

WHAT IS BEING READ OUTSIDE.

A Caustic Arrangement of Conditions as They Exist.

Reuter's Plan Tells the World What He Saw When Here—His Impression of the Gold Commissioner—The Royalty Condemned.

The following is from the pen of H. S. White, the gentleman who represented Reuter's telegraph agency, and therefore whose writings were for the London Times, the greatest newspaper in Europe. The following extract is from a whole page in the Montreal Star and shows us what the outside world is reading concerning us:

During my sojourn here I have met a large number of men representing capital from the United States, England, France, Germany, and other places, and with few exceptions they inform me that they have had to advise their principals that the royalty makes it impossible to operate safely, except under the most unusually favorable conditions in other respects. All these things mean an enormous loss of revenue to the populace of Canada, and the simple truth is that, in order to grasp the few hundred thousands that they saw the certainty of selling from the present hard-working producers, the Liberal government of Ottawa have thrown away the possibility of millions in additional commerce, customs revenue, traffic receipts, and a dozen other ways in which the dominion, as a whole, would have been enormously benefited by a really substantial development of mining in the Yukon, such as would have certainly taken place this year, under more favorable conditions.

The government may go so far as to argue that the gold in the soil of Canada belongs to its people, but they can not expect strangers to come in here, and take it out of the soil for them for nothing. That is really what the royalty of ten per cent amounts to, for the history of every gold field in the world, would, I think, prove that very seldom has more gold been taken out of any field than the gross amount of capital invested in it, and that if other fields it has been found so difficult to earn even a fair average interest on the total amount of capital invested, why should the Klondike be expected to do so when it is to be handicapped by a general reduction of ten per cent, in natural value of its deposits.

To the farmer or tradesman of Ontario or Quebec the tangible results of securing these few hundreds of thousands of dollars of revenue may commend itself, because neither the farmer or the tradesman knows anything of mining; but let them imagine a parallel case which they can understand. The farmer of Manitoba is given his land free on express terms, and then the miner is given his claim, and, or exactly similar principles, a title of the wheat that he produces might be claimed by the government.

How would he like that? Could he make farming pay under these conditions? He may claim that he pays his share of the expense of government in other ways, in customs, and so on; but so also does the Yukon miner.

The farmer knows that under such conditions the land would remain uncultivated; and that is exactly what is going to happen in the gold deposits of the Yukon.

It is a penny wise and pound foolish policy, as the farmer can understand well enough when he applies the principle to his own case, and if he wants her share of the gold in the Yukon, by far the best policy for her to adopt will be a policy that encourages men to work hard to get it out of the ground, and that induces capital to come in and give the hard working miner the means of getting it out of the ground most profitably.

OTHER GRIEVANCES ALSO. I have dwelt at some length on the royalty question, because it is the one thing more than any other that is at present retarding the development of mining in the Yukon; but I wish that I could say that it is the only thing that is having more or less effect in a similar direction. Unfortunately this is not the case, and every miner of experience in the gold fields of other countries seem to be agreed in maintaining that, taken as a whole, the mining regulations now in force in the Yukon are less calculated to promote the development of mining than those of any other country of which they have had experience. Every class of miner here seems to have his own particular grievance, and certainly the mining regulations seem to have been framed with less regard, if any, for the interests of the miner than for those of any other class or community.

Indeed, from the spirit of the mining regulations one would judge that the framers of them had some such feeling towards the miner as the framers of criminal laws have toward the criminal.

He appears to be a man whom it appears to be advisable to suppress, to hedge with terms, all sorts of restrictions, and to discourage as much as possible.

The general principle underlying the regulations seems to be that the gold belongs chiefly to the government of Canada, but, at any rate, not to anybody but the actual miners.

If he is particularly anxious to do the government the favour of hunting up and locating for them some of this gold, he is allowed to do so on the payment of ten dollars.

When, with an infinite amount of toil and hardship, he has at last discovered a spot where the gold lies concealed in possible paying quantities, the government at once steps in, appropriates unreservedly for itself half of the land, and shows the miner, on payment of another fifteen dollars, to see if he can take out for the government ten per cent. of the gold in the other half, without an actual loss of time and money on his own part.

If he succeeds in doing this, and, perhaps, even makes a surplus for himself as well, the government will then be glad to sell him at a high price a portion of their own reserves, which his toil and enterprise have alone rendered saleable at all.

There is, in general terms, the system which the representatives of the government here maintain, has been framed with special regard for the encouragement of the actual miner and genuine prospector.

But as the regulations are, it would be better to have them stated in black and white, so that an investor knows what he is doing. As it is at present there are two very divergent factors in the regulations under which property is held to-day. These two opposing elements are the mining act as it comes from the parliament, and the gold commissioner, who appears to be

a kind of personification of the law as it actually is or has been, or will be. In other words, it is no use knowing the act; what you want to know is the commissioner.

Or again, in perhaps clearer terms, the act is the commissioner and the commissioner acts as he likes. According to the text of the act, for instance, all claims that lapse through nonfulfillment of their duties by the holders, are open for relocation; according to the act, if the commissioner, they revert to the government. Again, according to the act, any man who is the first to stake a claim on a creek when a discovery has already been made is entitled to record that claim in his own name; according to the commissioner at least in one recent instance, he is first to show evidence of having discovered gold in his own particular claim, before he can have it recorded. It is needless to go on enumerating the many divergencies between the text of the act, and the administration of the gold commissioner; and even this difficulty might be overcome if it were not for the fact that, unfortunately, there are not only so many divergencies between the commissioner and the act, but also between the commissioner at one time and the commissioner at another time. One could do business to some extent if the commissioner were satisfied with only changing the act, but when besides changing the act itself, he is also constantly changing his own mind, it is certain that I was right when I said that, as regards the poor investor, "he-dun-no where he are."

Once may know the law, according to the commissioner to-day, when one makes a small investment, but one has positively no assurance that such will be the law tomorrow, when possibly one wants to take advantage of one's investment.

Wood Dealers Attention. By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners I am authorized to receive bids for the delivery of 40 cords, more or less, of good, dry wood at the fire station in the A. C. Co.'s building. Leave bids, stating quality, length, etc., with G. Bush, engineer, or the undersigned, on or before November 20th, 1898.

F. J. FLITCHER, Chief of Department.

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FOUND—I have in my possession a medium-sized, dark-colored malamute dog, four white feet; carries tail well over the back; dark stripe down the forehead; black eyebrows, with scar across the nose. I have information relative to the dog that will make difficult for any other than the bona-fide owner to claim the animal. Prove ownership, pay for feed and cost of this ad, and take the property. Jas. W. Morrison, 39 Hunker, below.

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