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NOTICE

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The Nugget has a regular carrier and express service covering Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Sulphur and Dominion creeks and tributaries.

THE SITUATION

It is always unfortunate when a government is out of touch with any considerable body of its people. Valuable colonies have been lost to great nations by reason of this, and the latest exemplification of that same estrangement is of course the Klondike country.

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.

As we started in to say, it is decidedly unfortunate when a government becomes heartlessly out of touch with the people whose interests it is born to conserve.

and never satisfied Americans." Unfortunately for us all, human nature is weak and whenever a local official ascends the creek a great deal of this unwelcome recital of facts is hushed as they approach, and many men are found, with an eye single to favors yet to come,

NOT A GENUINE INVESTIGATION

The Canadian government is entirely independent of Great Britain excepting in the appointment of her governor 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.

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 into the heart of foreign lands, strange continents and unknown waters.

outlying settlements of their people. Yet here in the Yukon territory exists a condition unknown in history since the introduction of government postage. 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 home now negligently lying by the ton in their mail sacks under tarpaulins and canvas at every station and settlement from Skaguay to Tagish, both points inclusive.

THAT STAMPEDE

There is a feeling of indignation growing 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 stampedeers are undoubted and unequivocal.

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 were a year ago mackinaws and muckluks prevailed.

ANOTHER BIG MONOPOLY ORGANIZED

The Pioneer Steamboat Company is Ready to Do Business.

Magnificent Steamers Will Ply Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks—The Most Magnificent Uniforms Will be Worn by Boat's Officers.

It becomes the duty of the Nugget to record the finding of a giant monopoly, conceived by Dawson's ablest financiers, and who have modestly and unostentatiously obtained a franchise to do business, that must in a short space of time, see the rails of the "tramway without a tram" simply a streak of rust, the handsome engines in the scrap pile, the elegant coaches 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 live stock.

OFFICE OF THE FRANCHISE DISPENSER. DAWSON, Y. T., Jan. 21, 1899. G. RABALL, Esq., Dawson, Y. T. Dear Sir: Your letter asking for a franchise to operate steamboats and steamships on the Bonanza and Eldorado rivers has been received, and recognizing the fact that you are to immediately put the proposed steamships in operation the same is hereby granted.

Knowing that such a company had been organized and that people were rushing around the streets of Dawson, trying to raise people with any kind of capital, from \$100 to \$100,000.

"Do my dear sir," said he, "do; why do everybody of course. We have a magnificent fleet of steamship and river boats, all palace in their class, and these we have now in operation on the raging waters of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks; but are only operating our line as far as Grand Forks at present. There are a lot of ignorant mammals (Mr. G. Raball meant mammoet, of course). Americans and Swedes and common Britishers up there who actually need grub—to think of the beastly habit they have of eating anyhow. Now, grub is too cheap at present and past prices, and these miners actually have a little money left, therefore, we have organized to take that away from them. You see we have a big cargo of whiskey on hand and these miners are just the suckers 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 again at the magnificence of this stupendous enterprise designed to ask Mr. G. Raball 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 or 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 anyhow it is a "steamboat company without a steamboat," and we'll charge these monopolistic miners all we see fit. See?"

Claims Bought and Sold By Louis Couture, North West House, two miles above mouth of Hunker. Money to Loan Apply at the Nugget Express office, Front St. The Regina Club Hotel Bar is the standard of Dawson in quality.

IN HONOR

The Dawson Very

Semi-Monthly - The Death Funeral of The social Wednesday occasion and merriment. request and a with refreshment H. C. Lisle's Song by M. Messrs. Flahe Hodsey. Thun Recitations, Ogilvie, Ritch O'Neil. Instincts by Me Perkins and others who Mrs. L. C. Howard Williamson, Mrs. H. Hibberd, Mrs. C. J. Burke, Miss B. Pointes, Dr. Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Mrs. Schomburg Mrs. J. Hell, J. H. Davidson Board, Miss P. Among the vic, H. C. Lisle H. Vanderling Lett, R. M. Bro Gregor, Wm. Boggs, T. Fawcett, D. G. Stewart, John McDon Ber. Bowers, C. B. Simon, Mr. Matheson, A. J. Halimer, O. S. Flahaven, Curt F. Mosher, W. J. ton, Fred. W. O son, C. D. Mack H. D. Kaine, C. A. Hughes, P. Morrison, G. H. Davidson, Sergt. Arthur, W. G. S. M. Allen, P. Co A. Robertson, W. A. P. McDonald George, Dr. J. O.