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AN ABLE DOCUMENT.

Published elsewhere in this issue of the Nugget will be found a memorial addressed by the citizens' committee to his excellency, the governor general of Canada. Beyond question the document is the ablest presentation of the causes and results of legislative inequities from which the Yukon has suffered, that has yet been made public. It is a calm dispassionate review of the situation beginning with the discovery of gold in 1896 up to the present time. The memorial cannot be read by anyone who possesses a knowledge of the conditions which have prevailed in the territory during the past three years without the conviction being forced upon him that the ground has been accurately and conscientiously covered.

We congratulate the citizens' committee upon the firm stand taken by them and the able manner in which they have pleaded the cause of the Yukon before her majesty's representative who is now honoring us with his presence.

We congratulate the people of the territory at large upon the fact that the representations of the committee were received with such consideration by his excellency.

Notwithstanding the deprecations of those who claimed deep insight into the rules of procedure and propriety, it has been clearly demonstrated that the governor general is accessible to the petitions of citizens. We apprehend that his excellency will leave Dawson and the Yukon territory bearing with him a greater fund of information than is possessed by any other representative of the government who has ever visited Dawson.

This in itself augurs well for the future of the territory. We cannot but express the belief that the time is at hand when a new order of things will prevail in this far-away portion of her majesty's domain, so greatly favored by nature but so badly handicapped by oppressive legislation.

The reforms so long and earnestly sought seem now certain of realization. The future looks bright with promise, which we earnestly hope will become a reality within a very short time.

MORE GOOD NEWS.

On top of the assurance of the governor general that the welfare of the Yukon territory will receive careful consideration at his hands, comes the news from Ottawa, as published in our telegraphic columns, that a final determination to grant promised reforms has been reached.

Good news, like bad news, often comes in a flood and we are disposed to give credence to the assurances which are held out in today's telegrams. The reforms promised include the removal of the royalty, the establishment of an assay office in Dawson, a small export duty upon gold and liberal expenditures of money for purposes of road construction.

Not all the points are covered which could be desired, but if the matters above mentioned are taken care of the others will follow in natural order of sequence.

Of equal, if not greater, importance than the royalty is the matter of opening up for location all ground now held in reserve by the government.

There would be room for 5000 more

prospectors to begin work immediately if the reservation acts were withdrawn and ground now closed should be thrown open for location.

The reserved ground question is not covered in the report and the presumption is that this particular matter is not to be taken up in the reforms which are to be granted in the immediate future. However, the promises made are sufficient, if fully carried out, to warrant the belief that the attitude of the government toward this territory will soon undergo a radical change.

Once the determination is reached to give the territory favorable legislation it may be anticipated that all needed reforms will be granted in due time.

The time is past, however, when mere promises from Ottawa will satisfy. We must see those promises redeemed and the laws so badly needed placed upon the statutes before we give full credit to the published intentions of the government.

We hope, in fact believe, that the time is at hand when the Yukon is to receive its just deserts at the hands of the government. But this territory is strewn with government promises as hell is said to be paved with good intentions, and we confess a desire to see some of these promises redeemed in black and white before we give entire credit to their fulfillment.

AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

The plan of taking the governor general up the creeks is an excellent idea. He can secure a broader and more comprehensive idea of the necessities of the country from such a trip than can possibly be explained in writing.

He will readily understand why complaints have gone up for three years past by reason of the fact that no public bridge has been constructed across the Klondike.

When it is pointed out to him that it often costs more money to transport a ton of goods from Dawson to the creeks than it does to bring the same from Vancouver to Dawson, he will have no difficulty in realizing how it has come about that a cry for better roads has resounded up and down the Yukon valley for three years past.

It will doubtless be explained to him that it not infrequently happens that the royalty tax means the payment on the part of the claim operator of a tax upon net losses. In fact a great many matters should be made clear to his excellency upon his excursion up the creeks which should serve to strengthen him in his expressed determination to exert his influence for the betterment of conditions in this territory.

The more he is enabled to see and learn of the obstacles against which the miner has to contend in opening up this country, the greater will be the results which will accrue from his excellency's visit.

News From Eagle.

The military tangle which has been so long in the making and straightening out at Eagle seems to have been disposed of at last, and the result is that Capt. Wright has been relieved from duty and sent down the river under arrest. Major Rae was a passenger on the same boat with the prisoner.

When the Susie leaves Eagle on her down trip this time she will take to Rampart Judge Wickersham and the officers of his court, as a sitting of the court will be held in Rampart on the 20th inst. After the legal business of Rampart has been disposed of the court will return up the river to Circle City, where court is also to be held.

After that will come Eagle's turn to settle legal matters.

In Pretoria—A. D. 2000.

"That is Jan Vankloofensteyn. His great-great grandfather distinguished himself in the war of 1900."

"Yes?"

"Oh, yes!—had three kopjes shot under him."—Puck.

Thoughtful Wife.

Minister—I never see you bring your baby to church.

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

"There is no doubt," said one of Dawson's solid business men the other day, "but that the government wood-pile at the barracks is a good thing for law and order. Many men are so degraded as to care nothing about the disgrace of being thrown into jail, but the fear of having to operate a wood saw 10 hours every day is what holds them in check. The fuel factory is a great institution, but there is another institution which, being a close reader of the Nugget's police court news, I am convinced is fully as badly needed here as anything that goes to make up the equipment of a city; and that is, not an insane asylum, but an asylum for feeble-minded. I think there are more feeble-minded young men in Dawson than in any place of her size on the western hemisphere.

"Scarcely a week passes that some young man, acting apparently as though without the love of home, fear of God, shame of the devil or one iota of self-respect in his heart, makes a fool and laughing stock of himself and don't seem to know what a chump he is until he reads an account of his idiotic doings in the paper; then he hates himself and is ashamed to look decent people in the face for the next week, and until his shallow pate conceives that his foolishness has been overlooked and forgotten. I repeat, that an asylum for feeble-minded folk is one of the greatest needs of Dawson at present."

It was during the parade yesterday and when a boy driving a dog team passed the grand stand that his excellency, the governor general, being pleased with the novelty of the turnout, removed his hat and bowed to the boy that a big bloke on the sidewalk said: "It dat kid 'specks ter be noticed by lords as he travels de rugged pathway of life, he wants ter quit drivin' dogs and try to make somethin' of hisself."

The question that is now agitating the public mind is: Who gave tickets of admissions to the dock yesterday to three certain females? True, they were given other tickets which caused them to walk in a hurry, and they stood not upon the order of their walking. But the question is, where did they get the tickets that admitted them to a place where their presence was as a canker? The nerve of the person giving them the tickets is even greater than that of the women in using them, and when his identity is known, and it will be, he will be held up to public view in order that he may be branded with the stamp of public indignation and forever afterwards listed where he belongs. Such insults to decency and virtue should not and will not be overlooked as unheeding and thoughtless.

The sour dough stood on Third street near the Nugget office yesterday afternoon and gazed admiringly on the arch which stands a little farther down the street and on which is a fine picture of American and British brotherly love in that between the two flags are two big hands in friendly clasp, and on the ends the words "One People; One Tongue."

"That," said the sour dough, "is right. It means canned beef tongue which 'Yanks' and 'Brits' alike have both been eatin' ever since the country was discovered."

Rev. Wright Resigns.

Rev. Wright, who for nearly two years has occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church of Dawson, has tendered his resignation, the same to take effect at once. It will be considered and probably accepted at a congregation meeting to be held next Monday. It is not known who will succeed Rev. Wright, but Rev. Dr. Grant, who was the founder and builder of the church, will temporarily fill the position until a regular pastor is secured. Rev. Wright has many friends who will regret to learn of his determination to leave Dawson.

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