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A QUESTION FOR THE MASS MEETING.

As regards the theory that Dawson should be an incorporated town and governed by officers of its own choosing, we believe there is no considerable division of sentiment among our citizens. The present condition of affairs is almost without precedent. Dawson has been a town for a period of three years, and a good-sized town at that. The assessed valuation of property, when an assessment takes place, will run well into the millions. The population of the town is made up of men who are accustomed to self-government and the other usages which prevail in civilized communities. The question arises, why is Dawson not today an important municipality, controlling its own affairs, handling its own police and fire departments, and performing the other functions which ordinarily devolve upon a community such as we have here?

The answer to this query must be found in the vague and unsatisfactory manner in which the Yukon Council has communicated to the people the fact that they have a right to incorporate.

More than a year and a half has gone by since authority for the formation of a town government was given at Ottawa, but during this entire time no specific or authoritative statement has been issued as to the terms upon which such government would be granted. Instead of taking the initiative in the matter, as might naturally be expected, the commissioner and council have all along exhibited a disposition to discourage any movement looking toward incorporation.

This spirit of opposition, while it has been passive in nature, has been effective, nevertheless.

The people have been told that, in the event of incorporation, they would be entitled to expend but a portion of the municipal revenues, that they would not have control of the local police, and that heavy deficiencies would have to be met by a system of burdensome taxation.

By means of these general statements, and without specific information upon which to base an intelligent judgment, the matter of incorporation has been permitted thus far to go by default, as it were.

The Council, therefore, while we believe it to be directly and intentionally responsible for the fact that Dawson is still an unincorporated nonentity, is yet able to report to Ottawa that the people of Dawson are to blame for not having come forward en masse and clamored for something which has been purposely placed before them in its most unfavorable light.

Whether the town is incorporated or not, we are going to be taxed, unless the present plans of the Council fail to carry. The taxation ordinance is already

an accomplished fact, and the lists are now in process of preparation.

This matter may, with propriety, be taken up by the mass meeting to be held on Saturday. The present citizens' committee, or some other equally good and representative committee, should be instructed to go fully into the question of incorporation and secure a complete definition of the powers and responsibilities which would appertain to a municipal government. This once done, a basis will be had upon which the people can judge for themselves whether they desire incorporation.

If Dawson cannot properly and economically govern herself, the theory of representative government is entirely wrong. The question, if approached in an intelligent and businesslike manner, will, we believe, show that the town can be governed by its own representatives, with no heavier taxation than is now proposed by the Council. As long as we must face the taxation proposition, we should also insist upon a representative government.

Some definite action should be taken at Saturday night's meeting.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

It will soon be time to begin preparations for celebrating the Queen's birthday. The festivities attending the return of this occasion will have a peculiar meaning this year. It will afford another opportunity for a demonstration of that magnificent loyalty which has been made manifest during the past six months in every hamlet which recognizes the British flag. Dawson gave a splendid celebration last year, and should more than outdo herself this time. The Nugget is of the opinion that the entire population of the town will join gladly and enthusiastically in celebrating the natal day of the gracious lady who so long has been the sovereign queen of Britain's millions.

The return of spring has brought out a variety of wild flowers, which are now very much in evidence on the south hill sides. Crocus blossoms were about the first to appear, but others are rapidly springing into bloom. Botanists would find a source of continual delight in seeking out and classifying the various varieties of wild flowers which abound in the Yukon valley. If specimens of all were secured, they would be found to be almost as numerous as on Puget sound.

The ice in the river is hanging on in a manner that is very exasperating to parties who have been making bets on the break-up coming during the early days in May. It is a noticeable fact

that the sour doughs are pinning their faith in a late break-up, while the cheechakos are claiming an early movement of the ice.

The season of continuous daylight will soon be at hand. It will be possible, in a short time, to perform any ordinary class of labor through the entire twenty-four hours. We don't suppose, however, that many people will be found in Dawson who will care to demonstrate this fact by actual experiment.

Dewey's Candidacy.

Admiral Dewey has expressed himself as being very much gratified over the manner his declaration to be a candidate for the presidency has been received by his friends. Many telegrams have come to him, particularly from the South and some also from the Far West, indorsing his course and stating

that he will receive the support of signers in the campaign which he will make. The admiral was in excellent humor when seen at his home and talked interestingly of a number of things, in connection with his proposed candidacy though concerning most questions asked him he requested that nothing be said at this time as in due time he would make a statement to the public on the subject.

"Why is it, admiral, that you have decided to become a candidate for the presidency?" he was asked.

"Really, on that point," he answered, "there is nothing to add to what has already been printed on the subject. If the American people want me to be their candidate for this high office I shall gladly serve them. My determination to aspire to it was influenced by my many friends, who have written letters suggesting that I be a candidate. These communications have come from all over the country, some from New York, a large number from the South and some from the Pacific coast. It was in response to these suggestions that I have taken the course announced. Since the announcement was made I have received a number of telegrams from my friends commending the action I have taken and promising me their support. I am deeply grateful to them for their kindness. These are the considerations which have urged me to change my mind from the original statement I made on my return from Manila that I would not be a candidate for the office."

"Now tell me something about your plan for the future," suggested the reporter.

"On that point I am not prepared to make any statement," answered the admiral. "I am consulting with my friends as to the course to be pursued. When the proper time arrives I will make a statement of my intention as to the future, and this will be very soon. Pending that I prefer not to say anything for publication regarding them."

Spanish Beggars Are Proud.

A beggar in Madrid had from time immemorial occupied a certain step at the entrance to a certain church. To this church there came every day a well to do gentleman who was accustomed to deposit a 10 centavo piece in the waiting beggars hat. But it happened that the gentleman fell ill and for two weeks was confined to his bed. When he resumed his attendance at daily worship he put his coin in the beggar's hat and was going on into the church. The beggar seized his coat-tail. "Pardon me, senior, caballero," he said, "but have you not a little account to settle with me?"

"What?" asked the gentleman. "An account with you? What do you mean?"

"Why, yes," said the beggar. "You are accustomed, are you not, to give me 10 centavos as you come in?"

"Well, have I not just given you the coin?"

"Ah, but you give me 10 centavos every day. You have not been here for 14 days. Therefore you owe me 140 centavos."

"Get out!" answered the gentleman. "This is alms, not a salary, and I owe you no alms when I am absent."

The beggar drew himself up loftily and flung back the 10 centavo piece to the gentleman. "Well, then," he exclaimed, "if you have no more honor than that, you can go and get another beggar! I shall have no more to do with you!" — Youth's Companion.

Mourns His Bicycle.

John Davies, who for six years previous to April 1st, has been in the employ of the U. S. government in the capacity of mail agent on the steamer Garland, of which he was also purser, on the Seattle-Neah Bay route, arrived in Dawson recently, having made the trip afoot from Bennett in 14 days. From Bennett to Five Fingers, the trail being too moist for pedaling, he lead his bicycle and on reaching the latter place he placed it aboard the steamer Reindeer, shipment to this city. The day after reaching Dawson Mr. Davies read in the papers an account of the burning of the Reindeer and now he wishes he had piloted his silent steed the remainder of the trip. Mr. Davies is an expert stenographer and typewriter and will accept a position in that capacity with a prominent Dawson attorney.

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