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### NO YUKON RAILWAY.

An reference to another page will indicate, parliament will in all probability pass no Yukon railway bill during the present session.

After endeavoring unsuccessfully at the session a year ago to sell the Klondike body and soul to the MacKenzie-Mann concern, the Liberal leaders have concluded to await further developments before repeating the experiment.

It appears that companies contemplating railroad building to Dawson are looking for the shortest and most feasible route, which, of course, is a straight line, or as nearly such as possible, from Dawson to the coast. The Dalton trail seems to be the most favored route, but that trail at present terminates in American territory, and parliament is not particularly desirous of assisting in the construction of a railroad, one of the principal effects of which will be to build up an American city on the Alaskan coast.

The hope of the Liberal leaders is that when a final adjustment of the boundary dispute takes place Canada will be left in possession of a port of entry on the coast and unobstructed access to the Yukon. Without doubt all expectation of an all-Canadian route to the Yukon must be based upon this outcome of the boundary question.

The Stickeen route was tried last year and found wanting to such a degree that it has been entirely abandoned and steamers plying upon the Stickeen have been taken off. The natural route for quick travel into this country is from the ports of Lynn canal, all of which are at present American possessions. The great cost of construction, together with expenses of operation, make it altogether desirable that any railway which may be constructed into this country should come by the most direct route.

Canadian statesmen must bring to bear all their resources of diplomatic finesse if they succeed in securing the much coveted port which will afford the only true all-Canadian route to Dawson.

### POOR AMERICANISM.

One of the reverend gentlemen of the city delivered a discourse last Sunday evening in the course of which a very considerable amount of territory was covered—so to speak. The sermon, or rather lecture, as it may perhaps be more aptly termed, was evidently inspired by the approach of the American national holiday. The speaker very properly alluded to the pleasant relations now existing between England and the United States, but went out of his way to pass a censure upon American residents of the Yukon territory who have had the hardihood to complain of hardships worked upon them by reason of unjust regulations.

The exact words used were about as follows: "No true, loyal American citizen while in Canadian territory will condemn Canadian laws."

The Nugget will have to take issue with the reverend gentleman upon this point. The statement made by him was an exceedingly broad one. He did not modify his position by excepting laws manifestly unjust and unfair, or laws which are not even supported by local Canadian sentiment. He simply laid down as a general proposition that residence in Canadian territory debar an American citizen from criticizing Canadian law.

Evidently he has forgotten the circumstances under which gold was originally discovered in the Klondike. He forgets that American citizens came into this territory upon the invitation of Canadian officials to prospect. He forgets that had it not been for these same Americans the Klondike in all probability would still be a howling wilderness. He fails to remember that it was not until American citizens had revealed to the world the wealth of the Klondike that the present unjust and burdensome regulations were passed.

We are of the opinion that it is not only the right but the duty of American residents of the Yukon to use their utmost exertions, so long as they confine themselves within the law, to secure such modifications in existing regulations as the situation requires. American citizens exceed in number, and American interests exceed in value those of all the other nations represented in the Klondike combine. Why they should not ask to be heard when it comes to passing laws which vitally affect those interests we are unable to see.

Such Americanism as this parson preaches is poor stuff.

### MODERN DIVORCES.

Not a little comment has been made upon the unusual proceedings in the Sloane divorce case, but the following from the June number of *Law Notes* indicates a healthy sentiment upon the subject in the legal profession which will be noted with pleasure by our right-minded readers:

"We wish to and do register an earnest and emphatic protest against the methods which were resorted to in the procurement of the Sloane divorce in New York city. No one doubts that 'statutory grounds' were abundant and proof thereof plentiful. And no one will gainsay that if the conduct of men and women of wealth is so low and licentious that the bare mention of details would result in depraving the public morals, it is a wise law that provides for taking the evidence behind closed doors and sealing the findings. But we insist that even if millionaires are willing to swap wives while crossing a stream, they should be required to go over a bridge, and that the drawbridge should be open and they should be halted long enough to allow the public to know what they are doing. The orders of a court, regardless of the wealth of the parties affected and their position in society, should not be pigeon-holed, but should be regularly entered along with other papers. Lawyers will not tolerate some things, even though society does. The Sloane divorce was procured with unseemly haste and undue and unwarranted secrecy. We hope that we shall never look upon its like again."

UNCLE SAM is proceeding rapidly with the work of paying off the Cuban soldiers. About \$30,000 has already been distributed and a large amount still remains to be paid out. Such an act of generosity is almost unprecedented in the annals of civilized warfare. The moral effect, however, will more than compensate the American government for the expenditure. The Cubans will learn from it the difference between a Spanish regime actuated entirely from motives of cruelty and avarice and an enlightened and generous power, striving to better the conditions of its subjects. Should the United States be enabled to give Cuba a government such as will unite all the opposing factions in the unhappy island she will accomplish a feat that will deserve and receive the admiring plaudits of the world. The manner in which the late insurgents are being treated is a long step toward attaining this very desirable end.

REPUBLICAN newspapers and leaders are hot after the scalp of Mark Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee. Hanna has been a sore spot in the eyes of the rank and file of the republican party ever since his despotic manipulation of the last republican convention. Few politicians have been ridiculed and caricatured as Hanna at the hands of his opponents. There is a well defined opinion in the states that McKinley will suffer defeat at the next election if he insists upon the retention of Hanna at the head of the national

committee. Meanwhile Hanna has announced his candidacy for the chairmanship and will not admit defeat until he receives it at the hands of the next convention.

DAWSON is rapidly assuming the appearance and proportions of an established and permanent town. There is an evidence of solidity about the city that was absent last summer and which certainly augurs well for the future. The arrival of every boat sees an additional number of families coming in, which is the best possible evidence that many of our citizens look upon Dawson as their home for a number of years at least. There will probably be double the number of children in town during the coming winter than were here last year, and some arrangements for a school should be made immediately. It is no credit to the authorities that one was not provided for last winter.

DAWSON is again without fire protection. The Yukon Council has seen fit to collect the local revenues and deny the city the privileges of an incorporated body. It therefore rests with them to take immediate steps toward placing some sort of protection between the business men and constant menace from fire. We see no reason for attaching any censure to the department for the action they have taken. The boys have done good work without compensation, and to say they have not been properly treated at the hands of the authorities is putting the case mildly. A city council comprised of business men who have interests at stake is what Dawson requires.

In laying pipes for supplying the city with water for domestic purposes the utmost caution should be exercised in order that no foreign matter from the surface may secure admission to the pipes. Impure water has probably been the cause of more disease in Dawson than all other agencies combined. The authorities should see to it that boxes or other conduits shall be so made as to absolutely exclude surface water.

THE *Sun* claims to be the only and original government organ. We are in doubt as to which is entitled to the most sympathy, the *Sun* or the government.

It is rumored around that the *Sun* is again for sale. There is a popular impression prevailing that there is not much left of the *Sun* but the editor.

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