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robably fire two rounds from each six inch guns and also from the nders. The drill will probably take during the early summer at Ma- Point, and will have a beneficial in stimulating interest in the work hout the regiment. Sixty rounds munition have been authorized to ned for target practice, and the oc- will be looked forward to with interest.

he inspection of the Fifth Regiment e completed to-night. No. 3 com- was inspected by Col. Peters on ay evening, and last night No. 1 any was examined by the D. O. C. nspection in each case consisted of xamintation in interior economy, drill, officers' questions, and non- missioned officers' questions. The in- on of both companies was satisfac- and as the attendance was very he companies named will lose very marks for absentees. After his in- ion of No. 2 Co. to-night, Col. s will take up the inspection of the anies in Vancouver and Westmin- No. 3 Co. of the Fifth have held hield for four years, and are hope- hat they will succeed in retaining it nother year. The keenest rivalry, per- , is in reference to the Herbert cup, h is now held by No. 5 Co. in Van- er, and which local militiamen are us to see cross the straits. This ld be a powerful incentive to No. 2 to be out in full force to-night.

THE TEES RETURNS.

Leader of the Grider Party Is a Prisoner on Board—$40,000 of Gold Dust Brought Down.

T. N. steamer Tees reached Union erday afternoon and Vancouver this ning. She is expected here hourly, has on board a prisoner in irons, the Grider whom it will be remember- eft here early in March on the Bos- itz, at the head of a large party of whom he was to pioneer into the neca country where he knew of dig- s which would yield $100 per day man.

he place was somewhere near the ion river, but on arriving at Hazel- the party, which was composed rely of well-to-do Stockton, Cal., citi- s, grew suspicious, secured their ney and placed Grider under arrest. der, with tears in his eyes, informed eporter at Vancouver that the treas- was there, but his partner had "sold ," secured the money, and was lead- the men to untold wealth on Nation r.

. H. Clear, Ohio, one of the passen- s from Dawson, brings out $6,000 in l dust ,and says that there is $40,000 rth of dust aboard all told. He re- ts a rich strike on Ensley creek, 18 es from the Yukon river, where $8 an is being secured right along. Clear orts that the steamer Mat West is nded on the beach at Skagway and n bad shape. W. E. Porter came out m Dawson in nineteen days, bring- with him drafts for $20,000, repre- nting two or three months' clean up.

HARRIS-CROSBY.

n Early Morning Wedding in the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Robert Wilson Harris the well known ancouver barrister, of the firm of arris and MacNeill, and Miss Jessie A. rosby, daughter of Rev. Thos. Crosby, resident of the Methodist conference of ritish Columbia, were united in mar- age in the Metropolitan Methodist urch, which was prettily decorated for e occasion, early this morning. The edding took place at 7 o'clock, and was olemnized by Rev. J. C. Speer, assisted Rev. Dr. Carman and Rev. Thomas rosby, the father of the bride. The room was supported by W. H. Malkin, Vancouver, and Miss Grace Crosby ade a charming bridesmaid, the Misses Vilson acting as maids of honor. Not- ithstanding the early hour at which e ceremony took place there was quite large gathering of friends of the con- acting parties. The organist of the hurch played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the bridal party entered. After e ceremony the happy couple repaired the residence of the bride's father, nd thence to the steamer Kingston, on hich they took passage to Seattle en oute to San Francisco and San Diego. Mrs. Harris, as is well known, was for many years a laborer in the mission field f northern British Columbia. Born at Port Simpson, where her father was stationed, the newly-made bride was educated at Whitby College, and after graduating from there spent several years in religious teaching among the Indians of Bella Coola district.

DRESSING WELL.

Is Quite Easy When You Know How to Do It.

There are too many women who are careless about their home gowns. They imagine they are thrifty and economical because they put on from day to day a faded or dingy dress or skirt. Such women are neither economical or wise; they are either misers or indifferent to the feelings of their family and friends when they act thus.

At an expense of from ten to twenty cents for one or two packages of Diamond Dyes any woman can make her faded gowns of skirts look as good as new. This kind of home work is true wisdom and true economy.

This spring thousands of wise and thrifty women are using the Diamond Dyes, giving new life to old and cast-off dresses and costumes, fitting them for another season's wear.

When you decide to dye, do not risk your materials with poor dyes or imitations of the Diamond Dyes; see that your dealer gives you the "Diamond" that work so easily and successfully.

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GREENWOOD CITY.

The preliminaries are being arranged for the opening of a Masonic lodge at Greenwood.

ASHCROFT.

The marriage of Mr. John D. Gillis and Miss Clara Collingsworth took place at the Methodist church last Thursday, Rev. G. Howard Osborne officiating. A large number of invited guests witnessed the ceremony, and a reception was afterwards held in the parlors of the Ashcroft hotel. The bride was given away by Mr. Wm. Lyne, Miss Collingsworth being a sister to Mrs. Lyne.

VERNON.

Death has removed ex-Ald. Thomas H. Milne. He was a native of Forfarshire, Scotland, and before coming to this city resided for some time in Manitoba. In the early days of Vernon's growth he entered into the contracting and building business, which he continued to follow until his death.

A report reached town last week that smallpox had broken out on the Indian reserve at Inkaneep, near Osoyoos. Dr. White, of Fairview, being absent, Dr. Boyce went down to Kelowna to investigate, but reports that he found nothing more serious than some cases of grippe and measles, the latter of which was mistaken at first for the more virulent diseases. Upon receipt of the first report Mr. L. Norris, government agent here, at once wired to the coast for a supply of vaccine with which to vaccinate the Siwashes.

FORT STEELE.

Navigation on the Upper Kootenay was expected to open on Saturday, April 16th. The steamer J. D. Farrell, owned by the Kootenay River Transportation Company, was to start that day to make the first trip up the river from Jennings, Mont., to Fort Steele, B. C. The two steamers of the International Transportation Company, the North Star and the Gwendolin, will at once begin making regular trips between these two points, thus giving a daily boat service to Fort Steele.

The service on the Upper Kootenay river will be much finer than in former years, the boats comparing favorably with those on Kootenay Lake. The remarkable growth of trade on this river may be judged from the fact that three years ago there was but one boat between Jennings and Fort Steele—the little steamer Annerlee, of 25 tons burden. Now there are three steamers with a total capacity of nearly 400 tons.

ROSSLAND.

An effort is being made to have an American consul placed at Rossland instead of a consular agent.

Mr. H. B. Smith has been appointed city engineer at a salary of $10 a day. He has been given instructions to proceed at once laying out plans for repairs to the streets.

Rossland, April 16.—The Blue Bell mine, a Sophie mountain property, between the Velvet and Victory-Triumph, has been sold to the New Goldfields Co., owning the Velvet.

About 600 tons or rock slipped from the wall in the 300 foot level of the Le Roi this morning and has blocked the workings of the mine, necessitating a shut-down for four or five days. No one was killed or injured. There were over 100 hundred men at work in the mine at the time. The accident is supposed to be the result of bad timbering.

The Montreal-Red Mountain Company, owning the Coxey, has purchased the Gertrude mine. The company will immediately start development work on an extensive scale.

Mr. T. G. Blackstock, vice-president of the War Eagle Company, has been made a director in the Trail Smelter Company.

The snow has nearly all gone from the mountains.

The week's ore shipments are as follows: Le Roi, 1,100 tons; War Eagle, 300; Iron Mask, 90; Centre Star, 180; total, 1,670 tons. The shipments for the same period last year were 1,207 tons. The total shipments since January 1st, 1898, are 22,117 tons.

A London stockbroker named Davies is negotiating for the purchase of the Cliff mine, a well known Rossland shipper.

Representatives of the Illustrated London News and the Financial News are in the camp to write it up and illustrate it.

KAMLOOPS.

An old timer, William Lane, father of Mrs. Edmund Cannel, who resides six miles up the North river, died suddenly on Friday. He was working alone in a field for some time, and when his son-in-law went to the place he found him dead.

William McIntyre has been arrested on the North Thompson on the charge of assault. It is alleged that McIntyre went last Saturday week to the cloim, Forest Maid, with a gun in his hand, and, using threatening language, ordered the men at work to get out. He was brought before the court on Thursday and was committed for trial. This is the first case of the kind in the district and there is considerable interest in the affair.

Kamloops, April 17.—A rousing meeting was held here on Saturday evening in the interests of F. J. Deane, the opposition candiadte in the north riding of Yale, at which the issues of the coming election were fully discussed. Mr. Deane is growing in strength and popularity daily.

Kamloops, B. C., April 16.—William Lane, an old timer, aged 73, dropped dead while following the plow at Ed. Cannell's ranch, North river, yesterday. An inquest and post-mortem were held by Coroner Clarke here. A verdict of heart disease was returned. Lane used to live at Sumas.

The firemen's third annual ball last night was an immense success. Eighty couples were present.

CHILLIWACK.

Chilliwack, April 18.—Mr. A. A. Cruickshank, a local contractor, has received the contract for the cribbing and dyking of Hope Camp and Greyells sloughs. He has already put all the available local men to work and all strangers who want work. Mr. T. Lay, another local man, has charge of the culinery department and is erecting several buildings to be utilized as kitchen, dining and sleeping rooms.

Mr. J. F. L. Tytler left here for the Matsqui dyke after opening the tenders and awarding the contracts.

Victor J. Macdonald, son of ex-Ald. D. A. Macdonald, and nephew of F. R. Macdonald, of Chilliwack, arrived here from the East last week. He will probably make his home in British Columbia. Three young men hailing from Cape Breton arrived in New Westminster last Tuesday, hearing that public works were going on here, they started for Chilliwack Friday and are now working at good wages on the dyke.

Mr. A. E. Rabb, of Lake House, near Hope, who has been visiting Chilliwack this last few weeks, left for the coast the other day. Before leaving he made the municipality a present of a valuable Berne dog. Mr. M. McNichols came over the other day from the upper country. He is representing several life assurance companies.

PLUMPER PASS.

The Anglican church recently erected on Mayne Island, Plumper Pass, was consecrated on Sunday by the Right Rev. Bishop of Columbia in the presence of a very large congregation. Three services were held during the day: Holy Communion, 9 a.m.; morning prayer, 11 a.m.; evensong and consecration service at 2:30 p.m. His Lordship gave an eloquent address, the subject being the history of consecration and its uses.

The marriage of Mr. Herbert Macklin of Galiano Island, youngest son of Mr. James Macklin, Salisbury, Eng., with Miss Ethel Julia Crockford, school teacher on the same island, and daughter of the late Mr. W. Crockford, of Victoria, was celebrated in St. Mary Magdelene's church, Plumper Pass, on Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation of relations and friends. Mrs. J. Rathom, of San Francisco, sister of the bride, was present at the ceremony. The bride entered the church punctually at the appointed hour, half-past two, leaning on her mother's arm, Mrs. De Veuille, who eventually gave her away. The bride wore a gown of cream silk, draped with Brussels lace, flowers with real orange blossoms; a wreath of orange blossoms was covered by a little veil. Her bouquet of white lilies, roses and orange blossoms, etc., was the gift of Miss Netty Gabriel. Miss Eliza King, of Victoria, was the maid of honor, while Mr. Macklin was supported by Mr. Alfred Carter, of Ladners, as best man. The Lord Bishop of Columbia performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Canon Paddon. Mr. C. Drummond Worge acted as organist. After the ceremony Mrs. DeVeuille entertained the entire wedding party at a luncheon at the Mayne Island hotel, prepared by Mr. Wm. Robson, the proprietor. In the course of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Macklin took their departure for Victoria by steamer Yosemite, en route to Vancouver, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride travelled in a gown of tan-colored poplin. The wedding presents were very numerous and beautiful, and included many handsome gifts from relations in England. The blessings of the settlement go with the happy couple, who are highly popular in the district.

GRAND FORKS.

Contractor Ross, or Toronto, who has done considerable work for the C.P.R., is here and is figuring on the rock work of the proposed line of the C.P.R. through here. It seems that a great deal of rock work is to be done some six miles from this town, up the North Fork, and it is understood that operations will be begun there within 30 days.

Alderman Jeff Davies announces that he will be a candidate at the coming city election. Mr. Davies is chairman of the finance committee.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, April 18.—Hector Stewart and John Cates have been heard from at Dawson, where they arrived safely with a party of about 100, including a large number from Victoria.

Ten men who worked five days on Kanaka bar on the Fraser river, close to Yale, took out $6,072, and on Siwash bar, twelve miles from there, men are making from $3 to $12 per day. A party from the coast is looking over the dredging ground.

A. H. Dereemer and W. A. Sturkey were arrested to-day charged with attempting to blow up a safe, in the banking house of E. Winter Smith. Both are noted criminals and have served terms in the States. If the attempt to blow up the safe had been successful the wreck would have been terrible and lives would have been lost.

E. Blewett, of the Van Anda and Jervis Inlet mines, met with an accident on Saturday in which his leg was fractured. The steamer Comox brought him from Jervis Inlet to-day.

Vancouver, April 19.—The young son of J Percival was killed yesterday just outside the city limits by falling into an unused well. The child's neck was broken by the fall.

A young man whose name is withheld by all the papers shot himself from grief at losing $75,000 of his father's money. The revolver was of small calibre and only a flesh wound was inflicted.

Pritchard Morgan, a member of the British house of commons, left for China on the Empress of Japan this evening. He has been in parliament for ten years. Mr. Morgan opened up the Welsh gold mines in 1887. He recently attempted to negotiate a loan for China, and now returns in the hope that something may transpire to enable him as representing the British government to improve the relations between Great Britain and China.

An interesting mining suit, Calland vs. George, is proceeding in the Supreme court before Mr. Justice McColl. No less tha seven legal counsel are engaged for the parties concerned. The action relates to the possession of three claims on Kokanee creek and bids fair to be protracted. It involves a case of alleged claim jumping.

The first stone of the new Canadian Pacific railway station was laid to-day without special ceremony.

Messrs. Rand Bros. are completing arrangements for the transfer of the Athabaska mine of Nelson to a strong English syndicate. It is stated that the stockholders will receive a considerable bonus on the present value of their shares and that the sum of $100,000 will be shortly forthcoming for further development work. A considerable part of the purchase money will, it is understood, be represented by paid up stock in the new company.

An inquest was held in New Westminster yesterday on the body of Dennis Fitzgerald, who died suddenly the other day after receiving a kick in the stomach. Some of the medical evidence given was to the effect that the injuries found on the body of the deceased might have been due to the assault, but the jury, being unconvinced, returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

The ship City of Delhi is expected in Vancouver daily with a general cargo from England. She will take back with her a large portion of the remnant of last year's British Columbia's salmon pack.

The mayor is calling a meeting of citizens this week to consider the advisability of a provincial bonus to the Stikine-Teslin railway and its proposed future British Columbia connection.

A PREACHER'S STORY.

Like Other Mortals He Fell Victim to Disease—Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Was the Agent Which Restored Him to Health and He Gladly Allows His Name to be Used in Telling it That Others May be Benefited too.

Rev. Charles E. Whitcombe, Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, and principal of St. Matthew's church school, Hamilton, was a great sufferer. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder cured him, and he now proclaims to the world that as a safe, simple and certain cure it has no equal. It never fails to relieve catarrh in ten minutes and cures permanently.

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ANTIPODEAN CRITIC

An Australasian Gives Some Counsel to British Columbians About Their Government.

The Example of Australia—The Dangers of Chinese Labor Pointed Out.

To the Editor: I take this chance of expressing my thanks to you and your valuable paper for the fearless way in which you voice the interests of the rising generation of this beautiful country, and hope you will always defend the interests of the workers. A free press is the only way to educate the people and show them how unscrupulous governments are robbing them and degrading the nation. I am a stranger in your land, with the gold fever, on my way to Dawson, and thinking I might not be spared to return, could not refrain from sending you these few remarks. It is the first time I have ever attempted this kind of thing, but I have this cause so much at heart.

JAMES MONRO,
Australian Hotel.

You have a delightful climate and no end of wealth in your minerals, timber and fisheries, if they were only worked for the benefit of the Canadians. Instead of a population of about 23,000 people, you would have a thriving town of at least 80,000 people, contented and prosperous. Each one of them would be a valuable acquisition to the country; the money they would earn would be spent in the country, and by that means all your great gifts that nature has been so kind as to bestow upon you, would get developed and you would become a powerful nation; your sons and daughters would be proud of their country. When I came here I looked around to see where your factories were situated; a people doing the commercial business of this town ought to be employing thousands of young men and women, manufacturing the cloths and shoes they require, besides finding them profitable employment. Sometimes I walk around your streets and schools, and I see growing up a fine race of people, that any other nation would be proud of. Then I ask myself this question: What is the future of these young people, with all their resources usurped by alien race, that are in every way their inferiors; a people whose habits and customs are different to your own, and who are constantly draining the gold out of the country, and who will in time degrade and demoralize the nation? I appeal to you to grasp this question and demand from your parliament that your grand country shall be freed from the curse of the "yellow agony" in every form. If you don't your future is doomed.

How did England become the powerful nation she is to-day but by making use of all her resources for the benefit of her own people; and to-day her sons and daughters can hold their own with any other nation under the same conditions. Are your governments doing this for you in your native country? I say no; they are working the resources of this country for the benefit of a few middlemen and foreigners, while your own people must come down to the level of these foreign people or leave the country. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and it is your duty to see to your own interests and demand from your parliament that this country shall be for Canadians. Your politicians are very fond, on paper, of boasting of their loyalty. Let them show it by legislating for their own people first. What you want to do is to return men to your legislature born in this country, that love their country and people. Not till then will you be a prosperous nation. Then you will be in reality a great people.

In Australia we were situated similarly to your people until the laboring classes combined and said this curse shall not continue, and returned men to our parliaments that had the love of their children and homes at heart; and now you know the results—undesirable people are prohibited from landing there. It is a fact that cannot be contradicted that wherever a people are cursed with "the yellow agony" those people become demoralized and property depreciates in value in that district, and the people on the whole become depraved. Join hands with your Australian cousins in this matter. At the present time there are thousands of men from Australia and England flocking into your great country to develop its resources; some with money and others with willing hands, and all willing to make this their home if possible. Some come thinking your town would be going ahead with leaps and bounds and that you would be a prosperous people, but a few hours soon convince them that it would be impossible to compete with John Chinaman, and the nation loses considerable colonists, who are forced to leave your shores. Under proper management this country ought to absorb all the whole labor it can get. Go to Australia and see what the rising generation are doing, and you will see all kinds of industries flourishing under the protection of a patriotic government; splendid boot factories, clothing factories, saw mills, and many other works, operated by white labor. Australians realize when they arrive on your shores that the conditions of life are better in their own country, and you lose desirable friends, with the same blood and feelings as yourselves.

There is nothing like gold fields to make a place go ahead, and you have plenty of them, and they always attract a go-ahead people to them.

If I could only fetch you face to face with the sights I have seen in my own country through allowing the "yellow agony" into the country! In Australia they ruin hundreds of young men and women through their depraved habits, and so they will in your fair land, and it makes my heart ache when I see these people taking the bread out of your mouths. Your rulers say they can't get white labor; I guarantee to get all the white labor you require. Thousands of servant girls in Australia would come here if there was any inducement, but not to work alongside of John; thousands of tailoresses, if they could get a living wage; thousands of tailors, if they did not have to work 16 hours out of 24 to make an honest living, and thousands of people with a little capital, if there was a white man's government in power. In Australia the masses grasp all political questions and return men pledged to serve the people that put them in power. They don't waste time in discussing whether the English capitalists will be offended if they pass this measure or that, but make laws to suit themselves.

We are not always boasting about our loyalty, but are a free people, and when we think a thing is wrong or against our interests we are not afraid to say so. Our press is free and will publish both sides of any subject, and our streets and parks are free.

You will hear men that have the interests of their country at heart speak their minds fearlessly. In the parks and on the streets you can hear able men educating the masses on political matters that concern them. I appeal to every native-born Canadian to watch the national interests, choose men from amongst yourselves to represent you and free your country from the "yellow agony" in every form and make Canada for your own people. Give your women the franchise, and then you will be able to say you are a progressive people. I don't wonder at your being a sad people, your future looks so black. Wake up and remove this curse from your shores, and then you will be able to say to every white man that comes to this country: "We have work for you to do." I ask you what benefit does this nation receive from all its resources? You must admit that the yellow man gets most of the profit and your country is so much poorer. Form yourselves into a grand national society, and only allow natives of the soil to join it, and use your combined strength to rule and manage your own affairs, and then indeed you will be the most prosperous and go-ahead people in the British Empire. You have the climate, the people and resources to become a great nation.

JAMES MUNRO.

Warning

When a man is physically weak, when he loses ambition, when his powers flag, when he suffers from the bad habits of his youth, when excesses have exhausted him—there is still one hope, a hope full of promise. It is in the medicines and appliances of the Erie Medical Co.

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POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

Opposition to the Turner Government—A Candidate Selected.

The first meeting of the provincial political campaign was held in the Good Templars' Hall on Saturday evening, in the interests of those who are opposed to the present Turner government. There was a very large attendance and a party organization for the city of Nanaimo was decided upon. The election of officers resulted as follows: C. H. Barker, president; George Campbell, vice-president; W. Jones, secretary; H. Aitken, assistant secretary; C. Wilson, treasurer; Messrs. Yarwood, Brown and Diamond, finance committee.

A working committee of twenty-five members was selected for the different wards.

Dr. Robert S. McKechnie was unanimously elected as the candidate of the party for the city of Nanaimo at the approaching provincial general elections.—Nanaimo Free Press.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Watson Noble was acquitted this morning by Judge Harrison in the speedy trials court on the charge of breaking into and entering by night Christopher Morley's warehouse in Waddington Alley with intent to steal therefrom. G. H. Barnard appeared for the crown and H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., for the accused.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

Contemplation of the Senate's Action on the Yukon Railway Bill.

It is Looked Upon in the East as a Betrayal of British Columbia.

What Canada Has Irretreviably Lost and What Might Have Gained.

Ottawa, April 11.—It is interesting to move about the capital and listen to the opinions of men of good business habits and of a thoughtful turn of mind discuss the situation created by the defeat of the government Yukon bill by the senate. Your correspondent to-day talked over the matter with two or three well-informed individuals, whose opinions may be regarded as of some value, and he was surprised to find the unanimity of opinion that prevailed. It was well said by a French philosopher that agreement if true conviction amongst men who have not formed their opinions by mutual concessions is an evidence of truth, but that an agreement, if the opinion is erroneous, without intercourse, is well nigh an impossibility.

The Senate's Great Mistake.

Those whose opinions were sought to-day were quite agreed that the senate had made a great mistake, both in its own interests and in the interests of the country. The contract made by the government with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann was for furnishing the Yukon country with a railway without casting any burden whatever on the people. The compensation was a grant of land which was utterly worthless unless made to yield up whatever treasure was in it, and this could only be done by mining parties, which would give employment to people living in the country, where there was neither food nor clothing, except what was brought in from abroad, and where the compensation upon the trade would amply reward the government and the public for all the expenditure made on account of the new possession.

The Canadian Aspect.

The senate had before its eyes, said these gentlemen, the evidence that the United States upon the Pacific coast and their representatives at Washington were frustrating the policy of the government, an evidence in itself that that policy was in the interests of the Canadian people, for had it been otherwise the men of San Francisco and Seattle would have had no interests in fighting a policy if they did not feel that it was taking away the trade from themselves and giving it to the inhabitants of Victoria and Vancouver.

British Columbia Betrayed.

That British Columbia members should have voted against a public measure calculated to bestow greater advantages to that province than anything ever done for it since it came into the union, not excepting the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was a matter of astonishment. In fact, such a proceeding was idiotic, and it would be as well to transfer matters of public concern of the province to the representatives of a lunatic asylum, for even in their maddest moments they could not have done the province a greater injury.

The senate since it has performed the great feat of defeating an important government measure, can hardly be proud of its achievements, seeing that it was at once called upon to promote an enterprise that would build up large cities on the Lynn canal by a trade that would be exclusively Canadian. The senate seems to have acted on the assumption that Canada was sufficiently honored by having to bear the cost of governing that country without deriving any advantage from its possession, either through the mines that were being worked, or the trade that was carried on by the mining population.

What Will Be Done Now.

Your correspondent asked the gentlemen in question whether they thought it wise that the government should proceed with any further attempt at railway construction this year. It was pointed out to them that a great many friends of the senate engaged in manufacturing enterprises or trade would not feel the pinch arising from the action of the senate by which the injury might be repaired, but the reply was that this would be a village policy for a matter of great national concern.

Extension to Another Port.

They expressed the opinion that the gold mines of that region were likely to have a permanent value for a long time to come, that everything indicated immense gold deposits, and that the government might well modify the scheme by extending the route to Portland Canal or Observatory Inlet, or some other point in Canadian territory on the seaboard. If this were done a large seaport would grow up on Canadian soil either at Port Simpson or further north, and a Canadian city would be at once called into existence instead of at Lynn Canal, which is in possession of the United States.

The Burden on Canada.

The Canadian people could in this way control the trade and make their way into Alaska, as well as the Yukon. They went on to say that the people of Canada must bear the expense of maintaining law and order, the cost of subsistence, and the great expense of getting men and ammunition of war, food and clothing, into the Yukon country, and that a railway would far more than pay the interest upon any subsidy that might be granted for the completion of this road to the seaboard; and that if the parliament of Canada undertook to get on without a road, they would lost the trade and possibly lose the country, and if they did not they would at least be called upon to bear the burdens of governing the country without a railway and without getting anything from the country to assist them in doing so.

A Subsidy and Land Grant.

In this view all three gentlemen agreed. They said a subsidy in addition to a land grant would clear the extra cost in getting in supplies for the maintenance of the police and any military force that might be sent there. It was pointed out to them that the view of the house of commons might differ as widely from theirs on this question as did the the view of the senate in the recent discussion, but the answer was that the house of commons was not capable of taking so narrow and short-sighted a view; at all events there were men amongst them with sufficient foresight and sufficiently well-informed to protect them against throwing away the first opportunity that Canada has had since the Grand Trunk railway was built of securing a large addition annually to its corporation. The current of immigration now flows to the Yukon country, and it will do so from various directions, and even if the Yukon were to be blotted out in twenty years and deserted, the influence which it has given and exerts over the country in drawing population in that direction will have filled up British Columbia and the Northwest from Dauphin Lake to the source of the Peace river.

"This," said one of the gentlemen, in a very emphatic manner, "is Canada's opportunity, and it remains to be seen whether the house of commons and the present government will appreciate the position of affairs, and are equal to the occasion."

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