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The CHAIRMAN: On very few occasions has it been so little necessary to use any words of introduction as it is this evening; indeed, I may say that no introduction of Miss Shaw is necessary to members of the Royal Colonial Institute and their friends. As we all know, Miss Shaw has given great attention to everything connected with the outlying portions of our Empire, and at the present time there is not perhaps a lady in the land who has had the same opportunities of making herself acquainted with these matters as Miss Shaw, who has been through the whole of the self-governing Colonies, and has seen and learnt for herself all that is interesting regarding them. Not only has she seen these things for herself, but she has conveyed the knowledge so acquired to the whole body, I think I may say, of the people of the United Kingdom in the extremely interesting letters which have appeared in the *Times* and elsewhere. Without further remarks—for none are required—I will ask Miss Shaw to address you.

Miss Flora Shaw then read her paper on—

KLONDIKE.

I HAVE been asked to speak to-night on Canada, and I have the honour of speaking before so many persons better qualified than I am to address you on the subject that I can only suppose the invitation to have been based on the fact that I have lately visited a part of Canada less known than the rest—unfamiliar even, I believe, to our distinguished Chairman, who has travelled over the greater part of the Dominion in days when the means of communication were very different from those which now exist. He is acquainted with the Mackenzie District, stretching from the

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