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"I am Nothing, if Not Critical."—Shakespeare.

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EDITORIAL.

AN INTERESTING EXPEDITION.

The Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation, of London, Eng., and Victoria, B. C., is about to arrange an interesting expedition to the Yukon. The party is to leave Victoria on or about the 15th of February, aboard the steamer Amur, and proceed to Fort Wrangel, accompanied, it is stated, by no less than 80 teams of horses, sleighs, and three dog trains, and in the charge of a veteran Western Canadian pioneer in the person of the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, the Province's ex-lieutenant-governor. At Wrangel the journey will be continued up the Stikine river on the very rough ice of that waterway, and thus give those joining the expedition a very fair experience of sub-arctic travel. After Glenora and Telegraph creek are passed, a snow road to Teslin lake will be taken, and when the party reaches the lake there will seemingly be quite a lengthy wait until the Hootalinqua opens and access is clear to famine-threatened Dawson City, where the party should arrive in late spring. The company, of which Sir Charles Tupper is president, has ample capital, and will doubtless fulfil its contract of conveying the passengers to Dawson City after more or less delay—probably more rather than less—en route. And as the cost of the outing is to be \$500, and the party is to be kept very select and convoyed by an ex-lieutenant-governor, the expedition should prove as attractive to the fairly

"well fixed" Yukon traveler as such a winter departure can be under the circumstances. There is no doubt that the company will receive more than ample applications for the necessarily limited accommodation available, without any great amount of advertising. But whether in the end those who thus reach the desolate regions about Dawson City will find the "game worth the candle," in more than a few cases, is more than doubtful. They will, however, have gained, by the way, an experience of a kind, which few will care voluntarily to repeat in a lifetime, provide the company both well and wisely, which may probably be fairly anticipated from the fact that two of its directors—both men well on in years—will accompany the expedition, thus personally guaranteeing that it shall be made as little trying as possible. The venture scarcely calls for facetiousness, but we can scarcely fail to be reminded by the guarantee of the personal participation of two directors, of Punch's famous recipe for safer English railway traveling, given, we believe, in the early fifties, when the danger of such travel had not, as now, been reduced to a minimum. Punch's plan was to cause a couple of directors to ride pinned to the engine buffers. The present expedition's safety is guaranteed on quite parallel principles.

NOT ABOVE SUSPICION.

The proposal of the United States congress to send, under military guidance, stores worth some \$200,000 as relief to the American miners now penned in at or about Dawson City, in the British Yukon, may perhaps be well intended, though the military co-operation is rather unpleasantly suggestive. It is worth noting, too, that with characteristic Yankee shrewdness it is proposed that the relief stores shall, if and when possible, be sold rather than given to those needing them. There are very strong objections, as we think, on principle to this proposal to send relief to suffering Americans in far Northwestern Canada by means of an expedition that is at least in part military. And even if this objection be deemed somewhat strained, though we think it sufficiently valid per se, it seems to us that the acceptance of the proposal by the