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NOTICE.

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THE SORDID SUN.

The Sun is incapable of understanding any declarations on the part of a contemporary; the origin of which is not found in a sordid motive.

It is past the comprehension of the Sun that a newspaper may be actuated from principle, and a desire to promote the public interest.

The Sun invariably acts from the point of view that "a newspaper talks the way it is paid," and any other theory is not within the narrow limitations of the Sun's understanding.

In its issue this morning, our contemporary attempts to impugn the purposes and intentions of the Nugget and fails—most ignominiously. The Nugget has said nothing for which it is necessary to offer an explanation or apology.

As an earnest advocate of the election of Mr. Ross—not as a government candidate as the Sun says, but as a champion of Yukon interests—it is the privilege of the Nugget to enclose when and where it sees fit.

We may remind the Sun that the present commissioners who was the guiding genius of the Ross campaign did not claim the election as a government victory. On the contrary he took occasion to rebuke the Sun very sternly for publishing a suggestion to that effect—and gave special acknowledgement to the Conservatives and independent votes which gave Mr. Ross his seat in parliament.

Among the staunchest supporters of Mr. Ross were men whose views for years had found expression in the columns of the Nugget—and they went into the struggle, as did this paper, with the conviction that they were acting for and in the interests of the community.

There was no prostitution of principle—no stultification such as the Sun would endeavor to have people believe—but there was a condition pregnant with possibilities for good or evil and that condition was approached and grappled with, in the most energetic fashion possible.

The article in the Sun this morning will not affect the Nugget in the slightest degree, but its insulting language goes beyond this paper and extends to every one of the hundreds of nominal opponents of the government who gave loyal and undeviating aid to Mr. Ross.

The Sun would do the cause it professes to serve more good through complete silence than it will accomplish by such outbursts of manifest vindictiveness.

The references which have been made to Mr. Ross in the Nugget have been called forth and are warranted by existing conditions. From time to time the public has been assured that Mr. Ross' health was in satisfactory condition—and these assurances have come through the Sun, more frequently than from any other source.

If Mr. Ross has been in good health it is clear that the interests of the public have been neglected otherwise he would have been in his seat in the house of commons and presented the plea of his constituents during the Treadgold debate.

If his health has been such as to necessitate his continued absence from parliament then it is evident that the people have been kept in the dark as to the real facts and Mr. Ross has suffered in consequence.

This morning for the first time the Sun announces that Mr. Ross' health may prevent him from again appearing in the House for the balance of the session.

Our contemporary's language on this point is as follows:

"Before Mr. Ross was nominated, it was a well known fact that he was a very sick man." The Nugget knew it, and knew that it would be a wonder if he was well enough to be at Ottawa at all during the present session.

"The Yukon Sun, and every intelligent citizen of Yukon, realized from the start that it would be a dispensation of Providence if Mr. Ross was well enough to be in his seat in the House during even a part of the present session."

"Mr. Ross is absent from his seat in parliament because he is too ill to occupy it. He has not been in Ottawa for weeks, and may not be there again this session."

In connection with the foregoing it

is needless to say that the Nugget knew nothing of what the Sun says. The Nugget has been assured and has believed the contrary of what the Sun declares to be the true state of affairs.

If the Sun's disclosures are true and Mr. Ross' health is as stated, we have only to say that the facts should have been made known long ago. No one could regret more sincerely than the Nugget that such is the case, but in the light of experience we can scarcely accept the Sun as authority.

If Mr. Ross is in the condition as stated, an obvious course lies before him.

THE LINE OF DUTY.

The theory that a newspaper which supports a candidate for office is thereafter bound to endorse every act of such candidate—good, bad and indifferent—may hold good in some instances, but never applies to a paper which has regard for its obligations to the public.

It is the duty of a newspaper to support such men as it regards are best adapted for the positions they seek, but it is even a greater duty to insist that pre-election promises and platform declarations shall be fulfilled.

In supporting Mr. Ross the Nugget followed out what it believed, and what it still believes, was the strict line of duty.

And today in calling attention to Fourth of July celebration Dawson the fact that the pledges given to apparently have been too hasty on the part of the people have not been observed gaged in preparations for tonight's patriotic encounter to give any thought to a patriotic demonstration until now, but there is still time in which to prepare for a royal celebration on the Fourth.

The Nugget hopes that there will be a good attendance at the meeting and that if it is determined to observe the day with a public demonstration, there will be the necessary enthusiasm and earnestness manifested.

On the Fourth of July Dawson the amount of the water supply has decreased to such an extent that operations against the city corporation has been suspended and the priority of location, the amount of the water supply has been increased.

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