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ONLY TEMPORARY.

Some concern as to the future of Dawson has been expressed by reason of the fact that so large a percentage of the city's population has left since the opening of navigation. As shown in the last issue of the Nugget, not less than 5000 people have taken their departure in the last seven weeks. There have been upward of 1000 arrivals, leaving a net loss to the city in point of mere numbers of about 4000. We are unable, however, to share the anxiety of some of our business men, who appear to feel convinced that the withdrawal of so many men within so short a period will have a serious and permanent effect upon future business in Dawson.

It must not be forgotten that during the past winter there was at all times in Dawson a very considerable non-productive element—men who were living from hand to mouth and who were supported either through aid from the authorities or from private individuals. While it may be said that this element assisted somewhat in keeping money in circulation, still on the whole their presence was a detriment rather than an advantage to Dawson. With the opening of spring and the renewal of water connection with the outside, a general exodus from the city has taken place, and there are probably fewer people in Dawson today than at any other time within the past twelve months.

The low rates prevailing on the steamboats, together with the reports of new strikes both above and below Dawson, have contributed largely toward increasing the number of departures. Of those who have left the city, many have gone for the purpose of examining the new diggings or have taken advantage of cut rates to visit the outside. A large percentage of those men who are the ones that Dawson cannot afford to lose permanently will return before cold weather sets in. Meanwhile each boat from the up river brings its quota of people returning to the city to look after their interests or seeking a profitable field for the investment of capital. It will be seen, therefore, that the depression which is being felt at the present time in nearly every line of business will prove only temporary in duration. Dawson's permanency as a business and distributing center is too well established to be perceptibly affected by transient causes. Business in certain lines may be overdone, as it usually is in new places, but that is neither the fault of the country as a producer of gold nor the fault of the town.

More gold was taken during the past season from the diggings adjacent to Dawson than during the preceding winter, and the outlook is that next spring's output will show a still greater increase. So long as this record is maintained there need be no fear that the city will suffer.

BEAUTIFULLY INACCURATE.

The recent promulgation concerning the issuance of licenses to take fish in the waters of the Yukon territory is another gem in the coronet of Yukon legislative brilliants. In order that the public who may be fond of fishing, but who do not read the government organ, may understand the terms of the late order, it is published in full, as follows:

Notice.—The commanding officer of the N. W. M. P. has been appointed chief overseer of the fisheries in the Yukon territory. A limited number of commercial and domestic licenses will be issued from time to time.

Fishing without a license, whether for sale or otherwise, will be subject to prosecution.

Fishing with or without a license from 6 p. m. on Saturday to 6 a. m. on Monday is strictly prohibited.

S. B. STEELE, Supt. Commanding N. W. M. P., Y. T. Dawson, Y. T., July 12, 1899.

According to the terms of the order it will be seen that the reckless individual who sets forth upon a fishing excursion intent upon luring the unsophisticated trout or grayling from his shady retreat by means of rod and fly is laying himself open to all the terrors of the law unless perchance he has provided himself with a license beforehand.

Colonel Steele informs the Nugget that such is not the intent of the order; that it applies merely to seine fishing, and is designed as a protective measure. But we submit that whatever the intention may have been, the unsuspecting rod fisherman is just as liable as the man who sets his seine or trap.

A Klondike exhibit at the Paris exposition will not be complete without a few of the enactments for the government of the Yukon set up in frames and properly labeled.

AT LAST.

The Nugget's campaign for improved trails to the diggings is at length bearing fruit. This paper has contended at all times that the duty of providing suitable means of communication between Dawson and the creeks, the richness of which has been long demonstrated, rested with the government. Such makeshift affairs as the tramway franchise of last year simply tend to aggravate matters. The folly of such a policy was pointed out in these columns as soon as the franchise was granted. In this advanced day few, if any, governments with any pretense to stability would allow the control of their public highways to pass into the hands of private individuals.

Every man in the Yukon territory, from the poorest grab-staked prospector to the wealthiest owner on Eldorado, is interested in seeing good trails to the diggings. The cost of transporting commodities and machinery to the different creeks has been so great in the past that in numerous instances this consideration alone has withheld owners from developing ground which otherwise would be producing revenue and giving employment to labor.

We are informed that the Yukon Council has at length determined to take hold of the matter and furnish roadways suitable to the requirements of the country. This action has been delayed and delayed, but it is better in coming late than in being postponed forever.

The government organ, with its usual facility for putting its foot in its mouth—to make use of so inelegant an expression—now comes forward and presumes to tell what the Yukon Council is and is not going to do. Speaking of the assistance which the council gave the indigent of Dawson during the past winter, the organ informs the public distinctly and once for all that "the Yukon Council is not going to repeat the work of last winter." Now, inasmuch as the organ is an organ and gets paid for being one, it would seem that when it poses as advance agent for the Yukon Council some reliability might be placed on what it says. The fact, however, that the governor himself had occasion recently to repudiate the organ and to refer to the Nugget as giving the public correct information leads us to believe that the council along with the general public decline to take the organ seriously. Regarding the care of the indigent for next winter, the reader may see by referring to our local columns that the council has already taken action in the matter and has requested estimates from the various hospitals as to accommodations, charges, etc. So it appears that,

notwithstanding what the organ has to say, the council does intend repeating the work of last winter, the only difference being that the circumstances will not require so large an outlay. We suggest to the organ that when it has further occasion to speak for the Yukon Council it would be a wise idea to submit the "proof" to his excellency before going to press. In that way such embarrassing little episodes might be avoided.

The local revenue collected from various sources during the past nine months amounts to \$122,048 87. With the exception of a comparatively small amount the revenue has been derived entirely from fines, liquor permits and liquor licenses. The chief item of expense has been in the nature of contributions to the hospitals of Dawson and for other charitable purposes. These have amounted all told to \$85,427 45.

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