

IS GOOD NEWS FOR VICTORIA

Yukon Miners Are Required to Take Out a Miners' Certificate in Canadian Towns.

Can Obtain Same at Victoria and Vancouver—Summary of Amendments to the Regulations.

Reserved Claims in Blocks of Ten—Government Takes a Royalty of Ten Per Cent.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—(Special)—The government has decided to amend the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon. The following summary covers the changes:

Every miner and employer of a miner will require to take out a miner's certificate the fee for which will be \$10. In case of a company it will be \$50 or \$100, according to the amount of the capital stock.

A miner's license will confer the right to the miner to fish, hunt and cut the timber necessary for mining.

Provision will be made for obtaining miners' certificates at a number of cities and towns, such as Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

The general size of mining claims will be 250 feet, and discoverer's claims 500 feet.

Every alternate ten claims shall be reserved by the government of Canada. Subsequent mining leases will be issued in five mile sections with a fee of \$100 per annum and the usual royalty.

The fee for recording and renewing mining claims will be \$15. Any number of miners not less than five, more than 100 miles from the office of a mining recorder, may appoint a recorder, who will record claims and within three months transfer the record and fees to the nearest mining recorder.

A royalty of ten per cent. on the gold mined shall be levied and collected by the government officers appointed for the purpose, but provision is made for exemption on the annual product of any mining claim up to \$2,500, so that claims that do not produce more than \$2,500 a year will not be liable for royalty.

Provisions are made to prevent speculation in claims by throwing a claim open to entry which has not been worked a certain number of days, unless reasonable cause is shown, and by providing that a record shall not be issued for more than one claim to any miner in the same locality.

There are other provisions regarding the public interest and revenue, and at the same time affording the most ample facilities for mining the enormous wealth of the Yukon.

No decision will be reached in the Sternman case to-day. It will come before the cabinet again to-morrow.

The interior department has issued the first reliable map of the Yukon district, with the official spelling of names as adopted by parliament.

Representatives of the Montreal and Ottawa boards of trade, acting for other boards throughout the Dominion, urge the passing of an insolvency law at the coming session of parliament, embodying these points: (1) Abolition of preference; (2) Equitable distribution of assets; (3) A reasonable discharge clause; and (4) No official assignees.

NO FEARS OF TROUBLE. Seminoles are Quiet and Orders to Troops are Recalled.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Gen. Brooke, at Chicago, has telegraphed the war department that his inquiries directed to the commanding officer at Fort Reno, brings the response that there is no danger of an Indian uprising. The railroad authorities, Gen. Brooke says, make same report so he suspended the orders to the cavalry to proceed to Wewoka.

Governor Barnes, of Oklahoma, has reported to Secretary Bliss that the Indian massacre story was wholly false.

Indian Agent Woodson, at Muskogee, Tex., wired that there is no uprising. He compliments the Seminoles on their good behaviour under trying circumstances.

MAY FORTIFY THE SOUND. Americans Waking Up to Importance of Coast Country.

Washington, Jan. 13.—It looks now as if coast defenses were to be taken care of and that congress would not allow the work already started to lag. The probabilities are that the full amount recommended by the chief engineers will be appropriated and possibly the larger amount recommended by Major-General Mills.

In connection with the fortifications, it is just now being given to Puget Sound that will be taken care of by the Statesmen who have looked into the matter begin to realize that the greatest fortification of England on the western continent is at Esquimaux and that across the straits very little has been done. It is also realized that the Puget Sound country requires the Coast than

CANT GAG ZOLA

The Celebrated French Novelist Maintains His Firm Attitude in the Dreyfus-Esterhazy Affair.

He Explains His Position to a Committee of the Paris Students' Association.

New York, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the World from Paris says: M. Zola's reply to the letter addressed to him by a committee of the Paris Students' Association, in which they express regret at his attitude in the Dreyfus-Esterhazy affair reads thus:

"I beg you to tell the committee of the general association of students that I am surprised at the terms of the letter they have sent me. Had I attacked the army the display of feeling would be comprehensible, but I have not attacked the army and am not attacking the army; I wish to throw light on the deeds of certain chiefs who are compromising it."

"The confusion interested persons are trying to create between those chiefs and the French nation and army is part of an abominable scheme to stifle all truth and justice; and my heart is rent with anguish when I see the young beguiled by such a scheme. What remorse will be theirs, afterwards?"

A semi-official note relative to the demand that the alleged confession of Alfred Dreyfus to M. Lehren Renaud should be published, says:

"If the government condescends to the demand it would bring under discussion and appear to place in doubt the authority of the Dreyfus decision. Moreover, the government does not consider it right to make such communication for reasons analogous to those which determined the court martial to try Dreyfus behind closed doors."

SEALSKIN SALES. Prices About the Same as Those Obtained at the Last Sales.

The Hudson Bay Company's sale of sealskins took place in London to-day. So far the only advice received are to the effect that the prices obtained were about the same as those obtained at the last sales. Some skins were withdrawn. This will probably make the sealers more determined than ever not to send their schooners out.

TIT FOR TAT. Ontario Railway Employees on Subsidized Railroads.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—The Ontario legislature adjourned last night and in its closing hours passed a bill providing that no persons shall be employed in the construction of subsidized railways in Ontario, who are subjects of any country which has an alien labor law which practically excludes Canadians from employment on public or other works there.

This means that Americans need not expect employment on Canadian railways. The legislature also passed the timber regulations, which require all saw logs cut in Ontario hereafter to be made into lumber in Canada.

COTTON MILLS SHUT DOWN. New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 18.—A shutdown, the most complete in the history of the cotton mills of New Bedford, began this morning. Nine corporations, operating eighteen mills, in which up to 9,000 hands are employed, are involved in the strike.

BURIED IN A SNOWSLIDE. Charles Wagner, of Spokane, Supposed to Have Been Killed in Death.

Yukon, B.C., Jan. 15.—Men are digging in a snow slide at the Consolidated Alaska mine, five miles from here, for the bones of Charles Wagner, a mining man of Spokane, and J. J. Lutz, who is believed to have come from Escanaba, Mich.

They arrived here December 1, and left with a packer for the mine. That was the last seen of them alive. As they failed to come to town for their small wages they were found yesterday a party went up the mountain and wrecked the blacksmith shop. The cabin was not struck in it were found the men's coats, watches, money and supplies. Wagner has a sister in Butte.

LOST THE RACE BY A SPILL. Taylor's Wheel Goes Up an Incline and Starbuck Wins First Money.

Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—The twenty mile paced race between Edmond Taylor, the French middle distance champion, and J. Frank Starbuck of this city, at Saenger last night, was spoiled by an unfortunate accident to Taylor.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF W. TEMPLETON

The Terminal City in Mourning Over the Unexpected Demise of the Mayor.

Apoplexy, Superinduced by the Excitement Due to the Election Campaign, the Cause.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 17.—(Special)—Mayor Templeton died yesterday afternoon of apoplexy. Death was entirely unexpected.

The first report that the mayor was ill was heard early on Sunday morning, when it was rumored he was dying. The report was disbelieved, but inquiry elicited the fact that Mayor Templeton had been unable to sleep for five nights, and on Saturday sank into a deep slumber that became a trance. He passed away on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

His death, coming directly after defeat at the polls by Mayor-Elect Garden is generally regretted. Those who fought hardest against his return to office are the loudest in sincere expressions of sorrow.

Mayor Templeton suffered for five years from a bad leg. He fell out of a rig on polling day and injured himself. These facts, combined with insomnia and the excitement of a hot political fight, all brought on apoplexy.

Although defeated Mayor Templeton may be said to have died in harness. He was still mayor. To-night he was to give up the office to Mr. Garden. His death, as soon after Ex-Mayor Oppenheimer's demise, and resulting from the election excitement, was tragic.

A big funeral is talked of. Flags all over the city are at half-mast.

INSANITY PLEA ACCEPTED. The Slayer of Terriss Acquitted on Medical Testimony.

London, Jan. 13.—The trial of Richard Arthur Prince, the super who killed William Terriss, the actor, took place to-day before Justice Channell. The audience included many theatrical people. Answering the usual question of the clerk, Prince declared that he was "guilty with provocation."

The prosecution then opened the case. As the murder was being described, Prince frequently smiled and wrote a number of notes to his counsel. The testimony presented was the same as was taken at the Bow street police court when the prisoner was arraigned.

The defense alleged that Prince suffered in his youth from sunstroke and that more recently he had delusions. The mother and brother of the defendant testified regarding the sunstroke. The judge summed up favoring Prince's insanity, and the jury was out half an hour. The jury returned a verdict that Prince was "guilty, but insane, and that he should be committed to a lunatic asylum."

MUST BE STARVATION. United States Determined to Land Relief and Relief in Dawson.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Acting Secretary Melkolejohn, of the war department, pronounced to be absolutely untrue the statement coming from Portland, Or., that General Merriam, the commanding general of the department of the Columbia, has been ordered from Washington to postpone the government expedition to the Alaska gold fields.

The department has been much annoyed by the circulation of stories that it had any intention of abandoning the relief project. Nothing that has been reported to the officials of the alleged expediency of supplying the same as a source that carries conviction and it can be stated on the authority of Acting Secretary Melkolejohn, that the expedition is going forward as rapidly as the situation permits.

If there has been any change made by General Merriam for the arrangement of the shipping of the expedition, it is said that he has undoubtedly done so because he could secure more advantageous conditions. It is also said that the reindeer will be used for transportation as originally intended.

PLUNGED FROM THE TEMPLE. Chicago Bookkeeper Commits Suicide by Jumping to the Ground.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Alfred C. Greenleaf, a bookkeeper, committed suicide to-day by jumping from the sixteenth story of the Masonic Temple. Greenleaf had been out of employment for some time, and becoming despondent decided to make away with himself.

His first attempt was made in the Chamber of Commerce building where he was caught in the act of jumping over the railing to the rotunda and ejected from the building. He then ascended to the sixteenth floor, climbed upon a railing and jumped off into the rotunda.

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Europe Satisfied That Dreyfus is Innocent—Situation in London Causes Grave Apprehensions.

London, Jan. 15.—The new phase into which the Dreyfus case has entered, is a distinct and dangerous trait, and an intention of enjoying for a season the comforts of civilization, of which they have been deprived for many weary months.

The names of those who came direct from the Yukon metropolis are: J. J. Baker, Joe Fox, Andy Oleson, Campbell, L. Sedgewick, Charles Broisio, Wm. Kaufman, H. L. Burt, H. L. McCredy, Judge Minrat Materson, L. T. Grady, Henry Willett, W. H. Welsh, H. T. Coffin, J. E. Surrie, Wm. Kerr, George Johnson and S. Mallett.

These men are returning with sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$300,000, and although a certain natural reticence was observed by some, it is safe to assume the total will not fall far short of the figure named. One of the most fortunate, L. Sedgewick, a young man who has been in the Klondike region for some time, has returned with \$175,000, representing the price obtained by him for claim 33, Bonanza. Andy Oleson, a communicative and intelligent Swede, who has sold out claims 36 and 37, El Dorado, has returned with \$150,000, credit, with close on a quarter of a million, and several others had with them the proceeds of their sales, from \$130,000 to \$150,000 per claim.

Of the passengers generally it is said that many had undergone all the hardships of the journey into the country, of their residence there and the trip out again to the coast, and not being disposed to minimize the dangers and privations of the undertaking, are agreed that in the fullest sense of the expression "the game is worth the candle." Hardy, experienced miners, they say that although perhaps no other gold deposits are hedged in with a natural protection such as is afforded by the climatic and topographical conditions, the Yukon fields are the greatest ever discovered and the yield likely to eclipse anything ever known in the history of mining.

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MURDER IN CARIBBOO.

Young Englishman Killed By An Indian Near Tatla Lake.

Soda Creek, B. C., Jan. 15.—Lewis G. Elkins, a young Englishman, was shot dead at a small trading post near Tatla lake, by an Indian, on December 30th. A few days after the shooting his body was found by his brother and some friends, who were returning from a New Year's gathering at B. Franklin's. After burial the body was returned to Elkins, Lynchie and the brother started in pursuit of the Indian and caught him near Chilco lake and are now en route to the 150-Mile House with their prisoner. The Indian confessed to the crime, and gave the particulars of the shooting. He says that Elkins refused to allow him to sleep in his cabin, so he shot him in the back of the head. After the shooting he locked the cabin, broke into the store, stole a suit of clothes, put on, took a horse from the stable and went off.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Three Rivers, Que., Jan. 15.—Mr. Lafleur has issued a letter addressed to the clergy of his diocese, transmitting the report of the annual meeting of the Manitoba school question, as well as the pastoral letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, and ordering that all three be read from the pulpits after high mass to-morrow.

Quebec, Jan. 15.—The legislature will be prorogued this afternoon. The Montreal City bill was thrown out yesterday by the private bills committee.

Hamilton, Jan. 15.—Hamilton will nominate its candidates for the assembly on Monday evening.

Strathroy, Jan. 15.—John Cameron, the well known lawyer of this place, died suddenly last night.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Rec. R. C. Tibba, son-in-law of the late Rev. D. D. Burns, who died so suddenly at Galt, has been appointed to fill the position of secretary of the Knox College and secretary of the Infirmary and Aged Ministers' Fund of the Presbyterian church, made vacant by the death of Rev. Burns.

Forrest, Jan. 15.—At Marthaville, while having a tooth pulled, Mrs. G. S. Quilman died under the influence of chloroform.

THE GORDONS' NATIONALITY.

An Official and Conclusive Statement as to the Composition of the Battalions.

Mr. James Brown of the Ontario Bank, Toronto, has been from an officer of the Gordon Highlanders, a letter regarding the nationality of that regiment, and enclosing a copy of the official statistics on that head. The statement referred to bears out with singular force and emphasis every thing that the Times has said in this matter. The Times contended that the Gordons were chiefly Scottish born, and the Times has in consequence of that statement been subjected to an astonishing amount of ignorant and ill-arranged criticism. This official statement is the best answer. The Toronto Mail and Empire, in which the statement is copied, says that Lieut.-Col. Mathias is a Welshman. He is not; he is a Scotsman; "A son of the Rock," and a gentleman in Victoria, who knows his personal history, and this contradiction. Lieut.-Col. Oxley, who commanded the second battalion until recently, was born in Yorkshire, but is the son of an ancient Scottish family. It was one of the jokes of the mess to have some green subaltern suggest that the Colonel was not a Scotsman. The suggestion was never taken in an amicable spirit by the Colonel. The following is the official statement which should close once for all the controversy on the matter:

The writer refers to the First battalion, Gordon Highlanders (the old 75th) which is now at the front, and whose gallant charge at Dargal has been the theme of song and story ever since. As the figures are official it should set at rest the minds of those who have been rashly and ignorantly ignorant of the subject. The figures are as follows:

Scots, with headquarters... 591
Scots, with depot... 615
Total... 1206

English (this includes band and drummers, most of whom are always English)... 125
Irish... 15
Welsh... 2
Total... 140

Grand total... 1366
It will be seen that the Irish number less than 2 per cent. The only Welshman is the gallant commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Oxley, and the greater part of whom will be found to be bandmen or drummers.

Van Jay—The bridegroom was to meet the bride at the church.

Horwense—What did the bride do when the bridegroom did not put in an appearance?

Van Jay—She left the church without any ceremony.—Brooklyn Life.