

PAYSTREAK CALLED DOWN

Victoria Times-Takes Issue With Its Neighbor.

The great minds in all parts of the world are just now wrestling with stupendous problems. Britain's statesmen have their war in South Africa, France's have reopened the Eastern question, Germans and Russians are studying economic problems and wondering if they can get back at the United States by increasing the tariffs, the Americans are pondering over the possibility of bringing about the annexation of Canada, Colonials are wondering when Great Britain will make a move in the direction of Imperial Federation, and our provincial wise men in the interior are considering what they shall do with British Columbia when redistribution gives them their rights and the political balance of power. The Nelson Tribune thinks Canada can never become "swift," like unto her great southern neighbor, until she becomes independent and hoists a flag of her own. The Sandon Paystreak, with the frankness for which it is noted, would hoist the Stars and Stripes over this province at once and leave the rest of this luckless Dominion to its own devices. The Paystreak is noted for its originality and plain-speaking. It is the only one of its kind in Canada, which is a free country and its people can afford to consider all suggestions. We understand the editor is an American, and he will pardon us if we ask him how long his paper would live or his office remain intact if he were publishing it at home and were to advocate "a repetition of the little affair of '76," and a revocation of the declaration of independence. An editor in the United States who would argue in favor of the amalgamation of the United States and Great Britain would be in imminent danger of the treatment which is accorded negroes for alleged unmentionable offenses. In our phlegmatic British way we are accustomed to trying people first and punishing them afterwards and to hearing what a man has to say in favor of any course he advocates for the welfare of the community. The Paystreak may circulate in a community whose sentiments accord with those of the editor. If so, paper and community are both unique in Canada. By becoming a "united state" we might gain in population with great rapidity, but there are some things more to be desired than such an avalanche. The editor of the Paystreak, we understand, lately made an eastern trip. Did he unearth any feeling in favor of annexation? Did he not rather find a universal pride in Canadian institutions and a determination to keep pegging away until the goal be attained? The same is true in regard to British Columbia as a whole. If the Paystreak utters the sentiments of Sandon and its surrounding districts the article we reproduce below is the first evidence we have had of it. In a few years the world will have ample information as to the future that awaits this country. When that time comes our growth will be fast enough.

perhaps faster than thoughtful men wish.

However, it is just as well that the world should know what some of the papers of British Columbia are printing. The Paystreak's plaint is as follows:

"If British Columbia cannot get the anti-Mongolian law it wants under the British flag it is time to switch our allegiance and fly the Stars and Stripes. This province would be welcomed to full statehood in the big republic at any time and would have Mongolian disallowance until further orders as a condition of admission. Great Britain has no rights of ownership that British Columbians are bound to respect, and if the mother country cannot afford to permit us to make our own laws we cannot afford to commit suicide in order to continue the allegiance. Loyalty is all right, but imperial reasons are a mockery to a hungry man."

"If Great Britain cannot settle her foreign affairs without ruining her colonies it is time for Great Britain to go out of the colonization business altogether. We have a country here that is worth a half dozen Great Britains so far as natural resources are concerned, and British Columbians do not propose to make it a province of China or Japan for the sake of the open door policy. Great Britain is making the same mistakes today that Spain made three hundred years ago. All the lessons of history are wasted on the British government, and only a repetition of the little affair of '76 will remove the blindfold from Anglican eyes."—Victoria Times.

ANOTHER B. C. RAILROAD

Skeena Coal and Copper Ledges to Be Developed.

Vancouver, Nov. 8.—Construction work on the new railway to the interior to Kitimat Arm will be commenced in the spring. This was the principal item of news received by the Skeena River, which arrived from the north last evening.

The preliminary survey party, with the exception of Mr. Gray, the chief engineer, came down, and the party of fifteen men now here are headed by Mr. Pinder, the second engineer in charge.

Accompanying them is Capt. Madden, representative of Mr. Samuel M. Robins, general superintendent for the New Vancouver Coal Company. Capt. Madden came down for the purpose of making a complete report on the coal fields of Buckley valley, and it is considered altogether probable that work will be begun there also next season in developing the coalfields.

The country is an easy one for railway building. From Kitimat Arm to the canyon on the Skeena, where large copper properties are situated, is a distance of forty miles, and this is the line that will probably be started in construction at the first of the year. The preliminary survey shows a grade in no place heavier than one per cent., and it is altogether a very nice run up a valley.

From the canyon to Hazelton is about eighty-five miles and this is the second section of the line that is to be constructed. From there to Buckley valley is a shorter distance and here the coal deposits appear to be as extensive as anywhere in the country. One of the seams is twenty-three feet in width, and can be traced for a long distance.

In speaking of the prospects for the next season, Mr. D. F. McDonald, who came down last night, says that the coming year is certain to see a large amount of development work done, and the building of the railway will give a great impetus to the country. Mr. McDonald thinks, however, that Port Simpson will be the ultimate terminus of the railway if it is built across the whole of the northern part of British Columbia.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina—R. T. Byrne and wife, 35 Bonanza, Thos. McMullen and wife, M. Gernin, Grand Forks.
Flannery—Wm. Abbott, Grand Forks; Albert Coslett, Grand Forks; Rodie Connors, Gold Bottom; A. A. Chettiv, American gulch; Mr. Phillips, Dawson.

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The largest society event of the week was the party given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay at the corner of Seventh and Princess street. Progressive euchre was the game of the evening and the prizes for the largest number of points were won by Miss Hanwell and Mr. Sam Marks, while the consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. Dufferin Pattullo and Mr. H. E. Ridley. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess after which dancing was enjoyed until an early hour in the morning. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Macaulay, Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bell, Capt. and Mrs. Wroughton, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, Mr. and Mrs. Dufferin Pattullo, Mr. and Mrs. E. Renouf, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Colley, Mr. and Mrs. White-Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davey, Miss Hanwell, Miss Richardson, Mrs. French, Judge Macaulay, Mr. Ramsey, P. C. Stevenson, Capt. Cosby, H. E. A. Robertson, R. P. McLennan, Harry Hanwell, Sam Marks.

One of the most successful meets of the Dawson Driving Club was held last Saturday afternoon. There was a very large attendance, including a smart tandem driven by Captain Wroughton, other turn-outs driven by Capt. Starnes, Dr. Thompson, Messrs. E. C. Senkler, R. P. McLennan, J. Barrett, H. C. Macaulay, R. J. Cowan and outsiders Capt. Cosby and P. C. Stevenson. After a very pleasant drive, marred by but one mishap, the freeing of Capt. Cosby's finger, the club repaired to the mess-house of the Canadian Bank of Commerce where tea was served in true bachelor style. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Starnes, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Wroughton, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Macaulay, Mrs. French, Mrs. Shindler, Mrs. Ward-Smith, Mrs. Renouf, Mrs. White-Fraser, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Seddon, Miss Richardson, Miss Hanwell and Miss Chisholm.

On Monday evening the Dawson Whist Club met at the residence of Mr. A. F. Nicol, perfected its organization and played the first round of its tournament. After the play light refreshments were served and all enjoyed the evening immensely. Those present were: A. F. Nicol, P. G. Crisp, W. C. Noble, H. MacKinnon, Chas. McDonald, F. T. O'Connell, Judge Dugas, F. H. Worlock, J. B. Worden, H. E. Ridley, A. E. Marks, B. A. Howes, H. C. Herbert, D. S. McKenzie and H. Jennett. The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday evening at the club rooms of the Bank of Commerce, next to the barracks.

The most pretentious social event of the past week was the ball given by the Arctic Brotherhood at their hall last night, it being the first of a series of fortnightly dances that it is intended shall be the social feature of this season's gaieties. A more enjoyable dance than the initial effort of the A. B.'s has probably never been held in the city, the large floor furnishing ample room for the dancers without them being crowded in the least, and being in marked contrast to the ball given upon the occasion of the hall's dedication and also that on St. Andrew's night. The galleries erected for the latter were still in position as well as most of the beautiful decorations and the hall never presented a prettier appearance with its wealth of smartly gowned young ladies and the gentlemen clad for the most part in the conventional evening dress. Supper was served by Bruce the caterer in the main gallery, the elevated seats having been removed, and the change proving a happy inspiration. The stage was set apart as a dressing and smoking room for the gentlemen. Friend's full orchestra was at its best, the music being so inspiring that repeated encores were demanded. The committee, consisting of Dr. Edwards, Dr. Sutherland, George Murphy and S. W. Taggart, was unremitting in its effort to see that pleasure unalloyed fell to the lot of everyone present and the extraordinary success of the dance may be largely attributed to their concerted action. The special element of the city will anticipate the future A. B. dances with a keen pleasure.

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Another pleasant and successful skating party was given at the police rink last evening by the officers of the N. W. M. P. As on the previous occasion, a large bonfire was kept blazing by the rink and the time of the party was about equally divided between skating and sitting around the fire story telling. At a late hour an adjournment was taken to the officers' mess where refreshments were served. Those present were: Capt. and Mrs. Starnes, Capt. and Mrs. McDonald, Capt. and Mrs. Wroughton, Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Pattullo, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, Mrs. French, Mrs. Chas. McDonald, Mrs. H. C. Macaulay, Mrs. B. W. Davis, Miss Hanwell, Miss Chisholm, Messrs. Cowan, Stevenson, Marks, McRae, Barwell, Senkler and Crisp.

Christmas Thoughts.
It is a foolish man who gives his neighbor's boy a drum.
It is the wise man who betrays no surprise when his wife jumps and hides something when he enters the door these days.
The Christmas turkey, not the Christmas conversation, should be stuffed with chestnuts.
Two-thirds of the joy of Christmas is destroyed by worrying about the bills to be presented on Jan. 1.
Better a small gift while love is than a costly present for the sake of being in the swim.

The Lord of Misrule.
It was a medieval custom in England to establish at Yuletide a "lord of misrule," appointed to conduct the revels in the castle or country house or at court. Everyone was expected to pay a sort of homage to this merry monarch of misconduct. This, too, was not without its similarity to the traditions of the Roman saturnalia, when, for the time being the servant became the master and the plebeian the monarch.

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Commissioner Ross, skip; I. J. Hartman, skip; Cosby, M. Wood, A. M. De Jax, skip; Dr. Wills, Judge Macaulay, Arthur Lewin, Dr. Richardson, skip; E. E. Tiffin, H. Jennett, E. C. Senkler, F. G. Crisp, skip; F. R. Alley, F. J. Stackpole, T. A. McGowan; Dr. Norquay, skip; R. Chisholm, W. B. Copping, Frank Johnson, Chief Kinnon, skip; Mr. Dobbie, G. P. McKenzie and Dr. Barrett. The last rink is composed of men all of whom are over 6 feet in height and is called the strong men's rink. It is the expectation of this rink to win an easy victory over all who have the temerity to play against it. The first game will be played some evening next week.

A meeting will be held on next Thursday evening at 7:30 at the old St. Andrew's Presbyterian church building on Mission street for the purpose of organizing an amateur operatic society. Mr. Ernest Searell has undertaken the organization of this society at the earnest solicitation of a number of the musical people of Dawson and has in view the producing of comic and light operas during the winter. Only amateur talent will be used in producing these operas, providing the singers will take an active interest in them. The proceeds from the production will be given to some charitable institution which will be decided upon by the society. The meeting called for Thursday night is for the purpose of organization, and it is hoped there will be a large number present.

MUST BE KEPT BUSY

Otherwise Horses and Mules Are Expensive Stock

A gentleman who keeps a large stable full of horses today informed a Nugget man that at the present prices at which hay and oats are sold (the lowest in the history of Dawson) the cost of keeping a horse or mule per day on feed purchased at wholesale prices is \$2.16 in Dawson and in the neighborhood of \$3 per day. A head when the feed is bought at retail prices is \$3.00 per day. The gentleman remarked that a horse of mule can not live on any less and keep in good working order. Those who are engaged in teaming in a small way and who buy feed in small quantities, pay more for the keep of their stock than the larger concerns. In view of these conditions it behooves owners to keep their stock busy even if it is to only make the price of the feed, and it is said that end is now just being barely accomplished in many cases.

Diminutive Watch.
The Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, who is credited with possessing the only crystal watch in existence having transparent works, made for the most part of rock crystal, had the works removed from a miniature watch and placed inside a magnificent

diamond having a diameter not exceeding the "depth" of four lines of ordinary type. Small as this timepiece was, it is supposed to have been to what was justly described as the "smallest watch in the world," which was exhibited at the watch exhibition in Berlin recently. Made of fine gold, this microscopic watch had the dimensions of a pea; that is, say its diameter of 3 1/2 millimeters, which is practically a quarter of an inch, would equal in depth three lines of type; 480 of these watches would weigh about one pound avoirdupois if there existed anyone possessing a heart sufficiently adamant to permit so brutal a weight as 1/400th of a pound to be applied to so delicate a mechanism. Made of gold and valued at \$10, this dainty watch boasts a miniature hand as long as an ordinary watch, but a half an inch long, and a second hand one eighth of an inch long that would demand an increase into the nonpareil but to supply a suitable illustration.—Good Words

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