.

Toronto, May 16.—Dr Sheppard and Peter Bver, charged with manslaughter for causing the death, it was alleged, of a patient under their care, by placing a cancer plaster on the chest which caused death by the plaster eating through the chest and lungs, have been exonerated by the grand jury.

Story by Senator Vest.

A very remarkable story was told by Senator Vest of Missouri to the Washington Post a day or two ago.

The most pathetic scene I ever witnessed in my life," said he, "was the outcome of a very singular and curious condition of affairs. Up in British North America there was a tribe of Indians under the control of native sorcerers and practicing all manner of savage rites. Among other things, these Indians were cannibals. A Scotchman named Duncan went among them, and at the risk of his own life civilized them. He taught them every dogma of our religion except the Lord's Supper. His great work had been to win them from cannibalism, to teach them that capturing and then roasting and devouring human beings was barbarous. He was, therefore, afraid to acquaint them with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, because they would, in their, ask him why it was wrong to eat each other and yet a part of religion—to eat their God. He doubted his ability to explain the matter satisfactorily to their untutored minds, and so, for fear that they would regard him as an imposter and return to their barbarous ways, he let the matter rest.

"This was not satisfactory," continued Senator Vest, as he told the story, "to the governor of the province of Vancouver or the bishop of the English church, both of whom demanded that he should either administer the sacrament or else give up his ministry in the church. Duncan explained the reasons which had actuated him, but they were not accepted as sufficient. He appealed to the highest authorities of the Church of England and was overruled. He went back to his Indians and asked them if they would accompany him to Alaska, where they could be under a flag that guaranteed religious freedom. Almost the entire tribe of 1200 Indians decided to follow him.

"When I was there the Indians were taking the doors from off their houses, the sashes from their windows, and their scanty furniture from their rooms, preparatory to sailing away in their great canoes, in order to start life over again in a new country. It was, as I have said, the most pathetic scene I ever witnessed. It was more than this," added Senator Vest, speaking with almost vehement emphasis. "It was the most conspicuous example of religious prejudice and fanaticism I have ever known."

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