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NOTICE.

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SIFTON DOOMED.

There is a distinct gleam of hope for the Yukon territory in the result of the Manitoba elections. An effort has been made to give the public the impression that the political battle in Manitoba turned almost entirely on local issues and will have no bearing on the approaching general elections.

Arrival of more particular details indicate exactly the reverse. Sifton's policy not only toward the Yukon, but with reference to other equally important matters was on trial in Manitoba and met with a most stinging rebuke. The fine Italian hand of the minister of the interior has been recognized in every important legislative enactment affecting the western part of Canada that has been proposed in parliament since the Liberal party was returned to power.

Railway deals, notoriously the McKenzie-Mann fiasco, and other corporation schemes have been backed by Sifton until his peculiar methods have been heralded abroad over the length and breadth of the Dominion. The defeat of his party in his own town and province indicate a distinct shortening of his lease of life as a member of the federal government.

BAD ADVICE.

A Skagway paper in a moment of indignation recommends to the citizens of Alaska the formation of an Alaskan republic. Recognition at the hands of congress of the claims of Alaska for broader legislation has been so long denied that it is scarcely to be wondered at that a feeling of resentment has been engendered which will require many years to completely assuage. Congress never has awakened to a realization of the value of Alaska or its possibilities from a commercial standpoint.

Nevertheless such revolutionary language as our Skagway contemporary indulges in is altogether wrong and entirely opposed to the opinions of Alaskan Americans generally.

Alaska is a tremendously big country. Its population, exceedingly small to begin with, is scattered over such an extent of territory that the assembly of any kind of legislative body representing the country as a whole is simply impossible.

Our fiery contemporary would accomplish better results for Alaska and Alaskans if it confined itself to recommendations to the Washington government for better laws for the big territory.

SECOND CLASS MATTER.

The Board of Trade has determined to take up the matter of securing the transmission of second class mail matter from the United States, upon which first-class postage has been paid. Whether or not the Board will be able to secure

this concession during the present winter remains yet to be seen. At any rate the end desired is well worth the effort involved, and even if results do not ensue until next winter the labor will not have been in vain.

It has been suggested to the Daily Nugget and we regard the suggestion as being a wise one that the Board should endeavor to secure the co-operation of similar bodies in Seattle and San Francisco.

The Chamber of Commerce of both cities are most enterprising and progressive bodies of men and if their influence is secured it would doubtless carry weight with the postal authorities at Washington.

The Canadian newspapers upon which first-class postage has been paid come through to Dawson without question and there should be no reason why the same is not true of American newspapers.

The suggestion with reference to co-operating with the coast organizations is commended to the committee of our local board having the matter in charge as being well worthy their most earnest consideration.

Before the placer mines adjacent to Dawson have been one half exhausted development of our quartz resources will be in full blast beyond any question or doubt. The interview recently published in the Daily Nugget with the recorder indicates an activity in quartz mining wholly unexpected by most people in Dawson. A record of more than 1100 quartz claims already recorded would certainly indicate that the country is not wholly devoid of gold and other mineral bearing rock. As a matter of fact there is quartz and quartz in abundance waiting the time when freight rates and prices of commodities get down to where a vein of moderate richness can be worked at a margin of profit. When that time comes, the era of quartz mining in the Yukon country may be said, to have arrived. The approach of the railroad which is now advertised to be completed to Whitehorse by June of next year brings that era closer every day. When goods can be brought into Dawson with only one handling after leaving Skagway, a substantial drop in freight rates is bound to ensue with a resultant lowering in the prices of commodities to the consumer in Dawson. Within two years at the farthest it may be expected that immense quartz plants will be in full operation at various points on the river.

Despite the efforts of Liberal politicians to belittle its importance the Yukon question will figure prominently in this approaching election. Like Bancho's ghost the Yukon question refuses to down. It has occupied a very considerable amount of parliament's attention and will be heard very strongly discussed from the political platform. There will be a Yukon question as long as there are Yukon wrongs to be righted.

Every night sees an increase in the number of copies of the Daily Nugget sold on the streets and delivered to the business houses and residences of Dawson. These are straws that indicate the direction in which the wind is blowing. The Daily Nugget has taken with the people of Dawson in no unmistakable manner.

Are you planning any improvements in the building line? Place orders for lumber with the Nugget Express. Office, Boyle's wharf.

WHYS AND OBSERVATIONS.

Why do people going to the outside start (?) every day for two weeks before they actually get away?

Will some gentleman with a long head—a gentleman that can explain mysteries—please stand up and state the object the Canadian government had in locating its telegraph office out in the "rhubarbs" and so far away from all the business of the city?

Will the ice pyramids of slops and other trash which now stand around in the city like silent sentinels, all be removed before the flowers bloom in the spring, or will they be allowed to ooze away and sink into the bowels of terra?

A Dawson man found a bedbug in his watch and said it got in between the ticks. Age, 104 years.

Will any additional streets be planked next summer?

If Dawson ever gets a good and efficient water system, that will be one thing that won't be taken to Nome.

The first man to reach Dawson in the spring with eggs recently harvested will have things his own way.

What excuse will the town of Bennett have for remaining on the map after the W. P. & Y. Ry. is extended to Whitehorse?

Aside from Dawson and Skagway, would any other city on the surface of the mundane sphere allow a man to keep a corral in one of its most thickly settled resident portions and fill it with hungry, howling, shrieking dogs which all night and seven nights each week, keep up a din that keeps awake and swearing all the people within a radius of four blocks? How much longer than six weeks will corralled dogs live without being fed?

Yankees who think the Dawson "street nuisance" law too stringent will do well to steer clear of Seattle on going to the outside. There they have a law which makes it cost \$5 to squirt tobacco juice on the sidewalk. In Seattle, if you expect to rate as a gentleman you will not expectorate on the street.

For Father Gendreau's advanced pupils: If it is 1600 miles from here to Nome, and if there are 125 scows stranded on the river between here and Lebarge, how many hoteakes are eaten in Dawson every morning?

Will the echoes of the commotion stirred up on the outside by D. W. Semple ever reverberate in the valley of the Yukon?

How long will it be before the last charred ember is removed and the burned district in entirely rebuilt?

How many employes out on the creeks are being fed on dog bacon?

How much, if any, will next summer's output of gold in this district fall short of equaling the aggregate amount taken out in all previous years?

Who held up Clerk Switzer?

All things considered Dawson is comparatively free from sickness, yet what would we do without our hospitals?

A man who arrived from the outside recently with letters of credit to the amount of \$50,000 says he is in doubt whether to buy a developed mine, a steamboat or start a laundry.

Two men made a bet concerning a third, one day this week. One bet the object of their dispute had not taken over two baths during his six months stay in Dawson. The other bet he had taken more than two. They agreed to question the fellow which they did. Both lost, for, pulling up his sleeves and baring his arm, the fellow displayed three layers of stratified real estate. The bottom layer he said was acquired on the Stickene early in '98, the second was recognized as being from Atlin, while an assay of the third would have revealed traces from Bennett down the line to Dawson, the most recent formation being local. When

offered the price of a bath by one of the gentlemen he said: "No you don't. I'm too off to be caught. D'yl reckon I'm goin to wash up and give the bugs a chance? Not much."

LARGE LOSS OF REVENUE.

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which have been abandoned. These figures only cover the space of 45 days, taken immediately after the law became operative and comparing them with the same period of time a year ago.

At the present the occupation of prospecting for placer gold is suspended. Everybody knows that the entire country has been staked, and that thousands of unprospected claims have been abandoned. It is to these abandoned properties that prospectors would turn their attention, if the law permitted. Undoubtedly, some of the claims would show enough to warrant development, and ultimately new producers would be added to the list of paying properties. Men who are willing to prospect are constrained to remain idle.

When Mr. Sifton realizes his grievous mistake, not only to the miners of this district but likewise to his own government, he will be stupid, if he does not immediately rectify it.

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