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NOTICE

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The NUGGET has a regular carrier and express service covering Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion creeks and tributaries.

"TIENE! MENE! TEKEL UPHARSIN."

The NUGGET is in receipt of a communication from the Yukon commissioner which is in no way of a private nature and neither is it marked "private."

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

DAWSON, March 23, 1899.

EDITOR NUGGET:

Sir: Learning that you were making enquiries of Mr. Gosselin yesterday as to what amount of coal-lands I had purchased in the Yukon territory, I submit for your information the following facts:

In December, 1895, Charles Constantine, C. H. Hamilton and myself made application to the Department of the Interior for one hundred and sixty acres of coal land, situated on Coal Creek, a tributary of the Yukon river, joining it at about four miles below Cadahay, as permitted in Section 7 of the Dominion Lands Act.

In 1898 an Order in Council was passed approving of the purchase; but as soon as I was informed that I would be commissioner of the Yukon territory, I informed the minister I would get rid of my share as soon as I could.

I arrived in Dawson on the 5th of September and disposed of it for a very little consideration on the 17th.

This coal vein had been fully reported on by myself in 1887, so that its existence was not secret between 1887 and 1895.

I beg further to submit for your information, that I am quite willing at any time to give you or anyone here you might name an assignment in full of any and every right I may have of any interest in any company directly or indirectly.

While I was acting as an officer of the Dominion Government in connection with the survey of claims, I absolutely refused to dabble in any way in gold mining claims or any other.

That policy I intend to pursue while I remain an official of the government in any capacity whatsoever.

Believing that you wish to arrive at the facts of the matter I submit this for your information.

I have the honor to be, sir, Your obedient servant, WILLIAM OGILVIE, Commissioner.

P. S. I never in any way concealed the facts re the coal.

WM. OGILVIE.

The foregoing letter is a masterpiece of equivocation, for every word in it might be true and yet Mr. Ogilvie be the biggest holder of mining properties amongst the officials of the Yukon.

Indeed, there is nothing in it to even deny the amusing story that when (by his instructions some little time ago) lists were prepared of all the properties held by officials, his own name headed the list.

There is but one tangible fact in the letter which one can take hold of, and

that is that this coal land was reported by him in '87, taken up by himself and friends in '95 and his interest disposed of September 17, 1898. This latter date is the more important for either it is a direct falsehood or are other statements made by him some 10 days prior. It is no use mincing matters; it puts the governor in a decidedly bad light.

The prevarication is really not of serious moment except as showing the way the wind blows. Such people are not, in our estimation, to be trusted with the affairs of state, for there is no telling how much further their zeal, prejudice or enthusiasm may carry them in a misstatement of facts.

THOSE REGULATIONS.

The mining regulations of the Yukon territory are fearfully and wonderfully made, and copies should be preserved for reference in future years as an illustration of the mental density of the people at the latter end of the 19th century.

to. One natural result of all this is a surfeit of contests requiring the personal attention of the gold commissioner, Mr. E. C. Senkler, who finds himself beset day and night by dispossessed or dispossessing miners.

The "continuous representation" clause, without more than 72 hours absence from the claim, has been so modified by a succession of rulings that its original features can scarcely be recognized.

A RECENT DECISION.

A recent decision of the gold commissioner in the case of Jacoby vs. Wilson leaves a bad taste in the mouth. There were really two questions involved in the decision, the first being the priority of ownership.

"As to whether the work done by defendant's layman was sufficient to justify the granting of a renewal, is a matter between the defendant and the crown, and unless it can be shown that the renewal grant had been obtained by the defendant through fraud, the grant will not be set aside."

This carried to a logical conclusion should mean that if no representation work was done at all, and a convenient perjurer could be secured to make the necessary affidavit of work done, even though the fraud should be amply proven, the grant would be given unless the claim owner's cognizance of the fraud was also proven.

SKAGWAY'S PROPOSED NEW FLAG.

The breaking off of negotiations by the commissioners to the Anglo-American commission was directly traceable to the absolute refusal of the American representatives to consider for one moment the cession of Skaguay.

more than amicable in the plans for the settlement of the fisheries, sealing, and even the boundary question; but the desire for a port in Lynn canal evidently had much to do toward bringing about good feeling, and when the American commissioners gave a positive dissent to even a discussion, then a six-months vacation or adjournment was seen as once to be the proper thing.

It is no disparagement at all to either Great Britain or her colonies to point out that no considerable body of Americans would ever consent to cast their lot under any other than their own flag. Thus we have in Skaguay a population of at least 8,000 loyal Americans with their homes and their multitudinous businesses, and it is an open question whether America has even a moral right to hand them over bodily to a strange people and strange laws against their expressed wishes.

LONDON UNFRIENDLY.

Owing to the excessive royalty and to the insecurity of titles to property on the Klondike the many would-be sellers of Klondike claims in London are meeting with discouragement.

Alexander McDonald and the other mining kings who came out on the last steamer and who had their claims staked to London in large numbers are meeting with little success in disposing of their claims.

"London does not think the Klondike output was large enough last year, and it will take this year's output to convince them. It is only a question of time, however, until London is as crazy over Klondike as she has been about South Africa."

Choice Mining Property FOR SALE

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SNOWSLIDE

A Doctor

Tining News. Jack Wade on Hunker

A report has snowslide which Crater lake, a chillkoot pass. The following King of Lake 1 Bert Jones of J way. Contrary realized that the view of the reef with light but they crossed their in reaching Cr forced them to seven miles to camped there to rocks and timbe without warnin ley, leaving their hard snow.

Dr. Dean, a home in the bar which was left in dian village, was on Saturday. Th to make an inve had placed it in The whereabouts known to someo brief absence of The matter is now

The sensation has been the unex has opened on some claims opposite Being so low down was looked upon a and Ben Glass, Hir were surrounded they raised the t there. Later they Hart and Edward J tlemen now find exceedingly rich sides, left limit later, and it prom NUGGET man happ when \$18,700 were taken out a couple A miner came up with samples of gold Wade creek, and lo vious issue of the tory on the Forty exhibited at Louis by the gentlemen quality. The minep was found there expressed the belie yet opened in the Mr. Olson, a laym down a shaft a dista Friday, and was lat \$28.80 nugget wa Gutch, the property of pects are said to be v Mr. and Mrs. E. I. M Last chance on Me ising ground. Mr. M being one of the very ciate the value of Eld the ground with Co after the Berry's had and he then told the creek would be fo lineal foot for a dista boughed at then, but time since when he after his original esti Jack McAllister wh and Coisky; is interes 41, 42 and 43 above- of tary of Indian river, and reported that he found on the creek. It five feet to bedrock.

Dervishes LONDON, Feb. 22.—DI received from the East that the Dervishes have vigorous campaign ag force under Kitchener their fortunes. Khali 25,000 men, is known to dorman, and that a I numbers has retired Kitchener has 9,000 n they will be reinforce available men and offi hunter, the lately ap prominent British offi from furloughs tends t that the situation is Khali is said to be im the Arab tribes along I ported as being panic-

Big News! Nice, Feb. 25.—Baron Julius de Reuter, baron Gobourg and Cetha, d Reuter's telegraph corp Hesse-Nassau, on July the various telegraph li de Reuter worked the agency. In 1852, whe between England and