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## THE TIME IS FAVORABLE.

The trustees of the Board of Trade have been authorized to raise the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of bringing before the people and government of Canada the true condition of affairs in the Yukon territory, and for the prosecution of the work of securing needed legislative reforms.

We are of the opinion that such a fund can be used to the lasting benefit and advantage of the territory. Ottawa apparently does not realize and will not realize what is required for the betterment of affairs in this territory until an object lesson of the most forcible kind is brought to the attention of the people of the Dominion. While there may be a question as to the wisdom of the language used in the resolution passed at last night's meeting there can be no doubt of the earnestness of purpose which was behind the proceedings. The objects which it is desired to obtain are worth a hard fight, and in fact must be obtained at all costs.

There is no mistaking the fact that remedial legislation must be secured or another 12 months will see the country in a bad way. What, with Siftonian laws and Siftonian law-makers, the Yukon has been subjected to a squeezing process which has begun to make the territory gasp for breath. Three more years of legislation such as that which has cursed the country during the past three will effectually settle the question. But there is hope, we believe, that substantial reforms will be granted at no very distant date.

The fact that a general election through Canada will be called shortly is a propitious circumstance. A political party whose rule is trembling in the balance will be disposed to give favorable consideration to requests from the Yukon. Beyond a doubt the leaders of the party now in power are looking for cover. They want to get away from a record which has covered their party with disgrace and brought themselves into disrepute.

It is, therefore, we believe, a favorable time to send down to Ottawa a delegation to present our grievances. We are of the opinion that the government will be found affected to a greater or less extent with a contrite heart. Indications point in that direction and the prospects are favorable that the spirit of contrition will increase as the day of election approaches. Immediate advantage should be taken of this condition. A delegation properly equipped with the sinews of war and composed of men of capacity and standing in the community should be able to accomplish lasting results and that within a very short time.

## TAXATION ORDINANCE.

We do not believe that any general complaint will be heard as to the rate of taxation which the Yukon council proposes to levy upon Dawson, nor as to the amount of revenue which it is proposed to raise. Neither are out of the way, and in fact it is no more than just or fair that property owners in Dawson should pay a tax for the maintenance of the town. The point at issue which should be determined is the legality of the council's action. It has been understood all along that the taxation ordinance would not be enforced until representation was granted on the Yukon council. Until such representation

is secured, direct taxation of any kind cannot be justified. Again the question of land titles arises which question should be definitely determined before action on the matter of taxation is taken. A large portion of the townsite is still held under the original titles issued by the townsite company and no government patents have yet been received therefor.

The people of Dawson do not want something for nothing. The fact that the town has been, to an extent, well managed; that attention has been given to the condition of the streets, to the question of sanitation, and particularly the fact that from a law and order standpoint the town is a model—all these considerations urge the good citizen to a willingness to contribute to the expenses of maintaining the town. But he would pay the tax with much better grace and far greater satisfaction if he did it with the knowledge that the men who impose the tax are responsible to him as a taxpayer for their actions.

It would be well for those upon whom the burden of the taxation ordinance will fall the heaviest to test the legality of the law, and determine exactly the measure of the council's authority in the premises.

Mr. Clement, who places his faith in the "public be damned" theory, has decided that Dawson is big enough to walk alone and without the aid of the Yukon council. He proposes, therefore, that on and after June next, the Yukon council shall vote no more supplies for the town of Dawson. The only point which interests us in this matter is the position which Mr. Clement will take with reference to the revenue question. It apparently makes little difference as to the views of the other members of the council, they yielding graciously to the demands of the "uncrowned czar." It would be well, therefore, to secure a delegation of citizens to treat with his royal highness and ascertain what portion of the court fines and liquor revenues (if any) he will be pleased to allow for the support of the municipality. This being done it would be somewhat easier than it is under existing circumstances to determine whether Dawson will be able to walk alone when the time arrives. Incidentally it may be suggested that the proposed delegation take lessons in the art of salaaming before waiting on his highness. A peacock feather and a yellow shirt in the way of propitiatory offerings would be quite appropriate.

## The Boy's "Friend."

A boy having been taken to task for violation of school rules, the principal, a woman, told him to ask his father to call at the school. Next day the boy appeared with a rather seedy looking

man whom he introduced as his father. The head of the school and visitor had a talk, and the latter promised to do all in his power to make the boy see the error of his ways. Some days later the boy was overheard saying to some of his companions: "I played a good joke on Miss Blank. I introduced a bum as me father, and she never caught on."

"Wasn't that man your father?" asked one of the listeners.  
"Nope," was the answer. "He was me friend."—Brooklyn Eagle.

## A Bride's Clever Idea.

Out in a big apartment house on Columbia heights there dwells a young married woman who is as naive as the bride in the comic weeklies. The housekeepers who live in the same house with her have been somewhat annoyed of late by mice. The young woman met one of them in the hall the other day, and the conversation naturally turned on their common pests.

"The mice have been so bad lately," said the elder woman, "that I keep everything locked up and all my eatables in the boxes."

The younger woman's eyes sparkled with eagerness.  
"My!" she said. "I wouldn't dare do that. I wouldn't want to run such a risk. I leave crackers and cheese lying about every night when I go to bed so that when the mice become hungry they'll find something to eat and not gnaw things. I'm always afraid they'll bite holes in my new tablecloths and my nice centerpieces if I don't leave the cheese right where they can find it easily. I feel perfectly safe when I know there's plenty for them to eat right where they can get at it."

There's nothing after all like having a clever idea like that now and then.—Washington Post.

## If You Feel That Way.

There's a heap of satisfaction  
In the knowing, if you know,  
That this world is just an Eden,  
If you try to make it so;  
For no one can monopolize  
The king of light and day,  
And you can scatter sunshine,  
If you feel that way.

There is joy behind each sorrow,  
There's a lesson in defeat,  
There's a lecture in experience,  
Philosophers can't beat;  
And nothing like, "I've been there,"  
Can teach you day by day,  
To scatter wads of sunshine,  
If you feel that way.

When you stand before your mirror,  
And you see reflected there  
The image of your Maker,  
With a face of blank despair;  
Just reason for a moment,  
Let nature have full sway,  
For you can scatter sunshine,  
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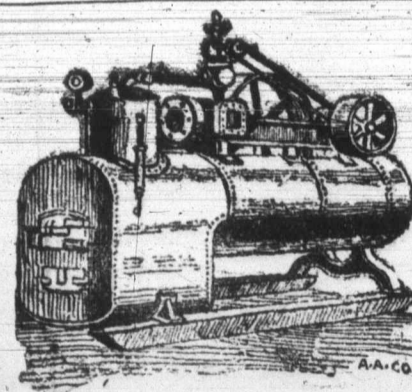
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