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THE VICE-REGAL VISIT.

The vice-regal party is now on the way down the Yukon, and in all probability will arrive in Dawson sometime tomorrow. According to the advices sent from Skagway the governor general's itinerary includes only a stay of three days in Dawson. It is to be regretted that circumstances do not permit his excellency to prolong his visit. While there is not a great deal within the town itself to warrant an extended stay on the part of the governor general, we are of the opinion that incalculable good would come to the territory at large were opportunity presented to acquaint him by personal observation with actual conditions as they exist in the gold producing area.

However, the best must be made of the time which the vice-regal party is enabled to spare us, and without doubt the opportunity will be improved in every way by the gentlemen having the entertainment of the party in charge.

The honor which is conferred upon the city of Dawson by this visit of the governor general of Canada is a significant one and in more ways than one should mark a turning point in the history of this extreme northwestern portion of the Dominion. As a result of this visit a degree of interest will be awakened in Dawson and the Yukon territory such as has never before been made manifest in Canada. The wonderful natural resources of the country so little understood in the eastern portions of the Dominion will be forced upon public attention more prominently than ever by reason of the governor general's journey down the Yukon, and men who heretofore have dismissed the Yukon country from their minds with the thought that it is but a barren wilderness incapable of sustaining a permanent population, will at length be forced to see their mistake and be led to give this territory such consideration as the facts actually warrant.

Reports of the ceremonies attending the visit of his excellency will be given publication far and wide with a result which unquestionably will be beneficial.

Aside, however, from any material benefits which may accrue to our city from the visit of the vice-regal party, the distinguished honor involved in the fact that Dawson is the farthest objective point of his excellency's trip, is thoroughly and sincerely appreciated.

Cosmopolitan in character as is our population, there is, nevertheless, a unanimous and spontaneous feeling of gratification that a visit to Dawson should be included in his excellency's vacation journey.

The decorations arranged for the occasion may lack somewhat in splendor and magnificence when compared with similar occasions in other cities of the Dominion, but our pleasure in welcoming our eminent guest within our midst will be sincere and genuine.

A SIGNIFICANT STORY.

The story told in yesterday's issue of the Nugget relative to the greatly extended warehouse facilities which Dawson now possesses is highly significant. Approximately there is storage room in Dawson for 35,000 tons of merchandise which, of course, is outside the space which the various mercantile houses occupy for their retail trade.

This simple fact speaks volumes for the substantial character of our town which but a few months ago many wiseacres were predicting would be practically depopulated by reason of the rush to the lower country.

That rush certainly has thus far done the town no good, but we have yet to be shown the disastrous results which so freely were predicted. On the contrary, Dawson is today in as healthy condition as the most enthusiastic admirer of the town could expect. It is undoubtedly true that many people have left the town in the course of the past three months, a considerable portion of whom were substantial citizens, whose departure can be considered in no other light than that of a loss to the city. Of these, however, there is every reason to believe that the great majority will return satisfied that Dawson presents opportunities in a business way which are not yet to be found in any other portion of the Yukon valley.

Of the various buildings which have been constructed this summer it must be said that all are of a highly substantial character, which indicates a high degree of faith on the part of the owners in the permanence of our city. That faith will, beyond question, be fully justified by events. Dawson has grown and flourished under the most adverse conditions. Supported as the town is by one single industry, which industry has been hampered and its development greatly restrained by force of unwise legislation, Dawson has advanced in a manner which may be considered as being little less than wonderful. The growth of the town during the past three years has demonstrated what may be accomplished under most adverse circumstances. It is fair to argue, therefore, that when contemplated alterations in existing laws are accomplished, Dawson will forge ahead again in a manner to exceed by far her previous advancement.

The conditions of the town at the present time is undoubtedly healthy. When we receive the benefit of just laws that condition of healthfulness is bound to increase. The story of prosperity as told in yesterday's Nugget is, we thoroughly believe, only a precursor of better stories yet to be told when the Yukon country shall at length come to its just inheritance at the hands of the Dominion government.

The best thing to do with the taxation ordinance now is to allow it to become a matter of recollection only. The federal government has signified its intention of remitting to the Yukon council a considerable portion of last year's expenditures for outside purposes and with that fund to draw upon, the necessity of a tax levy disappears. It is not to be expected, however, that Dawson will get along indefinitely without taxation. A great many public improvements have already been made and others are necessary. We believe our citizens are willing and anxious that such improvements should be made, nor are they averse to contributing a reasonable share to the cost thereof. But they do wish to be assured that taxes which they pay are legally assessed, and, above all, they believe and with absolute right that they should be directly represented on the body which assumes the taxation authority.

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The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

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Donald B. Olson - General Manager

STROLLER'S COLUMN

There is something about "the man from Dawson" that distinguishes him from the common herd no matter where he is met. In many respects the Dawson man is above commonality and in others he is a fool of the first water. Who else but a Dawson man will permit a blear-eyed soubrette with less brains than a fall turkey persuade him into buying her \$50 or \$100 worth of wine and then be satisfied to be pushed aside when he has spent his last dollar? Who else but a Dawson man is fool enough to stay with a game until he loses an ordinary fortune, even when he knows the "raw" is being thrown into him at every turn and shuffle? The Dawson man is a small potato at home, but when he goes outside he is a wonder. A story is told of a man from below who reached Nome with a cargo of fruit and opened a stand. One day a man came along and asked the price of lemons and was told that they were six for 25 cents. With that natural instinct peculiar to the human race, the purchaser began to pick the lemons over in quest of sound ones.

"Hold on there," yelled the merchant, "don't pick over the lemons."
"Oh, well," replied the purchaser, "I'll just pick them over and only take three."

The vender of fruit was non-plussed. It was the first time in his life he had ever seen a man who would not take all that was coming to him, and sidling up to his customer said, "Say, mister, ain't you from Dawson?"

"I am," said the purchaser of lemons somewhat proudly.

"Well, by gum," replied the fruit man, "I have often heard that Dawson could turn out more fools than any one little place on earth, and now I believe it; for any man who will take three lemons when he could get six for the same price has a screw loose some place."

The Skagway earthquake story as published in a Third Avenue sheet yesterday in which the waters of Lynn canal were described as rolling higher than was the former custom of Slackwater Willie, and the air was described as assuming a dark-green color and smelling like a burnt overshoe, was all a little bit too heavy a description for the Stroller, who is a connoisseur on earthquakes, having experienced their sensations from the everglades of Florida to the summit of White pass. He has seen brick-dust colored coons turn as white as snow from the incidental fright connected with earthquakes, but he has never seen a "strange darkness portending disaster."

The night of the second earthquake at Charleston, S. C., in September of 1886, the writer was a guest at the Strathmore hotel on Amelia beach on the open Atlantic on the Florida coast. It was 11:30 at night and, with the exception of the proprietor, a night clerk and the Stroller, all the guests, over 100 in number, had retired. It was one of those warm, sultry nights peculiar to that country when the very sight of bed clothes is detestable. At the hour above stated the earthquake shock came lumbering along and the big shell of a summer hotel began to roll like a ship upon a turbulent sea. Scarcely had the vibrations ceased when there was a hurrying patter of bare feet above and two seconds later there came tumbling down stairs as motley an aggregation as was ever seen in any spectacular drama. Some were clothed in one button cutaways, others were wrapped in sheets hastily snatched from the beds, while a large number were clothed only in terror lest a tidal wave would roll in from the broad bosom of the Atlantic and sweep the Strathmore from the face of the earth. Back from the hotel 200 yards was a sand knoll about the size and shape of a Kansas straw stack and thither the aggregation scrambled; but before long there was a general verdict to the effect that death by drowning was preferable to being eaten up by mosquitoes, and there was another general rush for the hotel and a hurried scrambling into clothes. There was no more sleeping that night and next morning the first rays of the rising sun were met by 100 craned necks and 200 stained eyes peering out upon the placid surface of the Atlantic; but the expected tidal wave never rolled in and wearily the disappointed crowd returned to the hotel and to their rooms where each man and woman rubbed upwards of 400 mosquito bite bumps with kerosene.

Private dining rooms at The Holborn.

We fit glasses. Pioneer drug store.

Meals at all hours. The Criterion.

For a jolly go, commend me to Sam Bonfield's place. Excellent liquor is served and an eminent mixologist is employed. Another large stock of liquors has lately been received.

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Anvik
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R. W. CALDERHEAD, Agent

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