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## UNDUE HASTE.

The very able document which the Board of Trade, through its committee on assessment and taxation, has prepared for the consideration of the Yukon council is entitled to close and earnest perusal on the part of that body.

The suggestion was made some time ago in these columns that the people of Dawson would not take serious umbrage at a reasonable amount of taxation provided they were in some measure represented in determining the rate of such taxation and the manner of levying the same. Men who are accustomed to the ordinary procedures usually followed in organized civil committees do not expect an outlay of public funds for matters of public improvement and similar purposes without contributing thereto in proportion to their means. We have, however, yet to hear of a precedent for the action of the council in the preparation of the present ordinance, though something similar might be found in the annals of the Transvaal, which government, by the way, is at the present time but little more than a memory.

The committee of the Board of Trade agrees with the position long since taken by this paper that representation on the council must precede the passage by that body of any taxation ordinance. We believe with the committee that the government at Ottawa did not contemplate, in framing the Yukon act, that any method of local taxation would be placed in force prior to the election of duly qualified representatives on the council. Such a doctrine is so inconsistent with, and so repugnant to the very fundamental principles of our governmental system, that it is scarcely to be supposed it would meet the approval of the Dominion government.

In view, also, of the near approach of the long delayed election by which representation is at length to become an accomplished fact, it would appear that further action upon the matter of taxation might easily be deferred until the election is held and the duly qualified representatives of the people are placed upon the council.

In fact, the council might reasonably be expected to take such action of its own volition, and that it does not do so gives rise, as was suggested at the meeting last evening, to the belief that undue and unnecessary haste has been exercised. Within less than thirty days it is possible to comply with all the requirements of the law and place the new members upon the council qualified in every respect equally with the present members.

In consideration of this fact we submit that compliance with the desire of the community as set forth in the resolution of the Board of Trade should be given by the council readily and cheerfully.

The initial trip of the steamer Flora up to the head of navigation on the Stewart river has served to bring to light the fact that considerable interest is being taken in that district. To such an extent has this been proven that the Klondike Corporation has felt justified in sending another boat up the same stream and a third will follow in a short time. As a matter of fact there will hereafter be business enough on the Stewart river to justify a line of small steamers throughout the open season. Already there are several hundred pros-

pectors upon the upper Stewart and the outlook is favorable for a much larger population next year. When transportation by steamboat is available few men will resort to the laborious poling process. From this time forward the Stewart river country should take on a new lease of life. Easy and rapid communication, which has now become an established fact should double or treble the number of prospectors on that river within the next twelve months.

Opinions expressed over the signatures of correspondents do not necessarily reflect the views of this paper. The Nugget aims to be fair in dealing with all matters of public interest and cheerfully gives its space to correspondents whether their opinions agree with our own or not. We cannot, however, allow the use of our columns for the publication of personalities, and in consequence several communications now in this office are withheld from appearing in print. Correspondents should also take note that their real names must accompany all communications or no attention will be paid thereto.

Dawson, in all probability, has a greater warehouse capacity than any other city of its size in the world. It must be remembered, however, that there are very few cities which are allowed only five months' communication with the markets of the world to secure supplies.

The manner in which the government spokesman handled Mr. Wade's telegram from Minister Sifton reminds us forcibly of the man who prayed to be delivered from the hands of his friends. His enemies he could take care of with comparative ease.

Prince Ching, friend of the white man, is certainly one of the most remarkable characters of history, if the reports continually filtering in from China are correct. The prince was killed some weeks ago in the first rush of the Boxers at Peking. A few days later he led a regiment to the rescue of the legations and defended the imperiled foreigners like a hero. Soon after these gallant deeds he was surrounded by the Boxers, slashed over the head with a sword and then hacked to pieces. Undismayed by this untoward happening, he attacked Prince Tuan's ferocious followers and gained a prodigious victory. His enemies, rallying from their defeat, surprised him near the city gates, speared him, and to be sure that he would not revive, hung his head upon a pole. Prince Ching, however, was not to be downed even by such an accident, and the latest accounts state that he was relieved from siege by Gen. Nieh, and will soon begin operations against the hordes of his antagonists. Some kind of a medal ought to be presented Prince Ching when the allies take Peking. He is evidently a marvel, and able to discount the phoenix, the salamander and all the other animals that were ever hard to slay.—Chicago News.

### Water Did It.

"It was the water at Paardeberg that played the mischief with us," said Private Taylor, of the returned Canadians, who is just recovering from a very bad attack of enteric fever. "It was as bad as the Boers' courage—a great deal worse than their bullets. Why it used to be part of our regular morning exercise to strip off our clothes and jump into the water and push the bodies of horses and mules off the rocks onto which they had drifted during the night, in order that they might float on down the river and leave us in peace. You see, the Boers were just above us and whatever they threw into the river was carried down to our camp. It was easier to dump a dead horse in the river than to bury it, not to mention the inconvenience it put us to. I have seen that water so muddy that an outsider wouldn't have known it was water. I have seen it leave half an inch of sediment in a glass, after it had stood five minutes, but it was all we had. When you work all day on one biscuit and a quarter you are not going to be over particular about the quality of the rest of your diet, and that is what we had to do about the time of the Paardeberg fight.

For four days lots of us went without an hour's sleep at night. The rain would soak our blankets until we were almost bedded in mire; the odors of putrid cattle would almost suffocate us. We would eat our one biscuit a day and drink our muddy water. Is it any wonder we caught enteric?"

"Just before we made the last charge, before daybreak at Paardeberg," said Private Taylor, "the front rank of the Canadians were ordered to take their rifles in their right hands; and, with their left on the shoulder of the man next them, to rush forward a hundred yards or so, while the rear rank was given picks and shovels to trench. We made one hundred yards all right and were stretching it a little when we run plump into a wire struck with tin cans. As soon as the Boers heard the rattle of the tins they opened fire on us. If they had had enough courage to take aim properly, not a man of us would have escaped. As it was they had their rifles up over the edge of their trenches and blazed away blindly.

"Twenty-six Canadians fell at Paardeberg. Before the rest of us left we buried the bodies of 12 privates and six non-commissioned officers in one grave. Around it we put a double row of shells, and over it all the limestone boulders we could get hold of. It was not much of a monument, but it shows where some brave fellows lie."—Manitoba Free Press.

### Called Out U. S. Troops.

An insane woman whom the Dawson authorities are sending from the Klondike metropolis to Victoria created quite a sensation on the streets at night. The woman is in charge of Dr. Dunn and his wife, and the party were staying at the hotel. All were getting along nicely until about 5 o'clock yesterday when the insane woman put on her wraps and started out on the street. Mrs. Dunn followed her and soon the woman became violent. Mrs. Dunn pushed her into Solomon's store on Broadway and sent for Jailer McNaughton who tried to get her to go either to the hotel or to the jail. They got her out of the store, but after parading around town for half an hour or so and frequent attacks by the insane woman on her escort a call was made on the U. S. troops for assistance. Lieutenant Jenks and Dr. Bailey with two or three assistants from the hospital, responded, a hack was called and the woman was soon in Bishop Rowe hospital. The proceeding attracted a considerable crowd, which followed the procession from one street to another.

The woman's name is Mrs. Emme Hendrickson. She left last night on the Amur.—Alaskan.

### Confusing.

When the matron called upon the bride of three months, she discovered her in tears.

"Why, my dear, what is the matter?" she cried.

"I want to die! I want to die!" sobbed the bride.

"There, dear, there! What is the matter?"

"It's—it's Harry!" sobbed the girl wildly.

"Has he been abusing you?"

"No-o, but—oh, dear, what shall I do?"

"What on earth is the matter, dear?"

"He—he—oh, I can't tell you!"

"You must. Has he been staying out late nights?"

"No-o-o!"

"Has he been drinking?"

"No-o!"

"Then what is the matter?"

"He—he doesn't love me any more!"

The matron drew the sobbing girl to her side.

"Now tell me all, dear," she whispered.

"When—when he came home last night, he didn't k-k-kiss me!" she sobbed.

"My dear," said the matron, "you'll get over that. When my husband came home last night, he did kiss me, and I have been wondering ever since what he has been up to."—Detroit Free Press.

### In the Coaming.

"George," she whispered, as she crept a little closer and placed her right auricular against his left-hand second-story vest pocket—"George, I want to ask you a question—a very important one. Why do you allude to papa as a pirate? Surely you must have some good reason for doing so?"

"I have indeed!" responded George, with a dreamy, far-away look in his eyes. "Pirates board people, you know; and I expect your father, if my plans work all right, to eventually board me."

"Oh, how clever you are, George! Do you know, I was awfully afraid you were going to get off that ancient chestnut about his being such an old freebooter, and I'm so glad you didn't, because all the fellows I've had have said that, and I was longing for something new?"

And, with a contented little sigh, she ensconced her northwest ear deeper than ever in George's upper left-hand vest pocket, and settled down for the evening.—Ex.

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