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### GET HIM OUT.

Party politics would be out of place in Dawson. Even the conservatives must admit that Sir Wilfred Laurier can have no personal interest in maintaining in Dawson a man of such demonstrated incapacity as the present incumbent of the gold commissioner's office; yet in private circles it is easily believed and often admitted that for the sake of appearances the Liberal party is desirous of seeing the Klondike officials who have been charged by the public press of Canada with malfeasance and incompetence—desirous, we say, of seeing them exonerated, if possible, or if removed, then removed at such long intervals as not to create the impression of their removal being in consequence of their own overt acts. Undoubtedly Mr. Laurier is both honest and wise and above all desires to put a stop to the howl of public censure which is reverberating from one end of Canada to the other over the "mismanagement (to say the least) of Klondike affairs." It is indeed unfortunate for us all if Mr. Ogilvie shall consider it his duty to his government to maintain Mr. Fawcett in his present much-abused position. The public and the Nugget have withheld criticism until Mr. Ogilvie should have had time to turn around and get the ropes of office fairly in his hands. We have seen him conscientiously review one government office after another and have studied with much pleasure his plans for the amelioration of the present exasperating conditions in the gold commissioner's office. Yet there is coming about a feeling of depression that he has signified no intention of replacing Mr. Fawcett by a capable man. The probability is—and it is borne out by many facts—that Mr. Ogilvie intends to nullify the incapacity of the gold commissioner by personally overseeing and directing all the affairs of that office; but such a solution of the difficulty is impossible. Unless the present incumbent is removed from what is by far the most important office in the country, confidence and peace to the disturbed community cannot be restored. When public accusations and scorn first commenced to pour upon the devoted head of Mr. Fawcett last June he had the manliness to tender his resignation. His superiors at once saw that to accept it might be considered a virtual admission of mismanagement and returned him against his wishes to the last-mentioned disgrace of the administration. At that time the Nugget was the only Canadian newspaper which knew the condition of affairs and at the same time had the courage of its convictions. How much easier it would have been to have let him out then than now when the press of Canada from British Columbia to Nova Scotia is ringing with his misdeeds.

The Nugget has always been regarded as fearless in its exposing of wrong doing, but even this paper hesitates to republish clippings from certain Canadian papers which it has in its possession. It is a merciful dispensation of Mother Nature that the same mind which shall outrage a nation by its stupid incapacity

is also incapable of being stung in any sensitive part by the criticism of the aforesaid outraged nation. Mr. Fawcett has reached a stage of callous insensibility when he will actually have to be lifted out of his cheap public office by force.

### FOR A KLONDIKE EXHIBIT.

A proposition has been laid before the Miners' Association relative to a Klondike exhibit at the Mining Exposition in London next summer. An exhibit such as is proposed would include not only specimens of the gold resources of the country but would be made most interesting and instructive by having included samples of native workmanship and curios in which the country abounds. We are of the opinion that a Klondike booth would be a drawing card at the exposition. London capital is anxious to invest in safe and legitimate properties. The properties are here, and all that is required to bring about their successful development is the requisite capital.

With an exhibit of dust and nuggets such as could be secured from claims already opened, and the assistance of a competent man to explain honestly and fairly, the possibilities for investment in this country, the enterprise will pay many times over the necessary trouble and expense involved. It is not too much to say that capital at the present time is afraid of the Klondike. The royalty tax has done much to hinder development but we are all in strong hopes that before another spring arrives, the government can be made to understand the wrong it has inflicted upon this country.

Meanwhile it becomes the duty of every public spirited citizen to do his share toward setting forth the advantages of the Klondike country from the investor's standpoint.

The Miners' Association as the only public organized body in Dawson has shown the proper spirit in taking the initiative in the matter. It is essentially the part of the government to assist in such an enterprise and it may be taken for granted that the mercantile houses and citizens in general will come forward to the support of the movement. Once it is definitely decided to take the matter up no time should be lost in pushing it through to a successful issue.

### IS SHE A PERMANENT COUNTRY?

There are probably few subjects discussed in camp on which there is such a diversity of opinion as the permanency of the present populous conditions of Dawson and the Yukon territory. But for the unjustifiable exactions of our government there would be large capital today on Klondike working the creeks from mouth to the divide and from the crest of the hill on the left to crest of the hill on the right. This is the unanimous conclusion of the many mining experts who have been with us the past summer. Worked by ground sluicing and hydraulicing on such a scale Dawson's life is guaranteed at from twenty to forty years from what gold has already been demonstrated to exist. The future of the territory, conservatively estimated by the same people, is at least a hundred years. Moderate returns of gold have been taken from so many widely separated areas that the foregoing figures will be found to err rather on the side of too short than too long a period. There are new conditions approaching which will make the working of low grade propositions a profitable possibility. A railroad from salt water to Ft. Selkirk will in a short season be an actual certainty. With the terror of Arctic isolation removed will vanish the one horrible drawback of this country. Agriculture on a yearly increasing scale will remove another nightmare. Horses are destined to largely take the place of dogs over beaten trails just as soon as agriculturalists furnish the hay for feed. Yukon Territory positively has hundreds of square miles of the finest grass land on the American continent and all within easy access of mighty rivers for marketing the product. We have hundreds of men in our midst who have made two and in some cases three trips from the

outside the past summer. Navigation of the upper river by numerous steamers is already an assured fact and thirteen days from Dawson to Victoria or Seattle is common experience. Stopping places have been established for the winter every thirty miles from Dawson to Bennett and the coming winter will see a succession of people traveling both ways whenever the weather will permit. The mail contract has been let for a semi-monthly mail service, and will be handled by the Arctic Express Company.

To sum up; the conditions for the coming year will be altogether different from anything ever before conceived possible for this section. Life will be more worth living even though a fortune is not held out as an inducement to every one who comes. The population will not receive any great additions from booms, but there will be a steady growth for years to come. The underground wealth will be brought to light by cheaper and more expeditious methods and as it is hardly possible the present royalty laws and reservation laws can go much longer unrepaid or very much modified, cheaper living will enable the opening up of the moderately rich fields which have long been known to be in the territory. The unanimous conclusion is that it all depends upon the liberality or penuriousness of the government to make this a permanent and substantial territory or to drive it back into the icy wilderness it was a few years since.

Mr. Ogilvie has frequently expressed himself as not having the powers exercised by his predecessor of modifying the royalty and reservation laws whenever or wherever he saw a rank case of injustice being worked, and the slowness of the government in taking off that ominous factor of the situation.

### WHY THIS UNANIMITY?

The racial similarities of the two great English speaking races which has lately drawn them together with such strange unanimity of purpose is something which is receiving much attention all over the world. Every nation is discussing it for and against. It was something unforeseen on this side of the Atlantic and is self evidently not at all the outcome of agitation to that end. The fact is that the public prints have rather hindered than aided the movement, and that at present there is such a unanimity that a treaty of defense seems imminent demonstrates that there is something more substantial at the bottom than a mere drawing together of two sections of a great race. The fact of the matter is that the American is not an Anglo-Saxon race as by far the largest portion of its population is of far different extraction. Analyzed to its simplest factors it appears to the ordinary mind that two nations cannot continue to speak the same language, read the same books, worship the same God, engage in the same pursuits, study the same branches of learning and be in constant, hourly telegraphic touch with each other and not eventually think along the same lines. Isolation from each other begets national ignorance, jealousy, misconception and dislike. Intimacy eventually begets mutual respect and similarity of aims.

Have your prescriptions filled by Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

I have several good cabins for sale. Best location in Dawson, at snap bargain prices. Call at once and secure first choice. HEMEN, NUGGET OFFICE.

When laying in your winter's outfit, remember a subscription to the Nugget is an essential. Twice a week by carrier—\$2.50 per month.

Fine line of Domestic and Imported Cigars Kelly & Co. Druggists, Front street.

The Nugget is published on every Wednesday and Saturday.

Here's a Snap.  
For Sale a good snug cabin 14 x 16. High and dry location. Price \$700. HEMEN, this office.

Special Bargain.  
One cabin 14 x 16 and 1 cabin 10 x 10, together with lot 25 x 50. Title guaranteed. Best location in Dawson, close in. Owner has poor health and must go out—a genuine bargain. HEMEN, NUGGET OFFICE.

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BEST GRADES OF  
SCOTCH and CANADIAN WHISKIES  
And the Old Favorite Brand of  
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TOM CHISHOLM, Prop'r  
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Headquarters for  
BEST OF WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS  
Mixed Drinks a Specialty

## YUKON SAW MILL CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF  
First Quality Matched, Dressed, Rustic, Roofing, and Rough Lumber.  
House Logs Furnished, Cordwood &c.  
Orders filled promptly.

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Finest Brands of  
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Choicest Wines, Liquors and Cigars  
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.  
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FINEST BAR IN DAWSON  
QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST  
Mixed Drinks a Specialty  
HIGHEST GRADES OF CIGARS

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BAKKE, WILSON & PETERSON  
Proprietors  
DAWSON  
Headquarters for Best of  
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We have facilities for

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Plenty of type and press facilities for the quiet execution of.

### Pamphlets, Blanks and Programs

## THE KLONDIKE NUGGET

YOUR DOUGH ON K... Should Get U... the Painkiller

Oil has to Be... Sometimes Because... Tell Temperature-W...  
Mosses. Chief Chanko... other night in front... was late and a fro... from the direction of... in heavy woolen... went through him... had on very or... brown canvas overalls... the wind affected him... "You took cold" said... "Yes, just a little bit!"... "I'll have to get out some... for pants, fur boots... in my carryall."  
"What are you going to... "Oh, I'm going to wear... on the creeks," said Ch... "Some snail with a ve... got out stampeding... here to death."  
"Frozes in furs from... you must be joking."  
"I'm Northern for an in... "I got an extractor" and aff... "I'll get to enlighten... people in town or lo... "I'll have to wear furs... "Why? If you get w... "I'll wear the thermos... or no furs you could not... "I'll get either... as many successful tra... overalls as anything else... you see this winter thro... to wear as little cloth... have them of a material... "Well."  
"How cold does it go... with an earnest desire to... "Well, I don't know... too thick to run out of a... Circle City one time... but the coldest I ever ex... Birch when ever bottle... was frozen tight."  
"Is that all you had to... "Well, ain't that enou... freezes you want to hum... there for it's about 75... cool off. We used to thi... boy when the coal oil wa... but I got a therm... forty-mile and I know i... a time when lamps co... with a ladle for the oil... losses. Sometimes I thi... the temperatures are no... be for water was too of... the whiskey and painkil... come up without regard

At Cross-l... The cruel carelessness... regard to the small serv... citizens on the Yukon, b... much misery of uncer... families. This is well c... of Mr. and Mrs. James... Lupton was sick on the... arrived outside to that... waiting wife. Receiving... became convinced that... free body, so she wrote... "I'll have to get... than dozens of others sh... very anxious himself ab... scummed on a flying tri... to that effect and ha... going down river. I... found she had started fo... Mr. Lupton learned from... that her husband had st... letter to him, thinking... returned in search of h... Dr. Youmans, the res... one of the Empire Trave... turned back to hunt h... June 1st, September 17th... interview with Mr. L... and his wife were still p... Lupton to her husband... and can be had by cit... parties if they happen to

A Jewel of... It was a surprised part... that sat down to di... amiable board of Mr... of the Klondike b... Piles of garden... water of the table, an... vegetables of all kinds... Young onions by the hu... as glass and tender a... Delmonico; while, fr... served young carrots, t... quantities such as pr... equalled in Klondike b... of our millionaires. Y... friends say when we... served was of native gro... ground on the morning... by invitation Captain... Mrs. D. W. Semple, Mrs... George assembled at th... home of Mr. Aclim to... little agriculture. Mr... and garden of co... last spring he cleared