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**THE EXPORT DUTY.**

The substitution of an export duty in the place of the ruinous royalty tax has several desirable features which would tend to relieve the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs, as brought about by reason of existing legislation.

Primarily and principally it would serve to distribute among all classes of our population the burden of taxation, which at the present time falls practically upon the miner alone. Under the export tax system every person, no matter what his occupation or by what means he acquires his gold would be compelled to pay the tax upon all gold taken out of the country by him. As long as he keeps his money here for re-investment, no tax would be collected, and thus every encouragement would be given for the development of the resources of the territory by home capital.

Money taken out of the country is dead money so far as concerns our own development and growth. It will not come back to be used in our channels of trade, nor will it come back for investment. Another point to be considered in this connection is the fact that to a large extent gold shipped out of the country represents profits, and in consequence a tax levied upon gold so shipped would be far more equitable than the present royalty tax, which not infrequently is charged against net losses.

The imposition of such a tax should carry with it the complete abolition of the royalty and the establishment of a local government assay office where exchange of dust for currency may be effected at the smallest possible cost. Beyond a doubt legislative measures along the above lines would aid materially in bringing about a period of renewed prosperity for the entire Canadian Yukon country.

**UNCLE SAM'S POSITION.**

If President McKinley does not keep a pretty tight rein on the imperialist steeds that have hitched themselves to his chariot, he is apt to get carried farther into this China business than will be comfortable for either the Republican party or the United States. It is well to have a vigilant eye to the protection of citizens in a foreign country—in fact that is a part of a government's duty—but when the president of the United States, without explicit authority from congress, sends the army, or a portion of it to a friendly nation with which this government is maintaining diplomatic relations, on the grounds, either real or assumed, that American citizens who are in that country, most of them in private capacities, are not safe or that their property is being destroyed, he is getting dangerously close to imperialism, or at least establishing a precedent that may lead us a good way from the governmental landmarks that are imbedded in the Declaration of Independence and in the constitution.

The lust for territory is so rampant among the imperialists of Europe that it is plain that China, sooner or later, is to be partitioned among them. In fact, through the medium of a "sphere of influence," such a partition has practically been already made. A few provinces of the former empire still remain to China, among them Pechili. It is rumored that the powers of Europe are willing that this province shall be in the "sphere of influence" of the United States.—Seattle Times.

Latest authorities on the subject of the Nome diggings express the belief that discoveries of sufficient value have

been made in the vicinity of Nome to maintain a population of from 2000 to 3000 people. The number of people now at Nome is variously estimated at figures ranging from 30,000 to 50,000. It would appear, therefore, that the ratio between the actual population and the population which the city of ruby sand fame is really entitled to is in the neighborhood of 16 to 1. This startling economic discovery ought to furnish a large amount of campaign material for the use of Democratic war horses in the great political battle now in progress in the states.

It is worthy of note that when the question of granting the Yukon immediate representation in the house of parliament was voted upon, a negative vote was recorded by the member from Alberta, Mr. Oliver. We do not believe that we should be much the gainer if Mr. Oliver's district should be extended to include this territory as is now proposed. The only effects which would accrue from such action would be to postpone the day when representation from the Yukon district will be granted. Any such plan as that involved in the suggested extension of the Alberta district is a fraud pure and simple.

Immense quantities of mining machinery have been brought in already this season and in all probability an amount equally as large will yet come in. The most important feature in connection with this heavy importation of machinery lies in the fact that most of it is brought in under contract with claim owners direct. This insures operation during the coming winter upon a large scale. There is every reason for believing that more men will be employed at steady labor and fair remuneration during the coming season than ever before in the history of gold mining in the Klondike.

**Politics Don't Go.**

When interrogated yesterday concerning his attitude towards allowing political issues to find their way into the Board of Trade meetings, President Fulda said: "The Board of Trade is an institution wholly devoted to commercial and mining interests, and politics are altogether foreign to its mission, and will therefore not be allowed to take up time at the meetings."

"Yes, I noticed that matters had a decided tendency to drift towards politics Wednesday evening, but as it was the first meeting devoted to the matter now before the board I let things take their course, but you can say for me that the Board of Trade as an organization is not in politics."

**Unknown Parts of Canada.**

Charles A. Bramble, of Montreal, a civil engineer employed by the Canadian government in surveying unexplored parts of the province of Quebec, and now visiting this city, talks inter-

estingly of his explorations and of the vast amount of game found. During the past winter he traversed from Alaska to Lake Teunscaminique, 150 miles from Ottawa. The work of surveying the country is done mostly in winter, but Mr. Bramble intends returning early. He will spend the summer in hunting as well as exploring. He has been engaged in civil engineering work in Canada for 20 years, and says that civilization in the northern part of Quebec has been extended slowly. Dense forests of pine and spruce are all that can be seen, and the land is not fit for farming.

Indians constitute the meager population. They are a harmless, half-breed variety, and live peacefully, never creating disturbances for the Canadian government. There is a colony of Englishmen at the head of Lake Teunscaminique who devote themselves to fishing and hunting. Of late during the summer there have been hunting parties in the region.

American speculators have leased plots of timber lands 100 miles square from the government. Mr. Bramble says the pine has been found to be the best yet discovered for the manufacture of pulp. A pulp mill is to be erected at Mattawa.

The climate is cold in winter and warm in summer. Mr. Bramble says the four seasons are about a week behind those of this district. A person can live cheaply in the district, said the explorer. Moose is abundant, and the principal subsistence of the natives. Wild ducks are undisturbed, as they are too small game for the natives.

The Canadian government will send an expedition to the extreme northern part of the province next winter in search of minerals, because of recent discoveries by some of its engineers. It is thought that gold and diamonds are to be had in the Hudson bay vicinity.

"There is a territory as large as Ireland," said Mr. Bramble, "in the center of Canada that no civilized man has ever explored. Nothing is known of that part, even to whether it is inhabited. The Canadian government is working industriously in this direction, and has many engineers and men engaged for the purpose."—Syracuse Post-Standard.

**Lieut. Adair Leaves.**

Lieut. E. S. Adair left last night on the steamer Hamilton for St. Michael en route to Nome, where he expects to remain about two weeks, going from there to Seattle. He expects to return to Dawson for the winter, reaching here sometime before the close of navigation.

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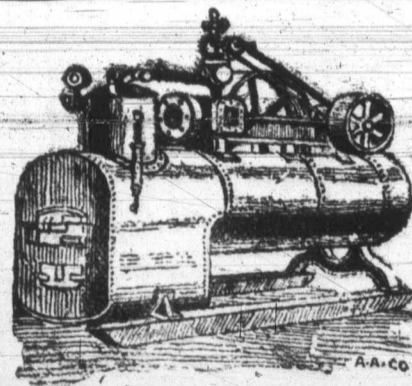
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