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HOW WE WILL BE GOVERNED.

In our local columns is printed the new law which provides a government for the Yukon Territory. From a perusal of the law two things are evident: Within certain limits the new commissioner of the Yukon and his council of six will have entire control of civil affairs in this corner of the world, but our mining laws and regulations will continue to come from Ottawa as of yore. This strikes us as particularly unfortunate. If there is one class of laws more than any other which should be made on the ground and fitted to circumstances and places and time by men actually in touch, it is those laws pertaining to mines and miners. True, the new commissioner and council will be in a position to advise their government as to our necessities. From past experiences with the same men and the same form of second-hand government we are inclined to ask the question: "Can the commissioner and council be depended upon to advise their government for our good if it required the saying of something which the commissioner and council believed the government did not want to hear?" We are inclined to think not. While the government will undoubtedly look to that council for advice on Klondike matters; that council will be in no way representative, for though the request was several times made we were not allowed to place a single miner upon it. The natural conclusion forced upon us is that the miners have to depend upon themselves for representation. We believe if they will organize a sufficiently large and unanimous association, controlled by miners and for the good of mines and miners; they can make themselves heard at Ottawa in no uncertain tones. Their trustees and committees will not depend for their position upon a smile or frown from Ottawa as will the new council of the Yukon territory. To sum up the entire matter: The miners will have to depend upon themselves alone for proper representation to Ottawa.

KLONDIKE'S PECULIAR OFFENCE.

If the question was asked the average man in Dawson "What is the crime of this country?" he would probably suggest "assault" or "drinking" or "gambling." Instead of that the courts are filled with cases in which the charges are bunched under the head "theft of gold." The fact that gold stealing is little heralded through the local papers is due in the first place to the seriousness of the crime. In order that the much wanted gold may be recovered, it is essential that the police should be the only people who know of any one being suspected of its abstraction. Often again, the recovery depends upon a compromise being effected between the two parties most interested, and it is but natural that a man is easily persuaded not to prosecute when so much depends upon it.

It is with much regret we record the passing away of the time when the stealing of gold was almost an unknown crime. Columns have been filled—yes pages—in the world's newspapers telling

of the trustful simplicity of Klondikers in leaving gold lying carelessly around on counters, shelves, in cans and pans—yes and numbers of accounts said piled up on the wharves like cordwood. If this was ever true the change has been most complete.

In the mints and great treasuries of the world the handlers of the currency are surrounded by a thousand checks and guards. When one stops to think that the entire product of the Klondike is currency, and that surety companies are here unknown, the only wonder is that more gold is not stolen than actually is.

A SUGGESTED REGULATION.

A mining regulation which would result in a great amount of good and would do away with many of the evils which have made our gold commissioner's office so widely condemned would be to make every man who stakes a claim go back to it after recording and mark the stakes with the date and fact of such a record having been made. There are whole creeks which are staked and for the most part unrecorded, yet a prospector is warned off from that ground by the stakes, even though the original staker may have long since abandoned the creek. True, he can tramp back to the gold commissioner's office and offer a given claim for record after several days of waiting in line. Finding the claim recorded he may go out and try it again.

How it would simplify the matter for the bona fide prospector—and he is the man above all others who must be encouraged if this country is to be developed—if the man of the pick and pan could know the status of each claim as he came to it. We are in receipt daily of communications from Indian river and other outlying streams in which the writers some times go so far as to state that miles of stakes are in the same hand writing. The posting up of notices of record would have to be made a misdemeanor and then the man with a mile of stakes would vanish from the Klondike.

THE OUTLOOK FOR WINTER.

The coming winter will not present to citizens of Dawson the terrors that confronted them last year. If only a portion of the boats now en route up the river reach their destination, the food supply proposition will be settled for this winter at least. There is probably enough provisions on the way to Dawson to supply the town and surrounding diggings for two years at the very least. The chances are that some of the boats will fail to reach Dawson, but enough are certain to get here to make worry over the food supply altogether unnecessary.

Again, facilities for communication with the outside will be much better than was the case last winter. At least one established company will keep dog teams and pack trains in operation all winter. They intend establishing stations along the river at convenient points where supplies are to be cached and in this manner the trip in and out over the ice will be materially simplified. The government posts along the river will also be of the greatest assistance in keeping communication open. The knowledge a traveller will have, that at the very greatest, he is within three or four days journey from one of the mounted police stations will almost entirely rob the long and arduous trip of its terrors.

Mail service will undoubtedly be kept up during the winter, both by the government as well as by private parties. A number of persons already have signified their intention of carrying mail out and others will be coming in for the same purpose.

The most serious of all the winter problems confronting Dawson is the wood supply. If as stated by agents of the combine, they will be in control of the market and can raise and lower the price at will, a resulting hardship is almost certain to ensue. Unless the gentlemen concerned are constructed on principles different from the ordinary, they will work their snags for all there is in it.

Aside from this, the outlook for winter

in Dawson from the standpoint of personal comfort and convenience is very favorable.

BECOMING ALMOST EPIDEMIC.

There are 40 known cases of typhoid fever now in Dawson and the death rate is becoming alarmingly high. We will venture to say that there is not another city of 17,000 inhabitants other than Dawson in North America, north of the Mexican boundary, where there is not a board of health or some body exercising a similar function. And by the laws of contrary there is not another city of the same size which needs it so badly. There can be no underdrainage in a land of reeking muck and underground sewers would be an impossibility even were Dawson the possessor of a population and a wealth as great as New York. If the summers were longer it would be impossible for a camp of 17,000 people to exist here—they would simply die off. As it is the germs of typhoid lie harmlessly inanimate for the greater part of the year, but each succeeding summer will find the slushy muck beneath our feet more and more foul and pestilential until at last we shall become a reeking, noisome offense unto heaven. Nothing can be buried here so as to become invisible to the sense of smell as well as to the sense of sight.

Eventually we will get a town incorporation and the sanitation of Dawson will be looked into. Renewable soil closets will be made compulsory and sewers will be utilized to take down the river the garbage and refuse which is such a menace to the lives of our good citizens.

The wood problem is a serious one and deserving of much more attention than it is receiving at the hands of the proper officials. Certain officials try to persuade us that the scarcity of wood is not due to restrictions placed upon the business by themselves. Yet all who look into the situation will acknowledge that if all restrictions were removed Dawson could be well trusted to provide a good supply of wood for herself. Within 24 hours of such removal the fuel would commence to pile up. If Captain Starnes cares to endeavor himself for the hearts of his fellow Dawsonites let him have a half mile of water front cleared at once to be used solely for landing house logs and firewood.

The difference between the North West Mounted police and the ordinary Metropolitan police we are all used to, is so marked that it is commented upon hourly by the people in the district. The difference is decidedly in favor of the N. W. M. P. However the compensation allowed them by their government is inadequate to their surroundings. It is not conducive to either dignity or good service that they should receive for their responsible work a smaller remuneration than even the ordinary carriers of water and hewers of wood.

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Good Accommodations for 75 People.

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CACHES—Cache building apart from Hotel, containing 120 separate rooms for storage of outfits.

McCONNELL & PARKER
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General Merchandise
Highest cash price paid for provisions and all kinds of merchandise.
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THE COSY NEW

COMBINATION THEATRE
DAWSON

Under the management of
R. E. SIMONS

First-Class Vaudeville Performances
Every evening with a bevy of beauties in title roles.

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99-97 Columbia Street, Seattle, Wash.
Seattle No. 3 and Barges will leave Dawson for St. Michaels and down river points on or about August 8, and connect with our A. T. S. Alliance for Seattle.

THE PACIFIC-ALASKA EX. CO.
Operates over our line and handles Express Matter for all points.

Orders for freight coming in will be handled promptly. Goods insured on transit and stored at Dawson and other down river points 30 days free of charge. This enables miners to prospect with a light outfit, and call for their goods when permanent camp is located. We are the only established company carrying freight for shippers to the various points on the Yukon.
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DAWSON'S FINEST HOTEL

European and American Plan

FINE CUISINE
ELEGANTLY FURNISHED ROOMS

EVERY MODERN IMPROVEMENT
MISS B. A. MURROONEY, Proprietress

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DINSMORE, SPENCER & MCPHEE, Proprietors
BEST GRADES OF
SCOTCH and CANADIAN WHISKIES

And the Old Favorite Brand of
JACK McQUESTIAN CIGARS

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Mixed Drinks a Specialty

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OF COURSE YOU DO!
CHOICE LIQUORS, WINES, MIXED DRINKS
AND CIGARS

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McGrath & Patterson, Proprietors
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Finest Brands of
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THE NORTHERN

ASH & MANNING, Proprietors
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Expert Mixologists
MINING HEADQUARTERS
FRONT STREET, DAWSON

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Is the Place to go for fun and amusement. Finest kind of Liquors and Cigars.
Lloyd, Harrison & Co., Proprietors

The "Monte Carlo"

FINEST BAR IN DAWSON
QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST
Mixed Drinks a Specialty
HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

THE OPERA HOUSE

BAKKE, WILSON & PETERSON
Proprietors
DAWSON
Headquarters for Best of
Wines, Liquors and Cigars
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

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