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M'INNES ON THE YUKON.

Some time prior to the fall of ex-Lieut.-Gov. McInnes from power in British Columbia, Premier Laurier wrote to Mr. McInnes requesting the views of that gentleman respecting the condition of the Liberal party and the sources of its present weak spots. Mr. McInnes' reply has just been made public through the Victoria Times and furnishes very interesting reading. Among other causes which are advanced by the ex-lieutenant governor to explain his party's loss of strength in the west, is the government's Yukon administration, in discussing which Mr. McInnes speaks in part as follows:

"The corruption of the Dominion officials as to the Yukon and the venality of their administration are generally believed throughout the west and have had a very bad effect. The administration of the Yukon should be in such a position as to challenge, rather than shun the closest scrutiny by the enemies of the government."

When this was written Mr. McInnes was a trusted supporter of the Laurier regime, and his letter was a private communication to the premier never intended for publication, and written solely for the information and guidance of the head of the government. The ex-lieutenant governor is now in bad repute at Ottawa, and consequently is giving out for publication a great many matters which under other circumstances would never see the light of day.

His opinion respecting the Yukon administration, considering the circumstances under which it was expressed is of no little value and weight. It undoubtedly reflects the general views held throughout the west, the effect of which will best be seen when the elections now pending are held.

Apparently the end of the Yukon scandals is not yet.

Any legislation passed for the protection of the laborer should regard also the rights of the employer and the man who furnishes the capital for the operation of claims or other enterprises whatever they may be. Some means should be taken to secure the payment of a laborer's wages, but in so doing there should be no interference with prior rights of other parties. In other words any law which may be passed in the future respecting the settlement of laborer's claims should not in any way affect obligations undertaken prior to the passage of such a law. Some of our prospective legislators might spend a little time profitably in considering what sort of law will best meet the necessities of the situation. The thing to be arrived at is to secure equity for all parties, laborer and employer alike.

Mr. Clement, the gentleman of automatic inclinations evidently believes in taking time by the forelock. Mr. Clement has announced that in February next he will make a motion to take effect June 1st next, that on and after the latter date Dawson shall be declared an orphan, so far as any further appropriations from the Yukon council are concerned. We would like to draw the uncrowned czar's attention to the fact that had Dawson not been appropriating money for the Yukon council right along, the latter body would have long ago been a financially shipwrecked mariner. We will undertake to say

that whenever the council is able to get along without Dawson the town will be able to exist without the help of the council.

Despite the hysterical complaints and denunciations of our contemporary, the News, there appears to be no good grounds for believing that the American government has at any time within the last six months contemplated sending first-class mail to Dawson via St. Michael. Scarcely a boat arrives from up river points which does not bring mail for Dawson, both from the States and Canada. Letters are arriving from Seattle within six and seven days from the date of mailing and from other outside points in a proportionate length of time. The American first-class mail is brought to Skagway and over the pass just exactly as is done with the Canadian mail. If any mail is coming via St. Michael it is second-class or third-class mail or letters that have been en route upwards of a year.

Two years ago an effort was made to secure the establishment of a public school in Dawson. Last year the effort was repeated, but in neither case were effective results obtained. The time is at hand now for the opening of a school if it is the intention of the council to furnish public education in Dawson at all. We understand that books are now supposed to be en route, but nothing has been done in the way of securing or equipping a school building. This should be done without further delay.

Several matters of much importance will be brought up for consideration at the Board of Trade this evening. It is most desirable that a large attendance should be present and a full discussion take place of all matters upon which the board purposes taking action. The matter of raising a fund for the purpose of advancing the interests of the territory at Ottawa will be discussed and the objects to be obtained will undoubtedly be explained. The meeting should be well attended.

The Sun announces with a great deal of gusto that its rates for advertising are less than one-third the rates charged by the other papers in Dawson. Further along in the same paper the announcement is made that the Sun's advertising rates are based upon its circulation. There is no doubt about this latter proposition.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

We are selling lemons. Mohr & Wilkens.

Private dining rooms at the Holborn.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

Shindler has bicycle sundries; wood rims, inner tubes, ball bearings, spokes, bells, cyclometers, toe clips, graphite, etc. Wheels to rent by the hour. crr

Fresh eggs just arrived. Mohr & Wilkens.

Why buy an inferior cigar when you can get the famous Needles Cigar, guaranteed Havana filled, for the same money, to all dealers. crt.

Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.

OF SEATTLE, WASH.
Mining Machinery of All Descriptions. Pumping Plants a Specialty. Orders Taken for Early Spring Delivery.

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By Phone

Use the Phone and Get an Immediate Answer. You Can Afford It Now.

Rates to Subscribers, \$30 per Month. Rates to Non-Subscribers: Magnet Gulch \$1.00 per message; Forks, \$1.50; Dome, \$2.00; Dominion, \$3. One-Half rate to Subscribers.

Office Telephone Exchange Next to A. C. Office Building.

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SHINDLER, Hardware

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Near the Holborn Restaurant

Now Open for Business

...Grand Forks Market

Meats of All Kinds WHOLESALE and RETAIL At Dawson Prices F. GEISMAN

STROLLER'S COLUMN

"I have just been figuring." The remark was made by a man to the Stroller yesterday as he exhibited a stump of a lead pencil and a sheet of closely marked paper as big as a barn door. "On what have you been exercising your mathematical skill?" asked the Stroller.

"I was computing," replied the man, "the great saving it would have been to Dawson, the vast amount of money that would have been kept here instead of going out of the country, if 250 or 300 fairies instead of only one had been McLaughlinized just on the eve of their intended departure for Nome. There is no doubt in my mind but that—well, say 200 of those who have gone away had each been presented with an amount equal to the one who didn't go—\$77. Multiply \$77 by 200 and you find that \$15,400 has been carried away that might just as well have been kept here. All that we need to do to prevent any more of this property being carried away is to prime the suckers that gave it into their keeping. If Dawson does not protect her own interests, she is up against it."

And the man with the calculating mind repeated half inaudibly: "We must prime our suckers."

The man with the variegated eyes and the pale blue complexion was leaning over the railing on the water front opposite the saw mill, pensively gazing at the rafts of saw logs in the water.

The Stroller was also temporarily interested in saw logs and paused near him. The man with the eyes and complexion looked at the Stroller contemplatively a moment and said: "Out with your hammer again?"

The Stroller said he supposed that was slang for something but didn't know what it meant.

"You ought to get married," was the reply. "You're too innocent to travel alone. You knocked a friend of mine last week so that he hasn't been able to stand alone since. You referred to him as the meanest man in Dawson. Now, that man is one of the best fellows in the world, if he is let alone. That's all he asks; just to be let alone, and his wife won't do even that much for him. She's the most unreasonable woman living. He allows her to carry her own wood and water, build the fires and cook his meals, and even occupy the same house, breathe the same air, and if she insisted real hard he would let her pay the rent. With all these privileges which he cheerfully grants her she is not satisfied to let him alone in the management of his own little affairs. For instance he has some photographs of lady friends which he takes an innocent pleasure in showing to his friends and telling them 'how it happened.' Then, again, being of a very ardent and sympathetic nature, he has many cherished friends, especially among the ladies, and to these trifles his wife very unreasonably objects. She also kicks because he very properly objects to paying any bills or going to bed before 7 o'clock a. m. She makes no allowance for the fact that he is a Hogan in good standing and therefore could not do otherwise."

"If it wasn't for women and a scarcity of hootch there wouldn't be any trouble in the world at all."

"Wow! Tom Chisholm struck an artesian well in his cellar, and that Hungarian, Tommy McDonald, has left the tap open."

"A well, is it; I thought he'd tapped the Yukon. Say, that water is colder than charity."

These are a few of the expressions the Stroller heard in front of the Aurora last evening, the source of which was two individuals who looked as if they had just been rescued from a watery grave. They were wet, so was the sidewalk. The water was still running in a sluggish stream from the front door to the edge of the walk, where the two recently baptized had been sitting. Now it was running into the street, the absorbing trousers having been taken away, filed.

Inside, behind the bar stood a water picher and a barrel which had just been emptied.

"Say," said one wet party to the other, "it's lucky for us that it wasn't a barrel of hootch that sprung a leak and ran out here, because if it had been our pants would have been in smoking ruins long ago."

From a business standpoint the present Yukon government can and does probably delve deeper for a dollar than any organization or corporation has been known to do in either modern or ancient history. Like the warhorse with a battle, so does the Yukon council scent a dollar from afar.

Gandolfo, the fruit and confectionery man knows the above to be true. Some men have corners, but Gandolfo has a point—located where First and Second avenues merge into one. This point is not of sufficient size on which to whip a cat, being only 14 feet square. But being a frugal man, Mr. Gandolfo has a building on his point, and in this building he conducts a fruit and candy business.

Assessors being abroad in the land, saw the point and proceeded to assess it. When they got through it was evident that nothing had been overlooked. First the 14-foot point was valued; then came the building, followed by the azure zone above it; the light which enables Gandolfo to do business without the use of kerosene or electricity—the God-given sunlight—was next listed and lastly, the volume of business which will be done on the point in the year was guessed at and assessed. The total valuation on which Gandolfo will be called upon to pay taxes is only a little matter of \$17,500.

The assessor saw the point, and Gandolfo will also see it when he pays his tax on it.

Best potatoes in town. Mohr & Wilkens.

Alaska Commercial Company

RIVER STEAMERS
Sarah, Hannah, Susie, Louise, Leah, Alice

THE STEAMERS
Belia, Margaret, Victoria, Yukon, Florence

TRADING POSTS
ALASKA: St. Michael, Andreofsky, Anvik, Nulato, Tanana, Mintook (Rampart), Fort Hamlin, Circle City, Eagle City
KORYUKUK DISTRICT: Koryukuk, Bergman
YUKON TERRITORY: Fortymile, Dawson

SUSIE AND LOUISE

Are expected from below at any hour.

Dawson Post Is Fitted With Public Safe Deposit Vaults.

THE KLONDIKE CORPORATION, LTD.

SHIPPERS AND MERCHANTS

Who have freight at White Horse which they wish brought down at once should call on The Klondike Corp. Agent at Lancaster & Calderhead's wharf and reserve space on the...

ORA, NORA OR FLORA

The fall rush will soon begin and unless this freight is moved soon there will, no doubt, be a repetition of last year's blockade, resulting in enormous losses.

R. W. CAEDERHEAD, Agent

SARGENT & PINSKA

Have received their consignment of NEW GOODS from the great manufacturing centers of the East

TWO SCOW LOADS

We have a particularly full line of...

Slater's Fine Shoes, high lace, and Boots

NEW CLOTHING, NEW HATS, NEW FOOTWEAR, NEW HABERDASHERY.

"The Corner Store," opp. Aurora.

LUMBER

Mouldings, Sash, Glass Panel and Lattice Doors, Furniture, Mill and Machine work, Store, Office and Bar Fixtures, Wood Turning, Scroll Sawing. Estimates Furnished to Builders and Contractors.

Klondike Mill Co., Dawson, Telephone No. 45
Branch Office, N. A. T. & T. Co.

JUST ARRIVED

Men's Nobby Summer Clothing
Latest Styles in Footwear

YOU ARE INVITED TO INSPECT OUR STOCK

A. E. CO.

DON'T BE SHY!

If you need your toilet cleaned or any other garbage removed,

CALL ON GUILDS & BROWN,

Corner of Fourth Street and Second Avenue.

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STR. FLORENCE S.

Will leave for points on the Tanana river immediately after her return from White Horse.

For particulars see Barrett & Hull's Dock J. O. BOZORTH, Agent.

..Dawson Transfer & Storage Co.

Third Ave., Opp. Hotel Metropole.

Freighting to all the Creeks, General Storage, Saddle-Horses for Hire, Feed and Sale Stable.

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