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KLONDIKE NUGGET.



IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

The selection of the proper man to represent the Yukon in the house of commons is a matter which concerns the miners of the district more vitally than any other class of people. The mining interests of the community are of paramount importance and proper protection for those interests must be secured largely through the agency of our member of parliament. The candid question is submitted to the miners of the community, are they prepared to entrust their interests in the hands of Joe Clarke? Do they believe that the changes in the regulations required and demanded by the mining community can be secured by Clarke? Do they think that a man whose entire stock in trade is abuse and slander can convince a body of reasonable, intelligent men of the justice of his demands? The Nugget believes that when these questions are considered calmly and dispassionately by the electorate of the district, they will each and every one be answered in the negative.

Clarke in the role of an M. P. would do the country more harm than has come to it from any other source within the past five years.

The News hit the nail on the head when it stated that it would be worse to send an unworthy representative to Ottawa than to permit present conditions to continue. That is exactly the reason why the voters of this territory propose to tell Joe Clarke to stay at home.

Dawson is founded upon a basis altogether too sound and substantial to be seriously affected by a temporary depression. When matters are once adjusted in accordance with the new conditions, the town will take on another lease of life.

Physicians claim that the responsibility and worry incidental to the possession of great wealth tends to shorten the lives of modern millionaires. The theory is probably correct, but most of us would be willing to take chances.

It is often possible to hoodwink a large portion of the people for a limited time, but when sober thought and judgment are permitted to control the hoodwinker will be turned down.

It's dollars to doughnuts that the News will hold a post mortem over Clarke before the campaign is a month older.

Clarke would be regarded as a curiosity in Ottawa for about one week, after which he would become a nonentity.

Margie Newman at Auditorium.
Job Printing at Nugget office.

Parry a Compliment

The famous Mme. Recamier said that she always found two words sufficed to make her guests seem welcome. Upon their arrival she exclaimed, "At last!" and when they took their leave she said "Already!" If taken literally, we should deprecate the flattery. Flattery is insincere praise and wrongs him that gives and him that takes. It is sometimes kinder to accept a compliment than to parry it.

One may say "Thank you, it is pleasant to be seen through such kind (or partial) eyes," or perhaps, "It is a comfort to know that friendship is partly blind as well as the mythological boy," or any nonsense that serves to show that one appreciates the spirit that prompted the kind expression, however wide the truth.

The frequent repetition of the name of the person addressed holds a subtle compliment, implying more complete concentration of the speaker's thought upon his or her personality.

De Quincy says: "More is done for the benefit of conversation by the simple magic of good manners than by all varieties of intellectual power."

It is the sympathetic and responsive listener that call forth the best efforts of a talker. For such are reserved his choicest stories, his finest thoughts.

A ready smile acts as inspiration, and interest shown in the conversation of others stimulates and vivifies their thoughts.

To a good listener the diffident will say what they think, and the verbose will think what they say.

There is nothing more trying than to find that one's conversation is receiving but a divided attention and nothing more rude than for a person to pick up a book or paper and look over it while pretending to listen to what one is saying.—New York Herald.

Trouble for Tourists.

The poor Saxon "tourist"—what he may suffer in the Emerald Isle! There is a story on record of three Irishmen rushing away from the race meeting at Punchestown to catch a train back to Dublin. At the moment a train from a long distance pulled up at the station, and the three men scrambled in. In the carriage was seated one other passenger. As soon as they had regained their breath one said:

"Pat, have you got th' tickets?"
"What tickets? I've got me loife! I thought I'd have lost that gettin' in th' thrain. Have you got 'em, Moike?"

"O! Begorra! I haven't!"
"Oh, we're all done for, thin!" said the third. "They'll charge us right from th' other side of Oireland."

The old gentleman looked over his newspaper and said:
"You are quite safe, gintlemen. Wait till we get to th' next station."

As soon as the train pulled up the little gentleman jumped out and came back with three first-class tickets. Handing them to the astonished strangers, he said: "Whist, I'll tell you how I did it! I went along th' thrain. 'Tickets, plaze, tickets, plaze!'—I called, and these belong to three Saxon tourists in another carriage."—Harry Furniss in *Sifon*.

Rear-End Collision

Flagstaff, Ariz., Aug. 19.—The California limited on the Santa Fe road, eastbound, ran into the rear end of an eastbound freight train at Cosnino, ten miles east of here, this afternoon. Engineer Williams jumped from his engine and was badly hurt, breaking a leg and arm. The fireman jumped and escaped injury. The engine turned on its side and the front trucks of the combination car left the track. Four freight cars and the caboose were demolished.

None of the passengers were injured and no damage done the coaches. Gustave Swanson, who was riding in a coal car, was badly injured. The accident was caused by the delay of the freight train in taking siding.

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DUTIES OF THE MEMBER

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Delegate to Ottawa Must Work for Entire Northwest—Must Not be Strong Partizan.

To the electors of the Yukon Territory:

Gentlemen.—The first duty of the member of parliament for the Yukon is to establish confidence in the ranks of the miners and prospectors by destroying the power of the minister of the interior over the Yukon territory. To accomplish this it is necessary to remember always that the state of affairs in the Yukon is too serious to be entangled in the party questions of Dominion politics. Here in the Yukon our first duty is to ourselves. The case of the Yukon is a case for justice.

The time has come when the people of the Yukon will soon have an opportunity to return a representative of their own to present their case before the Dominion parliament. On the settlement of the Yukon question depends the future prosperity not only of this territory, but of the vast unsearched Dominion that reaches from the Yukon and from the Northwest territories to the Arctic ocean.

After the experience they have had with the present administration, no matter where they may be (for the feet of the prospector cannot be confined), whether in this territory or the great basin of the Mackenzie river or anywhere else in the far northwest, the miner and the prospector must know that they are protected from covetous and malicious politicians in the cabinet by an Act of the Canadian parliament upheld by the power of Canada.

Although the first duty of a representative is to his constituents, and although this is so in the case of the Yukon more than in any other case, still the member for the Yukon must enter parliament with the largest of patriotic views. Questions will arise affecting more particularly other constituencies. In these cases he should cast his vote in accordance with what he considers will be best for the country. An important question may arise at any time affecting the general policy of the Dominion. In such a case he should cast his vote as his knowledge, his experience and his conscience direct. Then, but not till then, it is possible that he may be claimed as an adherent of one of the large political parties. Such is the history of every responsible member of every legislative body.

The mining industry is the source of wealth in the Yukon territory and so in matters of administration all other interests are subservient to the mining interest. The mining laws of British Columbia, which have been approved by miners generally and have stood the test of more than five and thirty years, might, with some important changes, particularly as to the size of claims, be taken as the groundwork of a mining code for the great Canadian northwest.

If it were to come down to one question, the question of a miner's lien is the most important one in the Yukon territory at this particular moment. My views on that question are the same today as they were two years ago when I tried to make it a live issue in the election to the local territorial council when Messrs. Prudhomme and Wilson were our candidates. It will be the duty of the different labor organizations to see that they are protected by a proper ordinance of the Yukon council. But the case of the miner requires a larger view. The only way to protect the working miner is to hold the owner responsible for the working of his claim as part of the bargain between him and the crown. With such a clause in the mining code as I advocate in the third plank of the platform, there can be no litigation for wages between the working miner and his employer. Even the gold commissioner would have no discretion in the matter. He would simply have to hold the claim for the workmen in the name of the crown. It is said that such a clause would revolutionize the Yukon territory. I am aware of it. The present system of worthless credit, which encourages gold to leave the country, would be abolished. The mining land would fall into the hands of productive workers in a very short time. That kind of a revolution is what this territory needs. In my opinion the administration of this territory from first to last has been contrary to the

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whole spirit and intent of placing mining and has led to false ideas of economy.

Existing mortgages would not suffer. The mining act would not be retroactive. The lien clause would apply only to mining properties that are free from liabilities at the time of the passing of the act, and to all claims recorded thereafter.

When such a code of parliamentary laws is adopted instead of the ever-changing orders-in-council, and when the miner is protected by such a lien, certainly will take the place of doubt, prospecting will take the place of stampeding, sound investments will take the place of false credit, litigation will be reduced to a minimum, and a new reign of prosperity will be established on a solid foundation.

Still further to conserve the wealth of the territory, to give the Yukon market to Canada, and to diminish the flow of gold to the United States we must have an assay office in Dawson to purchase gold for the Canadian mint which is just on the eve of construction. An assay office in Victoria or Vancouver is useless. When gold leaves Dawson in the hands of Americans it rarely returns to the Canadian market.

I am opposed to private monopolies and concessions. If elected, I shall use every means to overthrow the Treadgold orders-in-council. They are so large in scope, so pernicious in detail, and the required expenditures so inadequate that in my opinion they can be rescinded. I shall recommend the government to introduce an adequate water supply on the high levels and to provide sufficient bridges, ferries and other public requisites. In the case of expensive public works I shall recommend that the government be the proprietor and beneficiary until the amount expended in construction is reimbursed.

I shall try to have all freight rates reduced to a fixed and reasonable figure.

I shall recommend an increase of pay to the officers and men of the Northwest Mounted Police whilst on duty in this mining region, as I consider them very inadequately paid for the meritorious and arduous duties they have to perform in addition to their being, in the ordinary sense, conservators of the peace.

If elected, I shall recommend the creation of a ministerial portfolio as an addition to the cabinet, viz., a minister of mines. This has become advisable on account of the extensive growth and development of mining operations throughout the Dominion.

It is not necessary to say much more for the present. Whilst exercising my best judgment in the interest of Yukon affairs, I shall, if elected, always hold myself in close touch with the people of the Yukon and under their instructions in all measures conducive to their benefit.

I would ask everyone to study the platform carefully, and discuss it freely. Every plank in it has received my serious consideration, and is put before the public in as explicit a manner as possible. Compare it with other platforms that may appear in the course of the campaign, and decide whose policy is likely to be the best, the speediest and the most lasting remedy for the present state of affairs in the Yukon. We shall have an opportunity to discuss all these and other matters. Everything will be placed before you in such a decisive manner that no doubt will be left as to my attitude towards this administration.

Now as to the impeachment of the minister of the interior. More than two years ago I had an account of his Yukon administration brought before the parliament of Canada. In the course of that communication I said: "It is difficult to know what is to be constituted as malfeasance in Canada, but we have seen enough to justify a motion of impeachment if such is the process in the Dominion parliament." In that regard I am still of the same opinion. But a useful member of a legislative body must always bear in mind that in matters of legislation, as in the ordinary affairs of life, the rule is to look forward and not backward. Impeachment in the retrospect is merely revenge. If, however, your inter-

ests should at any time require it, I shall, if elected, put the motion and shall prepare myself to sustain it, not in a spirit of malice, but in such a manner as to elevate your revenge to the level of a public virtue.

I am not, and I never was, a member of any political caucus bound together by pledges of mutual support for every office in view.

In the coming contest I place my firm reliance on the miners and wage-earners of the Yukon, not on those alone who have suffered by a bad administration, but on all who are loyal Canadians and have at heart the best interests of the Yukon territory and of the Dominion of Canada. To all these I have confidence in saying that our last word in the campaign will be victory.

I am, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM CATTO.
Dawson, Y.T., August 17.

Stops a Runaway.

Seattle, Aug. 20.—By means of his automobile, Ralph S. Hopkins yesterday saved two persons from death under the wheels of a runaway express wagon. At about 12 o'clock yesterday noon Mr. Hopkins was riding leisurely up Second avenue in his automobile. The street was densely crowded with sightseers, waiting for the appearance of the carnival procession. Suddenly the crowds commenced running in front of the machine. Puzzled at their actions, Mr. Hopkins turned around, looking for the cause of the excitement. An express wagon, drawn by a team of large horses, was bearing directly down on the panic-stricken crowd.

Frightened by something, the horses had escaped from the control of their driver and were running away.

Mr. Hopkins brought his automobile to a quick stop and set the brakes hard. Then he turned and watched the runaway, in whose path he had deliberately placed himself.

He hoped to be able, by means of the weight of his machine, to check the flying team and save the densely packed crowd in front.

As he had hoped, the tongue of the wagon struck the rear of the auto, bringing it to a sudden stop. The horses, partially freed from the harness, sprang forward, one on each side of the machine. This enabled him to grasp their bits and hold them until bystanders succeeded in quieting them.

In their flight the horses had managed to break loose from the harness, and just as the wagon was brought to a stop had jerked the driver and another man from the seat directly under the front wheels of the heavy vehicle. Had the wagon gone a foot farther they would undoubtedly have been killed. By his prompt and courageous action Mr. Hopkins not only saved the lives of the men on the wagon, but probably of many in the crowd which packed the street in front of the automobile.

Mr. Hopkins is clerk of the United States district court, and is well known as an automobile enthusiast. He was the owner of the first automobile in Seattle.

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