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GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE YUKON EXPEDITION.

A recent issue of Science contains the most interesting article by Dr. George M. Dawson, who was in Victoria last year.

The Geological Observations of the Yukon Expedition, 1887. The report follows the expedition, which was led by Dr. Dawson, and was the purpose of obtaining a full and complete knowledge of the geological, geographical, and general character of the country included in the northern part of this province, and to the north of the 60th parallel (which forms the boundary line between the Rocky Mountains proper on the east, and the borders of Alaska on the west).

The greater part of this region is drained by several large tributaries of the Yukon River, the most important of which are the Klondike, the Tanana, and the Stikine, and the Yukon itself. The Klondike is a feeder of the Mackenzie. The results obtained will form the subject of a detailed report of the Geological Survey of Canada, but for the present we will give a summary of the results.

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THE BEHRING'S SEA CORRESPONDENCE. In view of the correspondence with reference to the Behring's Sea difficulty which appeared in this paper yesterday morning, the action of the Dominion government in making a speedy and strong protest will be seen to have been all that could have been desired. The facts in this case are so plain, and the position so clear, that it is difficult to see how any man could be so stupid as to doubt the justice of the Dominion government's position.

GLADSTONE ON INGERSOLL. The many number of the North American Review contains an admirable article from the pen of Mr. Gladstone, in reply to Col. Ingersoll's recent attacks upon the Christian faith. This latest production from his pen shows that Mr. Gladstone is not only a grand, but a wonderful old man. From the onerous and multitudinous duties which must load the leader of a great political party in Great Britain, he is able to spare time to contribute to the current literature of the day a magnificent defence of the religion taught by the Saviour of mankind, and to crush by his inexorable logic and profound argument the host of the many scoffers and unbelievers. The manner in which Mr. Gladstone deals with Col. Ingersoll's offensive and superficial railings against Christianity and the Scriptures is admirable. He convicts his opponent of misquoting, garbling and misrepresenting sacred history, and shows that Ingersoll's methods of argument consist chiefly in assuming such and such things to be tenets of the Christian faith and then combatting them; in other words setting up men of straw that he may demolish them.

THE FEDERAL CRUISER. The action of the Dominion Government in placing a revenue cutter in the waters which wash the seaboard of this Province is entitled to more than a passing notice. It will be remembered that the action of the subjects which the Hon. Mr. Robson strenuously urged upon the attention of the federal government when at Ottawa, last autumn, and in reporting the result of his mission, the hon. gentleman stated that although not absolutely proved, the proposition was favorably entertained. It is well known that for many years our Indians who have annually retired to Puget Sound for the purpose of engaging in hop-picking, have been in the habit of investing the bulk of their earnings in a large interest in Victoria. These goods they have, of course, smuggled into the Province, thus not only defrauding the revenue, but what is perhaps, of greater importance, debauching and demoralizing the Indians along the coast. Commencing in a small way, this illicit trade has attained considerable proportions, and this has our own merchants been placed at a serious disadvantage as regards the coast trade. Not only so, but the Indian trade in the "vested kind of intoxicants has tended to diminish, and the native tribes, and has proved a serious bar to the success of Christian mission work, and relatively increasing the cost of the administration of justice, frequently rendering life and property unsafe. It was represented to the

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Mr. Gladstone has, in his declining years, did not wish to drive visitors up and down our shores. The by-law was not placed before the property owners as a proposal on the last occasion when they were privileged to vote upon it. Instead of being subjects to the whims of a few noxious orators who were not present, the by-law should have been submitted in the summer, when the absolute necessity of drainage came more immediately under their notice. Were the by-law to be voted upon now, when grumblers are heard on every side, we have every confidence it would carry by a large majority. Let the Board of Aldermen make another and immediate move in the right direction. They are the custodians of the people's rights and it is to them we look to take the initiative. Should the property owners vote down a measure which is directly in their own interests, then we would indeed lose faith in their enterprise, and would be forced to the belief that they were not fit to be entrusted with the management of the city. It is to be hoped that the Board of Aldermen will not be so stupid as to doubt the justice of the Dominion government's position.

DIVORCE IN MASSACHUSETTS. In a late issue of the Boston Herald appears an article regarding the divorce law in the supreme court there. The facts in this case are so plain, and the position so clear, that it is difficult to see how any man could be so stupid as to doubt the justice of the Dominion government's position.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY. The natural man came off best; the animals became tributary to him. As man is civilized, he will be able to undertake such a task as this, which he has performed so well. We have every belief that, in due time, the rights of our seafarers, which have been so fully abused by the Alaska authorities, will be adjusted on such a basis as will prove satisfactory to all parties. It is to be hoped that the Dominion government will not be so stupid as to doubt the justice of the Dominion government's position.

SEWERAGE. Now that the question of a water supply has been satisfactorily solved, the attention of our readers will be directed to that of sewerage. There is a necessity for immediate action on no other subject so far as the welfare of our beautiful city is concerned. The sewerage system is a matter of life and death. It is to be hoped that the Dominion government will not be so stupid as to doubt the justice of the Dominion government's position.

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THE MILITIA ESTIMATES. Colonel Miles and Major Turner's estimates of the Militia Estimates—7th Battalion—Pay—Training of the MILITIA. (From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 5.—The Militia Estimates for the year 1888 are now before the House of Commons. The estimates are for the 7th Battalion, and are for the year 1888. The estimates are for the year 1888. The estimates are for the year 1888.

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THIRTY CANADIAN Preparations for the New Gov. Dr. Darrin's office at 235 Fifth Street, Portland, Or. The Dominion government will not be so stupid as to doubt the justice of the Dominion government's position.