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MISCHIEVOUS NONSENSE.

The British Columbia Review, of London, England, contains the following announcement as to the Klondyke results of the season, on the authority of a cable sent by some very imaginative correspondent in this Province :

"Victoria, July 22nd.—The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer is bringing \$8,000,000 in dust from Klondyke. Shipments approximate \$20,000,000 for the season." Divide the \$20,000,000 by four, and a full, and probably excessive, estimate of the results of the season will be approximately ascertained. Such a cable as that forwarded to the B. C. Review is certainly no credit to the sender. But there are some in Victoria who must "boom" the Klondyke at any cost.

VERY MUCH TO THE POINT.

That is what Mr. Ambrose Bierce of the San Francisco Examiner, a shrewd and humorous critic of his own countrymen's vagaries, has to say of the exaggerated demands of some Americans in regard to the control and disposition by Canada of the wealth of the Yukon :

"It is respectfully submitted that the action of the Dominion Cabinet in exacting a share of the output of the Klondyke mines is not a fit and sufficient provocation for the of screaming our eagle. The notion that any government is bound to permit alien hands to milk its cow for nothing is humorous but unearthly. We say to Canadians: 'You shall not send us goods, even on our own order, without paying our treasury from thirty to sixty per cent of its value, but when with indecent greed we swarm across the border uninvited, to take what we can get of all that makes your country worth having, we expect to keep the entire loot.' Doubtless the matter will 'come up for discussion' in official correspondence between the two governments, but if the voice of the American Hog is again to be heard in diplomacy

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