

The Colonist.

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THE OUTPUT OF KLONDIKE.

The estimate of the output of the Klondike for 1899 given in yesterday's Colonist is so great as to be bewildering. Hitherto the general impression has been that the amount would not exceed that of last year by more than fifty per cent.

A week ago the Colonist said that the highest estimate made up to that time was of \$20,000,000. The minimum figure mentioned yesterday is double that amount. The names of those who are mentioned in connection with these later estimates entitle them to consideration.

Nearly two years ago this paper urged upon the Dominion government and parliament the necessity of dealing with this great subject in a broad and statesman-like manner. This advice was not taken, although an effort was made to secure the building of a railway to Lake Teslin.

The Colonist was not satisfied with the provisional contract with Messrs. MacKenzie & Mann, but from the information then at its command prepared a report to support the government in it and did so. This contract was the first and only effort on the part of the government to meet the exigencies of the situation as the Colonist then understood them, and we refused to join in any cry against it.

The building of the White Pass & Yukon line has somewhat materially altered the situation so far as transportation goes, and meets the immediate necessities of the case. There is no longer any necessity or occasion for half measures, and the government ought to present to parliament a comprehensive scheme for dealing with the whole transportation question of the North, including that of Central and Northern British Columbia.

We accept the above estimate or not, the fact is now established beyond all doubt that there is a vast region in the North containing gold in paying quantities. Speaking in a general way, the whole country between the Canadian Pacific and the Arctic Circle will reward development, and we hold that the duty of the federal government is to rise to an appreciation of this fact and take up the transportation problem in an intelligent and comprehensive way.

The Minister of Railways is devoting much attention to the transportation problem of the East. It is not the intention of the Colonist to-day to express any opinion as to the merits of his various plans or the methods by which he aims to accomplish them. These can be better discussed by those persons who have a knowledge of local conditions.

The object of this reference is to impress upon him the necessity of giving the transportation question of British Columbia and the Yukon his close personal attention. He will find here a field for activity from which results of the greatest possible moment to the whole country can be reaped. No Canadian public man can ask a greater scope for his administrative ability.

Undoubtedly the opening of the extension and improvement of the canal system and the betterment of the Intercolonial railway system are highly important and will be of immense advantage to Eastern Canada, but the Pacific Northwest offers a more promising field. Speaking with some local knowledge and as the result of much consideration, we have no hesitation in saying that the provision of adequate transportation facilities for the opening up of Central and Northern British Columbia and the Yukon valley promises more to the advantage of Canada than any other line of policy that can be suggested.

represents what is probably the most gigantic emigration on record within a single year, of the people of one nation. The greater part of the freight consisted of wheat moving westward. At the present time there is estimated to be a surplus of 355,000 tons of wheat in the Altai district, and the railway authorities anticipate that at least 800,000 tons of wheat will be carried from Siberia westward annually after five years, and that by the end of the same period the total freight traffic of the line will reach and probably exceed a million and a half tons.

The expenditures of the Russian government this year upon the improvement of this and other channels of communication will reach the enormous sum of \$250,000,000, which is probably the largest governmental expenditure ever made for such a purpose within a twelve-month. It is interesting to compare this with the \$150,000,000 which it is estimated will be laid out in the United States on new lines of railway this year. The latter is of course all private expenditure.

It is said on good authority that United States commercial and manufacturing houses are already studying the markets that will be opened by the completion of the railway, and that as yet not many representatives of British concerns are in the field. There seems to be scope here for Canadian enterprise. The points at which business agencies ought to be established with a view to future trade are Irkutsk, Tomsk, Omsk and Tobolsk. As the greater trade between Canada and Siberia, the more important will become, we feel more than a little interest in this important matter.

The death at Coquimbo of Captain James Hart is announced. What makes the name of this man specially notable is that by acts of personal bravery he saved more than fifty lives. For these deeds he received numerous medals and other rewards. He also had to his credit two wholesale acts of live-saving. In 1882 two lighter loads of Chilean soldiers were in imminent danger of drowning as the lighters were on the point of capsizing because the tow line had become entangled with the screw of the tug. Hart sprang into the water on the instant, dived beneath the tug, disengaged the line from the screw and saved the lighters and their passengers. On another occasion he saved from destruction a launch on which were thirty-four men.

The prosecution of Mrs. Sprague, an in-keeper, for refusing to supply Lady Harborton with lunch while wearing a "rational" dress, the result of which was called to America as a blow at the "rational" movement, turns out to have been disposed of on quite another ground. The question left to the jury was whether Mrs. Sprague had in point of fact refused to supply Lady Harborton with a lunch, and the jury found that she had not. In her evidence Mrs. Sprague said that it was necessary in the interests of her business to prevent persons dressed in an unusual manner from lunching in the public coffee room, and the jury thought this reasonable.

The meeting of the Venezuelan boundary commission has been postponed for a month by reason of the necessary absence of Professor Martens, the umpire, who has to attend the peace conference. The disputed question touching the boundary between the starting point on the coast of the Caribbean Sea and the whole western and southern line of British Guiana. These will turn chiefly upon proof of possession, that is, not recent possession, but such as was established during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

A recent traveller in Turkestan and the Pamirs says that the people of those regions fully expect a conflict between Russia and Great Britain and earnestly desire the success of the latter. The reports which they receive from traders and others who visit India lead them to hope that Russian rule will be supplanted by the juster sway of the British. This is quite contrary to the generally received idea, which has been that the native races of Central Asia generally desire the success of the latter. The reports which they receive from traders and others who visit India lead them to hope that Russian rule will be supplanted by the juster sway of the British.

The fireworks programme, which the illumination committee has decided upon for the evening of the Queen's Birthday, will be more than please the citizens. It will attract hundreds of visitors for it will be the finest by far ever seen in the Pacific Northwest. Such a display in connection with the illumination of the Park and the lakes will furnish a spectacle long to be remembered.

The great journalistic scoop of the Times in regard to the commander of the Falke will hold the record for some time. It seems a pity that the author of the hoax was allowed to get away. He should have been captured and compelled to go into partnership with the Port Townsend and Vancouver geniuses, who amuse the effete East with wild and woolly tales.

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Advertisement for a new mining field. Mr. Smith, who was pioneers of the Johannes visited on mining bus important mining cent is competent to express North American development as a result of the gold-producing centres. There is an immediate up and capital, both from mineral standpoint. In the course of a view, Mr. Smith said prior to the receiving the ports of government are predicted the great new country, but the terrors of the Arctic outlies of travel and this gold mining outside the large extent of the new Eldorado soon broke of nature, and this year's and accurate for the country will be such as accessible to the ordinary. Many of the thousands who failed to reach the year were compelled to nearer at hand, results intervening country best as a result have held at in lake fields, since.

Advertisement for a new mining field. "It is predicted," said Atlin and surrounding year earn the right to man's paradise, and it allow room for thousand next spring. I would not any man to go with a country as rich as the possibilities, taking late considerations, in the district to which found a country where the evenly distributed, in all instances it has been touched on the discovered payable results. Apart from the gold, the speculative mining camp, and all classes of mining. The boundary line between Northwest Territory from the railway now completed along over the mountains comes all the initial difficulties and trails the obstacle for an easy course of the new mining area. The first discoveries. Five creek, connecting A and every steam brings news of new strikes the whole country is an another. Here, Birch, Spruce and Willow creeks are gold, and over 10,000 ounces of gold have been made on the alluvial but they will be made in the large quartz deposits, of golden wealth in the glens remains as yet untouchable to take it out. "Under the British Columbia regulations a royalty of 5 per cent, but seldom collected, which is strictly enforced, and the returns are as much as possible to be made. However, to be little doubt gold to the value of over \$1,000,000. "Atlin is an ideal mining area as excessive hardships, or great expense incurred in the fields. It is a country the most luxurious summer climate, with ample water all requirements, and more. Moreover, it is a locality winter is not to be dreaded. Recommendations, great riches, have had the outside world, which is in the scores that are portions of the Pacific Coast, and the preparation of those to go there in spring, commences of this is that the possession of an adequate means available for the support until the doing an enterprising miner need himself of the opportunity to be on the gold fields. Atlin country enable any miner Atlin country with sufficient being until he ceases for himself."

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