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CANADA'S NEW GOLD FIND.

Prospectors Still Making a Rush to the Scene

OF THE KLONDIKE STRIKES.

Some Leaving for the North in Gasoline Boats and Sailing Vessels.

A couple of men from Nanaimo, B.C., tell of their experiences in the Yukon country—Mr. William Sloan thinks some of the figures have been highly exaggerated—would not advise men to go there to look for work—The Working Prospects—Law and Order Observed.

San Francisco, July 26.—Instead of abating, the Klondike craze grows more intense. Preparations for the departure of the Cleveland yesterday merely added to the mining fever that has swept over the city. All day long Mission-street wharf, where the steamer was moored, was thronged with men and women. Every longshoreman who tramped up the gangplank was pointed out as one of the "Klondikes," and instantly that man became a hero.

The crew of the ship caught the general contagion, and passed in their work to discuss plans for deserting at St. Michael's and making their way to Dawson. By night the majority made the secret of their intention to carry out this plan, and an acquaintance of Captain Lital offered to charter a new boat that the steamer would be compelled to remain at St. Michael's all winter for lack of men to bring her back.

At Broadway wharf, where the Umattila was being hurriedly loaded on board in order to get away to-day or to-morrow, 9 o'clock this morning the crowds were but little less dense. The Umattila will go to Victoria to-day, and will carry a number of people, who will take a steamer at that point for Dyea and make the overland journey to Dawson.

The City of Topeka, which comes with the Umattila for Juneau, has booked her last passenger, and many

PLACER MINE DUMPS ON THE KLONDIKE.



From a photograph taken by an amateur named Harris, now in the gold country. The mine is a claim on Eldorado gulch worked all last winter.

will have to wait until another ship goes out. There is an unprecedented demand for water craft of every description, and the water front is thronged with men anxious to find some vessel that will carry them to Alaska. To meet this demand in part the Pacific Coast Steamship Company have chartered the collier Wilmattete, now on the way here with a cargo of coal from Seattle. The steamer is due here to-day or to-morrow, and the work of discharging her will be rushed day and night. She has no passenger accommodations, but the space between decks will be fitted with bunks. It is hoped to have her ready to sail for Juneau by the 29th or 30th, with room for about 500 fortune seekers.

Are Canadians Favored?

The Pacific Coast Steamship people

more than twenty passengers. They will stock the boat with provisions to over 100 tons, which is something of a feat. Captain Charles F. Swan, who for several years sailed in Alaskan waters, will be in command. The promoters of the scheme will require each man who goes up to have \$1000. This he will be asked to deposit, and the company will receive a ton of supplies for these supplies. It is calculated that these supplies will be worth \$1000 deposited by the gold seekers.

Mr. Griffiths has the utmost confidence in the ability of the Chetco to reach the Klondike before the river closes in. He says they will take along lumber for the purpose of constructing flat-boats, and on these the freight will be lighter over the shallow bars. A start will be effected on July 30, or early on the morning of July 31. There have been some doubts as to the steamer's seaworthiness, but Mr. Griffiths says she is staunch enough for the roughest weather outside.

WHAT A NANAIMO MAN SAYS.

Would Not Advise Men to Go to the Klondike Expecting Big Wages.

Nanaimo Free Press, July 19.—There was considerable excitement in this city yesterday when the noon train arrived from Victoria, and W. Sloan and A. Wilkinson, having returned from the Yukon, unexpectedly stepped from the train, to be heartily greeted by those who happened to be at the station. Mr. William Sloan accorded a Free Press representative an interview this morning in which he gave the following particulars:

Unsuccessful Prospecting.

In company with Thomas Fleck, J. W. Sloan and W. Scouse he left here in March, 1896, and proceeded to the Yukon River country. The particulars of their trip through the Chitoot Pass and the hardships they endured have already appeared in detail in the Free

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are considerably exercised over the action of the Treasury in not making Dyea a sub-port of entry, which they claim was done at the request of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company through the Dominion Government. The Canadian Pacific Company operates a line of steamers between Victoria and Juneau, and asked to have United States customs officers placed on board their boats, which they want to run through to Dyea direct. These officers were to collect duties, and thus obviate the necessity of landing cargoes at Juneau. The Treasury Department went even further and made Dyea a sub-port of entry. The local steamship people say this will beat the gold-liners from the East to the Canadian route, to the injury of the local line. People who are not excited are astute at the possible fate awaiting the thousands of unprepared adventurers rushing into the frozen Northwest.

Words of Caution.

Words of caution are not wanting from those who are at Klondike and those who have been here. J. B. Dyer of this city, who has been working along the Yukon River and has claims upon Chitoot River, and also upon the Klondike, has been credited with making a famous rumor. He said that he sent to his wife in Oakland \$40,000. Fearing that these exaggerated stories might induce others to go to the mines unprepared he has issued the following card of warning:

Fearing that the stories circulated concerning my husband, Mr. J. B. Dyer, may create a wrong impression and induce many to go to Alaska without means, I beg to state that the claim which promises to be valuable, is as yet unopened, and instead of returning this fall he will remain in Alaska and develop the property. It is needless to say that my little daughter and I do not accompany him in his spring on his return to Alaska. Yours truly,

Mrs. J. B. Dyer. J. B. Elderidge of Alameda, who has mined all through the Yukon region, warns people not to go unprepared for the winter. "The man who goes up next spring will be just as well off as the man who goes up now," said Mr. Elderidge. "In fact he will be better off, for he will not have to stand the winter. Many who are starting for the Klondike now will probably not get further than St. Michael, for winter comes suddenly in that country. The Yukon is very shallow river, and only boats of the lightest draught can navigate it. I shall go up next spring, and shall be in just as good a position as the men who start now."

A Gasoline Boat.

L. H. Griffiths and Angus Mackintosh, who have purchased the gasoline boat Chetco for a voyage to the Klondike, say they do not intend to take

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to get the summer claims ready for operation. Most of them will be two or three years getting ready, although a few of the shallow ones will be ready for partial operation. The summer claims have not yet reached the point of results, consequently all that has been heard about the Klondike is from the winter diggings.

The Prospects.

Mr. Sloan, while admitting the undoubted richness of the Klondike section, contends the results and amounts credited are exaggerated. Like every other mining country and mining excitement there are sure to be very many who will be grievously disappointed with their trip to the Klondike district. The Yukon is a region of vast extent and great possibilities, but at present every inch of known paying ground has been staked off. Mr. Sloan says from what he has seen he really could not conscientiously advise anyone to leave a good situation and comfortable home to take the chance of being close on hand should a new discovery be made. He said he was proud to see the words of warning in Saturday's Free Press under the heading of "Golden Klondike," and fully endorsed the results and amounts credited are exaggerated. Like every other mining country and mining excitement there are sure to be very many who will be grievously disappointed with their trip to the Klondike district.

News of the Great Strike.

When the party were proceeding down the river they met a man coming up the river to hunt moose in the Stewart River, where they are found in great numbers. He told them of the great strike that had been made on the Klondike River, and stated that he had himself staked a claim, but wanted to "take the wind" by moose hunting before commencing mining operations.

On arriving at the Klondike the party found that the strike was on Bonanza Creek, but that all the available ground had been staked off before they got there. They then staked off claims on Adams and Eldorado Creeks, which are branches or gulches off the Bonanza Creek. On Adams Creek they found nothing, but the Eldorado gulch turned out to be the richest gulch ever discovered in the country. The pay ground is only four miles in length, and as each claim is 500 feet wide, extending from rim to rim of the gulch, there was not room for more than 40 claims. It is from this short gulch that all the rich strikes have been made. The claims of the party had been Nos. 14 and 15, and adjoining that of Lippy, who claims to have taken out \$90,000 from a very rich exceptional pocket that he strikes. One strange feature of this gulch is that the pay streak is found in one claim on one side of the gulch, and in the next claim on the other side of the stream.

On Bonanza Creek only about ten claims are being worked, and at the mouth of Adams Creek two paying claims were discovered. The strike worked. On Skookum Pup Creek only one claim was paying. Nearly all the ground on the small tributaries of the Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks had been staked off, but nothing of value was discovered in the strike of them. The section above alluded to is known as the Bonanza Creek Mining District.

Hunker Creek District.

On Hunker Creek all the available ground is fully staked, and while the anticipations of this district are the brightest character, still up to the date Mr. Sloan left there has been no strike made. The ground in this district as well as in the Bonanza District was very much spoiled, and it was hard to say what would be the final result of the prospecting.

The Working Prospects.

Mr. Sloan estimates that 3000 persons are now in the Bonanza and Hunker Districts, and in his opinion the water will be fully capable of supplying all the labor that will be required this summer and next winter. The wages paid last winter was \$1.50 per hour, but the hours were limited from 5 to 10 hours, according to the length of the day. The probability, however, is that, with the large influx of people, the wages next winter will be exaggerated to a standard wage of that country—\$1 per hour.

Winter and Summer Claims.

Mr. Sloan explains that there are two classes of claims or systems of mining—one for the winter, the other for the summer. The cold being very intense, reaching between 90 and 70 degrees below zero, it is only the deep or hill claims that can be worked in the winter. These claims are worked by sinking or drifting to the bed rock, which is from 10 to 25 feet below the surface. This ground is frozen hard, the frost even penetrating to the bed rock, which is of a slaty formation. This frozen ground, which is principally gravel, is hauled out by large wood fires, which softens the ground for a few inches, and the icy dirt taken to the surface, where it remains till summer and is then washed out by a large quantity of water. The atmosphere of that region is very dry, and it is continued almost every day during the long dreary winter. It is from these winter claims that the much exaggerated strikes have been made.

The summer claims are the shallow bar and creek claims, which can only be worked during the warm season. The summer work on this class of claims is a long and arduous task, and it is not until the water is cut off, and it will take a year or two, and in some cases three years of work, cutting ditches, and raising dams, etc.

About 15 or 20 of these summer claims are getting ready for next winter. Sloan and a few of the more shallow ones will probably be in operation at the latter end of this summer season. On Bonanza Creek there is a much larger body of water to contend with, and therefore it will be more expensive

up in about a week. Everybody has to purchase a year's supply of the grub stake costs about \$300 for us who draw rations. You will hardly realize the expense of everything up here, and a man needs his increase of salary for serving in this country. "We celebrated Her Majesty's birthday when on Lake Bennett by building a rousing bonfire, drinking her health in tea and singing the National Anthem, winding up with three good old British cheers and a tiger which aroused the echoes."

The Klondike Is High.

Winnipeg, Man., July 26.—It is learned late today in a letter just received from Klondike that no mining is going on in the summer season there, owing to the high water.

Customs Officers Sent.

Ottawa, July 26.—Telegraphic orders have been sent to the customs authorities at Victoria, B. C., to send one officer to Dyea and two others to Tagish, 80 miles further on. This is in consequence of the agreement arrived at with the American Government, consulting Dyea a custom post. British officers entering the Yukon by this route will be accompanied by Tagish by an American officer.

Says It's All True.

Belleville, Ont., July 26.—Dr. Mills of the Mounted Police at Fort Cudahy, in writing under date June 10 to his father here, confirms all that has been told as to the richness of the Klondike country.

350 for the Gold Fields.

Port Townsend, Wash., July 26.—The steamer Modico has left here with 400 passengers, all except 50 being bound for the Klondike. They went well provisioned and equipped. Many have supplies for a three years' stay. The dikes, which they intend to make their permanent homes, until another excitement may change the base of operation.

Law and Order.

Mr. Sloan says that law and order is as pronounced in the Klondike section as in any part of the civilized world. The Northwest Mounted Police, under the command of Captain Constantine, have the strictest control and supervision in their careful government of the country. So far the only contravention of the law on the small territory has been a gambling dispute, the parties being two men who have their barracks at Fort Mile, but are now being sent to the Klondike Dawson City, at the mouth of the Klondike, which they intend to make their permanent homes, until another excitement may change the base of operation.

Fever Bad at Juneau.

Port Townsend, Wash., July 26.—The much talked of epidemic fever, known as the Klondike fever, is on the increase at Juneau. It is nearly everywhere there either having gone or prepared to go to the Klondike. Authentic reports from Dyea are that the stock is selling as much freight piled up at the head of the inlet as the Indians can pack over the mountains. The fever has been over the inlet as the Indians can pack over the mountains. The fever has been over the inlet as the Indians can pack over the mountains.

Excited Police Holders.

Decide to Pay No More Assessments to the Massachusetts Benefit Association. New York, July 26.—More than 300 policy holders in the Massachusetts Benefit Life Assurance Association held an exciting meeting to-day in the Equitable Building. President John Henderson, who was in attendance, presided over the meeting notwithstanding the fact that fraud and mismanagement had been exposed by the policy holders. These severe terms were applied more to the company itself than to anyone connected with it. The policy holders finally decided to refuse to pay any more assessments into the company, and transferred the committee chosen at last transfer as many of the 3000 policy holders as are willing into some old established New York company. Further, it was agreed to assess each policy holder one-fourth of 1 per cent. of the face value of each policy for the expense of enrollment and transfer.

Brother Pleasers Dred Together.

Barrie, July 26.—Terence McBride, a native of Tyrone, Ireland, was buried here yesterday at the age of 84 years. He came to this country in 1847, and was a pioneer settler in this vicinity. He came to this country in 1847, and was a pioneer settler in this vicinity. He came to this country in 1847, and was a pioneer settler in this vicinity.

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