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CONDITIONS IN YUKON.

W. T. Chapman Says Day of Individual
Miner Has Gone By.

W. T. Chapman, Jr., son of the well-known rancher at Cobble Hill, resided continuously in the Yukon Territory for about seven years. Has carefully studied conditions there and reached the conclusion that the day of the working man has gone by in the Yukon.

"While the big dredges will result in an increased output of gold," he states, "the average miner who saves his money while working will only come out about even at the end of the year. Men who used to be paid \$15 a day now only get from \$3.50 to \$4 and their board. In winter wages are less running from \$60 per month to \$3 a day. Only a few men are employed during the winter months, doing dead work, all the others are laid off. The working season opens about July 10th and lasts, with two shifts, until about September 15th. The weather then gets too cold for the night shift, which is then laid off; the season closing for the year on October 5th to 15th. With the exception of two or three weeks in May working at the clean up, and a short spell of work for a few men digging open cuts, this is all the work the miner can depend upon. If a man has a steady job in Victoria, he would be wise to stay away from the north. He can make better money here, all things considered, and be ahead at the end of the year."

R. R. R.

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