

distinctly a person with strong anti-British feelings, which he is never slow to express and enact. This also applies to the average Teuton, whether colonial or not.

The Le Roi mine management has of late taken the classical attitude of Ajax, and, with its proposed smelter in hand, been defying the Dominion of Canada generally and the Province of British Columbia in particular. Let Col. Peyton and his co-managers build their old smelter in any old place. If they wish to kick the ladder down which rounded them up to this possible Ajax position, let them do it. B. C. will still get along nicely.

A correspondent who noted a couplet from Keats in a recent edition of the *MINING CRITIC* which read—

“Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet and blossom in the dust”

asks: “Shouldn't it be gold-dust?” Right you are, Bre'r B. B., gold-dust is the proper sort of incense. Not necessarily Clondyke at that either!

Is the Provincial Museum at Victoria having its mineral exhibits increased? In view of the different mining sections opening up and the Museum soon occupying larger and better quarters, this should be seen to by those interested. Apropos, too, has any word been heard of the exhibit at Stockholm? What say you Mr. Eldridge?

Kamloops has not yet fulfilled its promise of nearly a year ago in respect to its mining prospects. The claim which promised best and only just failed of becoming a mine, is now in the throes of litigation. However, the management of one of Kamloops' hotels has cabled to Paris for a chef, so that things look hopeful. Mining and *cuisine Francais* do not always happen together.

The Nelson *Economist* “opines” that Nelson is *not* in a position or condition to sustain and support a daily newspaper. This naturally leads to the question: Will it be able to hold-up (!) three weeklies? We opine not, but time will evidence.

The official guide of the Brussels Exhibition contains an appreciative reference to the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration's exhibit of Kootenay minerals.

THE YUKON TRADE.

The appointment by the Dominion Government of Customs officials for the Yukon passes has been made, but tardily and too late to retain for Canada a considerable amount of the early import trade of our far north mine country. Much of the trade has, in consequence, passed to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and other American cities, that have benefited greatly by the interim unauthorized application of a free import policy to the Canadian Yukon. The appointment, however, comes in time to preserve for Canada much of the remaining Yukon trade of the year, and of this trade British Columbia should secure the larger share, if only the merchants of our Province prove equal to the occasion, which apparently the traders of Victoria are showing themselves to be, and which we hope and believe the outfitters of Vancouver will also prove.

The *MINING CRITIC* has nothing to retract in regard to its warning to would-be present gold seekers in the Yukon, who had far better wait till March, when summer is nigh at hand, ere they set out for the far North, there to engage in the difficult task of seeking and afterwards developing new locations in what must emphatically be styled a very hard country. But it is certain that notwithstanding all warnings, hundreds, if not thousands, will yet seek the Yukon ere the early beginning of its long and intense winter season, and it is, moreover, desirable in any case that, for the sake of those that have gone and are going, as big an amount of food produce and other necessaries as possible be promptly sent to the far North. It is clear that there will be more than adequate demand, at big prices, for all the goods that can by any means thus be got into the Yukon ere the entering season closes, as it will very shortly. There is, consequently, no danger of any glut of the market; no fear of any unprofitable fall in prices. Knowing this, the traders of American cities—Seattle especially—are eagerly seizing the opportunity and undoubtedly “making big money” by fitting out the Yukon gold seekers. Seattle has, in fact, not experienced for years such a marked revival of general trade, and the present business activity of the city is quite phenomenal. Meanwhile, though Victoria seems fairly alive to a great but passing opportunity, there would appear to be scope for larger Vancouver effort in the same direction, as many men bound for the Yukon will doubtless, via the C. P. R., enter and pass through