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# Gold in Penty

A Letter Received From the Land of Gold at the Yukon's Mouth.

## Terrible Sufferings of Prospectors During the Winter-Lumber Scarce.

A letter received by Ralph Hibbard from Cape Norton, the new gold fields at the north of Norton sound, under date of December 11th, 1898, says:

"This is now the depth of winter, and such a winter I never want to see again. The hardships at this place have been terrible, and I can not begin to tell what we all have suffered, just for the sake of a little yellow metal that may do us more harm than good after we get it.

With half of us sick most of the time and with only a scant supply and variety of medicines, with hardly wood enough to be had to keep us from freezing to death, and with only tents to live in and the thermometer down to 60 degrees below zero, you can imagine what we have had to contend with, and that your stars you did not come along. Most of the tents have been blown to pieces and we had to double with another party and stitch three tents together to make one. It was strong enough to stand the wind. There is no lumber within a hundred miles of this place and no way of getting it here, so it was impossible to build any kind of a shelter as we had hoped to do. Fortunately there has been enough to get and to last through the winter.

Several have died from scurvy and many have that disease now.

The wood that we have to burn for firewood is very short and small; really it is nothing but brush, and it is so scarce that we have to be very economical with it. There are no four-foot logs to burn here and you want to build yourself a small house for about 100 feet long and 10 feet wide, with a tin house here and it is the only practical shelter for this region, and I have regretted that you talked me out of buying one of them when you left. We are sure to bring two of them up with you; I will take yours of your hands if you think it a bad property.

There is gold here and plenty of it, although the district seems limited in extent as far as has been prospect- ed, but that has not been fully done, and no doubt many more discoveries will be made next season, as the finds here are too rich to peter out in this little spot.

I will not tell you how rich some of these claims are, as you would not believe me, and you can see for yourself when you arrive.

Come up as soon as you can get here and bring up everything on this list, and we will make a barter of money.

The claims are hard to work, necessitating a great deal of ditching and draining and changing the course of the water, but they pay big, the quality is as near as you can get to the Klondike, as the gold from the Klondike is fine.

Every one here has claims and all are making arrangements for a large lot of working next summer, hoping to clean up enough to bring two of them up before they get bound in for another winter. The gold is found from the surface down, and the deepest any one has been down yet is six to seven feet. It is dangerous to dig deeper, as there is no timber to do shoring with, and we have yet to get enough for the sluice boxes needed.

Don't bring up any fellows with you, as if they fail they will blame you.

## CHRISTIANITY'S MARCH.

Ceremony of Laying the Cornerstone of First Presbyterian Church at Bennett-Address by Capt. Irving.

On Queen's birthday at 8 p.m. after the festivities of the day, a large congregation of people gathered together to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the First Presbyterian church to be erected on the hill overlooking the harbor, and the appropriate ceremonies connected therewith. Mayor Hislop of Skagway, to whom was assigned the honor of laying the stone, made an appropriate address and enclosed in the tin box a copy of the Bennett-Sun, the Daily Alaskan, list of the members of the Dominion and Provincial governments, N. W. M. P., and a description of the work of the Presbyterian church in Alaska. After this was done Mayor Hislop stepped down from the temporary platform upon which a large number of citizens were standing, and placed in the stone the box containing the various records referred to, took the trowel and cemented the cornerstone.

The national anthem was sung and then Mr. Sinclair declared the fish of that portion of the programme, and invited the people into the tent where the ceremonies could be continued.

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, who occupied the chair, said that before the laying of the stone, the district had arrived here that he had asked Mr. Hislop to lay the cornerstone; but had he known that his friend Capt. Irving was coming he would have had him to do so on account of him holding the high position in parliament as representing the people of this district. However, the speaker said, Captain Irving had kindly consented to deliver an address.

Coming forward Capt. Irving was accorded a grand reception. Following in his speech in full:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It would seem particularly fitting and appropriate that on the anniversary day of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen's birthday, the laying of the stone of the greatest Christian nation and people on all the earth, that away off here, some miles from the parental home of Christianity, we should at this time be permitted to participate in the laying of a cornerstone to the edifice which will mark another milestone in the progress of Christianity and civilization.

It would seem all the more appropriate when we stop to consider that here upon the shores of Lake Bennett, at the gateway of the mighty Yukon, where but a few years ago the white whistles through the snow and over the summits of the passes with might save its own deadly slanders to the busy hammer of industry, the progress

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At Nelson assizes last week W. D. Brewster when asked why the sentence of the court should not be passed upon him said that he had only offended in his attempts to shield Sinclair. Justice Drake in passing sentence remarked that the jury had taken the view that the prisoner was not guilty as a thief, but that he was guilty of not making entries in the railway company's books which as a servant of the company it was his duty to enter. This was a criminal offence, but as the prisoner had stood his ground and had given the railway officials every assistance in their investigation of the accounts, he would take this into account in passing the sentence which he was bound to impose in the interests of society. The sentence was that he be sentenced to six months imprisonment in the provincial jail at hard labor.

Sinclair pleaded his age and his family (six small children as reasons for a lenient sentence. Justice Drake said that he could sympathize with the prisoner's family very much and added that he had received a very strong petition. The prisoner, however, had an opportunity of expressing himself and saying anything he could in his own favor, but he did not take advantage of it. He could not close his eyes to the fact that the prisoner had placed every obstacle possible in the way of the prosecution, and in preventing his own return to the country. So far as the evidence went large sums of money had been traced into the hands of the prisoner and had never been traced out. Justice Drake concluded by saying that he would not allow for the prisoner's family in consideration for the administration of justice and under the circumstances he would sentence the prisoner to two years in the penitentiary.

Rev. A. E. Green, of Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday united in marriage, Mr. Sharpe and Miss Eva Lena Vane. The adopted daughter of Captain Inley, of New Westminster.

Valleyview may shortly have a visit from Senator C. W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, one of the United States representatives on the Joint High Commission. Mr. Fairbanks is now on the coast preparatory to leaving for Alaska to study the boundary question on the spot.

Ah Ling, the Chinaman, accused of murdering assaulting Jim Kee last Sunday, was tried in the police court on Thursday. Mr. A. Williams defended the prisoner and Mr. O. L. Spencer appeared for the prosecution. A verdict of guilty was returned, and the prisoner was sentenced to three months' hard labor, or in default three months' hard labor, was imposed.

At Friday night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, Bro. Williams, for the building committee, recommended the purchase of the two lots on the southwest corner of Pender and Hamilton streets. Owing to the position of the public buildings in the opposite block the lots can be secured for \$4,000 cash. The committee suggested that the council ask every member of the different unions in the city to donate one day's pay, as a free gift to the purchase of the site. It is estimated this would yield \$3,000, leaving \$1,000 to be raised by gifts from friends of the liberty of those who could give more than one day's pay. The committee was decidedly of the opinion that the lots should be paid for before the building operations were commenced. If this were done it would be an easy matter to borrow say \$5,000 at 6 per cent.; to put up a good building (brick) two stories high; the ground floor to consist of three stores, or, better, 1 corner store and suites of offices facing on Pender street; and a good dwelling house facing on Hamilton street. The upper story would consist of 16 large hall, capable of seating about 500 persons; two smaller halls for union meetings and a corner room, with a wash room. The committee firmly believed that such a building, situated on the spot indicated, would yield a revenue from the start and in a few years would pay for itself.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Works it was decided, in reference to the sewerage question, that directions be given to the city solicitor to prepare a plan for the submission of the ratepayers to the city council on Friday morning for the construction of two septic sewer tanks, one on Mount

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There was a happy gathering at the Campbell ranch, near Ducks, on Wednesday evening, when Fred, Buse and Mary, daughter of Lou Campbell, were joined in marriage by the Rev. J. C. Steele.

A man named Adams, of Salmon Arm, was brought in on Thursday night's train to the hospital, suffering from a broken knee sustained in the quarry there by a fall from a rock.

The ranges in the neighborhood of Kamloops are looking