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CONFIDENCE WARRANTED.

Dawson is holding her own in a manner that must convince the most skeptical of the solidity of the foundations upon which the town has been built. During the winter the cry was sounded up and down throughout Canada and the States that with the opening of navigation Dawson would be practically deserted. The stampede to Nome was destined, according to these prophets of evil to take away from Dawson every man who was not absolutely tied down by property and other interests in such a way as to make it absolutely impossible for him to leave.

As a matter of fact, there are almost, if not quite, as many people in Dawson today as there have been at any time during the past 12 months. Large numbers have left for the lower country, but a constant stream of people has been coming down the river in small boats as well as on the steamers, and the net loss in respect to actual population has been small. The time for doubt or worry as to the future of Dawson is past. The town is now on a business basis such as is warranted by the actual resources behind it and has lost almost entirely the appearance of feverish fluctuations which marked it during the early days of the boom.

Business houses are now able to figure almost as accurately upon receipts and expenditures as is ordinarily done in similar concerns on the outside.

All indications point to a constant increase in the volume of business transacted. Mining operations will be conducted during the coming season upon a much more extensive scale than has been the case heretofore which means an indirect impetus to every line of business in Dawson. Before the river closes again immense steam plants will be brought in by scores of mine owners, who have begun to realize that there is economy in operating a big plant, where their ground will justify the use of any machinery at all. Low grade dirt in immense quantities will be worked this coming winter at a profit, something which has been practically impossible heretofore, and this means increased employment of labor and a steadily growing pay roll.

The confidence which has been so universally shown by the substantial population of Dawson in the stability and permanence of the town will undoubtedly be thoroughly justified by circumstances. Their faith has been backed by their money and we believe, without vestib, that there is ample warrant for that faith.

"PAY AS YOU GO."

There will be more claims worked on the "pay as you go" basis during the coming year than ever before. The "bedrock" plan is a make-shift which should be avoided wherever possible. When men are compelled to look forward to a period of several months before receiving any remuneration for their services, their work is very apt to prove of an exceedingly poor quality. More especially is this the case when a doubt exists as to the ability of the claim operator to liquidate his obligation when clean up time arrives.

Labor is too expensive a commodity in this country to be employed under any circumstances where the very best results are not to be obtained. It makes no difference what the nature of the

business may be, men who are employed at from 80 cents to a dollar per hour must give their employer the benefit of their best efforts or consequent loss to him will ensue.

It is idle to contend, and the record of last winter has amply proven the contrary, that men who are employed on the "bedrock" basis will give equal service with those who receive their pay at stated intervals. They are not certain of ever being compensated for their work and hence enter into it in a half hearted manner, which is absolutely certain to prove disastrous to all parties concerned.

A great many instances can be cited in which claim owners with rich properties have been compelled to resort to the "bedrock" plan, owing to the fact that the entire result of the preceding year's work has been invested in different enterprises or sent outside. Such men are beginning to realize that it is far more satisfactory and much more economical in the long run to hold out sufficient of their output for the next season's operating expenses. The man who is able to pay cash secures results far over and above what accrues to the man who prefers, or is forced by circumstances to operate a period of six or eight months before effecting a settlement of his obligations.

Care should be taken immediately to provide a supply of school books this summer to equip a first-class public school during the coming winter. Last fall the books which the council, after long and arduous effort, managed to order, were caught in the ice and failed to materialize in Dawson, and so far as the knowledge of the general public goes, they have not arrived as yet. No possible excuse can be advanced for failure to provide a school next winter. With all due consideration for the efforts of Father Gendreau in maintaining a school last winter, we submit that Dawson must be provided with a public school in the ordinary acceptance of the term. Nothing else will be satisfactory to the people at large, nor can any reasonable argument be advanced in favor of any other plan.

Better Mail Service.

The following from the Seattle P.-I. of the 14th is good news to the people of Dawson, and while, Seattle like, that city takes all the honor for bringing about the improved mail service, Dawson is satisfied for Seattle to take the honor so long as we get the service.

Through the efforts of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the newspapers of Seattle, backed by the insistent demands of the people of Dawson City and the great Klondike country, the Canadian postal authorities have been prevailed upon to make arrangements for carrying all classes of mail matter between Skagway and Dawson. This service will prevail during the summer months at least, and it is believed that the same influences will be effective in having it made permanent.

With the earliest settlement of the Klondike country the postal problem presented itself. Later when the boom came and thousands of men crowded into the distant territory, it became imperative that provision be made to maintain communication with the outside world. For a time at the first dozens of men made big money in carrying letters from the seaports of Skagway and Dyea to Dawson and as much more in bringing out replies, but the mails soon assumed such dimensions that it was necessary to bring their transportation under the supervision and control of proper authorities.

For some time the Canadian postal authorities have attended to the transportation of letter mail to and from Dawson, but there has been no arrangement for other sorts of mail, except upon payment of full rates for first-class matter. The protest of the Dawsonites and of the people at this end having correspondents and business connections in Dawson has been loud and long. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce took up the fight, and the united effort has at length prevailed.

The matter of better mail facilities to Dawson is quite outside the province of the United States postal authorities, yet the pressure of the local chamber of commerce caused the intervention of the United States postoffice department and effected the desired result. Under date of June 7 the acting second assistant postmaster general addressed the following letter to Secretary Prosch:

"Sir: Under date of Feb. 26 you ad-

ressed a letter to the postmaster general in behalf of the people of Dawson, Yukon territory, asking that better mail facilities be provided for them, and particularly for the transportation to that point of other than letter mail. Other communications on this subject have reached the department through various sources, and while the department has advised the writers that the matter of additional mail facilities for Dawson, Canada, should be presented to the Canadian postal authorities, yet this department undertook to confer with the Canadian postoffice department in regard thereto. As a result of the correspondence we are now advised that arrangements have been made for carrying all classes of mail matter from Skagway, Alaska, via Bennett, Canada, to Dawson, Canada, and that this arrangement will continue at least through the summer, and possibly longer. Very respectfully,
G. F. STONE,
"Acting Second Assistant Postmaster General."

Borrowed on His Salary.

"Apropos of borrowing money on one's salary," said a prominent merchant of this city, talking of that peculiar phase of the loan business, "I am reminded of a curious case that came under my observation not long ago. A young man employed on the clerical staff of a large concern here was given a tip on a 'good thing' in cotton. It came to him in such a way that he felt absolutely certain of cleaning up a nice little sum of money, and as he had no funds of his own just then he took the liberty of borrowing \$250 from the house. In plain English he stole \$250 from the firm's current cash, and when he lost, as he did, he found himself in the deuce of a fix.

"However, he was able to carry things over without detection for a few days and in the meantime succeeded in getting a loan of the necessary sum from a private money shark. The loan was for six months, and he agreed to pay 15 per cent a month, or \$475 altogether. That was pretty steep, of course, but I have known a dozen cases of extortion almost as bad.

"At the expiration of the six months the young man paid the \$225 interest and hustled up another \$250 loan to life the principal. On that second loan I think he paid 10 per cent a month. At any rate he kept on borrowing from Peter to pay Paul for nearly three years—to be exact, 34 months—at the end of which time he had actually paid more than \$1250 interest and still owed the original debt. He had a growing family on his hands and in spite of all his squeezing and scraping was never able to get rid of the load.

"During the last year he had fallen into the hands of a salary shaver, and eventually he was prevented by sickness from making a payment, and one of his orders was presented to his employer. Upon that he made a clean breast of the whole transaction, and his boss, instead of discharging him, took up the debt and is letting him pay it off a little at a time. This is an absolutely true story and shows what can happen to a fellow when he gets in the lion's paw."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Notice.

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