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out question or change. Conditions in the Yukon are now reasonably settled and understood, so that it will not be difficult for the committee to prepare regulations eminently fitted to meet the requirements of the region.

The resignation in June last of Mr. T. A. Rickard from the editorship of the *Engineering and Mining Journal* was generally regretted by the readers of that important publication, as it was feared that it further implied his permanent retirement from the field of journalistic effort. It is gratifying, therefore, to learn that this is not the case, as Mr. Rickard who, by the way does not, like the publishers of some of our engineering periodicals, regard a paper as nothing more than a lure for advertisements, has purchased and will ere long (to be exact on January 1st next), assume the editorial control of the *Mining and Scientific Press* of San Francisco, which for many years has run a good race with its competitors for a first place among the mining and engineering journals of America. There can be no doubt at all that the usefulness of the *Mining and Scientific Press* will be increased and its scope and influence widened under Mr. Rickard's editorship, and the statement can, we think, be made without disparaging the good work already accomplished during the past twenty years by the publishers of this journal. During the time Mr. Rickard was in charge of the *Engineering and Mining Journal* he ceased to practice as an engineer, and scrupulously avoided any connection with mining or promotion affairs. We are informed that the new editor of the *Mining and Scientific Press* will follow a similar line of conduct. Our friends in the West are to be congratulated upon securing so redoubtable a champion and counsellor.

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Acting, doubtless, on a suggestion contained in an address delivered by the Hon. the Minister of the Interior during his recent visit to Dawson, the Yukon Council has appointed a special committee from among its members to draft a set of laws or regulations to govern mining in that territory, which after receiving the endorsement of the whole Council at a meeting to be called for the purpose in the course of the next few weeks, will be submitted to Parliament and passed as an Act of the Dominion at the next session of the House, probably with-

The Government mine inspectors in the Cobalt district are still alive, upon which fact we extend to them heartiest congratulations. It is really fortunate (for the inspectors) that their duties do not take them to Nevada or even law-abiding British Columbia, or, indeed, anywhere but in Ontario. Thus, a correspondent writes: "On my return here I find that the Government inspector is getting in giant work, and already a very large number of claims have been thrown open for prospecting. I