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## The situation.

It is always unfortunate when a government: is out of touch with any oonsiderable body of its people. Valunations by reason of this, and the latest exemplification of that same estrangement is of course the Klondike country. Here is a community of from 35,000 to 45,000 souls; brave, energetic men who are the plcked men of the earth; picked top physical perfection and broughi here by indomitable wills and undaunted courage, Because this communit happens largely to be American it is amicted with lawe which are simply an abortion of justice and equity. No $a$ man here but believes and not a Can saian bat knowe in his heart that ha this country been overrun and settle by Cariedians alone, there would have east 7th, 1897, and nothing like the gust 7 th, 1897, and nothing like the
laws of January 18th, 1898. Pretending to entertain the most amiable feelings of entendship tor the Americans across the line, thie ery was at once taken up that Americans were taking the Klondike and the present finiquitous law are the result. Not satisfied with bur desing us with tax exactions so vast eheap and hungry people to prey upo what wit left when the governmen got 'its own immense share. Men hav some here by thousands with more o less money and the government commenced extracting it from their pockete the moment they crossed the summit. The blood sueking process was kept up started up the uecame of miner and the individual members of the government commenced to collect revenu Tratr
Vacant ground was "blocked" by the mile, that is to say the inquiring multi tude, even when they paid heavily for
the information, were willfully misled and misinformed sere willfully misler and misinformed and after a few months involved in financial straits and the ring in possession of the very ground they in posesesion of the very ground they The same is true today. The records are practically in the hands of Messre Boiton, Craig and Hurdman and a list o those gentiemen's holdings would prove vary interesting to the men who have at epring and even lest winter, applie again and again for that same ground. tration of ground proved valuable b American miners, applied for again and over ayain and finally recorded by one complaisant semf-official Canadian parasite.
As we started in to say, it is decidedly uniortunate when agovernment become heartlesely out of touch with the people Whose intereats it is born to conserye. indignation and a government apar olly calm. Thousends of miners' cabins and every one the witness of fits own and ignorant minister spreads himet itwonpareil concerning "those turbulent
 fortunately for us all, human nature is Yet here in the Yukon territory exists a
weak and whenever a local official as- condition unlnown in history since the cende the creek a great deal of this unwelcome recital of facte is hushed as with an eye single to favors yet to come
wen and who fawn and flatter and talk emoothly when they should be standing uprigh in their manhood and properly advising
their rulers upon the true conditions. their rulers upon the true conditions. bow down and subside, sifton's original remark on turbulence, etc., is used ap-
propriately and a nation gets but one more slander.

## a genuine inyestigation:

 The Canadian government is entirel ndependent of Great Britain exceptin in the appointment of her govenor gen affair, yet the English ministry has maternal way of chiding and directin as in the present case of Klondike mis management. The English and Cana dian press shows that there has been an exchange of messages between $>$ tt. Steph corruption at this and develop nents here and at Ottawa tend to prov that there is a desire in Canada to a least gothrough the empty form of futile nvestigation in conformity with British uggestions of reform. An investigatio nto the doings of employes of the gol hould very popular here, but unfortunatel there is a growing feeling that there is' "tag" on the powers of investigation de cion that our worliy governor-a susp gate came instructions of a neutralizing nature. Foreigners upon the Klondike personality of Mr. Sitton, the centlema who seems to hold our present and future weal or woe in the hollow of his land, and it is particularly unfortunat or that gentioman's reputation that 80 many Canadians here so harshty and bitterly condemn him. While alien and British colonists from the four corners of the earth are anathematising the vils and wrongs they themselves can is focusing his wrath upon Mr. Sifton to whom he attributes all the grievous illefrom which we suffer. We can see fo rom which we suffer. We can see for ourselves that the offices here are no filled with men chosen for any peculiar
fitness ; our Canadian friends say that atness ; our Canadian friends say that a
job in the government offices is Sifton' eward to faithful heelers or politica riends. It is apparent to all that among shose iniquities were so rank as to bring about a secret and hasty with irawal. Canadians who ought to know say that those very men were chosen anc bility." It was Mr. Wade himself whe when in Dawson often made the remark to the Nugaer "when thesp men were sent here it was well known to themelves and all alike that their salaries were inadequate to the cost of living i ake country and they were expected to which offered in lieu of a more "wage." This being so, there is not much faith here in the genuiness of Mr. Sifcon'e desire for an investigation as ex pressed by the newly received powers of our Yuken commissioner.

ISOLAYED PROM THE WORLD. The British government is of pointed to as a model goverament, more specially in the matter of its care hat portion of its people who in the into the heart of foreign lands, strange continents and unknown waters. The United States has repeatedly expended
large sums of money and sometimes large sums of money and sometime communication with and sending suecor o stranded Arctic whalers and explorere China, even, will gather up the bones o eturn the subjects in toreign lande ans Both Canedr to their Celestial home pend yearly large sums of money in un profitably carrying mail to distant and
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calmly by and witnessing 50,000 of thei people isolated in polar regions, cut of rom all communication with the bal ance of mankind, suffering in mind and home now negligently lying by the to in their maill sacks under tarpaulins ahd canvas at every station and settlemen Irom Skaguay to Tagish, both points in
clusive. Private individuals with bag gage amounting to thousands of pounds weight have made their way from the coast to Dawson, using boats where there was open water and dog teams over the ce, and the only excuse for the absence all mail since September must be the enurionente the carelesmess of the governments themselves. Official mail ing that the way is open. If 200 pounde of mail can be brought through so can 200 tons, if there are enough dollars be hind it. To get government mail in, al hat has been necessary so far was t came right along. Would that our governments considered our wants of suff cient importance to so mark our mai ur benefit in getting them in. Legiti mate express companies are carrying t $\$ 3$ per pound. There would be over 30 half-ounce letters in a pound which ould only amount to 10 cents perietier Who of us but would gladly pay 10 times mething coldly our lettifferent There is in the way we are being neglected.

## that statipede.

There is a feeling of indignation grow ng up the creeks among the miner gainst the men who on a legal quibble adeavored to wrest a half of the claim on Dominion and Gold Kun from the ghtful owners. The firm stand taken
by Mr. Senkler is most gratifying but does not detract from the fact that the doubted and unequivocal. In one case the Dominion claim owner saw both nds of his claim staked off by stamped pointed out the fact that there was but they seleet him as arbitrator to decid Which of them should have the cabin. Notwithstanding the firm stand taken by our new gold commissioner in not afemains that this point of validity of title has to be settled some time or other and must lhe settled right. Unfortun ately, Mr. Fawcett was exceeding the
law after August 7,1897 , when he al owed the recording of 500 feet of ground apon any creek. This being \#undoubtedly the case, it is hardly a desirable course o hireeven an expert lawyer to endeavo ta have the matter settled according to ing of a 500 -foot claim. Rigit thinking aw makers can readily be made to see he point and it ought not to be impossio secure legislative relief at ottaws y getting a law enacted validating the nvalid act of Mr. Fawcett in issuing rewhen the law distinctly said 100 feetor 250 feet after January 18, 1838. The Nugast representatives who are going to e in Ottawa before the opening of the or in view with the many other point to be brought up.

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