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THE LEAVEN OF AGITATION.

No great social or political reforms have ever been accomplished which were not preceded by a considerable period of agitation. It was so even in the days when nations were ruled in spite of the governed, rather than with their consent. Few rulers, however despotic their power or tyrannical they might be by nature, have been entirely deaf to the demands of public opinion. The fear of popular disfavor in conjunction with the belief that any proposition to which a unanimous public assent is given, is entitled to recognition, has frequently been the means of securing popular rights which otherwise would never have been granted.

These observations are called forth by a comparison of matters, as they exist in the Yukon today, with the situation as it stood 12 months ago. At that time there was a well-defined belief which has since been amply verified, that unless a man stood in with the officials in power, his chances for advantageously using his rights as a free miner were exceedingly slim.

There was also not only a well defined belief, but an almost absolute conviction, upon the part of nine out of ten men in the Yukon that the gold commissioner then in power, Thomas Fawcett, was utterly and entirely incompetent to fill the important position he occupied.

There was also, among other grievances, the belief, which still remains, that the regulations which had been imposed upon this territory by federal authorities were such as would hinder its growth and development to the ultimate detriment not only of this territory but of the federal treasury as well which is looking to the Yukon for no small portion of its revenues.

The result of these conditions was an absolute lack of confidence in the administration of the laws with the consequent refusal of capital to invest in Yukon Territory property. It was at this juncture that an earnest and persistent demand for reform was begun through the columns of this paper.

The Nugget set out to attain three principal objects. First, the resignation or removal of Thos. Fawcett from the position of gold commissioner; second, a general investigation and weeding out of crooked or inefficient officials, and third, such alterations in the mining regulations as by general consent seemed desirable.

The efforts of this paper were ably supported by a large and influential array of newspapers throughout Canada, and assistance was not wanting from the great Thunderer, the London Times, and others of the leading English journals. The results of this work began to come in early last winter, when Fawcett was succeeded in office by M. F. C. Senkler, whose conduct of his most important department of the public service, has met with general approval.

The Nugget's demand for an investigation was heeded in a perfunctory manner, wholly unsatisfactory to all who desired to see the real facts brought to light. In other words, as stated before in these columns, the investigation bore the unmistakable brand of premeditated "whitewash."

However, as a result an indication was manifested to insure the miners of

the Yukon honest treatment in the future and it is but fair to say that the transaction of business through the gold commissioner's office has undergone a revolution, as necessary as it has been satisfactory.

It will be seen, therefore, that one of the tasks which The Nugget set itself has been accomplished. Another has been partially secured. The eyes of the legislators and people of Canada have been opened to the justice of the cause, and its accomplishment is only a question of time.

These ends have been attained only through constant and uncompromising ventilation of the demands which The Nugget, voicing the sentiment of the community, has made upon the Dominion government. There will be no lagging in the fight until the Yukon Territory is given proper and equitable regulations for its government. The Nugget congratulates itself, as it has been congratulated by thousands of miners in the territory, upon what has already been attained. It will not, however, rest upon its laurels. There are still other battles to be fought, and the same unceasing vigilance will be maintained in the future as has been in the past.

A BUILDING ERA.

Reference to our local columns will indicate the fact that Dawson is entering upon a building era. It is quite evident that confidence in the future of the town is well established among men who have the means at hand to erect permanent and substantial buildings.

It appeared last summer as though the great area of marsh land at the rear of the business center would preclude any possibility of a substantial increase in the business district. It has been demonstrated, however, even though the methods employed have been crude, that the swamp can be drained and made in every way suitable for business purposes. Future extensions in the area devoted to commercial interests will depend solely upon the condition of business and the demand for locations. There is plenty of room on the town-site for the transaction of the business of a city of 25,000 inhabitants, and on the outskirts of the town there is sufficient space for all the residences that may be required. The Nugget is pleased to note the number and substantial character of the dwelling houses that are being erected.

It has been clearly demonstrated that there is no necessity of sacrificing all architectural beauty in buildings in order to secure comfort, and a number of the cottages now in course of erection, viewed from any standpoint, would do credit to a metropolitan city. The spirit of progressiveness is certainly abroad in Dawson.

UNSATISFACTORY.

The present status of the proposed creek trails is most unsatisfactory. The council has determined, apparently, to continue its original plan of placing the main roadway on the ridges which will simply mean that after the freeze up traffic on Bonanza and Eldorado will follow the general course of the creek as has been the case heretofore, the hill trail being used for through traffic to Dominion and Sulphur. As regards the proposed side trails, it will be almost impossible for any kind of agreement to be reached between 90 per cent of the claim owners, many of whom are out of the country. It would be advisable for as many owners as possible to interview the council immediately and lay their arguments before that body. Whatever system of trails is decided upon should be of such a nature as will best serve the interests of the greatest number.

The new sidewalks which have been constructed around the city add very much to its sightliness and to the other evidences of permanency and stability which are becoming more noticeable each day. A number of street crossings need attention very badly and should be taken care of immediately. If the council is going to undertake that fea-

ture of the work or if the property owners are to do it, the matter should receive prompt attention.

Aulay Morrison, M. P., from New Westminster, who visited Dawson last fall, and who was so soundly and successfully whipped into line on his return to Ottawa, does not appear to have profited by his cowardice. Morrison had before him the opportunity to achieve a lasting reputation for himself, but the lash was too strong for him. He will always be regarded with contempt by those who are acquainted with the opinions he held when he left Dawson.

The Back Door Route.

The following lines were found pinned to a tree on Rat river, evidently written by a disgusted Klondiker who had been induced to take the Edmonton route:

The man that came this way will find
That he is badly left behind;
He'll curse the day he left his home,
Within these rocky wilds to roam.
He'll tear his clothes and burst his boots,
And curse and damn all back door routes;
Before he gets his goods across
He'll suffer many another loss.
He'll burst his boat and use his grub,
And have to float down in a tub;
Then last of all he'll meet the ice,
And then have nothing left but lice.

Americans Not Worrying.

Washington, July 29.—Government officials express surprise over the attempts made in Ottawa by Canadian public men to keep up the agitation in regard to the Alaskan boundary situation. Their rabid utterances, officials here, say, are strangely at variance with the present peaceable outlook. The boundary controversy has passed the acute stage, and diplomatic negotiations are now going on quietly, with a fair prospect of an agreement. Nothing definite is expected to occur, however, for a month, at least.

It is claimed here that Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper do not represent the views of Great Britain in their attitude, as expressed in speeches and published interviews. The United States government is not worrying about Alaska just now, believing the dispute will be settled amicably before any great length of time.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses are no longer issued by the clergy of Dawson. Formerly one could get a license and be tied up at one and the same time, the privilege of dispensing the licenses having been placed in the hands of Bishop Bumpas and Rev. Father Jendreau. Lately, however, the Yukon council concluded that the practice was neither business like nor entirely just, and it was enacted that in future licenses shall only be issued by the comptroller.

Messrs. Kinsey & Kinsey, the enterprising photographers at Grand Forks, are furnishing their customers with a fine line of views taken on various claims on Eldorado and Bonanza creeks. They do a class of work that compares very favorably with similar work outside. A number of their best productions have been taken for reproduction in the Nugget.

AUCTION SALES.

Vernon & Storry will sell by public auction at their rooms, Second avenue, on Monday next, 21st inst., at 2 p. m., by order of the receiver in the estate of The Pioneer Trading Corporation of Klondike, Ltd.:

No. 17, right limit, 2d tier, Bonanza.
No. 18 do do 3d tier, do
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No. 18 do do 3d tier, do
No. 16 do do 2d tier, do
No. 10 do do 2d & 3d tiers, Last Chance
No. 9 do do 3d & 4th tiers, do
No. 12 do do 3d tier, do
No. 10 do do 3d & 4th tiers, do
No. 13 do do 3d & 5th tiers, do
No. 11 do do 4th & 5th tiers, do
No. 8 do do 3d tier, do

1/2 interest, creek claim, No. 9 below, Hunker.
1/4 do do No. 45 below, do
do do 10, 11, 12, Rob Roy.
Steam launch, "Old Pioneer."
2000 lbs. Salt Pork.
20,000 cartridges.
Further particulars at the office of Vernon & Storry.

By order of the Sheriff:
No. 1 Magnet gulch.
1/2 interest Nos. 27 and 28, left limit, Gold Bottom.

By order of the mortgagee:
Nos. 14 and 15, left fork, Eureka creek.
No. 30 A Below, Bonanza, 1/2 interest.

Vernon & Storry will sell by public auction at their rooms, on Wednesday, 23d August, at 2 p. m., by order of whom it may concern:

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