

knowledge acquired in his own country. The swift justice meted out by such men as Chief Justice Begbie and Mr. Crease, who maintained the supremacy of the law in British Columbia forty years ago, the strict and admirable order preserved in Rossland in recent days, notwithstanding the presence of a large number of roughs from the United States and other countries, and the firm, wise and humane management of our Indians by the North-west Mounted Police are a sufficient promise that Commissioner Walsh will keep up the reputation of British justice on the Alaskan boundary, protect law-abiding citizens and collect all Government dues without having to call in the assistance of Judge Lynch, who still seems in all the States of the Union, with the exception of those in good old New England, a necessary and much invoked official.

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THE "SWEAT BOX."

The inquisitorial practices of French courts appear to be gaining in favour, if not with our courts, at all events with some of the officials concerned in the administration of our criminal law.

It was recently announced in the newspapers that the boy Allison, under arrest at Galt, charged with the murder of Mrs. Orr, had, while a prisoner and despite the protests of his counsel, been subjected by detective Murray of the provincial force, to a "sweat-box" cross-examination of five hours duration.

No friend of the accused, not even his counsel, was permitted to be present, and the Crown officer has not made a statement as to the information elicited from Allison; but, as the result apparently of the inquisition, it was immediately afterwards announced by the newspapers that the Crown had dropped every other line of investigation and was working solely on the theory that Allison was the guilty party. One of the leading papers of the Province went further and stated that the verdict of the coroner's jury, which at that