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NOTICE.

Owing to the illness of our route agent a number of subscribers failed to receive the last two issues. Any such can receive copies by calling at the office.

THE ROYALTY INJUSTICE.

We have on file several lengthy communications, relative to the royalty collected by the government on the output of the mines, and the reservation of every alternate 10 claims on new creeks to the crown. These will appear in future issues. Our correspondents have only anticipated the aims of this paper in attacking these unjust and ridiculous measures. The Canadian parliament in enacting such laws has done so on false representation of the wealth and conditions of the country. Being totally ignorant of country, climate, wealth, source and means of supply and mode of mining, the members of parliament have had to depend entirely on the reports and recommendations of the government agents. The report of the Hon. Mr. Ogilvie, though perhaps made with the most honest intentions on his part, was so colored and made the country appear so rich in gold, that no other law could well have been expected. If "the whole country, from the Hootalinqua river to the American line was underlined with gold," as he stated, 500 feet was too large for a claim, and a royalty was only reasonable. But the developments made at the time his report was printed and sent broadcast did not justify any such an assertion. But he was a recognized authority, and action was taken accordingly. But it was all wrong, and the sooner the mistake is rectified the better it will be for the country. To the miners here who know the true conditions the royalty is an injustice approaching robbery, for it has occurred more than once where the expenses of operating have exceeded the output and were the laws enforced money would have to be borrowed to pay the royalty. In any country a man in business figures on a margin of 15 to 30 per cent. He can't do business successfully on a less margin. In here the margin should be more than twice that. And yet with the cost of operating and the royalty it is but the few rich claims that will pay this percentage, and the big majority pay less than an ordinary business outside would, with less risk to health and life and much more comfort. Without development what would the Northwest Territory amount to? And if development is to be hampered and the chances of making a strike reduced just 50 per cent. and then ten per cent. of that chance taken away in dues if it prove lucky, how under the sun does any sane man expect development to proceed? Has not the enforcement of these pernicious measures already sent thousands down-on to the American side? Is there a satisfied miner in the whole camp? No; decidedly no. And where dissatisfaction reigns how is the country to progress? The miners have had no means of combatting these measures, so fatal to their interests, until *The Nugget* has taken up the cudgel. This paper will yield to no power or influence until redress is had; but the miners themselves must do something. They must organize and work systematically; have a central body and working head; hold mass meetings, discuss the subject, invite the officials here to debate with them, adopt suitable resolutions; and above all be fittingly represented at the next session of parliament. Silence gives acquiescence, always, and unless your grievances are laid before the proper powers, murmurings amount to no more than the zephyrs that sigh through the trees. Our columns are open to you for a fair and square discussion of these troublesome measures. Use them.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It is with pleasure that *THE NUGGET* notes the interest being taken by local Canadians in the agitation for local self-government. Every man here cannot help but compliment the authorities on the way law and order is maintained. There is no such thing as disrespect and disobedience. Trial and sentence comes so swift and sure that the police are a terror to wild doers. But that is not what the people want entirely, they want law and order, and quick justice, and quick adjustment of differences. But further than this they want to have a voice in a great many matters of public interest. They want a chance to work against certain pernicious mining and timber laws and regulations. They want to have at least a voting chance in the administration of affairs that interest the public. The matter was discussed at the Dominion Day banquet, and we hope it will not end there, but that the patriotic and liberal-Canadians will keep the ball rolling until this district governs itself and is represented at Ottawa.

The rush to this country for gold has quadrupled anything that has occurred previously in the history of the world. After the stampede to California in '49 and the early '50s; the next one of any consequence of a local nature was the Fraser river excitement. Thousands joined in the mad rush for gold, and hundreds perished in the rush, or in the endeavor to return to civilization. That hundreds—yes, thousands—will rush from the Yukon goes without saying, but with the number of posts along the way and the caution experience has taught, it can be confidently expected that the loss of life will be small, indeed there should be none except from most natural causes. There will doubtless be exposures and hardships, but these will come alike to the man going out penniless and the man taking out his homestead.

THE NUGGET most heartily commends the efforts of Postmaster Harper to accommodate the people in an increased mail facility. With a new building, boxes, larger and better arranged alphabetical case, mail can be handled very quickly. Then the postal savings bank and money order department will be a great relief to those desiring to send small or large sums to their friends on the outside, or make small savings from week to week for a rainy day. These improvements must necessarily come slow in this country, but full credit must be given the postal department for doing the very best they can under all the circumstances.

The Americans have demonstrated one thing to a great certainty, i. e., that they are nothing if not fighters, and more than this, that they can always produce the man for the emergency. All their wars have shown this. The war of the rebellion was the hottest in history, because between two factions of the same people and race; but now 'tis the whole people against a foreign foe, and the result can be well guessed as being the complete and full humiliation of haughty Spain.

If official acts could not be criticised, the chances of the people for a fair and liberal government would be slim. But the liberty loving people of Canada have long since guaranteed to the press and people free speech, and neither hesitate to criticise when criticism is in order.

The honest, conscientious official invites the criticism of the press. It is by criticism that he knows whether he is in the right or wrong. This paper speaks for the mass of the people, and the good of the people should be considered in all official acts.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the officer commanding the Northwest Mounted Police, at Dawson, has been requested by you to carry out the following regulations:
1. All logs, timber, lumber, cordwood and other obstructions must at once be cleared from the Front street.
2. Campers occupying the streets and private property must move their tents elsewhere. At present the streets are blocked, private property is interfered with, and the sanitary condition of the town is threatened.
All campers can secure scatters' rights on the plateau above Dawson at the upper end of the Bonanza trail. There is also ample room for the campers on the flats opposite the city.
Dated at Dawson City, June 17, 1898.
J. MORROW WALSH,
Commissioner of the Yukon.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the hearing of disputes with regard to the ownership of the undermentioned mining claims on Dominion creek, in the Treadnik mining division, the Yukon district, will be begun Thursday, the 23rd day of June instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be continued thereafter from day to day until disposed of. Hearing each day to be begun at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
Below upper discovery, No. 15 A, B, 23, 25, 26 A, 33 A, 34 A, 34.
No. 17 above lower discovery, and No. 31 below upper discovery.
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