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A PLEA FOR REPEAL

Miners of the Klondyke Point Out the Injustice of the Regulations.

Only One Out of Forty-five Claims Has Proved Exceptionally Rich.

(E. J. Livernash in S. F. Examiner.)

Dawson City (Northwest Territory, Dominion of Canada), Sept. 23.—Thomas Fawcett, the gold commissioner of Canada for the Klondyke region, has just received from the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa, official notification of the adoption in council of new regulations for the Yukon district...

The commissioner was very much distressed, for he recognized the injustice of the new regulations. He will not proclaim them forthwith, for the reason that Major Walsh, who comes to supervise the enforcement of the laws of Canada, is reported to be nearing Dawson, and because unofficial information had arrived to the effect that the objectionable regulations had been rescinded...

The committee, consisting of Messrs. Frederick Hutchinson, Alexander McDonald, T. H. Mallory, Frank Conrad and Henry Tibbels, all Canadians, were chosen by the crowd, and these men may be said to represent fairly the best class of solid miners.

The committee had a lengthy conference on the 23rd, and a preamble and resolutions were adopted covering the situations. This plea of the Yukon miners for fair treatment from Canada is being sent to the government, and runs as follows:

MINERS APPEAL TO THE DOMINION. "Whereas, it is reported that the Dominion of Canada has so amended the mining regulations governing the Klondyke region of the Yukon district of the Northwest Territories that heavy royalties are to be imposed, based on the output of the gold fields, and the creek and river claims are to be limited in length to 100 feet, rather than 500 feet, as heretofore, and that every alternate claim is to be reserved from entry; now, therefore, by the miners of the Yukon district, we solemnly meet and assemble, and do hereby resolve, That in what we are about to say we are animated by respect for the agreement of the Dominion and are in profound faith in the justice of the people of Canada and their representatives. We believe that a plain statement of the conditions surrounding the proposed amendment of the situation as we see it here.

(a). Should the government fail to suggest, with the claim-holders, a having only 100 feet, and that between government claims, would be an affliction in that miner-like provision could not be made for the most profitable of the central claims. Nor could a number of miners co-operate for the joint working of consecutive claims.

CAPITAL MIGHT CROWN THE MINER. (b). Should government, on the other hand, sell the claims located in the region, the prospector's labor had given market value to these adjoining claims, it might well be that the miner would be crowded to the edge of the Klondyke, the successful prospector could give friendly individuals the benefit of his discovery and surround himself with neighbors as to his liking, or at least gain the advantage that comes of the absence of favoritism to capital; human affairs are so organized that capital would have taken from us an unreasonable portion of the wealth held by the crown, and this without any fault of government in the course of sales.

Resolved, That if this Dominion has imposed heavy royalties, out the size of bottom claims and reserved every alternate claim from the Klondyke, it is seriously considering proposals to make changes of such scope, we believe it is because the officials of Canada have been misinformed as to the conditions prevailing in the gold fields of the Yukon; and, therefore, we respectfully represent as true these propositions:

INACQUAINTED REPORTS CONCERNING KLONDYKE. "First—Grossly inaccurate reports have been published through the newspapers of Canada and the United States concerning the Klondyke region, and the Indian divisions of the Yukon district. Men of this district who have gone hence to the centres of population in this Dominion and returned, have been reported by the press as authority for statements wholly false or grievously misleading. The impression has been given, apparently, that enormous riches are to be had in the Klondyke, and where in the vast region about the village of Dawson. That impression is not justified.

"Second—Of the 1,800 claims thus far recorded, not more than two score have been demonstrated to be remarkably rich. The others are either moderately rich, local conditions considered, or practically unknown quantities—most of them are unknown quantities. The conditions are favorable to a fair profit for the claim-owners if no royalties be imposed; there is no certainty that a considerable percentage of the claims would be profitable if heavily taxed.

"Third—The remarkably rich claims lie on Bonanza creek and its tributaries. These streams, whose waters go into the Klondyke, are small, and the claims believed to have value have been granted by Canada to the miners who are working them. Possibly they cannot constitutionally be taxed to 20 per cent, as royalties, for the reason that the claim-holders have contracted on another basis for year to year, and certainly they cannot be taxed so during the current year, for the reason that the miners possess written leases. Within two years their riches can be exhausted, and it is possible that within the term of the lease the claims will be exhausted, and will be left barren, or nearly so. Therefore, so far as men can know now, with the other stream valleys of the Yukon almost unknown, save for the more or less unreliable reports of occasional prospectors, any heavy tax imposed on mines would have these effects:

PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF HEAVY ROYALTIES. (a) If the government cannot vary the character of its contract with the subject, then the holders of the

claim known to be rich will be exempted from the bearing of heavy royalties, and these royalties will fall as a weight on claims not yet granted, discouraging development, with the likelihood from indications that such other claims will be less rich than those that inspired the high taxation.

(b). If government can so vary its contract with the claim-holders, who exhaust the wealth of the mines before the expiration of leases now granted will escape and the burden will fall unequally.

(c). The less rich mines might not be worth working at all.

(d). The royalty might, accordingly, prove prohibitive, and in the case of the less successful (who are, in all likelihood, as twenty to one in comparison with those who have fairly rich claims), it might be an injustice the most cruel government would not knowingly practice, further embarrassing the already less fortunate miner.

"Fourth—The wage rates are high and supplies are costly. Ordinary laborers command \$1.50 the hour; four costs \$12 to \$16 the hundred weight; bacon costs 50 cents the pound; good grade blankets cost \$25 apiece, and other supplies are proportionately expensive. It is difficult and at times impossible to buy supplies at all, and famine conditions threaten in this region every winter.

"Fifth—There are no roads in all this district, and never were miners handicapped in moving to and from mines than are of the Yukon. For transporting supplies we are obliged to go beyond a point for a journey of fifteen miles, and more proportionately for further distances, and this because of the deep, wet moss and the miles of mud that beset the trail, through which men must struggle, packs on back.

"Sixth—This is a land of tremendous solitudes and marvelous wildness. It appears to be a land of immense promise and of a future of great wealth, but it is a land of deceptive. There is practically nothing known of it beyond a radius of twenty miles. It is outside the range of language to picture the difficulties that beset the explorer here who roes forth with pick, shovel and gold-pans to search for gold. Only strong men are equal to the task, and only men of the greatest courage and perseverance can press far. If Canada place a heavy hand on the prospectors already at pains in his best, Dr. Eley's oken gave him some medicine in the forenoon. The prisoner lay down in his cot in the afternoon and when in the evening he awoke he found that he had died in his sleep. The inquest held yesterday afternoon showed epilepsy as the cause of death.

MR. BURNETT'S RECITAL. A Very Pleasant Musical Evening at St. Andrew's Church.

Last evening's organ recital at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was heard by a very appreciative audience. Mr. G. Burnett and Mr. J. Fisher presided at the organ, and the program was interspersed with vocal solos by Miss Russell, Mr. Pilling and Mr. Brown. A Grand Overture, by Baliste, opened the program, and was followed by Mendelssohn's First Organ Sonata, a very difficult piece, judging by Mr. Burnett's dexterous manual and pedal work, the contrasting movements being in a marked manner the capabilities of the organ. Mr. Pilling sang "The King" in the style, the words being very distinct. The organist's Marche Funebre was intellectually interpreted by Mr. Fisher, the slow funeral tread being noticeable on the pedals, following the conditions of the harp in the Chant Seraphique. The sweet soprano of Miss Russell deserves to be heard much oftener, and her rendering of "Ave Maria" merited praise for both tone and enunciation. The next number by Mr. Fisher was the renowned march of Wagner's "Tannhauser," very successfully rendered. The Grand Chorale, "Fantasia," a special comment, the diversified effect being vividly portrayed in the shepherd's pipes, the gusts of wind, the storm and rain, under Mr. Burnett's masterly fingers. Mr. Brown was as usual pleasing in the melodious song "Calvary," and an offering of Baliste's brought the successful concert to an end.

A DEPUTATION OF THE SIR WILLIAM WALLACE SOCIETY yesterday waited on Lieutenant Governor McInnes, who is a member of the society, and congratulated him upon his appointment. Dr. Milne read an address and short congratulatory speeches were also made by Rev. Dr. Campbell, Chief Hay and the secretary, Mr. R. H. Jameson. Lieutenant Governor McInnes expressed his pleasure at the address, and then His Honor was favored with some music on the pipes. "Piper Robertson striking up 'The Cock of the North' and 'Highland Laddies,' and Mr. McDonald following with the famous tune that is heard reverberating from the ancient Edinburgh Castle in the early morning, 'Johnny Cope.'

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BUT ILL PROVISIONED

Although the "Weare" and the "Bella" Reached Dawson They Had Not Much Food.

The "Weare" Will Make Another "Trip—Kid Birch Acquitted of Murder.

Leaving Dawson for Victoria direct the day subsequent to the Corona's departure from the Lynn Canal, the steamer "Weare" and the "Bella" arrived at Dawson, bringing thirty or more Sheslay and Juneau passengers, and two who have the right to register from Dawson City. These latter are William C. Leake, owner of claim 31, El Dorado, and William Love, a butcher who accompanied a band of cattle into Dawson, and is now returning to the Coast. Both were members of Jack Dalton's party, which left Dawson on the 16th October, and while the majority of their companions came through by the City of Seattle, they have "laid over" a ship at Juneau to do a little business and enjoy some of the comforts of civilization.

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PUBLIC MEN'S AFFAIRS

British Precedent and Present Practice Favor Connection with Commercial Enterprise.

And Political Enemies Display Only Spite in Criticizing British Columbia Ministers.

To THE EDITOR:—It is to be hoped that the majority of Mr. Turner's adherents will welcome the "interview" published in last Sunday's COLONIST. Public opinion in England and here, in recent years, bears rather too heavily on men with silence any violent attacks made against their character, particularly when such attacks have been peculiarly bitter and persistent. In certain cases there is no doubt that silence is the best form of showing contempt. Yet I think that under the circumstances the publishing of Mr. Turner's "apologia" is fully justified, in spite of the vituperation and bitterness displayed by his hostile press. The pith of Mr. Turner's argument is—I take it to be—"I desired and intended to bring English capital into this country, and I conceived that, by accepting the position which my opponents decry, I should be carrying out my intentions." Mr. Turner now gives that the English responsible explanation of his conduct. Without doubt English capital is needed in this country. Canadian capitalists are scarce. Some of the English men who have been in the country recently have been connected. As head of one of the largest mercantile firms in the province, he has every opportunity of judging of such matters, and he is slow to reap the benefit of this shyness.

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