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## INVEST AT HOME.

We have heard a large amount of talk during the past year or two respecting the necessity of inducing foreign capital to come into the Yukon for investment. We have been told that the only way in which the magnificent resources of this country can be developed is through interesting men of means on the outside to place their spare capital in the Yukon for investment.

The Nugget has no objection to the foreign capitalist sending his money into Dawson or coming in himself to invest it if he so sees fit. The more money that is brought in and the more men of means who come in, the better conditions will be for everyone.

It seems to us, however, that the time is at hand when our own moneyed men—the men who have made their fortunes from the Yukon, should demonstrate their faith in the country a little more freely by re-investing a portion of their wealth right where they made it. If there is anyone reason that can be advanced in favor of a royalty tax it is the fact that individual men have taken hundreds of thousands of dollars out of single claims, and without reinvesting a dollar or spending any more than absolutely necessary, have sent every dollar outside.

Undoubtedly it is the privilege of every man to do with his own as he sees fit. The money a man may have stumbled onto by reason of the fact that he happened to stake a rich piece of placer ground, is certainly his own money, just as though he had earned it by ordinary hard effort. It would seem, however, that such men in seeking investment for their surplus wealth would naturally give their preference to the country in which their fortunes were found. More particularly does this suggest itself as a logical sequence, in the Yukon for the reason that no better or more profitable field for investment is offered anywhere. There is sufficient capital in the Yukon, or at any rate enough has been made in our mines to furnish all that will be required for the development of our resources. All that is necessary is to bring to the attention of the holders of this money the fact that in placing their capital back in the Klondike for investment they are not only giving a deserved preference to this country, but at the same time are consulting their own interests in the strongest possible manner. There is a goodly number of old timers who have made their stake in this territory to whom these remarks do not apply. Many of them, to the Nugget's knowledge, have placed their available surplus in different investments both in Dawson and on the creeks and few of them have had reason to regret so doing. A somewhat more general manifestation of the same spirit would soon leave little or no occasion for running after outside capital.

There has been no complaint against the present federal government because it happens that the Liberal party is in power. The complaint has been because the government has oppressed the Yukon with bad laws. Now that these old regulations are being replaced with

new and better ones, the grounds for opposition to the government have largely disappeared. There is nothing to be gained by throwing bootjacks at dead cats, nor will any good arise from condemning the government after it has acceded to our wishes. The government has surrendered to our demands and we would certainly be ungenerous victors should we decline to extend the right hand of fellowship after winning so glorious a conquest.

Elsewhere in this issue is published a communication from Frank Buteau, an old timer who wishes to say a good word in favor of Thos. O'Brien as a candidate for the Yukon council. The letter is frank and manly in its terms and the Nugget publishes it with pleasure as it will communications in favor of any of the other candidates, so long as no personal abuse creeps in.

Considering the fact that the News has devoted considerable space of late to "roasting" Judge Dugas, that paper gave his lordship a most enthusiastic welcome on his return to Dawson recently. The arrival of the judge must have given our contemporary's memory a slight jog.

The public of Dawson generally are anxiously awaiting absolute assurance that the water company will be able to keep their pipes open throughout the winter. It is certainly to be hoped that the methods which the company has devised for maintaining an uninterrupted service will prove successful.

### Inadequate Schools.

The present arrangements for schools were known to be inadequate long before they opened by all sensible people in Dawson. But now that they are opened, their inadequacy is apparent even to those who formerly contended that the arrangements were complete in detail. Already an overflow from the Mission street school has been started, the class room of the M. E. church being used for one grade of the primary department. Yet the main school in the big log structure is so crowded in both rooms as to render the work most laborious on the teachers, strive as they may, and unsatisfactory to the pupils who are striving to obtain an education.

The Sisters' school in the north part of the city is also overcrowded and new pupils are being enrolled every day. Every effort is being made by the teachers without exception to make the best of the conditions as they exist, but it is uphill work and a constant trial on them.

And yet it is estimated that not to exceed one-half the school subjects in Dawson have been enrolled at either of the schools and when they are added, as many of them certainly will be, the conditions will be such as to make impossible the work of conducting the schools as they are conducted in other parts of Canada and where the best results are obtained.

From an educational standpoint Dawson is confronted with a condition instead of theory, and that condition at present is a grave one which admits of but one solution, to wit: Build school-houses commensurate with the demands of the present at least, if not of the future, and let it not be said in the future of the child whose home is here, "he is illiterate and an ignoramus for the reason that he was raised in Dawson."

### Dawson Grown Oats.

According to the following from the Daily Alaskan, shipping feed to Dawson in the years to come will be like carrying coals to Newcastle.

Fred Rudio, of Eastern Oregon, brought out with him a sheaf of oats from West Dawson, which he took below with him on the Dolphin to show the farmers at his home. The land was only broken this season, and the field was about six tons. Judging from this small sheaf there will be no such struggle to get horse feed into Dawson next fall as there is this.

### Notice to Water Consumers.

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## CURRENT COMMENT

### A Sour Dough's View.

Dawson, Oct. 5, 1900.

Editor Nugget:

I would like to say a word in favor of Tom O'Brien as an old sour dough like myself. I have been in the Yukon country since 1886. He came a year later. In 1894 Constantine came in to Fortymile and there was some trouble about the difference of lengths of claims in the American and Canadian sides. All the miners insisted on staying on the American side on account of the more liberal laws. O'Brien and a few others, with Constantine, made application to Ottawa to change the regulations so that claims were increased to 500 feet. The result was that the prospectors returned from over the line to the Canadian side again and the most important result was the discovery of the great Klondike district.

Men like Constantine, Tom O'Brien and other old timers have made this country and should not be abused or made light of when they offer their names for votes.

Tom O'Brien has done a good deal to develop this country, and if he now asks for an office in which he can do more, I see no reason why he should not be given a chance. As an old timer, I am going to vote for him.

FRANK BUTEAU.

### Immigration to the Northwest.

Max Bass, general agent of the Great Northern, is in the city from Portland. Mr. Bass has been connected with the immigration business for the past 21 years and was formerly connected with the immigration bureau of North Dakota. With reference to the special published in yesterday's Spokesman-Review relative to the tide of immigration which has set in westward, he said: "The movement of immigrants from the eastern and southern states to Washington and the northwest has been anticipated by the railway officials for some months. The opening up of the Colville reservation has been the means of attracting an unusually large number of homeseekers to Washington, and of the 2000 or more that are expected to land here in October and November, the majority will settle in eastern Washington. It is a noticeable fact that the largest increase of immigration is from the middle states, and I may say that this is the result of long and continued work on the part of railroads, coupled with conditions that exist in these states. While the railroads have done much toward advertising the northwest and interesting the people of the eastern states in the superior advantages to be found here, the actual conditions in the east have been the greatest factor in bringing about results. The time has gone by when the railroads can send out flaming literature as to the wonderful advantages of a new country, making it a veritable paradise, etc., with any hope of adequate returns. Indeed, experience of the past has demonstrated that anything which tends to mislead is detrimental to continued prosperity, as it tends to bring disappointment, and hence reacts in a way that no argument can overcome. While the climate of the Pacific northwest has not been overestimated, people can not live on climate alone, but they must be made to see that there are other and more material advantages. To do this one has not to talk of the northwest but to talk of the conditions which surround the average farmer of the east, where competition, which begins in childhood, has so restricted opportunity as to mean a mere struggle for existence. There are but a few chances in the overcrowded agricultural districts of the east to earn a competence, and with these conditions confronting the people, the only wonder is that they have not come to a realization of these facts long since. The tide has started, however, and I predict for the northwest the greatest era of prosperity in its history. We favor the better class of agriculturalists, men who have means and really intend to do something and have the ability to do something where the chance offers. While foreign immigration, which fell off during the three or four years prior to 1900 has increased largely during the past six months, I can not give assurances as to results. We are getting quantity, but the matter of quality I am afraid is not of the best or even good. For the six months ending June 30, 1900, the Great Northern alone has brought between 35,000 and 40,000 people into the territory covered by its lines.—Spokane Review.

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