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A COLOSSAL BLUNDER.

The Canadian government, as represented in the person of Mr. Sifton, the minister of the interior, has adopted a policy toward the Yukon Territory which all agree, who are informed as to the real facts in the case, will ultimately strangle the country in its infancy if pursued to its legitimate end. Mr. Sifton evidently has no faith in the future of the Yukon. His attitude indicates a conviction on his part that a comparatively short period will see its resources exhausted and the country again turned over to the roving bands of Indians, from whom the perseverance and industry of white men—mostly Americans—have temporarily wrested it.

Acting, apparently, upon this conviction, the minister has imposed extraordinarily onerous regulations upon the country in order that while it does last as a producer of gold as large a percentage of that gold as possible may be turned into the government coffers.

But, in his extravagant zeal to enrich the federal treasury, or, to express it more exactly, to wrest from the miners of this territory what by every right is their own, Mr. Sifton is acting not only as an enemy to the Yukon, but to that same government which he pretends to serve so faithfully.

We believe it can be demonstrated almost beyond question that a more just and liberal policy on the part of the government would result in revenues to the Dominion treasury far greater than those with which it is being enriched at the present time.

It is taking an exceedingly conservative position to say that the number of men who have literally been driven from the country by reason of the hardships imposed by the regulations is less than 10,000. How many thousands have been kept from entering the territory at all for the same reason, it is impossible to say; but, without doubt, they must aggregate an equally large number. Had sufficient encouragement been given these men to justify them in casting in their lot with this country; had there been no crown reservation of ground to cut in half their already uncertain chances of securing a claim; had there been no huge royalty staring them in the face in the event they succeeded in locating a valuable one, it is altogether probable that the great majority of them would today be owners and workers of placer ground in the Yukon Territory.

From every free miner who owns a claim within the limits of the territory the government receives an annual tribute of twenty-five dollars—ten dollars for his license and fifteen dollars for recording or renewing his claim. From this source alone, under different circumstances, an immense sum would be realized. Receipts from the customs service would also be wonderfully increased were encouragement given men to bring outfits into the country and prospect for gold.

But above and beyond the immediate results which would ensue from progressive and liberal laws for the government of the Yukon would be the general effect upon the territory as a whole. Such a change in the attitude of the government as suggested would stimulate and encourage prospecting as nothing else could do. We would see men

swarming up every creek and scattered upon every hill between Forty-Mile and the southern boundary line of the territory and the hidden wealth with which the country through the entire length of the Yukon is underlaid to a greater or less extent would be brought to light and made to do service for the benefit and betterment of mankind.

But, no. Like the Chinese mother who binds the feet of her infant in order to stunt and dwarf its growth, Minister Sifton has wrapped the coils of his odious regulations upon the Yukon Territory, and apparently will not be satisfied until he has extracted its life blood to the last bitter drop. Sifton's speedy retirement is a most devoutly desired consummation.

A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT.

Reference was made in a recent issue of the NUGGET to the fact that a serious charge upon affidavit had been laid against ex-Timber Agent Willison before Commissioner Ogilvie. It was pointed out in that issue that the charge was sufficiently detailed and comprehensive to warrant a careful and public investigation in order that wrong, if done, might be righted, or that an unjustly accused man might be relieved of the odium that might otherwise attach to his name.

So far as the public is informed upon the matter, no investigation at all was held before the departure of Mr. Willison for the outside. It is altogether probable, however, and it does not require a mind of any considerable degree of penetration or analytic capacity to arrive at that conclusion—it is altogether probable, we repeat, that his excellency, the Yukon commissioner, inquired from the late timber commissioner as to the fact of his innocence or guilt. Granting that this hypothesis be a correct one, a chain of reasoning, without logical flaw, can easily be adduced whereby it will appear most evident that, upon being interrogated upon this point, Mr. Willison replied that he was innocent. This is a most reasonable conclusion at which to arrive, for had he replied that he was guilty it might have become necessary to inquire further into the matter; but, having assured the commissioner of his innocence, it seems apparent that a most happy solution of the difficulty was reached, for what good can result to the community or any individual from investigating an innocent man?

We are reminded of the story of the Irish judge who, in stentorian tones, propounded to the prisoner the usual question: "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty, sir," answered the prisoner.

"Give the man his liberty," said the judge; "he says he's not guilty."

Less than a week now remains for the committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration to complete their arrangements for duly observing the occasion. Reports from the creeks indicate that there will be a general suspension of work at the diggings, and the boys will all come in to Dawson to celebrate. It rests with the gentlemen serving upon the various committees to see to it that no disappointment is met with in making the day one long to be remembered. Indications point to a very generous response on the part of the public to the requests of the committee for financial aid, and all things point to a rousing celebration. Dawson can well afford to take a holiday and let the eagle scream his screamiest.

The present condition of the liquor traffic in the Yukon Territory exemplifies the freaks of legislation which have been imposed upon this country. By paying the sum of \$2,000 a saloonkeeper is licensed to sell spirituous and fermented liquors in Dawson. Nevertheless, the same man is denied the privilege of bringing any liquor into the country. The local breweries have been notified to quit business, so we have the saloonkeeper in the absurd position of paying a license to sell goods which it is

a crime either to manufacture or bring into the country. Great is Canadian law.

CITIZENS of Eagle City are preparing to observe the Fourth of July, and, as reference to our local columns will indicate, have sent a most cordial invitation to Dawsonites to join with them. The NUGGET presents its compliments to the enthusiastic and loyal Americans in the lower country, and on behalf of all the citizens of Dawson extends them a hearty invitation to visit the metropolis on the Fourth. A splendid day of enjoyment is assured all who come.

THE NUGGET's extra of Monday afternoon, containing a full account of the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons contest, was considerable of an eye-opener to our staid and sober contemporary and recipient of government patronage, the Yukon Sun. The NUGGET was on the streets five hours in advance of the Sun, and had the demand for "fight" news well supplied before the Sun began to shine, figuratively speaking. If there is any news in town worth publishing, the public may rest assured that they will see it in the NUGGET.

ANOTHER popular idol has fallen in the person of Fitzsimmons, the ex-heavyweight champion. Some enterprising manager who will star Fitzsimmons and Thomas Fawcett, the ex-gold commissioner of the Yukon, together will realize a fortune.

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At last Dawson Meadows' Grand O by July 4th, and w on that holiday. The building for t afternoon they w men, in which al will take part a querade ball will which go to the s The Grand is lo door to Nigger J opposite the new. This new playh structure, and o proud of. The three story buildi feet long, with t have a seating ca times the capacie The theater will gitimate compan

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Charlie Mead Arizons Charli in "the North find a man in met the famou world.

He has travr his wid west every nation t Charlie is a derstands the of the most i west or north count of his record as a fr dian fighter a the time he l a mere boy, a zone, has bee one. In 1882 killed by the ately wound

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