

contains an interim injunction until the return day of the summons, usually the second or third day after service.

The population and conditions in Alaska are very similar to those in Yukon, and a similar mode of administering civil and criminal law there would be as suitable as it has been on this side of the boundary line. A military officer or officers, selected with regard to his or their coolness and judicial cast of mind, and supported by a sufficient force of men, would very satisfactorily enforce law and order in the sparsely settled portions or in the smaller mining camps. When the growth of population has sufficiently increased a court of general civil and criminal jurisdiction, sitting at some central point, would be required.

It has been impossible to secure satisfactory data relative to the output of gold for the Klondike district. Many of the miners refuse to give any information whatever as to the yield of their mines, referring inquirers to the office of the gold commissioner, where it was learned that up to June 24 nearly \$500,000 had been collected in royalties, indicating a gross output thus accounted for of nearly \$5,000,000. At that date the clean ups were practically completed, the officials stating that they would probably collect royalty on \$2,000,000 more during the summer. There has, without doubt, been considerable evasion of the royalty, and it is probable that for this reason \$500,000 will be unaccounted for, while the claims and lays which have produced \$2,500 or less, and which are therefore exempt from taxation, have probably produced \$1,000,000. The bankers and the agents of the commercial companies, who have the best means of knowing the facts, practically agree in placing the output for the season at \$9,000,000, and they divide this aggregate among the creeks as follows: Eldorado, \$4,000,000; Bonanza, \$3,000,000; Hunker and Bear, \$1,000,000; Dominion, Sulphur, and all other creeks, \$1,000,000. (a) Many enthusiastic writers in newspapers and company prospectuses have placed the probable yield of the Klondike mines for the season at from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000, but no intelligent man on the ground who is acquainted with conditions has placed the figure above \$12,000,000. The mint returns and statements of private purchasers show that about \$2,750,000 in gold dust was received from the Yukon up to August 1, less than \$300,000 of this amount coming from points on the river below the Klondike, and it is estimated by the mint officials that \$4,000,000 more will be received by the close of navigation. This would leave in the Klondike district fully \$3,000,000 of the past season's product, in addition to the \$1,500,000 or \$2,000,000 held over from last year. It is probable that a much larger amount than that estimated by the mint officials will be brought out, but it is safe to say that at least \$3,000,000 in gold dust will be retained in the district as a circulating medium

^aThe mint returns and reports from private melters and refiners show that on November 1 the total receipts of gold from the Yukon since July 1 had amounted to \$10,055,270. These figures indicate that the estimate given in the text is probably \$2,000,000 below the actual output.