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AN APPELLATE COURT.

As published yesterday exclusively in the Nugget, the determination has been reached by the government at Ottawa to establish in Dawson a court of appeal from judgments handed down in the gold commissioner's court. This appeal court is to consist either of one or both of the territorial judges and will have the same jurisdiction as is now held by the minister of the interior. That is to say, in the future, instead of carrying appeals down to Ottawa with all the expense and loss of time attached thereto, they will be taken immediately before the local courts and a decision secured from them.

The system heretofore pursued has been extremely unsatisfactory. The territorial courts, while nominally of higher dignity and broader jurisdiction than the gold commissioner's court, have in fact, been almost subsidiary to that court owing to the nature of cases over which the gold commissioner has exercised exclusive jurisdiction.

It has happened on frequent occasions that the time of the higher courts would be taken up in trying the merits of a case involving a few hundred dollars, when the gold commissioner would be sitting in judgment on a trial where many thousands of dollars were at stake. This condition was brought about by reason of the fact that almost all important civil litigation in the territory, has to do with titles to mining property and until the present time all such cases have come before the gold commissioner. If an appeal were taken, jurisdiction thereover lay with the minister of the interior at Ottawa, and in consequence the business of the territorial court was confined to criminal matters and civil cases outside those appertaining to mining claims. To our way of thinking this new ruling is in every way as important as the absolute announcement that the royalty is to be cut in two.

There should be no more long and expensive delays in securing decisions in appeal cases.

Expensive and long drawn out litigation is a drawback to any country and we are glad of the fact that hereafter lawsuits will become more economical and be settled in much shorter time than has been possible heretofore.

The man who decries the federal government with that government in its present attitude toward the Klondike, simply demonstrates that he is a calamity howler for the sake of howling. The Nugget has fought the government with every possible resource at hand as long as the government's position toward the Yukon was hostile to the best interests of the territory. Now that the fight is won and our demands practically complied with, this paper has no hesitation in congratulating the government upon the wisdom it has shown in granting what we have asked. There are some matters yet which demand attention and they will be presented by this paper from time to time as strongly as possible. The wants of the country will be watched with the

same vigilance as ever, and no opportunity lost to put in a word which may have a salutary effect upon the future of the territory. We want to go on record, however, as being willing at any and all times to acknowledge gladly and cheerfully every act of the government which is designed to promote the common welfare of our people.

Fighting has not quite died out in the Transvaal yet. A few adventurers who enlisted in Oom Paul's service at a stipulated price are still maintaining a show of fighting, but with no more organization or effect than would be accomplished where conditions were as unsettled as they now are in the late Transvaal Republic. A few years of British supremacy and the application of British law will soon bring peace and quiet to the Transvaal which by nature is one of the most highly favored regions on earth.

The situation in Dawson with respect to the smallpox, while in no degree alarming, is sufficiently serious to warrant the exercise of the utmost care and caution on the part of the authorities to prevent the spread of the disease. No hesitation should be felt in adopting whatever measures may be considered necessary, no matter how stringent they may be, if by so doing a check can be placed upon the danger. The public will sustain the authorities in whatever stand they may take.

Claim operators can go to work developing their ground this winter with the knowledge that when next spring's cleanup is made their contribution to the government coffers will be not more than one half what it was the past season and quite likely will only be one-quarter as great. This knowledge in itself should serve to urge the undertaking of a much larger amount of work this winter than was formerly anticipated.

All candidates for the Yukon council will soon be up the creeks declaring themselves from the stump. The voters will be able to size up their men pretty accurately from their platform utterances although to the casual observer the programs as outlined by the different candidates differ but little in their material points.

Swedish Philosophy.

Naver peck fuss met man ven hes moder-law es visitin him.
Big head an leetla corset seem to be in fashioa met gerls des yar.
People vot get ful many times get empty, too.

Et es vat faller det keep hes eyes open vat get best end of horse trade.
Someters a strickly cash saloon es only teng vat can mak faller gif opp drenkin.

Always tal yore vife te truth ef yo vant her to haf confidence in yo.
Et pays to be gute faller just as long as yo can keep in gute crowd an' be soth a teng.

Vat profit es et to faller ef hae gain hull world if some odder faller get hes gerl.

Et es te faller vat can mak hessal taukk hae es happy vat mak best faller en des man's country.

Dis world is a riddle, but Aye notice det man vot vork an save his money can always guess it.

Naver ask faller to yap vat hae owe yo ven yo see him celebrate te loa'n yo made hem.

Et take sum fallers long tem to tank, bat dey are always nearer right as faller vat tank-too soon.

Ef a man's liver es out of order decot most naver present big bill till hae get et cured up gute.

If evr'yone vould tend somebody else's business only ven hae is hired to et vould leave gute many jobs open.

Humbert and the Cholera.

King Humbert's personal fearlessness and sympathy with his people were well shown at the time of the cholera epidemic, when nothing could prevent him from mixing freely with the patients. Here are some characteristic stories of the year 1887:

I am sure (wrote a lady correspondent in Italy) I like the king and queen—everyone does; but it is hardly fair to call them rulers, when they cannot have so much their own way as other people. Sometimes the king will insist upon having his a little, about his own affairs; he did last year, when the cholera was about, and everybody tried to make him stay out of danger. I saw

a lady a little time ago, married to a Piedmontese, who was at Busca, just where the cholera was worst, last summer, when the king went there, and she gave me an account of it all. She said everyone was in a panic and afraid to go near the sick people but the king took hold as if he had been an hospital nurse, going always where the danger was greatest, sitting by the beds of the sick, administering their medicines, rubbing them with spirits when the chill came, giving food, advice, or money, as they were wanted, sometimes sympathizing, sometimes laughing and jesting, to keep up their hearts, until others came forward to help just for shame. And in the evening, when he went to rest, tired out, and his servants came about him to change his clothes and fumigate him, he used to smile at their anxieties, and then raise his eyes to heaven as if to say, "There is where my safety comes from!" Of course, all this did not suit everyone, and there was some talk of passing a law to prevent "sovereigns" from risking their lives; but Umberto said if they did he should be the first to break it, and as everyone knew that he would keep his word, there was no more said about it.

It was on this occasion, we think, that King Humbert was invited to the races at Pordenone, just as he was starting for Naples, during the epidemic. His answer was: "At Pordenone they rejoice; at Naples they die; I go to Naples."—The London News.

Gossip From London.

London, Sept. 8.—The week was prolific of discussion, but the main question of international and national interest, while they seem to be profiting by the general desire for peace, which remains the strongest factor of international politics and appears to be approaching a solution, have not yet reached the point of finality which Great Britain so earnestly desires in order that she may attend to her private concerns. Among the latter stand out most prominently the South African question and the general elections. By the help of the desire for peace dominating all nations, Great Britain has been enabled to achieve, without hindrance, the formal annexation of the South African republic. Lord Robert's "proclamation," however, has not advanced matters much. In spite of the disconcerting persistence of the burghers, the British government apparently has determined to carry out the scheme for an early appeal to the country. Everything appears to be shaping for an October election, and the return to England of Lord Salisbury during the coming week will probably be speedily followed by a definite pronouncement of the date of the dissolution, as well as British views on far eastern matters.

Among interesting features of the election news is the movement on the part of Liberal Unionists to return to the Liberal fold and to be again what Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt described himself to be in his speech of September 4th, a "Liberal without any adjunctives."

Mr Anthony Hope (Hawkins), the novelist, is again a candidate for a seat in parliament. He has been adopted as the Liberal champion for Falkirk.

"I never knew so many improvident Americans in London," said United States Vice-Consul Westcote to a representative of the Associated Press. "At this time of the year you are sure to find many who have taxed their financial resources, but the applications for relief here outnumber anything in the history of the consulate. Of course there are no means in our hands to finance stranded travelers, and if there were they would long since have been expended. Guests at the leading hotels say they cannot go into the streets without being besieged for financial aid by impoverished compatriots."

Special dispatches from New York have surfeited the reading public here with more or less circumstantial details of the acute crisis in the affairs of the Carnegie company and its organization, etc. But Mr. Andrew Carnegie characterizes the reports as devoid of foundation in fact. In a telegram to the Associated Press, he says: "We are a harmonious, happy family. No changes are desired or contemplated." Mr. Carnegie is making extensive alterations to Skibo Castle, his Scotch estate. He is going to have one of the finest castles in Scotland when the repairs are completed.

The visiting members of the Kansas City fire brigade are entertaining crowds at the Crystal Palace. The smartness of the firemen has called forth unstinted praise from London newspapers.

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