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THE SITUATION.

It is always unfortunate when government is out of touch with any derable body of its people. Valuble colonies have been lost to great nations by reason of this, and the latest exemplification of that same estrangeent is of course the Klondike country. Here is a community of from 35,000 to 45,000 souls; brave, energetic men who are the picked men of the earth; picked for physical perfection and brought here by indomitable wills and undaunted courage. Because this community ens largely to be American it is afflicted with laws which are simply an abortion of justice and equity. Not a man here but believes and not a Candian but knows in his heart that had this country been overrun and settled by Canadians alone, there would have een no monstrous regulations of August 7th, 1897, and nothing like the aws of January 18th, 1898. Pretending tertain the most amiable feelings endship for the Americans across the line, the cry was at once taken up that Americans were taking the Klon-dike and the present iniquitous laws are the result. Not satisfied with burring us with tax exactions so vast, they poured into our midst a lot of cheap and hungry people to prey upon got its own immense share. Men have the moment they crossed the summit. friends. It is apparent to all that among The blood sucking process was kept up Sitton's chosen people have been men until the man became a miner and started up the creeks. Then some of bring about a secret and hasty withthe individual members of the gov. drawal. Canadians who ought to know ernment commenced to collect revenue on their own account.

Vacant ground was "blocked" by the mile, that is to say the inquiring multitude, even when they paid heavily for the information, were willfully misled and misinformed and after a few months or a year found themselves hopelessly involved in financial straits and the ring in possession of the very ground they had prospected and proven worth having. The same is true today. The records are practically in the hands of Messrs. Bolton, Craig and Hurdman and a list of those gentlemen's holdings would prove pressed by the newly received powers of very interesting to the men who have at our Yukon commissioner. various times during the past summer. apring and even last winter, applied again and again for that same ground. Reilly's "fraction" is but one recent illustration of ground proved valuable by American miners, applied for again and over again and finally recorded by one complaisant semi-official Canadian into the heart of foreign lands, strange

As we started in to say, it is decidedly unfortunate when a government becomes heartlessly out of touch with the people hose interests it is born to conserve. Here is a community boiling over with indignation and a government apatheticalty calm. Thousands of miners' cabins and every one the witness of its own little tragic wrong while a self-satisfied

and never satisfied Americans." Un- outlying settlements of their people. weak and whenever a local official asthey approach, and many men are found, with an eye single to favors yet to come, who fawn and flatter and talk smoothly when they should be standing upright in their manhood and properly advising bow down and subside, Sifton's original remark on turbulence, etc., is used apmore slander.

NOT A GENUINE INVESTIGATION!

The Canadian government is entirely independent of Great Britain excepting in the appointment of her govenor general. Her internal policy is all her own affair, yet the English ministry has a maternal way of chiding and directing as in the present case of Klondike mismanagement. The English and Canadian press shows that there has been an exchange of messages between it. Stephens and Ottawa on the subject of official corruption at this place, and developments here and at Ottawa tend to prove that there is a desire in Canada to at least go through the empty form of futile investigation in conformity with British suggestions of reform. An investigation into the doings of employes of the gold commissioner's office expecially, which should genuinely investigate, would be very popular here, but unfortunately there is a growing feeling that there is a "tag" on the powers of investigation deputed to our worthy governor-a suspicion that along with the power to investigate came instructions of a neutralizing nature. Foreigners upon the Klondike cannot be expected to know much of the personality of Mr. Sifton, the gentleman who seems to hold our present and future weal or woe in the hollow of his hand, and it is particularly unfortunate for that gentleman's reputation that so many Canadians here so harshly and bitterly condemn him. While aliens and British colonists from the four corners of the earth are anathematising the evils and wrongs they themselves can see, the Canadian politician in our midst is focusing his wrath upon Mr. Sifton to whom he attributes all the grievous ills from which we suffer. We can see for filled with men chosen for any peculiar come here by thousands with more or fitness; our Canadian friends say that a less money and the government com- job in the government offices is Sifton's menced extracting it from their pockets reward to faithful heelers or political whose iniquities were so rank as to say that those very men were chosen and sent in here because of this very "adaptability." It was Mr. Wade himself who when in Dawson often made the remark to the Nugger "when these men were sent here it was well known to themselves and all alike that their salaries were inadequate to the cost of living in this country and they were expected to take advantage of any opportunities which offered in lieu of a more liberal "wage." This being so, there is not much faith here in the genuiness of Mr. Sifton's desire for an investigation as ex-

ISOLATED FROM THE WORLD.

The British government is often pointed to as a model government, more especially in the matter of its care of that portion of its people who in the interests of commerce push their way continents and unknown waters. The United States has repeatedly expended large sums of money and sometimes valuable human lives in establishing communication with and sending succor to stranded Arctic whalers and explorers. her defunct subjects in foreign lands and return them to their Celestial home. Both Canada and the United States exand ignorant minister spreads himself pend yearly large sums of money in unby nonparell concerning "those turbulent profitably carrying mail to distant and

fortunately for us all, human nature is Yet here in the Yukon territory exists a condition unknown in history since the pends the creek a great deal of this introduction of government postage. unwelcome recital of facts is hushed as Two mighty governments standing calmly by and witnessing 50,000 of their people isolated in polar regions, cut off from all communication with the balance of mankind, suffering in mind and body for the want of those letters from their rulers upon the true conditions. home now negligently lying by the ton Whenever a man is found who will not in their mail sacks under tarpaulins and canvas at every station and settlement from Skaguay to Tagish, both points inpropriately and a nation gets but one clusive. Private individuals with baggage amounting to thousands of pounds in weight have made their way from the coast to Dawson, using boats where there was open water and dog teams over the ice, and the only excuse for the absence of all mail since September must be the penuriousness and carelessness of the of the "tramway without a tram" and with governments themselves. Official mail has been rushed through all O. K. showing that the way is open. If 200 pounds what must be the end of the "tramway com of mail can be brought through so can 200 tons, if there are enough dollars behind it. To get government mail in, all in constructing the river or its bed, no timber that has been necessary so far was to had to be cut from claims, no claims had to be mark it "Important" or "Rush" and it crossed. Going before the proper officials the came right along. Would that our governments considered our wants of sufficient importance to so mark our mail sacks and then expend a few dollors for our benefit in getting them in. Legitimate express companies are carrying packages between Dawson and Seattle at \$3 per pound. There would be over 30 half-ounce letters in a pound which would only amount to 10 cents per letter. Who of us but would gladly pay 10 times that amount for our letters? There is something coldly indifferent and cruel in the way we are being neglected.

THAT STAMPEDE. There is a feeling of indignation grow ing up the creeks among the miners against the men who on a legal quibble endeavored to wrest a half of the claims on Dominion and Gold Run from the rightful owners. The firm stand taken by Mr. Senkler is most gratifying but does not detract from the fact that the intentions of the stampeders are undoubted and unequivocal. In one case the Dominion claim owner saw both ends of his claim staked off by stampeders. He called the stakers over and pointed out the fact that there was but with any kind of capital, from \$1.00 to \$100,000. one cabin, and ironically suggested that A Nugger representative started out in search what was left when the government ourselves that the offices here are not they select him as arbitrator to decide this franchise and interviewed that busy contlement

which of them should have the cabin. Notwithstanding the firm stand taken by our new gold commissioner in not allowing the "jumpers" to record, the fact remains that this point of validity of title has to be settled some time or other and must be settled right. Unfortunately, Mr. Fawcett was exceeding the law after August 7, 1897, when he allowed the recording of 500 feet of ground upon any creek. This being undoubtedly the case, it is hardly a desirable course to hire even an expert lawyer to endeavor to have the matter settled according to a law which is distinctly against the giving of a 500-foot claim. Right thinking law makers can readily be made to see the point and it ought not to be impossible to secure legislative relief at Ottawa by getting a law enacted validating the invalid act of Mr. Fawcett in issuing recording certificates to 500 feet of ground when the law distinctly said 100 feetor 250 feet after January 18, 1898. The NUGGET representatives who are going to be in Ottawa before the opening of the session of parliament will have this matter in view with the many other points to be brought up.

IF THE gathering of ladies and gentlemen at the Dawson club on Wednesday night exemplifies one thing more than another it is the rapidity of our times. Ladies in full toilette and gentlemen in high collars, patent leather shoes and black clothes where a year ago mackinaws and mucklucks prevailed. By many of our frontiersmen the advent of the refinements of civilization are ot regarded altogether with favor. China, even, will gather up the bones of Undoubtedly with broadcloth came more intense competition for ground and for labor, and many miners moure the fact that wages have gone down to the bare cost of living simultaneously with the introduction of three-inch starched collars,

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It becomes the duty of the Nugger to record the finding of a giant monopoly, conceived h Dawson's ablest financiers, and who have me estly and unostentatiously obtained a franch to do business, that must in a short space of time, see the rails of the "tramway without tram" simply a streak of rust, the handsome engines in the scrap pile, the elegant coache and palace cars used as lounging places for bums and tramps, the palatial station houses as roosts for the ravens and bats, and the road. bed for a pasture for roaming hee stock. Xe longer shall the bloated miner in luxurious ease take his seat in the plush covered coache fragrant cigars enjoy his trip to the Forks. The steamboat is coming into competition, and having a better franchise there is no doubt pany without a tram." There is another feature favorable to the steamboat company, and that is, that no unpaid labor had to be taken care of following franchise was granted and no one will doubt the liberality of its terms.

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Dear Sir. Your letter asking for a francise to operate steamboats and steamships on the Bonanza and Eldorado risers has been received and recognizing the fact that yea are to immediately put the aforesaid steamships and boat in operation the same is hereby granted. Recognizing also the benificent purposes of you company vis., the disecting of mineres upon the creeks, who have entirely too much money, an paying too little for their necessities, and do no drink enough, and sleep too much, and who are permitted to live under the shadow of the gold. frink enough, and sleep too much, and who permitted to live under the shadow of the g permitted to live under the shadew of the gold commissioner's office in which Messas. Craig Boltom and Hurdman still retain gostiom. Now, therefore, you are permitted to operate said line of steamboats for 100 years on said Bonanza and Eldorado rivers exclusively, and without competition. You are hereby permitted to charge any sum you may deem properand do any old thing that will empty the pockets of these over-burdened with each miners, and fearing that you may fail to divest them of all their filthy lacre, you are to open bars at every landing, and see that they are not over a boat length apart, provided, however, you have conspicuously placed upon the door of each station these signs "Office of the Pioneer Steamboat Company, walk, in!" and above it "License to sell spirituous liquors." Recognizing your philanthropic movement, you will not be charged any license fee, nor be molested in any way in modding people up, but let ne will winner with anything left in his sack es-

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Knowing that such a company had been organized and that people were rushing around the streets of Dawson, trying to raise people chise and interviewed that busy gentle deep in the affairs of his company on what they intended to do. Mr. G. Rraball was very frank and communicative and differed therein from mr hurdman, and immediately branched

"Do! my dear sir;" said he, "do; why de everybody of course. We have a magnificent fleet of steamship and river boats, all palace in their class, and these we have now in open tion on the raging waters of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks; but are only operating our line as far as Grand Forks at present. There are lot of ignorant mamalosts (Mr. G. Raball mean malamoot, of course). Americans and Sweden and common Britishers up there who actually need grub-to think of the beastly habit they have of eating anyhow. Now, grub is to cheap at present and past prices, and these miners actually have a little money left, there fore, we have organized to take that away from them. You see we have a big cargo of whisker on hand and these miners are just the sucker to palm it off on at 50 cents per palm. We do, at least, not oblige them to ride on our competitors 'tramway without a tram,' for they can go with us and unload their ill-gotten wealth easier.'

The newspaper man aghast at the magnificence of this stupendous enterprise deigned to ask Mr. G. Rabali if the line was now in operation. "Certainly," promptly replied Mr. G. Raball, "certainly, that is, we have no steamships, nor steamboats, nor even small boats of rafts, but, you see, my dear boy, we have the river bed, and the water in it, that is, when it is not frozen; now, you see, if the river was deep enough, and was widened out, and the turns taken out, and the steamboats built, and fires going within, and their wheels turning why-then we would be in operation, but any how it is a "steamboat company without a steamboat," and we'll charge these monopol istic miners all we see fit. See?" The reporter dazed at the generous liberality of G. Raball. hustled himself to enjoy a trip on one of the palatial steamboats now cutting the waters of

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