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A HARD BLOW.

The Victoria Times, a staunch supporter of the present government, has devoted considerable space of late to the discussion of affairs relating to the Yukon. In the course of an extended article, which, to any one who is posted, only goes to show that the Victoria paper is decidedly lacking in its facts, the following paragraph occurs:

"The very best men available have been selected to administer the affairs of that famous gold-producing region, and on their recommendation such taxes have been imposed as will meet the expenses of carrying out this work."

To our way of thinking the above is a little bit the hardest slap that ever has been aimed at our local contingent of federal office holders.

We do not imagine that many of them would object to the first line or two of the paragraph, but as to the balance of it, we apprehend that there is not a man in the entire government service in the territory who would not stand up and plead "not guilty."

The Nugget has at times had occasion to refer to different officials in terms which would not be regarded as being altogether complimentary, but never to our recollection has anything been said quite so mean as the attack contained in the clipping from the Victoria Times.

To accuse the officials of recommending the present regulations! We cannot imagine a greater calumny.

INTERESTING FACTS.

The condition in which the vice-regal party found the trail leading up Bonanza creek is described in the local columns of this paper. It is interesting to note that since the original discovery of gold on Bonanza creek gold dust to the value of about \$40,000,000 has been brought down the creeks over that same trail. It is quite edifying also to consider the fact that during the same length of time supplies and machinery to the amount of not less than 25,000 tons have been packed, sledged, dragged or hauled over the same road.

The aggregate number of miles covered by miners and prospectors of the district on that identical stretch of trail will run easily into the hundreds of thousands. Still we have estimable gentlemen in our midst who classify all who object to this state of affairs as "agitators."

The quarantine has at length been raised at Nome and people are leaving the famous beach city by the hundreds. A fairly large proportion are heading up the Yukon, and the towns along the way, more particularly Circle City and Eagle, are receiving their quota. The sourdough contingent who left Dawson during the winter and in the early spring are returning to this city. We

do not think there is danger of any serious invasion of Nomads who have left all their visible means of support at the ruby sand metropolis. It costs more money to travel up the Yukon to Dawson than it does to take an ocean steamer to Seattle, and the "busted" element among the Nome stampeders will doubtless decide to take the latter course. Before the close of navigation a good many hundred old timers will return to this city. Dawson will be ready to extend the glad hand to all of them who come.

Minister Sifton evidently thinks that the time has arrived for him to "stand firm under." Consequently he is sending out messages of good tidings for the Yukon Territory at a rate which scarcely enables us to catch our breath between times. However, we shall not be disposed to question the motives of the Minister of the Interior if he only continues the good work until all his promises are redeemed. All we are interested in is the advancement of the welfare of this territory, and we shall be just as appreciative of reforms granted under pressure as we would be if they were granted willingly. The main thing is to get them.

The visit of the governor-general has served temporarily to draw attention away from a number of carefully nurtured booms of local celebrities for the two coveted seats on the Yukon Council. Never mind, gentlemen, there will be plenty of time a little later on for setting forth your peculiar qualifications for the office you seek. You must not forget that a real, live governor-general does not come down the Yukon every day.

Ninety-nine out of every hundred men in the Yukon Territory will support the memorial addressed to his excellency by the citizens' committee. The remaining per cent either hold positions under the government or have profited by reason of the conditions which have caused such universal opposition to the present regime.

Colony in Nicaragua.

Dr. Carlos Bovallius has purchased from the Nicaraguan government 52,000 acres of public land for colonization purposes. These lands are at the head of Tepenaguasape river, in the department of Chontales, and about six leagues from the town of San Miguelito, on the eastern shore of Lake Nicaragua. Dr. Bovallius agrees to colonize not less than 100 inhabitants of northern Europe, the first year bringing not less than ten families who have a knowledge of agriculture and stock raising, and four years being given to complete the total number of 100 colonists.

In addition, there must be established within the limits of such land schools of agriculture and stock raising, in which the cultivation of coffee, cocoa, vanilla and other products tending to the enrichment of the country shall be taught.

For the stock raising, branch Holstein and Durham cattle must be imported for the purpose of improving the breed of the cattle of the country. There must also be established the Swiss or Danish system of making cheese and butter.

Twenty boys of the country who can read and write are to be taught, tuition free, in these schools, and boys who render practical assistance are to be maintained for five years gratis.

The colonists are exempt from all military or public services for the period of 15 years and from all direct taxation during services at school. The government admits free of importation duties all agricultural implements necessary for use in the schools and for the manufacture of cheese, also the cattle referred to, and the baggage and furniture for the use of the colonists.

The faithful performance of the contract shall be considered violated if the contractor does not bring 100 immigrants within the term stipulated, if the schools are not established within the specified time, if fewer than 10,000 rubber and 10,000 vanilla trees are cultivated within the first five years, and if the cattle are not imported during the first

year. For each infraction a fine of \$2170 will be imposed and collected by the government from the amount deposited, and, in default of compliance with all of the conditions of the contract within the period of five years, the lands shall revert to the government.

A Printer's View of Nome.

Mr. Allan X. Grant, a former typo in the Nugget office who left in June for Nome, writes back to his friends in the office a long and interesting letter, to which he appends the following note:

"In looking over the foregoing I realize that I have omitted saying anything about Nome, which perhaps you would be more interested in than anything I have said. I shall never forget how Dawson appeared to me, when I first saw it in August of 1898—tents, tents, tents. That was as we came around the bend at Klondike City. It was the same old scene when I first viewed Nome, several miles from shore, the only difference being that the area of tents seemed so much larger, owing to so many being camped along the beach. When we arrived at St. Michael we heard all kinds of stories about Nome. In the first place, a large portion of the population had the smallpox; then the beach diggings were positively no good, and nobody believed that any of the creeks would amount to anything. In fact, it was believed to be another big company fake, so everybody told us.

Well, when we got into Nome, as a matter of fact, there were about a dozen cases of smallpox. So far as the beach is concerned, hundreds are working upon it, but it has been worked over several times, and has ceased to be a paying proposition, generally considered. Some report an average as low as 50 cents, while others claim to be making something like \$4 a day, although I know of some individual cases in which more than \$10 a day are made, in which latter cases the individuals understand the method of saving the gold. There are hundreds—yes, thousands—of disgusted, discouraged people here—alike same Klondike, 1898. Many of those having the means have already gone or will go, while others lacking the iron dollars are scheming for their salvation the best they know how. Conditions are largely a repetition of those existing in Dawson in 1898, so far as the howling and kicking go. The crowd will have to get out before winter comes, and the quicker and faster they go the better it will be for the camp, for, like Dawson of '98, there are many thousand more here than the prospects of the country warrant at the present time. For my own part, I believe the country is all right, and I think it will be a better camp next year than it is this—that is, for actual results."

Rebuke.

Weary Willie had asked for a cup of coffee, and Euphemia had icily informed him that she had only cups of china, but she could give him some coffee in a cup.

"Thanks, miss," said the traveler, "and please be kind enough to drop into the receptacle a cube of sweet, crystalline vegetable substance, with a small quantity of bovine juice." He got it.—New Lippincott.

Worthless Pup.

"Your dog bit me," said the irate victim, "and I want to know what you are going to do about it." "Do!" cried the owner. "Shoot the dog. I won't have an animal about me who shows such poor taste."—Philadelphia North American.

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