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INCORPORATION NEXT.

Representative government for the Yukon territory is now an assured fact. It is true the entering wedge only has thus far been placed. The two members elected by popular ballot to seats on the Yukon council will not exercise a great influence in that body, unless they are able to draw a portion of the old members to their support. Their chief function for some time to come will in all probability be to go on record. They will, however, be the pioneers who will pave the way for the ultimate election of a full representative council.

This election having been accomplished, the opportunity is presented for the consideration of other matters of equal if not greater importance. Chief among the questions which, in the judgment of this paper, should be taken up by the council is the incorporation of Dawson as a self-governing municipality. The arguments which have been advanced in opposition to the idea of incorporation do not commend themselves to us as carrying much weight, provided of course, that a charter is granted upon sufficiently broad and liberal lines. Certainly, the town, if it assumes the duties and responsibilities of self-government, must have its fair proportion of revenues or the purposes of incorporation are frustrated in the beginning. We think there should be no difficulty in reaching an equitable agreement as to the apportionment of revenues between the town and the territorial authorities. So far as concerns the matter of local taxation, it has already been decided that postponement of incorporation will not serve to delay the arrival of the assessor. In fact he has already been around. Property holders in Dawson must expect to pay a certain amount of taxes whether they have any direct voice in the selection of taxing power or not. It seems to us, therefore, that this objection to a town government has lost entirely any weight it might once have possessed. The principal difficulty involved is to determine upon a charter which will meet the peculiar requirements of the situation. The opinion has been expressed before in these columns and we repeat it now, that a commission composed of representative citizens and members of the council would be able in the natural order of things to prepare a charter which should in every way be suited to circumstances. Such a commission would have the confidence of the people and would serve as a guarantee of protection to all interests concerned. Early action in this matter should be taken.

LET US GROW.

The new era which the Nugget long ago predicted would set in for the Yukon immediately upon the enactment of needed legislative reforms by the federal government is at hand. The new laws have only been in effect a very short time, but their salutary influence upon the material welfare of the territory is already visible. The prospector who, until recently, was debarred from exploring new fields of possible wealth is now permitted to go

when and where he pleases in search of fresh discoveries, and indications already point to the fact that large additions to the gold producing era of the territory will be made in a very short time.

Trails are being constructed to lighten the cost of transportation of freight up the creeks while the positive assurance announced by the government that the royalty is to be cut in two, materially increases the margin upon which the big claim operator may figure on opening up his ground.

In a word, the season of repining for the Yukon is in the past. We have fought a good, strong fight and have won the greatest victory in the shortest time that any new country ever achieved. We have forced from the government nearly every concession which we have asked, and it rests now with us as a people to place our shoulders to the wheel and take every advantage of the splendid opportunities which the new conditions afford.

There are some people so constituted that condemnation of everybody and everything appertaining to governmental authority comes from them as a matter of second nature. They are "kickers" and "calamity howlers" by nature and would prefer going blind rather than be forced to see something worthy of approval emanating from legally constituted authority.

The great mass of people in the Yukon are not of this order.

They are ready to fight for their rights to the very last ditch and have strikingly demonstrated this fact during the past three years. But they are practical men who, when a battle is won, prefer setting themselves to the work of improving the fruits of their victory rather than spending their time fashioning thunder bolts to hurl at a vanquished enemy.

This is the spirit, which the Nugget believes animates the men of the Yukon today and with this spirit we declare ourselves in hearty sympathy and accord. The chronic grumbler we will always have with us. He is a necessary evil and, as in the case of other evils, good will sometimes come out of him. But he does not represent the true spirit of the times. What we want in the Yukon territory today is a long, strong and unanimous pull for the development of our magnificent resources. The opportunity is before us which we have made for ourselves. Let us take advantage of it to the utmost. Let us grow.

Standpoint of Two Ages.

"Did you ever notice," asked the older member of the group, looking into the gas log at the club, "or, rather, have you not always noticed, the markedly different effect upon the mind exerted by the coming of the September equinox and that of March? The arrival of the fall equinox seems to fill the whole human tribe with gloom; that of the spring with impatient joy. I contend that these effects are universal and that their causes are peculiarly simple. Of course, I am talking about latitudes approximating our own.

"In the decline of the year, as the sun is rushing south, as the leaves are growing gray and wrinkled, as the days wane and the nights wax, when no longer one can comfortably sit out of doors, the arrival of the raw September days which are chilled and dampened, fills the sensitive soul with anticipatory dread. These heralds of the stiffening year, about to be laid on its slab, like a corpse in a morgue, give warning not only that the melancholy days are come, but that the long northern winter, chill, desolate and forbidding, will soon begin.

"It is different in middle March. Then the patter of the dropping rain holds out a promise. The song birds are seeking summer homes again. The reviving grass and the tender mounds which burgeon upon the sap-thrilled branches of the awakening trees speak the incensed language of life and love. The restored brooks babble that they have thrown off their shackles. Daily the sun burns more ardently upon all the pulses of the stirring earth. The airs are full of promise. Man feels hope again, and divine thrills, born he knows not why, move the deeper fountains of his heart."

The talker paused and those who listened looked duly impressed by the depth and poetic beauty of his senti-



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