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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



CONCERNING REPRESENTATION WORK.

A decision of the gold commissioner published in last night's Nugget in connection with the regulations governing representation should be given widespread attention—and particularly on the creeks. The decision cites the fact that looseness in making representation affidavits is a common occurrence. Frequently the required oath is taken upon hearsay information only which is strictly contrary to the regulations and quite likely to result in making trouble for the affiant. The language of the court makes it quite evident that representation work must be bona fide and of sufficient volume to comply both with the spirit and letter of the law. The attitude of the gold commissioner in this connection should be carefully noted by claim owners, and particularly by those who employ others to do their representation work. Carelessness in the performance of representation work may lead to forfeiture of property, a contingency which may be avoided by careful compliance with the regulations.

It begins to look as though the Morgan combine of trans-Atlantic liners may have a reactionary effect very favorable to Canadian development. British capital is eager now to place a fast line in competition with the combine, and both the imperial and Canadian government will likely come forward with good substantial assistance. The establishment of the proposed connection will give an impetus to Canadian shipping such as it never before has received. Meanwhile the situation has awakened wide spread discussion as to ways and means of overcoming the American invasion of British markets, the result being the creation of renewed interest in Canada's great wheat fields. British statesmen are now setting themselves earnestly to the task of devising means whereby the whole empire may be supplied with British grown breadstuffs—a feat in which Canada is destined to play a most important part. In the natural sequence of events Canada is destined to grow and develop in a manner only equalled by the progress made by the great republic during the past three decades.

When the Yukon council becomes an elective body, many hardships that have been in effect heretofore should be removed. Among them nothing calls for a change more than the fees charged in the gold commissioner's office. They should be reduced by at least one-half. Everything else has come down and why should not government charges be reduced proportionately.

The delay in issuing the writ of election is inexplicable. There is

every reason in favor of bringing on the contest prior to the closing of navigation and no substantial ground for postponing it beyond that time has as yet been set forth. The government has made a mistake in allowing the matter thus to drag along. The information as to the exact date of the election should have been given out long ago. There will certainly be nothing gained by the procedure thus far followed.

Had the Yukon been conducted from the beginning on the plan of extending equal rights to all and special privileges to none, a large amount of trouble would have been avoided.

The dullness so evident in commercial circles is largely due to purely artificial causes. The natural wealth behind this town has as yet scarcely been touched.

It appears that the long delayed election writ is not coming with deputy minister Smart. It may have been sent in a Marconigram which has been sidetracked.

The pound man is abroad in the land and the number of people who never owned a dog is constantly on the increase.

This is what may be termed a damp fine season.

Trioute of Friends

Rev. Father O. Corbell, formerly parish priest on Dominion creek, has gone to Whitehorse to take charge of that parish, leaving Tuesday evening on the Selkirk. On Monday evening an informal reception was tendered the reverend gentleman by his many friends in the city, the affair taking place at the sisters' school. An address was presented by Mr. Auguste Noel, president of St. John the Baptist Society, together with a considerable sum of money subscribed by admiring friends. Father Corbell replied with a few well chosen words of thanks expressing his gratitude to those present for their kind words of appreciation. Father Buno extended congratulations to his colleague upon the many marks of esteem shown him by the citizens of the city and wished him well in his new sphere. Mr. Justice Dugas followed with a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. He greatly regretted the departure of Father Corbell, to whom he referred as being a friend to all and an enemy to none. A glowing tribute was paid to the father's work on the creeks during the past four years. Many of the leading Catholics of the city were present including Mr. Alex. McDonald, Mr. Justice Dugas, Mr. J. E. Girouard, Mr. May, Mr. Peter Vachon, Mr. Auguste Noel, Mr. J. C. Noel, Father Buno, Father Malvert, Father Lebert, and many others. A large number accompanied Father Corbell to the boat Tuesday evening.

From Porcupine.

Dr. C. H. Gibbons came from Porcupine yesterday on a business trip. During the past three weeks he has visited all the placer mines in the district and many of the claims that are simply being prospected. He has implicit faith in the richness of the region, in spite of the discouraging setbacks that have given the knockers so much pleasure.

Said the doctor: "The slow development of Porcupine is the natural result of amateurs attempting to run heavy, complicated machinery. More than \$200,000 have already been taken out by crude, old fashioned methods, and much of it invested in up-to-date high priced machinery. If a few up-to-date high priced machinists had been brought along to see that it was properly handled, the district would now be proving what those who are best informed know it to be, viz.: One of the richest spots in the north."

Dr. Gibbons will be in town several days.—Alaska, Aug. 6.

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IGNORANCE OF YUKON

Easterners Know Little of the Country

New Yorkers Think Parkas Are Worn in Dawson the Entire Year.

The ignorance about Alaska that is obtaining at the financial seat of the United States, Wall Street, New York, is something appalling, according to J. H. Hughes, who spent a winter in the east with E. C. Hawkins in negotiating for the wherewithal for the construction of the Klondike Mines railway. In speaking of the matter, he said: "More is known of South Africa in New York than of Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. The people of the east, including the bankers and financiers of Wall Street, are as unfamiliar with the conditions that prevail in this great Northwest as were the children of a generation ago. The opinion is now the people of Dawson wear parkas and mukluks in summer and winter. They imagine it as a land of perpetual snow and ice. The pictures that are sent with magazine articles and those that tourists take out of the country with them do Alaska incalculable injury. While those pictures interest the curious and excite curiosity in the practical, they do not appeal to the business men. Financial men do not take into account that those pictures are views of winter life, and that similar scenes could be taken in their own country wherever their people are thrown in contact with nature in its original form. So impressed have the people become with the idea of the country conveyed by these pictures that when Mr. Botsford, president of the Ladee Company, at a dinner at Delmonico's, who was displaying some stereopticon views of the north, turned on a picture of garden vegetables grown at Dawson it was taken as a witticism and caused a hearty laugh. We had great difficulty to convince them that it was a true picture and not borrowed for the occasion. We had to pledge our words as gentlemen before we could get them to believe us. It will be readily understood that business men hesitate to put money into such a country as they have conjured up.—Skagway Alaskan.

WATER FRONT NOTES.

The water front today has been struck with a serious attack of innocuous desuetude and is as dead as the proverbial mackerel. Only two boats are in port, the Casca and the Zealandian. The former is having new skylights put in and some more staterooms added. The latter left at 11 o'clock for Fortymile and Eagle on her regular trip with the following passengers: J. Francis Lee, C. E. Newton, T. G. Wilson, R. H. Cresswell, D. Koy, L. S. Robe, U. Y. Norton, Miss Wilkens, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. C. E. Allen, C. B. Allen, Miss Curry, Mrs. Gilliland and Mabel Gordon.

The Yukoner will arrive this afternoon and the Whitehorse and Victorian tomorrow, the two latter having left Whitehorse last night. There are no new developments today in the rate war between the Tyrrell and the combine. At the office of the Tyrrell it is insisted that their boat is going out on schedule time on Monday next and they announce they are now selling tickets for that date.

The La France is expected this evening. The Hannah has passed Fortymile and will arrive this evening about 10 o'clock.

World's Crop Outlook.

London, July 28.—The Mark Lane Express, in its review of crop conditions, says that wind and rain threaten crop damage over a considerable portion of the wheat area of the United Kingdom. Barley has been benefited by the weather, and oats have not suffered. The French wheat yield is above the average, in the most important provinces, the total crop being estimated at 42,000,000 quarters. Rye is not above the average, but oats are from five to ten per cent. above. A big wheat crop is reported in Hungary, and more than an average yield is expected in North Germany, Saxony, Bavaria and Silesia.

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SITUATION UNCHANGED

Striking Telegraphers Has Left London for Channel Islands

News That Superintendent of Construction J. B. Charlson is Coming Pleases Them.

The local and Yukon river telegraphic strike situation remains much the same as it has been ever since it was inaugurated three weeks ago. The men are still out and are in no way showing indications of weakening. They are saying very little but are standing pat and awaiting developments. The news telegraphed from Ottawa to the effect that J. B. Charlson, superintendent of construction for the department of public works, has started for Dawson for the purpose of investigating the situation is considered by the strikers as favorable to their cause as Superintendent Charlson has always been a friend of employes and an advocate of the principle that the laborer is worthy of his hire. On Mr. Charlson's arrival, which will probably be within the next ten days, the striking operators who contend, and who are supported by public opinion in their contention, that they are not asking anything unreasonable in holding out for the former meagre scale of wages, will confer with him and on his recommendation to Minister Tarte will the matter probably be adjusted. In the meantime Division Superintendent Clegg is keeping the local office open but to attempt to handle all the business is too much of a task for one man and the result is that the service is far from satisfactory to the patrons of the line. This is the season of the year when commercial interests suffer most through an impaired telegraphic service.

STUDYING CONDITIONS

Of Trade Between Dawson and the East

Such is the Mission of Dr. S. M. Wickett of Toronto—Represents Manufacturers.

Dr. S. M. Wickett of Toronto, representing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is in Dawson studying the conditions of trade in this city. The Manufacturers' Association is a powerful organization which aims to keep in constant touch with the business interests of the Dominion. They have sent Dr. Wickett to Dawson to ascertain what the state of the local market is and by what means if any the volume of trade with eastern Canada may be increased.

In an interview with a representative of the Nugget, Dr. Wickett expressed great amazement at the substantial character of the town and the indications of permanence which seem to prevail generally. His impressions of Dawson have undergone a complete revision since his arrival. "Another thing," said he, "that has greatly surprised me is the fact that agriculture as an industry is now being prosecuted in this country on a comparatively large scale. I had no idea and I am sure that few people in Canada know anything about the size and quality of vegetables grown about Dawson. I see no reason why the time should be distant when the local market will be supplied with all manner of garden products." Dr. Wickett will remain in the city some days prosecuting his investigations and will carry back with him much information of interest and value to the business men of the east whom he is representing.

Territorial Court

The case of Ferguson vs. Kincaid which was begun yesterday before Mr. Justice Craig is still on trial today. Williams et al vs. Faulkner and Kronert continued to occupy the attention of the court in Mr. Justice Dugas' department.

SIR WILFRID IS VISITING

Has Left London for Channel Islands

Will Visit Paris and Rome, Returning to London in September.

Special to the Daily Nugget. New York, Aug. 13.—Discussing the breaking up of the colonial assemblage in London, a correspondent of the Tribune cables the Sir Wilfrid Laurier will start with Sir Gilbert Parker today for the Channel Islands and Paris. He will visit Rome before returning to London in September. He will not discuss the work of the imperial conference, but it is an open secret that he has exerted a decisive influence in keeping the colonies out of what he calls the "vortex of European armaments." There was without doubt a vigorous effort on the part of Mr. Chamberlain to concentrate attention on this subject as the most available ground for common action, but there has been a complete failure to commit the colonies to a costly policy of military and naval defense of the empire. This question, apart from increase in the Australian naval contribution, remains where it was, and the question of steamship subsidies has not been taken out of the hands of the colonial ministers interested in work-

ing out the plans of fast mail service on the Atlantic and Pacific.

Preferential trade is virtually handed to the serious consideration of the British and colonial governments and taxpayers. It has been recommended cautiously and tentatively within the bounds of existing tariff arrangements.

Mr. Seddon will not accompany Premier Barton to Canada. Mr. Fielding remains a week longer in London. But Mr. Patterson, Mr. Mulock and other Canadian ministers are preparing to return.

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