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THE DEMAND UNANIMOUS.

The position taken by the Nugget in reference to the mail contract here by the U. S. N. Co. has received, practically, the unanimous endorsement of the community.

The failure of the company to make proper provisions for carrying out the terms of its contract, notwithstanding the enormous sum paid for so doing, has brought from the entire community the demand that the contract be taken from the present holders and entrusted to some concern which will have a proper regard for its obligations.

The fact that it is possible to handle the mail at this season of the year has been demonstrated over and over. As was reported in the Nugget yesterday, the contractor for the lower country has carried out the terms of his agreement to the letter and has never missed a trip when there has been any real delay for him.

The police boys left Whitehorse with mail after fifty-five river was entirely open. The mail was brought down the river by canoes, and the teams were used to cross Lake Lebarge, when canoes were again brought into service.

There is no reason why the White Pass, which enjoys a primary revenue from the mail contract, should not give as good service as the police boys who worked for almost no remuneration at all.

There are men in Dawson who are willing to take the contract on the basis of the railway company, which has simply abused the community from which it draws its revenues.

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