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IS THERE DISCRIMINATION?

With its usual disregard of truth, the Seattle P-I, of August 17th, editorially comments upon the discrimination shown by Dawson officials against Americans and in favor of Canadians. The P-I says: "The grievances pointed out by the correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer at Dawson would properly come before the commission (international) because Americans have been made the principal sufferers." And again that paper says: "The discrimination in favor of Canadians and against Americans is as much within the scope of the international commission, etc."

If there is one thing of which the citizens of the Klondike are more sure than another it is that there is no—absolutely—no discrimination of the kind referred to. In the matter of official vandalism the Canadian element of our population has suffered equally with Americans. Here in Dawson the question of discrimination is never raised for the simple reason that there is not a peg to hang such a statement onto. With delightful impartiality we are all taxed and oppressed together—as one gentleman elegantly expresses it "we are all in the same soup tureen." The nearest approach to discrimination is in the prosecution of American physicians for practicing without being duly registered; but even that matter has been robbed of its apparent international aspect by the recent summoning of two Canadian physicians on the same charge, the complaint being laid by the same medical gentleman who prosecuted the Americans.

Outside of the ring it is as costly for a Canadian as an American to obtain information of vacant ground from the recorder's office. It is just as tiresome to a Canadian as to an American to have to wait in line in all kinds of weather for a week at the postoffice. The mining laws make no discrimination nor do the administrators of the laws make any that we have ever heard of. It seems impossible that there should be any discrimination such as is referred to by the P-I, and no one in Dawson ever hear of it. That paper is particularly unfortunate in its choice of correspondents, and would be wise in future to avoid basing its editorials on the information from that source. We have gigantic evils enough to complain of but national discrimination against American miners! Never.

ANENT THE WATER FRONTAGE.

Some of the property holders on the water front were jumping sideways on Saturday after the appearance of the Nugget. The occasion was a small local item of news recounting the fact that the powers of crown's lands agent had fallen from the shoulders of Mr. Fred Wade and descended upon the shoulders of Mr. Willison, timber agent for the government. It was also pointed out that it was the evident intention of the water frontage Dominion laws that no effect on each side of a river should remain the property of the government sale hard swearer. It would make a for the use of river travellers, and that

the intention of the law might be carried out. The Yukon river frontage, from the police reserve to the bluffs at the lower end of town, is not one inch longer than is required for the safe landing of steamboats, ferryboats, sawmills and wood yards doing business with Dawson. If this is true now, how much more so will it be when Dawson becomes a city of from 30,000 to 40,000 as a great many people think it eventually will do.

So many of the occupants of the water front are recent arrivals that it will be news to them to hear that the lease to Messrs. McDonald and Morrison, from whom they all hold merely a sub-lease, expressly stipulates that they shall clear the water front at any time upon receiving ten day's notice. To protect themselves the sub-lease was drawn up in the same way. A canvas of the water front has shown the Nugget that a large number of the occupants are ignorant of the faulty of their tenure, having gotten an idea from somewhere that they could not be moved until the first of next May, no matter "which way the cat jumped."

On the strength of that belief several substantial buildings have been erected, and a hardship would be worked upon their owners by ordering them torn down.

The future welfare of Dawson requires that easy access to the river should be maintained. The building up of a solid row of unsightly buildings from the sand bar to the steamboat piers, unbroken save for two narrow streets blocked completely with boats and rafts, has been a great menace from fire all summer. The intention of the retiring crown's lands agent, as expressed to the Nugget before leaving was "to knock a lot of holes through those buildings to the river at once for fire protection purposes." Not anticipating his being appointed to the dual position of crown's land and timber agent Mr. Willison's private opinion of the shutting out of Dawson from the Yukon river for a petty \$30,000 per annum is not altogether unknown, and it will be interesting to note whether official power is to a man's convictions what colored spectacles would be to his eyes. In this connection it may be mentioned that Second street property took a big leap in value Saturday.

COULD BE REMEDIED EASILY.

There is an evil which is growing daily and which can be remedied so easily that there is no possible excuse for its continuance. We refer to the adulteration of our Klondike currency and the incorrectness of the weights and scales in common use. That anyone going around town and making a number of purchases will come out several dollars short in every twenty he spends, is such a well-known truth as not to need demonstration. Rough and unfinished weights—some of them of home manufacture—are in common use, to the loss of the man whose gold goes in or out over them. The appointment of an inspector of weights would do much to abolish the evil from the face of the earth.

Then there is the use of adulterants in gold. There being no official inspector of the currency the amount of black sand left in the gold sometimes amounts to as much as twenty or twenty-five per cent of the whole. A complaint was laid last week against a mine owner by a miner who had just been paid off. An official analysis showed over \$15 in every \$100 in the whole sack to be sent. The payee had protested to the payer at the time he received settlement but their being no official inspector the afore said mine owner ignored the protest.

PROTECT YOURSELVES.

There is one thing which should be done and done at once to stop this dreadful avalanche of perjury which is taking place at the mining recorder's office. As many as six and eight people will go there and swear that they were the first to stake a certain claim after midnight of August 31. If a dozen or two of these perjurers could be prosecuted to the full extent of the law it would have a deterrent and salutary effect upon those wholesome people if the miners' asso-

ciation would make an example by prosecuting some particularly flagrant case.

There are undoubtedly a few instances where people have staked simultaneously without being aware of each other's presence, but we have in mind a particular instance where six people, two of them women, swear to being the very first to stake at a specified hour and minute, and undoubtedly five of them are liars. That rightful owners of claims can be drawn into endless and expensive litigation by simply a little hard swearing on the part of some irresponsible personage, and that individual escape with simply the loss of his recording fee is a sarcasm on nineteenth century enlightenment. A law firm encouraging and bringing about such a condition should be ridden out of the district upon a rail.

There would not be nearly so much of this outrageous perjury if the gentleman administering the oath at the recorder's office would clearly and plainly go over the oath to which the applicant was subscribing. Some men's consciences are sufficiently elastic they are always willing to subscribe to something which sounds very like, "And you solemnly swear gabbie labble labble labble." Make it plain and note the improvement and if that does not do put some of them behind the bars.

NO NEED FOR SO MUCH TAX.

With a tax collected from this district of \$2,000,000 and over, and with a total expenditure at the very outside of \$800,000, it does strike the average citizen of the Klondike forcibly that we ought to have better trails and streets. The income to the government in the future will probably increase for they will soon have claims to sell; but it is certain that the government expenses must decrease when over two-thirds of the population of the district are within the self governing city of Dawson. While it is hardly possible the metropolitan police of the coming city of Dawson will be an improvement on the N. W. M. P., of whom nearly all entertain the highest opinion, yet it should lessen the need of so large a force of the semi-military gentlemen, and as far as we can see does away entirely with any need of soldiers being quartered at Selkirk at our expense.

Removal.

After Saturday, August 27th, the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be found in the new premises, between the Barracks and the Gold Commissioners office.

A downtown branch will be opened for the accommodation of the bank's customers, shortly.

H. T. WILKS, Manager.

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McGrath & Patterson, Proprietors
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KLONDIKE CITY
Finest Brands of
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THE KLONDIKE HOTEL

DAWSON
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EUROPEAN PLAN—FINE RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION
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FINEST BAR IN DAWSON
QUALITY OF WINES AND LIQUORS THE HIGHEST
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DAWSON
Headquarters for Best of
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