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EXCUSABLE

The Yukon Sun since it began publication has floundered and wobbled over the entire universe in a vain attempt to secure some line of policy which might fasten upon it a modicum of public attention. It has always had, however, the peculiar faculty of putting its foot in its mouth every time it had occasion to open it, so to speak, and whoever is responsible for its present weak prattlings is keeping up its past record with a vengeance.

Its comments upon the work of the Nugget's representatives at Ottawa are typical of the sheet. Like the dog who floundered in the mire it endeavors to blacken respectable people by shaking upon them a measure of its own filth.

For downright lying, slanderous abuse and vilification this pestifering, pap-seeking apologist for a government which, like the Sun, is already upon its last legs, excels anything that has ever been brought to our notice. Contented with envy because he sees the Nugget forging to the front, reaping the reward of independence, and honest and straightforward dealings, the miserable excuse for a journalist who ponds its utterances froths at the mouth and indulges in ravings which warrant a doubt as to his sanity. When he has had a greater experience in newspaper work his manners may improve somewhat. Just now his ignorance and inexperience provide an excuse for him.

THE N. W. M. P.

The citizens of the Yukon territory owe a lasting debt of gratitude to the Northwest Mounted Police for the efficient manner in which the mail between Dawson and Bennett has been handled during the winter just past. It is by no means an exaggeration to state that had it not been for the work done by the police, Dawson would practically have been cut off from the outside world during the winter. The attempts of the American contractors to transport the mail resulted in a farce, pure and simple. The police, on the other hand, under-paid as they are by a government notoriously delinquent in the matter of compensating its employees, and often none too well taken care of by keeping overlastingly as it is in spite of these adverse conditions, have made a record of which any body, military or otherwise, might well be proud.

The general public, however, has but a slight idea of the hardships which the police have undergone in transporting the mail in and out of the country. At all hours of day and night, and during the most severe storms and blizzards which prevailed at intervals along the river, the boys of the Northwest Mounted Police could be seen on the trail pushing the mail through at the best possible speed. Often they would return from a hard trip, suffering from cold and exposure, only to find another shipment of mail waiting to be transported to the next post, and with only a brief time for rest and refreshment would again be on the trail.

Viewed from the standpoint of individual ability, courage and judgment we doubt if any similar organization can excel the police who are doing duty in the Yukon territory. The record which the N. W. M. P. made on the occasion of the Queen's jubilee is well known. Very few of the many organizations which appeared in competition there received the congratulations and encomiums which were showered upon the Northwest Mounted Police. That praise was well deserved, and the record then established has been ably sustained on the Yukon during the past winter.

The compensation which the police receive for their services is in no wise commensurate with the labors they are compelled to perform. It is remarkable that the discipline and efficiency of the department has been so well maintained up to the present time. The wages which these men receive would be laughed at by the most ordinary laborer for any class of service. But these are mutterings along the line, and unless some recognition is shown the boys for what they have done we doubt if many of them will remain in the service after the expiration of the period for which they enlisted. Mail carrying is outside the original duties for which they became members of the mounted police, but without complaint they have well performed this arduous and dangerous duty during almost the entire winter. It cannot be

expected that men will go through what these men have done, risking life and limb almost daily, without at least a reasonable consideration. At present they receive practically nothing, although the spring finds the force as a whole, considerably deteriorated, from the standpoint of physical endurance, as a result of the winter's work upon the trail.

It would be difficult for the government to duplicate the present police force, even should men-experienced in the service be brought in from the outside. The conditions in the Yukon are peculiar. They are well understood by the present force, and it is highly important that the men who served during the winter should be encouraged to remain. A special act of parliament recognizing the services of the N. W. M. P. during the winter, and appropriating a generous sum to compensate them for what they have done, would be highly appropriate at this time.

GOVERNMENT AT A DISTANCE

The Yukon territory is suffering from the same causes that have affected every province or colony, the laws of which were passed by a home government ignorant as to peculiar local conditions. The average member of parliament has enough to do when he sees that the interests of his own constituents are properly looked after, and his political fences are kept sufficiently in repair to insure his re-election. As to what is required in the Yukon territory he is quite willing to leave the responsibility to the department heads.

As an instance of this sublime ignorance, which would be simply laughable were it not fraught with serious consequences to the interests of this country, an incident which occurred during Mr. Sifton's speech in reply to Sir Herbert Tupper will prove interesting. The latter gentleman had criticized the government's policy toward its Yukon employes as niggardly and stingy. Mr. Sifton, in order to disprove this statement, rose in his seat and told with great eloquence how his department, knowing the peculiar temptations to which the government's employes were subjected, had provided against these very contingencies, and actually had clerks in its employ who received the munificent and princely salary of \$75 per month and board. And this statement as to the government's generosity was actually applauded to the echo.

This little incident, unimportant as it is in itself, serves to show how difficult it is to secure from the government laws suited to the necessities of the country, so long as those laws are enacted from the Ottawa standpoint. In the event that a parliamentary commission should visit Dawson during the approaching summer its members, by coming actually in contact with the country, by seeing for themselves and with their own eyes what it needs in the way of legislation, and with that knowledge of the expense and hardships incident to the development of such a country as the Yukon territory, which knowledge can best be obtained by actually seeing for themselves, will be enabled to return a report to the government which will furnish the basis for intelligent legislation. It was with this end in view that the Nugget's representatives at Ottawa urge particularly the appointment of such a commission. No man can come to the territory and study its climatic conditions, its resources, and the peculiar circumstances attending the development of them without reaching the conclusion that Canada, for her own good, should foster and encourage every effort that is made for the advancement of the territory.

There is a good long life before the Yukon, and properly taken care of it will prove for years a sure, constant and profitable source of revenue to the government. Its laws, however, must be enacted from the Yukon standpoint rather than from the Ottawa point of view. The presence of a commission of members of parliament in Dawson would do much toward bringing relief to the situation.

The Syracuse, N. Y., Herald is a paper different in one respect from some of the piffling so-called newspapers published on the coast. It has the courtesy to give credit where credit is due. Matters of news gleaned from other sources than through its regular staff are not published as the result of personal effort, and entire columns of matter are not stolen bodily from its exchanges. In a clipping mailed to Dr. A. G. Courtney, formerly of that place, the Herald has nearly a column of Dawson news clipped from the Nugget, but full credit is given therefor. An honest newspaper is one of the noblest works of man.

Those people who thought that the late tramless tramway would make an excellent summer trail to the forks, will have their minds disabused if they take a day and make the trip. The Nugget's contention that cold weather had more to do with the construction of the "tramway" than any work that was expended upon it has proven true.

DAWSON has more real, genuine "sour doughs" in her midst today than at any other time within a year. Immediately after the clean-up last year many of the old timers left for the outside. Now they are returning to look after their holdings. The Nugget, on behalf of the citizens of Dawson, extends them all a hearty greeting.

Politics in the States

One of the passengers who arrived from the outside on the Flora, Tuesday, was Dr. Chambers, who left here last summer for a tour of the states and a trip to London, his visit to the latter place being in the interests of his practice. He also stopped at Washington in the interests of Dawson's mail service and, being on intimate terms with one of the assistant

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postmasters general, was able to put the right information in the right hands. While he was at the department he had the satisfaction of seeing the A. C. & N. A. T. & T. companies each get a contract, the first for three and the other for two trips.

"Asked about the political situation in the states, the doctor talked very intelligently. When I went out last fall," he said, "I found Mr. McKinley enjoying the greatest popularity which probably ever attached to a president. At this time he has suffered so severely in the estimation of the people that it is questionable if he will be re-nominated. If he is, then there is good reason to believe that he will be defeated, though some other strong republican might succeed, owing to the popularity of the party. This revolution of feeling is due to the scandals and the Filipino war, which is far from popular in its present form. Bryan seems likely to be nominated by the democrats, though the silver issue lacks some of its former popularity, as the voters realize that even should it win in the next campaign, it would be sold for gold for six years to come. There is some talk of nominating Mr. Gorman instead of Bryan, but not much."

The doctor further stated that the prospects of the world's exposition at Paris are being much injured by the friction between France and England, which has been extremely threatening at times.

NOTICE

Sale of Town Lots.

A public auction sale will be held at the Crown Timber and Land Agent's office, at Dawson, on Wednesday, the first of June next, 1899, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and on following day, if necessary, when all the town lots in Government addition not sold previous to that date, together with any improvements on such lots, will be offered for sale and adjudicated to the highest bidder.

The terms of sale will be half cash, and the other half in one year from the sale, together with interest at six per cent. thereon. The lots which are not yet sold are the following ones, to-wit:

- In Government addition of Dawson:
 - Block D, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
 - Block E, lots 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22.
 - Block G, lot 9.
 - Block J, lots 8, 9, 10.
 - Block K, lots 4, 5.
 - Block L, lots 4, 7, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.
 - Block M, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
 - Block O, lots 5, 11, 13.
 - Block P, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.
 - Block Q, lot 14.
 - Block R, lots 1 to 10, inclusive.
 - Block S, 3 to 13, inclusive.
 - Block T, lots 1, 2, 3, 24, 25, 26.
 - Block U, lots 14, 15, 16.
 - Block V, lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 10.
 - Block W, lots 2, 3, 13.
 - Block X, lots 7, 9.
 - Block Y, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10.
 - Block Z, lots 1, 2, 14.
- In Klondike City:
 - Block 1, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 17, 19.
 - Block 2, lots 9, 17, 18, 19.
 - Block 3, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 18, 19, 16, 17, 15.
 - Block 4, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
 - Block 5, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.
 - Block 6, lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.
 - Block 7, lots 1 to 13 inclusive, and 15 to 54.
 - Block 8, lots 1 to 25 inclusive, and 27 to 32.
 - Block 9, lots 1 to 14 inclusive.
 - Block 10, lots 1 to 14, inclusive.
 - Block 11, lots 1, 2, 3, and 5 to 14.
 - Block 12, lots 1 to 9.

The size of these lots and the upset price at which they will be offered for sale can be known by applying at this office: Dawson, 1st May, 1899.

F. X. GOSSELIN,
Crown Timber and Land Agent.

Notice of Dissolution

The partnership heretofore existing between Seffert & Cole, doing a retail liquor business at the Board of Trade Saloon in the town of Dawson has this day been dissolved. Chas. L. Cole is hereby authorized to collect all sums due and will pay all accounts owed by said firm. Dated at Dawson this 16th day of May, 1899.
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