

The Colonist.

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OFFICERS APPOINTED.

It is with great satisfaction that we are able to record the fact that Collector Milne has been authorized to send Custom-house officers to the White Pass and Chilkoot Pass.

There is very little doubt that arrangements will be made for the free transit of Canadian goods across the strip of coast over which the United States exercises jurisdiction pending the final settlement of the boundary between Canada and Alaska.

SEATTLE AND THE YUKON.

During a short visit to Seattle yesterday I conversed with a number of business men in regard to the trade of the Yukon. In fact it was practically impossible to converse with them on any other subject.

I found a very general belief that Seattle would secure the bulk of the Yukon trade, for the merchants seem to have been under the impression that the Dominion government proposed to let things continue as they have been in regard to the collection of duties.

As to the magnitude of that trade a few moments' conversation with any of the business men will demonstrate that. One gentleman, whose opportunities to judge of what is being done are of the best, said: "It has stimulated every line of business. You would be simply amazed to see how orders are coming in."

My observations in Seattle, and my conversations with people who are in a position to know how the public mind is affected all over the United States, convince me that if no discouraging news is received from the Yukon the rush into the country will surpass anything that has ever been known.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

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locality, but while fabulously rich placers are available to the prospector no one will spend his time in looking for quartz.

We have these facts certain: An area, including the Cassiar, approximating 250,000 square miles, is auriferous. We exclude from consideration anything south of the 58th parallel. This is nearly twice as large as the whole of California and more than six times as large as the gold producing portion of California.

The logical deduction from the foregoing facts seems to be that the Yukon and Northern British Columbia will be a permanently productive region—using the word "permanent" in the sense in which it is generally employed when speaking of a mining region, and that it may become the greatest gold producing district in the world.

The question before our people is not how they shall secure a part of what naturally would go somewhere else, but how they will prevent others from getting what would naturally come here. The territory is Canadian. The avenue into it is Canadian, for the narrow strip of territory in debate may be left out of consideration, because it is easy to arrange for transit across this.

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JAPAN DEFIANT.

To Count Okuma, Premier of Japan, is attributed the statement that his country will not permit the annexation of the Hawaiian islands by the United States. The language said to have been used is that of defiance, and will very naturally arouse a bitter feeling in the nation to which it is addressed.

At this particular date it is not easy to suggest any reason why it can make the least difference to Japan, who owns the Hawaiian islands, except so far as the rights of the Japanese there resident go, and these are not of such magnitude as to be worth a war.

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would not jeopardize any of the existing interests of Japan, but would be a serious menace to that country's future, as the plans of its leading spirits contemplate. Hence, defiant as is the language attributed to Count Okuma, and perilous as would be an attempt to try conclusions with the United States, we are quite prepared to have the words as above quoted to him confirmed, and to learn that Japan is prepared to resist with force the consummation of the annexation scheme.

REPRESENTATION IN THE CABINET.

It has been brought home to the people of Victoria in the strongest possible way how unfortunate it is that this Province has no representation in the Dominion Cabinet. If there was a minister at Ottawa from this Province, there would have been none of the abominable delay that has characterized the action of our government in regard to the appointment of Customs House officers on the Yukon passes.

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That this incomparable region should be without representation in the Dominion cabinet is wrong, not on political grounds, for we do not care a straw about the matter from that point of view, but because the great and diverse interests of this Province and the whole of Canada in this Province require that some member of the ministry should be in a position to deal understandingly with them.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE YUKON.

It will be practically impossible to administer the Yukon from Regina, the capital of the Territories. To establish a governmental headquarters with courts on the Yukon itself will be a matter of extreme difficulty.

Mr. SEMLIN, as leader of the Opposition, has issued a circular laying down the platform on which he wants his friends to stand. Readjustment of representation, reorganization of the civil service, liberal expenditure on public work, discontinuance of Oriental immigration, amendments to the land act, repeal of the mortgage tax, an amendment to the mining license law, provincial control of railways.

Mr. CARLYLE and his views. The speech of W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, at the banquet on Saturday night at the Allen House, reveals the good standing of the Trail Creek district, in the opinion of a cool, clear-headed, conservative and scientific man, who is a recognized authority on mining matters in this province.

Some one has pointed out that the British national anthem is the shortest of all. It contains only fourteen bars. And such bars—almost every note in them

is like the blow of a mighty hand. For downrightness, for unflinching determination, for singleness of idea, there is no piece of music like it. And then take the words. The first verse is a prayer for the person of the sovereign and the stability of the crown. The second is a national confession that the strength of the nation is from God and a prayer for the people.

This Sultan has agreed to accept the mandate of the powers in regard to Thessaly. Whatever the details of the negotiations may have been, there is no question about this result being due to the stand taken by Great Britain in the first instance, and her persistence in it until the end.

The Rosslender, in replying to an article in the Colonist in re the flotation of the Waverley mine in London by the Grant-Govan company, remarks: "We admit the frankness of the Waverley prospectus, but the proposal is not a fair one to the investor, unless he purchases stock on a gamble pure and simple."

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Advertisement for Lea and Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce, featuring a signature and text: "LEA AND PERRINS' OBSERVE THAT THE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF THE ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE".

Advertisement for Dixie H. Ross & Co., featuring an illustration of a person and text: "Dixie H. Ross & Co. THE CANADIAN PRESS. ACTING IN BAD FAITH. One thing must now be abundantly clear to any impartial observer."

Mr. Packard's Report Preparing to Issue The "Excelsior"

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WILMINGTON, Del. Yukon Mining, Tr. tion Company, which last year and is just ransactions for ex- plan which will e problem of shortage Yukon territory. I of Portland, Or., wh company, went to the lake, the head of the the Yukon, upon wh be built. With the he located the pass the Taku inlet to Te he learned, was h white men in the returned and made company, and imme charters in Alaska, and Canada, all of last spring. As an enterprise, British-C company a grant of the this mile of railro 650,000 acres. In night Mr. Packard, arrangements, said t be a great boon to reduce the cost of the move the present d their transportation SAN FRANCISCO, C Commercial Comp books for the Excelsior for St. Michaels July majority go from St number belong to the largely supplying rec This is but a small continent. Thousands co long to go, thous their minds to go, as have been in the m a majority taking the great many will let travel, with the inter spring.

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