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## RIGHTS IN ALASKA.

Several inquiries have recently been made at this office respecting the rights enjoyed in Alaska by parties not American citizens. As a matter of fact, such rights at the present time amount to nil.

There is in existence a sort of preferential statute in favor of Canadian citizens, by virtue of which rights are granted to the latter similar to those enjoyed by American citizens in Canada. The law, however, is inoperative, by reason of the fact that it does not grant to Canadians any rights which Americans do not enjoy in Alaska.

In this country, title to mining property is in the nature of a lease from the government. According to the United States statute, therefore, Canadian citizens would be entitled to lease mining property in Alaska. But, as Americans are not given this privilege, therefore, according to the terms of the statute, Canadians, as well as citizens of other nations, are practically without rights, so far as Alaska is concerned. These facts should be borne in mind by parties other than Americans who purpose making a prospecting tour into our neighboring territory. There is no magistrate in the northern part of Alaska at the present time, before whom a declaration of intention to become an American citizen may be made, and, without such declaration, claims staked by foreigners are liable at any time to contest and forfeiture. This would not be likely to happen, unless the claims should be valuable ones, but, as a claim without gold is of no value to anyone, the dilemma is not greatly relieved.

As published elsewhere, in the telegraphic columns of the Nugget, today, Judge Brown, of the district of Alaska, is now in Skagway, and undoubtedly will proceed down the river during the summer. He will be empowered to receive declarations from those who intend becoming American citizens. Meanwhile, the staking and recording of claims in Alaska by foreigners is done at considerable risk of ultimate loss.

## A SIGNIFICANT FACT.

Miners on the creeks, who can secure work during the summer at reasonable wages, are taking advantage of the opportunity, preferring to accept a bird in the hand, rather than rely upon the possibility of securing two by drifting down the river to Nome. Such is the word that comes in from the creeks, and it is our belief that, in determining to remain in the Klondike country as long as good wages are paid, they are acting with wisdom.

The wage-earner who leaves a high-priced camp for one in which, of necessity, business must be conducted upon a much lower scale, has everything to

lose and little or nothing to gain. He has been accustomed to the prices which prevail in the high-grade camp, and, naturally, he will be liberal in his expenditures when he reaches the town where he encounters a low scale of prices. His income, meanwhile, must be adjusted to the lower rates, while, on the other hand, he will find it difficult to get away from spending with his accustomed freedom.

From the very nature of things, Nome is bound to be what has come to be known over the entire world as a cheap camp. It is so easy to reach Nome, and so many thousands of people are preparing to rush in there, and so many ship loads of supplies are now being and will be carried there during the course of the summer, that the word "cheap" will be written over the entire camp.

Men who can secure work in Dawson and on the adjoining creeks are certainly displaying wisdom in making their decision to remain.

## GOOD TIMES GENERAL.

The prosperity of Canada at the present time is so generally felt that it hardly needs to be demonstrated by figures, but the demonstration is there for anyone who wants it. The bank circulation in 1899 was \$49,588,236, and the government circulation \$27,076,309. The increase over 1896 is more than \$19,000,000. The circulation of one and two-dollar notes, which is a fair test of the prosperity of the less wealthy classes, was nearly two millions more in 1899 than in 1896. The bank clearings of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Halifax and St. John were \$375,000,000 more in 1899 than in 1897, the discounts in the chartered banks increased by \$76,000,000 in four years, and the deposits in chartered banks increased by \$91,900,000 in the same period.—Toronto Globe.

The mail contractors have received a note of congratulation from the postal authorities at Washington, in recognition of the excellent service which has been given during the past winter. All the praise that has been awarded the service is amply deserved. The mails have come and gone promptly, and splendid records for time were made by the carriers. The authorities, in officially commending the mail carriers, have merely given due credit where it is very well deserved.

The arrival of the steamboats yesterday may be accepted as the official announcement that navigation is open. In a very short time, the coming and going of boats will be a matter of such ordinary occurrence as scarcely to attract attention, except from those directly interested.

Best Canadian rye at the Regina.

Shoff, the Dawson Dog Doctor, Pioneer Drug Store.

## A Snap.

Furnished cabin, together with lot 25x100 feet, good location, for sale; a bargain. Owner going to Nome. Address A., Nugget office.

Best imported wines and liquors at the Regina.

Fedora hats, latest styles, all shades, \$5. Ward, Hough & Co., 111 First ave.

## Ice Depot.

Julian Blaker has bought the ice bin of Judge Morford and is now ready to deliver ice in any part of the city. His office is at the ice depot on First avenue, where you can leave orders and they will be promptly filled.

The liquors are the best to be had, at the Regina.

Parties having mining ground partially worked, or full claims favorably situated, can find a purchaser through Norton D. Walling, Grand Forks, C. B. 3.

The Holborn Cafe for delicacies.

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

# WILL ACT AS OF OLD

Congress Will Receive Boer Peace Society, According to Precedent

ESTABLISHED MANY YEARS AGO

When Lafayette, Kossuth and Parnell Came.

PUBLISHERS ASK FOR AID

In Washington and Ottawa—Tupper Talks on Yukon Affairs—Alaska's Judge.

Washington, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—The Netherlands Peace Society has addressed an appeal to President McKinley in behalf of the Boers to the end that the present British-Boer trouble may be arbitrated. A meeting was held at the house of Congressman Gulzer, which was attended by many members of both houses and at which it was decided to accord to the Boer delegates similar receptions to those which are recorded as having been extended to Lafayette, Kossuth and Parnell, which means that the delegates will be accorded the privileges of the floor in the house but it is not likely the reception privileges will be extended that far, as it is on record that on several occasions Gulzer has been declared out of order when he has attempted to introduce resolutions of sympathy for the Boers on the floor of the lower house.

## High Priced Paper.

Washington, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—Newspaper publishers today presented a petition to congress in which the statement is made that the price of white paper has been nearly doubled. Congress is asked to investigate and make inquiry of the paper makers as to the reasons for the exorbitant prices now being charged by them.

## Canadian Publishers Kick.

Ottawa, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—The question of removing the duty on white paper was brought up in parliament today; also the question of removing the postage on newspapers transmitted through the mail. There is a great scarcity of white paper in Canada and publishers complain of the great increase in its cost.

## Tupper Talks Yukon.

Ottawa, May 12, via Skagway, May 17.—On yesterday in parliament Sir Charles Tupper spoke for four hours on Yukon affairs.

## Alaska's Judge Arrives.

Skagway, May 17.—Melville C. Brown, newly appointed judge from the district of Alaska, arrived here last night.

## Concerning Eggs.

A lady who has had very bad luck lately in the matter of buying eggs is desirous of knowing if some means cannot be devised for learning the condition of eggs before they are purchased. The lady asserts that to pay \$2.50 per dozen for eggs, the present Dawson price, and find from two to five or six of them bad is a hardship which she thinks should be in some way mitigated.

The matter was referred to the Pure Food editor of the Nugget, and after careful study and mature deliberation he has decided that it is in the province of the Yukon-council to pass a law covering the ground in the matter. His suggestion is that a law be passed compelling egg dealers to plug each egg in the presence of the purchaser the same as watermelons are plugged to determine their stage of maturity. When egg plugging becomes in vogue, peace and serenity will reign in many kitchens where now all is tumult and bad language.

**Fairchild Hotel and Bar Electric Light**  
Family Trade Solicited for Fine Liquors.  
Canadian Club Whiskey, \$3.50 per Quart Bottle  
W. E. Fairchild, Prop. South of P. O.

**Dawson Electric Light & Power Co. Ltd.**  
Donald B. Olson, Manager.  
City Office Joslyn Building.  
Power-House near Klondike. Tel. No. 1

# Alaska Commercial Company

River Steamers	The Steamers	Trading Posts
Sarah, Bella, Hannah, Margaret, Louise, Victoria, Leah, Yukon, Alice, Florence	<b>Leah and Hannah..</b> Will Leave Dawson for St. Michael the ..EARLY PART OF JUNE..	St. Michael, Andreofsky, Anvik, Suluto, Tanana, Mintook (Rampart), Fort Hamilton, Circle City, Eagle City, Koyukuk District, Koyukuk, Bergman, Yukon Territory, Fortymile, Dawson

Dawson Post Is Fitted With Public Safe Deposit Vaults.

THE KLONDIKE CORPORATION, LTD.  
**ORA, NORA and FLORA**  
OPERATING THE SUCCESSFUL STEAMERS BETWEEN DAWSON & BENNETT  
These boats will operate immediately upon the opening of navigation. Their success is due to their light draft. Office at Lancaster & Calderhead Warehouse, Cor. 4th St. & 3rd Ave. Office at Calderhead & Lancaster's Dock  
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Seattle No. 3 & Rock Island  
S.-Y. T. Co's First Steamer will leave Dawson for St. Michael on or about **MAY 28th** and the second about a week later.  
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**Yukon Flyer Transportation Co.**  
Sts. "Bonanza King" and "Eldorado"  
Speed, Safety, Comfort. For reservation of staterooms and tickets or for any further information apply to company's office  
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**NOME**

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TRAVEL BY A RELIABLE LINE  
The commodious steamer F. K. GUSTIN, Geo. L. Hill, master, will leave Dawson, upon the opening of navigation for St. Michael and Way Ports, connecting with vessels for Nome and with our A1 palatial Ocean Steamships "Zealandia" for San Francisco and "Humboldt" for Seattle.  
FOR FREIGHT OR PASSAGE APPLY TO  
**THE Alaska Exploration Co.**

**CANADIAN**  
FOR  
**WHITEHORSE**  
ON OR ABOUT MAY 24th  
**Canadian Development Co. Ltd.**

**N. A. T. & T. Company**  
**Steamer "John C. Barr"**  
Leaves for FORT YUKON May 18. Upon her return will leave at once for ST. MICHAEL with the completely refitted BARGE NEW YORK, Connecting with the famous steel ocean liner  
**Steamship "Roanoke" for Nome and Seattle**  
ACCOMMODATIONS STRICTLY FIRST CLASS

**The Ice Is Gone Summer Is at Hand**  
Throw away those old clothes and get a new Stetson Hat, a pair of Tan Shoes, a suit of Light Underwear, and a new suit of Summer Clothing. Winter garments are a thing of the past now.  
Call and Inspect Our Stock **A. E. Co.**