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THE NUGGET IN OTTAWA.

Upon the first page of this issue will be found a brief resume of what the Nugget's representatives, Messrs Geo. M. Allen and D. W. Semple, attempted and accomplished at Ottawa. Doubtless disappointment will be felt that at least the removal of the royalty could not be attained before the departure of the Nugget men from Ottawa. It will be seen, however, from a perusal of the report that conditions at the capital were such that this was impossible. It is well, however, for the citizens of the Yukon Territory that they know the real situation exactly as it is. It cannot now be expected that any material concessions will be secured from the Laurier government unless they are brought about through pressure. The government's colossal and expensive blunders in the administration of the Territory have necessitated the expenditure of millions of the public funds and Minister Sifton has determined that the Klondike must pay for his mistakes with interest and compound interest.

The expense of bringing the Yukon field force into the country ran well into a million dollars and the folly of that move on the part of the government which was well understood by every man in the Yukon Territory long before the soldiers arrived at Selkirk has at length been realized within the walls of the interior department with the result that the soldiers with the exception of a small detachment have been recalled. Mr. Sifton himself cannot defend the fact of the soldier's presence in the Yukon Territory, nevertheless he purposes that the territory shall pay the bill for their transportation in and out of the country.

In spite, however, of the obstacles against which they were forced to contend, the Nugget's representatives have laid the ground work for lasting good to the Yukon Territory. Their presence in Ottawa during the Yukon debate was a most fortunate circumstance as it enabled them to supply the opposition with material of the most important nature and to corroborate what was already known of the mal-administration of affairs in the territory.

We cannot escape the conviction that a parliamentary commission to investigate into the affairs of the Yukon will be ordered before the close of the present session. The debate in the house as will be noted in the report was hanging upon this proposition when the Nugget men left the capital. Every effort had been made by them to secure the appointment of such a commission and at the time of their departure it appeared that such pressure had been brought to bear upon the government as would result in the investigation being ordered.

Should this prove to be the case, not only will the commission investigate charges of mal-administration on the part of officials, but will also take cognizance of the requirements of the country from a legislative standpoint. The friends of the Yukon in Ottawa are not all contained in the Conservative ranks. Many of the Liberals who have become informed as to the situation are anxious that substantial recognition of the claims of the Yukon be taken by parliament. Heretofore they have been held in check by fear of the party lash, but of late they have been manifesting a restlessness, which is becoming stronger and stronger every day.

Redress is not coming to us as quickly as we had hoped, but the heaven is working, and it is only a question of time when justice will be meted out. We feel confident in assuring our friends that the Nugget's efforts at Ottawa will reach a measure of fruition before the close of the present session of parliament.

NO WITHDRAWAL.

The opening of navigation and the consequent establishing of communication with the outside world, and with the peace from whence emanates these model mining regulations for the adoring admiration of a world, brings to light the fact that Mr. Ogilvie has not been any too particular in his statements to his master, Sifton, in assuring him of the lack of any foundation to the charges of fraud and duplicity which for a year were made against the gold commissioner's office. As will be remembered by our readers the royal commission to investigate was accompanied to Mr. Ogilvie by a request that the resultant tub-of-whitewash

should be on hand for the opening of parliament. Mr. Sifton apparently anticipating something of what really happened when the house was set on fire by the making of Sir Chas. Hibberd Tupper's charges of mal-administration and official corruption at Dawson. Mr. Ogilvie could not comply with Sifton's request because it would have only left him two or three days to perform his miracle of investigation—which is still progressing in a desultory sexless sort of fashion. But he did the next best thing. He invited the making of written charges, ruled them out of court on the grounds that they covered matters subsequent to August 25, and then hurriedly and post haste notified the man who hired him that the Nugget and other makers of charges had withdrawn them rather than face the light of his searching investigation.

Mr. William Ogilvie, your statement that the Nugget withdrew its charges is contrary to the facts in your possession. Your shorthand notes show that the few charges which we had time to make before you ruled us out still stand; and, what is more, if you for a moment have deceived yourself regarding that fact, as Mr. Sifton endeavored to deceive the house, we will now reiterate everyone of those charges as we have already published dozens of others. True, we had other charges drawn up and ready for presenting to you, but your decision that you cannot legally entertain them, cannot subpoena witnesses, cannot guarantee them protection and cannot compel the giving of testimony, nor exempt witnesses from the results of giving self-incriminating testimony, has denied us the privilege of filing them with you, and any representations which you have made to the man who holds you in the hollow of his hand—Mr. Sifton—that we have at any time withdrawn our charges, is false as the celebrated warblings of Mr. Ananias, a man whose sad fate you might do well to contemplate. When Canada sends in the parliamentary commission which is being forecasted Mr. Ogilvie will find that there has been nothing at all in the nature of a withdrawal.

"THE FOMENTOR OF THE TROUBLE."

The Toronto Globe, the great liberal organ of Canada, has been in hard straits over the Yukon question. In one issue the Globe will demand from the government a full and complete investigation into the Yukon. The next day, perhaps, it will turn all its resources of denunciation upon those audacious persons who have had the courage to criticize the government and its officials.

While in this latter humor the Globe endeavored to discredit the Nugget's Ottawa representative by a leading article under the above caption.

To such a degree was the Globe worked up from this matter that it went into details, proving that it has been a close reader of the Nugget almost since the first day of this paper's publication. But the Globe was not altogether truthful in its remarks. It told the people of Canada that the Nugget represented a certain class of Americans who were naturally agitators and that its assertions carried weight with no other people.

Without pausing to take issue with the Globe upon this proposition, which means absolutely nothing to citizens of the Yukon Territory, the Nugget wishes to acknowledge the title which the Globe has given it. The Globe says there would have been no trouble at all had it not been for the Nugget. We have been fully convinced of this fact at all times, but we rejoice to know that the matter has been settled once and for all by so high an authority.

The Nugget has fomented trouble in the Yukon Territory for a good many months. It has made a business of fomenting trouble because it saw that unless just such a disturbance was raised as has been that the Yukon Territory as a profitable place of residence for any honest man would be a very short-lived affair. We are glad of the fact that the great liberal organ has come to a realization of the fact that there has been trouble in the Yukon Territory. The Nugget has not been a fomentor of trouble for the mere sake of fomenting. It has stirred up the disturbance in order that good might result therefrom. And now that we have succeeded in forcing matters upon the attention of the government papers and made it the most important issue before parliament we feel justified in saying that our labors have not been altogether in vain.

The Nugget accepts the title the Globe has bestowed upon it, and asks nothing more than to go down into the history of the Yukon Territory as "the Fomentor of the Trouble" which has resulted in bringing to the attention of the world wrongs as great as were ever inflicted upon a community. In the end, as a result of this continued "fomenting," all these grievances will be righted. We thank the Globe for giving the Nugget the credit in advance.

The celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday on Wednesday last brings forcibly to mind the fact that the British Empire and the United States are united by the most amicable and friendly relations. To students of international relations it was a pleasing sight to notice great crowds of American citizens joining most enthusiastically in doing honor to the gracious lady who so long on the throne of England has been an example to her subjects and to the world of all that is best in womanhood. May God save the Queen to her people for many another year.

The Yukon is a river of freaks. It cannot be argued that the ice will go out at a certain time or in a certain way one year simply because it all happened that way the year before. For instance, the ice last year went out in immense jams, raising the water to an immense height, where this year the stream has never

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gone beyond the limits of the regular channel. The latest advices from the Hootalinqua indicate that that stream instead of following accustomed usage and going out with a rush, is breaking up very gradually. Klondikers who camped for ten days at the mouth of the Hootalinqua before the Lewis river opened sufficiently to admit of navigation, state that there is no likelihood of large jams resulting from the ice in the Hootalinqua. As a result of this there is quite a possibility that the steamers which have wintered at Hootalinqua may not get into the water until the rise comes from the breaking up of the upper lakes.

The revenue laws passed by the United States government during the Spanish-American war are still in force and the people of Uncle Sam's domain are beginning to appreciate the fact that the piper must always be paid when the music has been furnished. All checks, drafts, notes, transfers of stocks and bonds, all conveyances and mortgages, powers of attorney, notices of protest, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, and telegrams require a revenue stamp ranging in value from one cent up. It is made obligatory upon the maker of any document requiring a revenue stamp to cancel the same by placing his initials thereon with the date. The war revenue act bids fair to cut considerable figure in the next election.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Oscar Peterson, D. L. Atkinson, M. West, C. Wessell and Isaac Hill don't read the papers, and didn't know what not to do. The usual fine—\$5 and costs.

Frank Halpin and S. B. Gilpin, inebriated and exuberant, \$20 and costs or fourteen days. Nellie La More sued to recover her beloved poodle. Defendant established the "innocent purchaser" defense, and the case was dismissed. And Nellie has her bow-wow.

Thomas Ragan sold a claim for the munificent sum of \$100. He couldn't stand prosperity, so he "ginned up" forgot to pay for his dinner at the Kainer, and was arrested by Constable Smith. He abused the officer on the way to jail, and the court gave him ten days at hard labor to better his manners, in addition to a fine of \$25 for being drunk. Will know better hereafter.

George E. Wilcox tried to recover thirty-two shirts entrusted to Barney Simon for sale by charging theft. The judge said he declined to act as a collection agency, and referred plaintiff to the civil courts.

Charles Scott and Edward Overend contested for the possession of a beautiful collie dog. Witnesses proved the dog to have been at Skagway and Dawson at the same time, and the court was in a state of perplexity until plaintiff drew attention to a peculiarity in one of the collie's eyes, which defendant knew nothing about, and was awarded the dog.

John Enland accused A. J. Kronert of causing and inducing one Dr. Faulkner to accept a fraudulent bill of sale for a half interest in a mining claim on Gold Hill.

Dennis Moriarty is held to answer to a charge of allowing a watch belonging to James Cahill to attach to his person.

FUN AT THE FORKS.

Eldorado City is becoming more metropolitan daily, and Captain Belcher is obliged to sit as magistrate in addition to looking after the collection of the crown royalty. This is the result to date:

- G. Hanson, mellow and merry, \$20 and costs.
- B. Johnson, ditto.
- C. Thompson, making Rome howl, \$20 and costs.
- J. Roberty, disturbing the dove of peace, \$20 and costs.
- B. McCarthy, profaning the Sabbath, \$5 and costs.
- J. Welsh, allowing his angry passions to rise, \$5 and costs.

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