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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1901.

## HOME CAPITAL.

British capital is not looking to the Klondike for investment. There are a number of very good reasons why this condition prevails, several of which are set forth in an interview with Mr. J. J. McLaren in another column of this paper. London is removed a long distance from Dawson, and the situation with respect to the mining industry in this territory is not well understood. Very few of the highly capitalized concerns which have devoted themselves exclusively to the mining industry have paid dividends owing to reasons well explained in the interview to which allusion is made above. In a number of cases the properties owned by such companies were purchased in London and without accurate information as to their nature. Naturally the prices paid were higher than would have been the case, had the properties been purchased by experts on the ground.

Lack of efficient management has also been productive of disastrous results and these facts along with other considerations have tended to discourage British capitalists from making investments in this territory. London judges the value of an investment entirely from the revenue producing standpoint, and when expected revenues fail to materialize a feeling of distrust naturally ensues. Some few companies have made excellent showings, but they have been few in comparison with the number which have found their balance on the wrong side of the ledger.

It is apparent, therefore, that capital for further development of the resources of the territory must be sought elsewhere than from England's safe deposit vaults. In our judgment such capital as is required should be found among the men who have made their money in the Yukon territory. The output for the approaching summer will, according to the best opinion obtainable, equal if not exceed that of any previous year. The larger proportion, of course, will go for payment of expenses but still there will be many a claim owner at the close of the cleanup season with a comfortable balance left to his credit.

These are the men who should and doubtless will, furnish the sinews of war necessary for further development of the territory. They are on the ground, understand thoroughly the conditions under which they make investments, have a comprehensive idea of the results which will probably ensue. Their chances of realizing from their capital so placed, are far more favorable than are those of the foreign investor who must depend upon an agent—often inexperienced.

Opportunities for investment were never better in this district than at the present time. The gold producing area is constantly expanding and men with ready means who are alive to their opportunities will take advantage of this situation.

The Klondike has capital enough of its own—and there is no valid reason

why that capital should not seek investment in the community which has produced it.

## THE LIEN LAW.

The labor lien law as now under consideration before the Yukon council involves the application of a principle which is absolutely right and just. If ever there was a laborer who is worthy of his hire, it is the man who toils in the shafts and drifts of a Klondike mining claim. Before final passage, however, the measure should be given the very closest attention. Care must be taken that in zeal for securing adequate protection to the laborer, the rights of others who may be affected, shall not be infringed. The ordinance should be scrutinized with the utmost care and its merits weighed from every standpoint. In this connection the Nugget invites correspondence from all who may be interested either on one side or the other. The lien law is one of the most important matters of legislation which the council has undertaken to enact. Before final action is taken, free and full discussion should be given to it.

March made its debut with anything but a display of lamblike qualities. It appears that its departure is to be made under very similar conditions. Thus it comes about that the Klondike is to go on record again as a smasher of precedent.

We miss our guess if John Bull will stand for very much more bluffing from the Russian bear.

## The Mexican and His Hat.

"While on a train in Mexico on my last trip to the country of the Aztecs a young American lady upon whose astonished gaze was flashed for the first time the fearfully and wonderfully made sugar loaf Mexican hat, which is the first out of the ordinary object that greets the tourist's eyes after he crosses the Rio Grande, asked me why Mexican men of all classes spent so much money upon the covering for their heads and appeared to take such evident pride in the great wide brimmed, high, conical crowned shelter from the tropical heat and sun," said a hat drummer to a reporter.

"The main reason why the Spaniard and the Mexican devote so much attention, time and money to their hats is because it is to some extent made the symbol of their standing in the community and because it was the grandees of Spain who of all others at court possessed the privilege of sitting or standing in the presence of their sovereign with their hats on while the rest of the court uncovered.

"Naturally the hat became an object of respect and veneration, and the grandees vied with one another in the size of their brain covering, the fineness and costliness of its texture and the rich gold and silver ornamentations profusely worked thereon. The populace, according to their respective means and position in life, emulated the example of the grandees, and thus as time advanced the big hat became the distinctive feature of the dress of the Spaniard, as the mantilla corresponded on the head of the senorita and the senora.

"The time was when a Mexican placed his hat and his horse before all his worldly possessions, spending as much as \$500 to \$1000 for a gold trimmed, embroidered hat and as much more for his heavy saddle and bridle all trimmed with silver, and this passion is strong—today. The higher classes of Mexicans have abandoned the sugar loaf hat for city wear for the European style, as they have adopted long ago our ideas on clothes, though every Mexican gentleman has his native costume, with its gaudily embroidered short jacket and flaring trousers and hat to match, to be worn when the occasion demands.

"The other classes cling to the sugar loaf hat, made principally of a straw of a fiber peculiar to the country or of felt, ornamented with gold and silver cord, according to the means of the wearer, or perfectly plain and cheap. They look odd to us, these Mexicans in their white, loose shirts and trousers, standing idly about in their sunlit adobe cities as the train speeds on to the capital, and a picturesque lot they truly are."—EX.

Ira M. Rank wishes to announce that the goods from the MacDougall, Southwick Co., of Seattle, are open for inspection at Mrs. Anderson's, Second street.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.  
Fresh cabbage at Meeker's.

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## JUST FOR FUN

As you know we are having a little guessing contest. If you can tell nearest the time the ice will go out in front of Dawson we will give you  
A Tailor Made Suit  
A New Hat  
A Pair of Shoes  
A Fine Shirt  
Two Collars  
A Pair of Cuffs  
A Necktie  
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## STROLLER'S COLUMN.

"I presume," said a well-known Dawson merchant one day this week, "that I have probably had as much to do with secret orders as any man of my age from Ontario. I have taken an even dozen initiations in the past 20 years and today my dues are paid up in eight different orders, while four have been dropped for the reason that they lost sight of everything but the desire to swell their membership and any Tom, Dick or Harry that applied for membership was taken in no matter if his social standing was below zero. I have always drawn the line on calling a man 'brother' in the lodge room that I would be ashamed to be seen with on the street, or that I would hesitate to introduce to respectable people. Such people, or the money they pay in for initiation, may assist an order for a short time, but the ultimate result is that it loses the prestige it should enjoy in a locality and one offensive man in an order will keep a score of desirable men out of it. Besides, when a man is unfortunately received into an order whose daily associations are low and his nightly associations much worse, he is usually a general nuisance in that he never loses an opportunity for making himself conspicuous. But then, I suppose there are black sheep in every fold, but the fewer of them there are the more successful is the order. Fraternal purity would much better be preserved if its members were more free with their use of the black balls."

"If this incorporation business does not speedily materialize I will begin to wish I had the \$5 back I paid for naturalization papers."

The above was heard in the same gambling hall as was a former conversation between a Canadian and an American to whom, as a local politician said in a moment of mental relapse, the question of incorporation is one of bread and butter. Continuing he said:

"While I disliked to do it, I have conceded to you the right to be city marshal, you being to the manor born and me being but a machine-made citizen; but if I can get some kind of a job such as sanitary inspector, harbor-master or even poundmaster we can pool issues and play into each other's hands and make a lot of money on the side. Say, for instance, we each draw a salary of \$250 per month; well, I was in the customs service outside and what I don't know about grafting ain't much, and you being town marshal here and me having a job that will allow us to tip off our hands to each other we ought to make at least as much as our salary on the side. And let me tell you, when that day comes we'll show a trick or two to those gees who won't trust us for a drink now. Speaking of drinks, have you got the price?"

"I have not."  
"Neither have I."  
"Well then, let us go down here to where they poured out that contraband hooch yesterday and take some of the snow and thaw it out. We may not get much hooch but the aroma will still cling to it. In the meantime we must not refrain from punching up this incorporation committee for on its success with the Yukon council depends whether we are to remain in the entomology business or become official magnates."

A Bonanza miner tells of three "sweet young things" who went up on Chechako a few days ago to take some snap shots at the dumps and hooch men at work on them. When a good view presented itself one of the dear creatures realized that she had left her kodak at home and about that time it flashed across the mind of one of her companions that, while she had her kodak in her hand, there were no films in it. Number 3, however, was armed and equipped for business. Her kodak

## ...WELL WORTH SEEING...

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OPPOSITE WHITE PASS DOCK **HERSHBERG**

## CHANGES FOR N. W. M. P.

The annual report of the commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police has been presented to the Dominion house of commons. Major Perry, in that report says that goodby has been said to the scarlet tunic and a less striking color has taken its place. The force has discarded helmet, forage cap, white gloves and gauntlets, tunic, black boots, cloak and cap, black fur cap, black lambskin coat and moccasins and adopted felt hat, service cap, brown gloves and gauntlets (Strathcona pattern), brown ankle boots, field service

ice jackets, field service pantaloons, fur cap, elk mitts, felt boots, jackets, slicker and sou'wester. The commissioner would like the obsolete arms to go after the tunic. He declares that the force should be entirely re-armed. D division alone has the Lee-Netford carbine, all others are armed with the obsolete Winchester carbine and Enfield revolver. Carabines and revolvers have been used a long time and the rifling is worn out. The commissioner joins in the cry for more men. He reports that the great countries of the Peace, Athabasca and Mackenzie rivers are constantly requiring more men. One officer is about leaving for the Saskatchewan to take command of that portion of the territory. The operations of the United States whalers at the mouth of the Mackenzie will long require a detachment to control their improper dealings with the Indians and to protect the revenue.—Whitehorse Star.

## They Used Clean Ones.

The head master of a boarding school in Sheffield is very particular about the behavior of his scholars during meal times. A short time ago the master observed one of the boys cleaning his knife on the tablecloth and immediately pounced on him.  
"Is that what you generally do at home, sir?" he asked sternly.  
"Oh, no," replied the boy quietly.  
"We generally use clean knives at home."—London Fun.

"Whatsoever a Man Soweth, That Shall He Also Reap."

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