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**POOR YUKONERS.**  
 How unfortunate is the Yukon district. The inhabitants are practically all from lands over which floats either the Union Jack or the Stars and Stripes. The dwellers under each flag have always lived with each other in claiming for themselves perfect freedom of speech and action, and "taxation without representation" is as earnestly condemned by the one branch of our race as by the other. But the action which has taken a stronger hold of us than any other, and which is one of the fundamental reasons of our greatness is that our government is by the people but more than all for the people. It has become quite the usual thing—especially about election time—for public officers to dub themselves the servants of the people with the emphasis on the "servants." Yet here in Dawson every tradition of our race is trampled under foot. The only good thing that can be said of the government of the Yukon district is that we have an excellent police and court; when you have said that you have put on the credit side of the ledger all that rightfully belongs there. The deficit side covers several pages. In the first place, every official outside of the police and judiciary considers himself in nowise beholden to the people and under no obligation to conserve their rights. Approach them on the subject and they will tell you: "I am here to protect the government's interests." Not a single official in Dawson who considers it his duty to protect the people's interests. The latest injustice perpetrated by government officials is the granting of what is virtually a firewood monopoly to a couple of influential firms. The importance of the firewood supply of Dawson for the winter cannot be overestimated. If the supply of flour ran out there might be an abundance of other articles of diet, which would offset the scarcity. Not so with fuel. In the Arctic region in which we dwell fuel, is dignified into the most important single item of a man's winter necessities. An abundance of it means life and comfort, the absence of it would be sure death.

The imperative importance of the fuel supply being conceded, the first duty of a just and good government—or government official—should be the prevention of anything like a monopoly of such a prime necessity. What would be thought of the officialism which said that the only sellers of catables in Dawson this winter, after the freeze-up, should be some favored company chosen by themselves? Yet this is practically what has been done in the case of fuel; unless indeed the growing indignation of the people compels the mistaken officials to rescind or annul their action by taking shelter behind the convenient formula: "We have exceeded our authority and do call it off," which phrase we are all becoming so accustomed to. The facts as given in our local columns could not be true if Mr. Willison considered himself for one moment under primal obligations to the people. He says: "I am here representing the government at Ottawa. I have done this thing because

by such a course I can collect more royalty and collect it less expensively than by letting every individual who wanted cut wood for the market." The undeniable fact is that we are regarded as sheep—to be fleeced to the last hair regardless of the discomforts or distress which will be occasioned thereby. The excuse is often made that "the district must be made self supporting," yet when it is shown them that she is already self supporting three times over the plea is at once changed to "Well! If the gold fields cannot be made to contribute to the government coffers we might just as well close them up." The foregoing is an actual quotation and well illustrates the dominant spirit of some of the departments.

**THE TRUE MINER'S SPIRIT.**  
 There is as much difference between the spirit that prevails among real genuine miners and that which is seen within the crowded walls of a large city as there is between black and white. Men who are brought up in constant competition with their fellows, concentrating all their energies upon the single purpose of besting their competitors are bound to have their better natures warped to a greater or less extent. Under such circumstances men come to regard even their friends as just so much material to be used for a purpose.

How different is the case with the man who spends his time in the woods and hills breathing in the freedom and freshness of the mountain air. He is hail fellow, well met with everyone who comes his way. When you pass his cabin his first salutation is followed by a hearty invitation to come in and make yourself at home, and dispose of as much of his grub as you like. His latch string is always out and ever when away from his cabin he sees no cause for objection if some one has been in meanwhile and helped himself to a square meal.

In religious matters he is usually not of the orthodox variety. When occasion demands he will swear a good round oath and think himself none the worse for having done so. When he comes to town the chances are he will enjoy himself in the manner that best suggests itself to him and very often his favorite method of enjoyment is anything but such as is endorsed by people who pose as examples of all that is good in society.

But after all is said and done it cannot be gain said that your typical miner is an honest man whom the poet aptly terms "the noblest work of God." Though he may not live up to the strict letter of the orthodox creed and through various sins of omission and commission may be charged to his account, and though he may be anything but a lover of religious forms and ceremonies he can at the very least be numbered among those who love their fellow man. And we are told that Ben Adhem, for a similar recommendation, was placed by the recording angel at the very head of the celestials.

**WE MUST ORGANIZE.**  
 There is in the Yukon district no official whose continuance in lucrative office depends upon the satisfaction he gives the people. So far from this, being the case it appears to be their highest aim to "mine the miners." There being no organized defense, 20,000 intelligent men are being squeezed to the screaming point. Canadians and other colonials assure us that this bleeding of the miners is an entirely new thing; that they are ashamed and bitterly disappointed to find such a state of affairs under a flag which they are proud to believe is the emblem of all that is just, all that is equitable and all that is good. By turning over a few pages of history we can soon see whether or not good miners have been harrassed and mulcted before by irresponsible officials—officials who have considered their duty well discharged when they weighted down with collected gold the coffers of their government, regardless of the effects upon the hard working miner. The history of the South African gold fields shows that defenseless miners had imposed upon them one regulation after another until thousands upon thousands were

driven from the mines and the balance prayed for the time when they would have enough to follow. Then the miners organized. Assessments were levied and now behold! The miners had some one at last to represent them. One restriction after another was stricken down by the organization which at last became so powerful that it was consulted by the government whenever changes in the regulations were proposed. Under this new policy the South African gold fields have become the greatest producers in the world and are teeming with people who one and all declare their government to be the fairest on earth. Similarly in Australia. Regulation upon regulation imposed by rapacious officials. Life becomes a burden, riots ensue, organization of the miners takes place and is immediately followed by relieved conditions. The miners there are now reaping the benefit of the wise efforts of their predecessors, join hands in praise of the wise government which oversees them. In either case improved conditions and wiser laws were brought about by themselves, by organization. There is no reason to suppose that the Yukon District of the North West Territory will be made an exception to the general rule. Regulation has followed close upon the heels of regulation until even the officials themselves are sometimes in doubt which law they are working under. The point of every regulation has always been "more revenue." We have petitioned the government in the past and were ignored. We have prepared another petition and it will be presented at Ottawa by Major Walsh when he arrives there, yet it is doubtful whether the petition of a disorganized body of men will be regarded as sufficient grounds for the concessions prayed for. Major Walsh will himself make suggestions calculated to improve our conditions. It remains to be seen even then whether the government will change in its attitude towards us. We will, in our next issue, outline a plan of organization. There can be no doubt from past experiences in other gold countries that even a good government will act closer to its principles when confronted by a solid phalanx of miners than when it has only to deal with a discontented, unorganized mob.

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