

MORE ABOUT THE YUKON.

Hon. G. E. Foster Expresses His Views on the Matter.

Thinks That Immediate Representation Should Be Granted in Parliament.

In yesterday's issue of the Nugget was published extracts from the report of the proceedings of parliament of June 19, upon which occasion Premier Laurier stated that immediate representation on the Yukon council would be granted. At the same session the Hon. G. E. Foster delivered the following in support of Sir Chas. Tupper's motion to grant the Yukon immediate representation in parliament as well as on the Yukon council.

Mr. Foster said in part as follows: "If the Yukon territory had representation here at any time during the last three years, we should have had far more useful and reliable information in this house than we have had, and I think the course of legislation would have been quite different from what it has been. With regard to the number of representatives, that is a question to be arranged, but I do not think that the prime minister will know anything more as to the principal or expediency after two gentlemen have been elected to the Yukon council because they will be overshadowed by what you may call the official vote. They being only two out of seven. I want to call the attention of parliament to the peculiar methods of government which we have had in the Yukon for the last year. You have there a council made up of a possible six or seven members, everyone of whom is a paid official either of the department of the interior or of one other department of the government or the government as a whole.

"This council has imposed upon and gathered from the people of Dawson about \$130,000 during the current year, and there is little doubt that the revenue will far surpass \$250,000. The broad statement to be made with reference to that is that you have a number of paid officials of the department or of this government collecting over \$250,000, and spending every dollar of it without one iota of responsibility. I think that is an anomalous condition of things, and I do not think any man sitting around these boards, if he were a citizen of Dawson and owner of property and a ratepayer there, would have lived in that city one month without making his protest, as strong and persistent as it possibly could be made, against that anomalous condition of things. There is no audit of that expenditure. Now, sir, the people of the Yukon have been holding mass meetings and making representations to the Yukon council to indorse petitions which they have passed at those meetings and the consequence is that the people have to sit by and see those expenditures, but not see them at close hand, for that council has been so autocratic that it has not only not allowed the public, but the public press, to have any access to its meetings or any report as to what has been done there. Now, I think that those people, reputable citizens of a free country, with their interest at stake have a grievance against the government of this country. What is the reason that the fact was not proclaimed immediately after its passage by this parliament? Not lack of protestation by the people themselves, for the people have been protesting, and protesting, and I have before me the papers which have been brought down and I find that after all their protests they have been unable to stir the department of the interior of the government, but at last they sent their petition to the governor general direct and the governor general sends the papers to the government with this remark:

"The above correspondence appears to his excellency of such importance as affecting the government of the Yukon territory, that he ventures to draw the consideration of the council towards it."

"I venture to say that if the people who had charge of these petitions in Dawson had not directed their petition directly to the governor general they would have been without a reply and without action upon it up to the present time.

"The government they have up to the present time is simply a government by officials and autocracy. The duties of the council itself, mind you, are very broad; wider powers than those possessed by a municipal council are given over to half a dozen paid officials in the city of Dawson.

"In the collection of revenue this irresponsible council of half a dozen paid officials, without even an audit, have powers that are simply astounding. Because of the gross misuse of the powers that have from time to time been delegated to this council the people of Dawson City and district have been for the past year agitating in a perfectly orderly way and with great persistence in order that at least they might have some share in the local government at Dawson, and in the disposal of moneys which they themselves contribute.

"No one dare for a moment say that had the Yukon country and Dawson City an able representative in this house direct from the people any of those things could have been allowed to go on for a single year. Under the pressure of the people through the mouth of their representative the unsatisfactory condition of affairs up there would have been so shown up that it would have been impossible to allow it to continue.

"Under these circumstances I think we cannot delay one single moment in giving to the people of the Yukon an authoritative and representative status and place in this parliament by one of their own people, one from that country who knows that country; one elected by the people there; one who will be ready and able to point out to us, to every man on both sides, every one of whom I believe wants to do what is best for the Yukon, but for lack of knowledge and extreme conflict of opinion does not know what is best for that country. But one thing I am sure of, and that is, that an autocratic government of the kind I have described as existing in Dawson, is not the best kind for an intelligent people with such large money and property interests, a people who have made their homes in the Yukon, and who ought not to be kept out of their proper share of representation in this house. From 17,000 to 25,000 people in that district ought, apart from all other considerations, to have ample representation in this house if for no other reason than because of the great material interests that are involved."

Teaching Etiquette.

"Madam," he began as the door opened, "I am selling a new book on 'Etiquette and Deportment.'"

"Oh, you are," she responded. "Go down there and clean the mud off your feet!"

"Yes'm. As I was saying, 'ma'am, I am sel'—"

"Take off your hat. Never address a strange lady at her door without removing your hat."

"Yes'm. Now, then, as I was saying—"

"Take your hands out of your pockets. No gentleman ever carries his hands there."

"Yes'm. Now, ma'am, this work on etiq'—"

"Throw away your pipe. If a gentleman uses tobacco, he is careful not to disgust others by the habit."

"Yes'm. Now, ma'am, in calling your attention to the valuable—"

"What. Put that dirty handkerchief out of sight and use less grease on your hair in the future. Now you look a bit decent. You have a book on 'Etiquette and Deportment.' Very well, I don't want it. I am only the servant girl. Go up the steps to the front door and talk with the lady of the house. She called me a downright, outright, no doubt about it idiot this morning, and I think the book you're selling is just what she requires."—Pearson's Weekly.

Objected to Flattery.

It is rare enough that the modern woman objects to a flattering photograph, but it happens once in awhile.

The other afternoon a strong faced woman of 35 or so, very plainly dressed, guiltless of stays apparently and wearing flat heeled shoes and other external evidences of female regeneration, strode into the reception room of an avenue photographic studio.

"I have come for my photographs," she said to the reception room young woman in a hard, matter of fact tone, handing over her ticket. The girl dug the photographs out of a big pile and pulled one of them out of the envelope to show to the customer. The strong faced woman looked at the picture with immediate dissatisfaction.

"Do I in any way resemble such a doll as this?" she inquired of the reception room girl haughtily. "This looks about as much like the proof!"

"Oh, but the finished pictures always look different—much better than the proofs, you know," said the reception room young woman, with rather a surprised expression.

"Do you suppose for a single instant, young woman, that I came here to get pictures that flatter?" asked the woman with the lined face. "Do I look like such a perfect fool as that? Where is there any character in it? Am I such

a putty face? It makes me look ten years younger than I am. Where are the lines in it, and the—"

"But," interposed the girl behind the desk, "the retoucher has erased the lines. Most ladies prefer their pictures to make them look a wee bit younger and I am sure that none of them cares to have the crow's feet!"

"I am not ashamed of my wrinkles, young woman," was the frigid reply. "I acquired them in a good cause. I shall not take these photographs, and that's all there is about it. I shall have another sitting, and I shall have a distinct understanding with the operator that he is not to fatten and puff out and beautify my countenance in this idiotic fashion. The camera stamps me as I am, and I'm not going to have any lying portraits. I shall return for another sitting tomorrow afternoon." And the regenerated woman stalked out.

The reception room young woman took her gum from the place on the underside of the counter where she had stuck it, put it into her mouth and thought steadily for fully two minutes.

"Well, she's just what my brothers call the limit!" was the conclusion she reached.—Washington Post.

Lost His Steamer.

The City of Seattle is a fast boat, but it is not fast enough to meet the desires of rapid travel that one John Hlditch has in his restless breast. John came out of Dawson with \$8000 in dust. He had a partner with him, who also had some dust. They placed it in a stateroom of the Cutch and locked the door.

Then John came up town and by some chance bought a ticket on the Danube instead of the Cutch, and meeting another John whose second name begins with a B, he managed to get to the wharf a minute or two after the Danube left. On Wednesday he was one of the 340 passengers on the City of Seattle, in the hope of overtaking his gold.—Alaskan.

Heavy Machinery Coming.

Already heavy invoices of machinery are arriving in Dawson and it is said that thousands of tons will be brought in within the next three months. It is noticeable that the greater part of the machinery now coming is much heavier and larger than the average of last year's shipments. Demonstration has proven that one large thawing plant is much more effective and very much more economical than two small ones. One season's work has served to fully demonstrate the folly of attempting to operate a claim by light machinery.

Shortening Days.

There is now a decided shortening of the days at both ends, and zephyrs suggestive of early fall are now noticed in the evenings. In a few more days it will be necessary to keep your lamps filled and burning. Seasons in the Yukon advance in lengthy strides when the corner is once turned.

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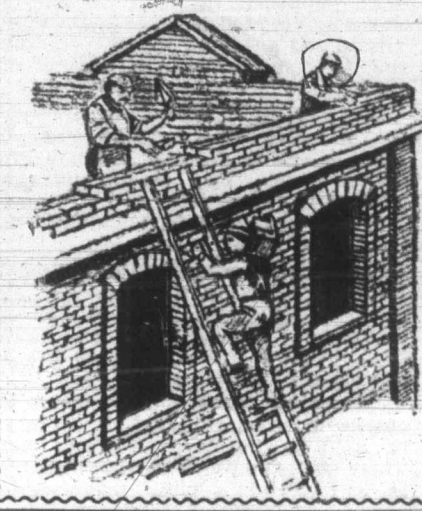
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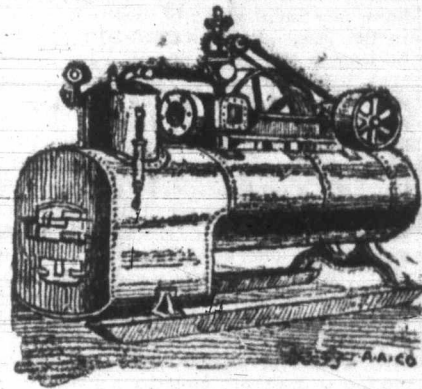
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