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## COMING AT LAST.

Ottawa is awakening at last to a realization of the fact that there is something wrong in the Klondike country. It may be the pangs of an awakened conscience; it may be the knowledge of the threatened Nome stampede or, what is more likely, it is the fear of approaching retribution at the coming elections. At any rate there is good reason to believe that a change of heart has been experienced within the walls of the interior department and there is apparently a design on the part of the government to grant some measure of relief from the hardships imposed by existing regulations.

As a matter of fact we are of the opinion that Sifton has been made to see that instead of working to the interests of the government he has been its very worst enemy. Instead of increasing the revenues, his previous rulings and regulations have had a distinct tendency to decrease the flow of money into the federal coffers. By shutting off the various creeks from the prospector he has confined the number of miners' licenses issued to men who are either owners or employed on claims. The reservation of so large a portion of the country and more particularly the ruling whereby unrepresented ground reverts to the crown, has cut the revenue which might be derived from claim renewals fully in half.

Indirectly the government is losing a large amount from falling off in customs receipts, for with the decrease in population which has come about as a result of Sifton's Yukon policy, the consumption of imported commodities has proportionately diminished.

There is no reason why there should not be double our present population in the territory, every man of whom would carry a miner's license and have a claim renewed every year.

The Yukon question, despite all efforts that have been made to compel it to subside, has refused to down. It is an important question with the political leaders of Canada today, and will assume larger proportions as the time of election comes near. It begins to look as though in the shuffle of politics about to take place that we stand a fair show of receiving a measure of our just deserts.

Five days from Bennett to Dawson by dog team entirely demolishes the "Klondike isolation" theory which has prevailed so extensively. The ice trip now has almost entirely lost its terrors. Dozens of bicycles have been ridden into the country, numerous trips occupying less than ten days. Had anyone proposed two years ago that a man with a wheel and no baggage could make the distance between Dawson and Bennett over the ice, he would have been credited with an affliction of some sort of

mental weakness. Men are coming and going now almost every day and no mention is made of the circumstance. When it becomes generally known how easily this trip can be made, wheel enthusiasts will be coming into Dawson for the sake of the experience. The idea of a straightaway boulevard of 500 miles over a hard packed snow trail should present an irresistible attraction to a genuine hiko-maniac, of whom there are thousands throughout the States and Canada.

Letters from parties who went to Nome last summer and are now spending the winter at the beach camp state that the town during the winter has been very quiet with little or no attempt being made at work either on the beach or creeks, with a consequent lack of business in the town. These statements indicate that Nome will prove a summer proposition entirely, which is the view frequently expressed by this paper. Men who are now preparing to leave Dawson should not overlook this most important point in planning their operations at Nome. Business may be booming for a few months after the opening of navigation, but the bubble is quite likely to burst with the approach of cold weather.

There are some people who would do well to remember that a reasonable amount of courtesy is never thrown away even on a newspaper man. The average newspaper man is long suffering, but he is like the proverbial worm—there are times when he will turn.

According to reports of parties now arriving from the outside the trail between Dawson and Bennett is simply covered with men, horses, dogs and sleighs, bringing in goods over the ice. A large amount of meat is en route, while all kinds of general commodities are represented.

We publish elsewhere a description of the burial of Gen. Wauchope who was killed at the famous battle of Modder river. The correspondent's account of the sad event is one of the most vivid and realistic pieces of description that has been written in connection with the war.

It would go hard with the world-be Nomad if the cold weather should happen to forget itself and run over into next September.

**Mr. McMullen Ill.**  
Mr. Thos. McMullen, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been confined to his room for several days, suffering from an injured foot. Mr. McMullen expects to be up and in attendance upon business in a short time.

**Eagles Will Organize.**  
At 3 o'clock tomorrow in McDonald hall the Dawson Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be instituted by District Deputy Fay, who but recently arrived from the outside with the charter and paraphernalia. It is expected that an organization will be perfected with 100 charter members, as up to yesterday 74 had already applied for membership. This number does not include any of the old Eagles in Dawson of whom there are fully 60, more than half of whom are members of the Skagway aerie, the remainder being from Seattle, Spokane, Portland and San Francisco. As all these will put their membership cards in the aerie, No. 50 will have a membership of over 200 before it is 10 days old.

Feather flowers! Exquisite for stage and evening dress. See our window. Cribbs & Rogers, druggists, opposite Palace Grand.

## STROLLER'S COLUMN

"Say," said a rounder the other day, "you know I am not one those puritanical guys, and have no use for psalm singers and hypocrites in general, but it makes me sore to see little children frequenting the gambling rooms here in Dawson."

"Look over there and see those poor kids. They know as much about the cussedness of things now as you or I did when we were grown men. The parents of those children should be horsewhipped for allowing them to chase loose around town. Their people are what is called 'holy guys' by the 'perfish,' but there is not one of us who would allow our children, if we had any, to get a smell of the games in their nostrils for it is a sure hoodoo on the youngsters, and they are bound to go the pace when they get old enough to handle the dough."

The children referred to were two bright looking boys about 7 years of age, whose intelligent and flushed faces were all aglow with excitement as they watched the ebb and flow of fortune at a crap table in a down town saloon.

"There is no use talking, civilization and common decency are about the same the world over. I can distinctly remember 30 years ago on Puget sound when the man who had a squaw wife held his head as high as anybody, and if the old man was well off his half-breed sprouts thought they were as good or better than anybody else."

The speaker was an old sea captain who several years ago left that life to become a land lubber and who is now on his third winter in Dawson. Continuing his remarks, the old salt said: "But things have changed now on Puget sound, and are changing in Dawson. Outside, the man who propagates a tribe of half-breed children is committing a sin for the reason that the poor devils will be outcasts from society all their lives. In Dawson there is even a noticeable change since last winter. The better element—people who are particular as to their associates—are in the majority here now, where before nobody seemed to ever take time to ask any questions.

But these fellows are not in it any longer. Time has regulated them as it does everything else; and they have settled down to their proper positions in life and public sentiment and the natural laws of society will keep them there.

The proceedings in the territorial court are generally quite serious. As a rule, they involve either a man's right of property or right of liberty; and the parties interested and the lawyers are not disposed to treat grave questions lightly. Occasionally a funny incident occurs or a humorous remark passes, which relieves the ordinary routine of its sombre character. During the Forrest trial, a witness for the defense who had all the peculiar characteristics of a "booster" testified that his occupation was that of sawing wood. In addressing the jury, Mr. Wade said that "the witness had not sawed wood in the right place."

During the case of the Queen vs. Carriveau, Doc Stearnes, a local sport, was a witness for the crown. Before turning out as a gambler, Doc said that his business was that of dealer in diamonds.

"What is your occupation now?" asked Mr. Robertson, the prisoner's counsel.

"Well," responded Doc with a perceptible smile, "you may say that at present I am a dealer at a gambling table."

The crown prosecutor remarked sotto

voce, "Quite right, a dealer in diamonds, clubs, hearts and spades."

**Canadian News.**  
The remains of the late Judge Senkler arrived from Winnipeg and were buried at St. Catherines.

Mr. Thomas Whitehead, a prominent business man of Walkerton, died suddenly at Clifford, where he went on a business trip.

Joseph McKane, a noted burglar, was caught in the act of trying to force a door at the residence of George Niebergall, in Windsor.

Arthur J. Snow, arrested at Montreal for stealing money from the Wells-Fargo Express Company, has been committed for extradition to the United States.

Brother Girard, one of the Christian Brothers at St. Henri, Que., was killed almost instantly by a lump of ice falling from the roof on his head in the school playground.

Dr. Borden announced in the house of commons that the government had decided to offer a Canadian militia garrison for Halifax in the event of the Leinsters going to Africa; that the mounted police will be promptly recruited to its full strength, and that mounted rifles corps will be established in Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia.

**Gold Commissioner's Court.**  
No cases were tried before Commissioner Senkler this morning. This afternoon a protest suit is on trial, which relates to the application of Allan R. Joy for a right of water to be diverted at No. 3 below on B manza.

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All persons who have squatted there are hereby notified that they must settle with the above named proprietors of the ground before the 1st day of April, 1900, for any part of the ground occupied by them on the lines of the agreement entered into by the said proprietors with the Government, communication of which agreement can be had either at the Crown Timber Office or at the office of S. M. Graft, Agent, Room "D", A. C. O's Bldg.  
Squatters failing to settle with the said proprietors before the said date will render themselves liable to ejectment.  
Dawson, 17th of February, 1900.  
(Signed) F. X. G. SELIN,  
Crown Timber & Land Agent.

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