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PROTECT THE PROSPECTOR.

Equally important with the royalty question is the matter of protecting and encouraging the prospector. Upon the efforts of the latter depends the extension of the gold fields of the territory after the creeks now being worked begin to exhibit signs of reaching their limit of productiveness.

The legislation of the past three years has been directed against the prospector to such an extent that it may be said the industry of prospecting has practically been brought to a standstill throughout the territory.

During the stampede of 1897-98 a vast amount of territory, notably in the Stewart, McQueen and upper Klondike country was staked and recorded. Under the laws now existing, this territory, by reason of non representation, has reverted to the crown and is closed against further prospecting. The same thing is equally true of the important creeks in the immediate vicinity of Dawson, so that the man who contemplates entering upon the business of prospecting in this territory finds his efforts balked at every turn. He may proceed several hundred miles into the interior, as to our knowledge has occurred on several occasions, and spend an entire season in prospecting, only to be told when he finally applies for a record of his discovery in Dawson that he has been working on reserved ground and cannot record.

In every mining country where equitable laws prevail, the rights of the prospector are regarded above everything else. Upon him devolves the work of determining the worth of a new country and establishing whether it possesses resources sufficient to maintain a population. He runs all the risks and very seldom are his efforts rewarded by returns in any degree commensurate with his labors. To have the natural disadvantages against which he is forced to contend so increased by legislative mistakes that he is compelled to cease from his work entirely, as has been the case in the Yukon territory, is absolutely wrong and indefensible.

There is no more important work that can engage the attention of the community than a properly directed effort to secure recognition from the government of the rights of the prospector. He is the backbone of the country and should be protected at all hazards.

The citizens' committee has telegraphed his excellency the governor general of Canada, requesting information respecting the date upon which the election is to be called for selecting two members of the Yukon council. The premier announced more than three weeks that the election would be ordered about the first of July. Thus far no information has been received that the preliminary steps authorizing the election have as yet been taken. The committee has acted wisely in communicating with the governor general. No satisfactory results have ever accrued from petitions or resolutions sent to the interior department or even to the premier himself. Had the resolutions passed at the mass meeting held in March last not have been forwarded to the governor general the probabilities are that the matter never would have been brought before the attention of parliament. According to the Hansard report, the resolutions of the mass

meeting were presented before parliament "by command of his excellency, the governor general," and if such command had not been given there is every reason for believing that parliament never would have heard of the resolutions.

At the present rate of construction the White Pass & Yukon railway should reach Dawson within the lapse of another two years. The area of low grade ground which it will be possible to work when the road is completed, and cheap freight rates insured, is so large as almost to be beyond calculation. The freight rates are so heavy at the present time that development must be confined to ground of exceptional richness. The Yukon territory will witness its best days when it becomes possible to profitably develop our immense stretches of low grade ground. The extension of the railroad to Dawson will prove a most important factor in bringing about this most desirable condition of affairs.

Our contemporary, the News, which moved heaven and earth—or at least tried to—last winter in an endeavor to exterminate the Board of Trade, has suddenly experienced a change of heart. The News has at length discovered that the Board is a valuable institution in Dawson and as such should be carefully nurtured. In all probability our contemporary feels called upon to change its mind occasionally in order to convince itself that it possesses one. It may be said in passing, however, that no one else has ever been thus convinced, although the News has blown both hot and cold upon nearly every question of public interest that has ever arisen in Dawson.

The membership fee to the Board of Trade will probably be reduced to \$10. This action is timely, as it insures a largely increased membership to the organization. What is most needed now is a body of such numerical and financial strength that its actions must be received with respect. A movement to double the present membership ought now to be made, and with the reduction in the fee we have no doubt that this could be successfully carried out.

Before the close of navigation again it is altogether probable that through telegraphic communication will be established with Vancouver and thence with the whole of Canada and the United States.

Where is Jacob Eul?

Mrs. Jacob Eul, of Chicago, has written to U. S. Consul McCook asking for information which will lead to the whereabouts of her husband, Jacob Eul. She states that it has been nine weeks since she heard from him, and that she is anxious. Mr. Eul was seen at Grand Forks a short time since.

Yukon's Financial Standing.

The following balance sheet, prepared and certified to by Comptroller J. T. Lithgow, shows the financial status of the Yukon district on June 30th, 1900; also the moneys collected and expended during the year ending on that date:

TO CASH.	
Liquor permit account	\$105,588.00
Fines account	70,650.10
Barristers' fees	650.00
Peddlers' licenses	1,050.00
Franchise account	400.00
Marriage licenses	220.00
Billiard table licenses	350.00
Transient trader licenses	450.00
Incorporation fees	1,000.00
Auctioneers' fees	400.00
Slughter house licenses	150.00
Dog pound	3.00
Liquor licenses	109,729.48
Balance June 30, 1899	1,977.28
Overdrawn Canadian Bank of Commerce, balance	27,014.55
	\$319,632.41
BY CASH.	
Contingencies	\$ 2,299.70
Burial of indigents	2,684.00
Printing and stationery	4,592.45
Salaries account	5,903.37
Law library	99.07
Passage of indigents	6,018.55
Medical Board of Health	2,457.02
Bridge account	2,298.00
Streets account	27,267.91
Drains and ditches	6,094.69
Engineers' expenses	2,980.00
Traveling expenses	462.50
Living allowance	890.00
Trails, Y. T.	105,609.72
Hospital donation account	53,226.46
Dawson Fire Department	86,484.37
Lighting streets	5,161.70
School appropriation	3,890.10
Census appropriation	1,382.80
	\$319,632.41

Certified correct, J. T. LITHGOW, Comptroller.

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

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STROLLER'S COLUMN

Yesterday as the Stroller was walking slowly along First avenue he met a tall individual wearing a corduroy suit and melancholy air, whose whole attention seemed to be centered on a very poor specimen of Siwash dog. The look of settled grief on the tall man's face attracted the Stroller's attention and led him to pause in his walk and look after him. At the corner stood the dog catcher, rope in hand, waiting for the dogs to come and surrender themselves into the hands of justice. As the Siwash dog approached the canine group surrounding the autocrat of the pound, that individual smiled benignly as he made ready the rope of detention. The melancholy man who had not taken his eye off the dog hastened forward and said: "Sir, I have just come from the pound with that dog and would like to have a chance to take him home and tie him up before you take him again."

The dog catcher looked suspiciously at the stranger and finally allowed the request. An hour later the melancholy man was sitting on a box on the same street, when the dog catcher came up the street with a dog at the end of each of the six ropes he carried. This Siwash dog was one of them.

"Hi!" called the owner, as he recognized his dog, "where'd you get him this time?"

"O, down there near where you tied him up," was the reply.

"Well, here's your 50 cents, gimme my dog."

"Fifty cents nithin'. I've been around there seven times since you tied him up, and waited pretty near a half hour the last time for him to finish chewin' that rope off. Cost you \$3.50. The unfortunate man looked at the dog in a speculative way, and was about to offer a remonstrance, when the dog catcher came close to him and looked at his face attentively. Then he said: "Take the dog and pay for him without kicking or I'll report you."

"Report me? For what? Surely you're not going to impound people who own dogs, as well as the animals."

"No, sir, but you have three pimples and a scar on your face which makes you suspected of having smallpox. If you had the fourth pimple nothing could save you from being quarantined."

Silently the man paid the \$3.50, took the Siwash dog and departed towards Moosehide.

"Many people say Chicago is a wicked city, but there is one thing that can be said to her credit," said Dr. Wilcoxon yesterday evening as the dog catcher passed up the street with a herd of six dogs in tow which he was taking to the pound.

When asked in what particular Chicago was distinguished for her goodness, the doctor said:

"There is not a man in Chicago who has not too much self-respect to fill the position of dog catcher. Every time they want a dog catcher in Chicago they have to send to St. Louis for him, and even then they can't get a white man."

It is always some nigger man takes the job. Back there when a man has served a term as dog catcher he never expects to associate with respectable people afterwards."

There is one man in the A. C. Co.'s store who will never hear sauerkraut mentioned without experiencing a sensation similar to that of having a long icicle dropped down the back of his neck. A few days ago a very raw German entered the store for the purpose of getting some information relative to the cost of bringing his wife from Germany to Dawson. The young man to whom application was made for the information, could not understand what the man wanted owing to his butchery of the Queen's English.

"Dond yu not hafe some mans vot can talk Shermans?" said the man.

"Here, there," said the clerk, turning to some of his fellow employees in the store, "do any of you fellows talk sauerkraut?"

"You

roared the subject of Emperor William. "Shust you valk out from dot counter behind unt I vill tramp you tru von grack der floor in. I talks some sauerkraut, do Ich, you

I not brings mipe trou to such country as dis where men was so unshentlemannies. But shust valk dot counter out behind; I show you vat ish vat!"

But the young man, not having on his fighting clothes, shrunk further back into the corner, and with a withering look and violent shaking of a big, horny fist, the emperor's subject departed with large imprecations falling from his lips.

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