

OVERLAND TO KLONDYKE.

Whilst the people of Kamloops are agitating for the building of a road of 57 miles in length, that will connect them with the famous Cariboo Road and place them in touch with Klondyke via a very long land route, the B. C. Mining Journal, of Ashcroft, rightly points out that even then the route to Dawson City via Ashcroft and the old Cariboo Road will be very much shorter than that via Kamloops, the construction of the missing link of which would cost the Province \$57,000.

If, however, as the Kamloops Sentinel suggests, the new road will open out a fine range of good country for settlement it may be worth even the \$57,000; if not, its construction would be superfluous, in view of the existing route from Ashcroft.

It is quite possible that the road may in any case be made. The Opposition men of Kamloops favor it, as the proposal was originally advocated by Mr. F. J. Deane, the Sentinel's editor, who is most anxious to supersede the Hon. G. B. Martin as an M. P. P., and the latter gentleman's influence will no doubt be exerted in the same direction as he is ready to do anything and everything to keep his seat, and with this end in view will do his "level best" to get round the people of Kamloops.

It is not of course yet known how the other members of the Provincial Government will regard the proposed expenditure. Some of them may hesitate thereat, especially if doubtful whether in conceding the request they will be playing a hand for Martin or for Deane.

One thing is meanwhile certain as to the various suggested overland routes to Klondyke, namely that the one via Edmonton is scarce worth consideration, so long, difficult and dangerous is it. It is also certain that the people of Spokane will next spring largely avail themselves of the Ashcroft-Klondyke overland route. In the interim the people of Spokane mean to try and send four carloads of provisions for the relief of the Dawson City miners through Ashcroft via the Cariboo Road and Teslin Lake route, the later stages of the long journey being taken by dog trains.

The people of Spokane and Ashcroft will unite in this public-spirited work of charity. No whiskey will be sent—of that there is more than enough in the Yukon—but a goodly supply of flour, bacon and beans, as an instalment of relief. At least thirty such shipments as represented by the Spokane-Ashcroft offer will however be needed this winter in the Yukon country.

GREAT GAIN TO INDIVIDUALS IS A "CASUAL ADVANTAGE" OF THE CROW'S NEST POLICY.

The transfer to private individuals, including some distinguished Ontario Grits, of three hundred thousand acres of coal lands which British Colum-

bia gave to build the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, was not the motive of the Crow's Nest Pass policy fastened upon the Liberal party by the Toronto friends of the C. P. R.

By no means. The transfer of such enormous wealth to individuals who did nothing to earn these coal lands, was merely one of the casual advantages of the Liberal policy.

And the providing of \$3,000,000 to build a railway for the benefit of the C. P. R. and its friends, the coal barons, is one of the "casual disadvantages" which the country can charge up to the Liberal policy upon the same question.

It is all right to shout about paper concessions, and to make a noise about the restitution of a part of the public domain. Apologists for the Crow's Nest Pass policy shirk the duty of explaining the exact return which the Ontario Grits and their western allies are going to make to the country for the three hundred thousand acres of coal lands, the substantial but "casual advantage" which these gentlemen owe to the new Liberal policy of enriching them and the C. P. R. at the expense of the country.—Toronto Telegram.

No Rock and Good Shifting . . .

Hicks Brothers

Hacks Carriages Expresses

HACKS ON STAND DAY AND NIGHT

Corner of Cordova and Abbott Streets

Stand Telephone 240

Stable Telephone 226

No More Blankets



If you go to the Klondyke, be sure that your outfit is light and that you have something warm to sleep in. The lightest known substance is **Eiderdown**. It is warmer than anything else in the world.

The "**Alaska Brand**" sleeping bag has double linings of Eiderdown, besides a lining of warm gray wool, and is covered on the outside with a strong canvas. It is warmer than whole stacks of blankets, weighs fourteen pounds, and is not injured by rain or snow.

The entire Government Expeditions were equipped with these bags.

The best houses on the coast handle this bag, every one of which is labelled with our name. If your dealer has not got them in stock and refuses to get one, send us money order for \$24.50 and we will see that one reaches you promptly without any further charge.

For our Eiderdown Cap and Hood see advertisement in next number.

The Alaska Feather and Down Co., Limited

290 Guy Street, Montreal, Quebec

Our references: The Merchants' Bank of Halifax or any wholesale dry goods house in Canada.