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sack of flour, a pound of sugar and, in fact, every article he consumes. It is known that when the Northern Commercial company announced a sweeping reduction in prices recently the representatives of the octopus at once registered a vigorous protest, for it well knew that when goods are sold in Dawson at prices less than it charges for transporting them to the country that its support will be at once withdrawn. It is confidently believed that it is to register further protests against this general reduction in prices that officials of the company are now here or are en route.

This same squeezing policy toward the Yukon was pursued by the government until within the past few months and until the latter realized that its grasp must be released and the nurturing policy adopted if the country was to have a future. The result is well known. Rigid laws have been modified, the country has been thrown open to prospectors, the royalty has been cut in two in the middle, and so far as existing mining laws are concerned it is smooth sailing for the miner. But there are other obstacles in the way of the development of the country, and that is the cost of the necessities of life and of the machinery necessary in such development. The disposition of the merchants of Dawson is to remove this obstacle, but how can they succeed when they pay in some instances four and five times the original cost of the article to the octopus in transportation charges.

It is useless to talk of future growth and development in the Yukon so long as freight charges are unaltered. Merchants cannot afford to long sell goods at the present reduced prices, as in many of the staples it is a losing proposition, and when the present stock in trade is disposed of there will be a shortage in those lines, for the reason that it is not business to import goods and sell them below cost.

It is a mistake to entertain the delusion that Dawson cannot free herself from the embrace of the octopus, for she can; in fact, is now doing it, as the empty boxcars and steamer decks now bear silent but irrefutable testimony. It is for the importers in the Yukon to stand pat and their demands will be conceded. Freight rates can be obtained that will permit of goods being sold in Dawson at good profits even at greater reductions than have yet been made. Let the merchants of the Yukon dictate the prices at which they shall dispose of their goods, and, for that matter, let them dictate the prices they will pay for the transportation of their goods.

The idea of the octopus presuming to instruct the merchants of Dawson as to what prices to charge the prospector and miner for what he eats savors of Chinese rule. But the residents of the Yukon, unfortunately for the octopus, are not coolies.

Protest Sustained.
The following is the final decision of the judges re the protest of Mr. C. McLeod against Mr. Flannery's "Kid," for second place in the pony race. It will be remembered that "Kid" was second at the post, McLeod's "Barney Jean" being third, but a protest was entered by McLeod stating that "Kid" was above the height scheduled in the program.

Decision.—We are of the opinion that the protest entered by Mr. McLeod against Mr. Flannery's "Kid" will have to be sustained. We think that "Kid" was improperly entered in the pony race, being above the scheduled height, 14.3 hands. We do not believe, however, that Mr. Flannery entered his horse knowing that he was not eligible and we therefore hold:

1. That the entrance fee of \$10 paid by Mr. Flannery be refunded.
2. That second money be awarded "Barney Jean" the entry of Mr. McLeod.

(Signed) THOS. A. M'GOWAN,
R. S. ORR,
H. G. WILSON.

July 6, 1901.

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WORK GOES MERRILY ON

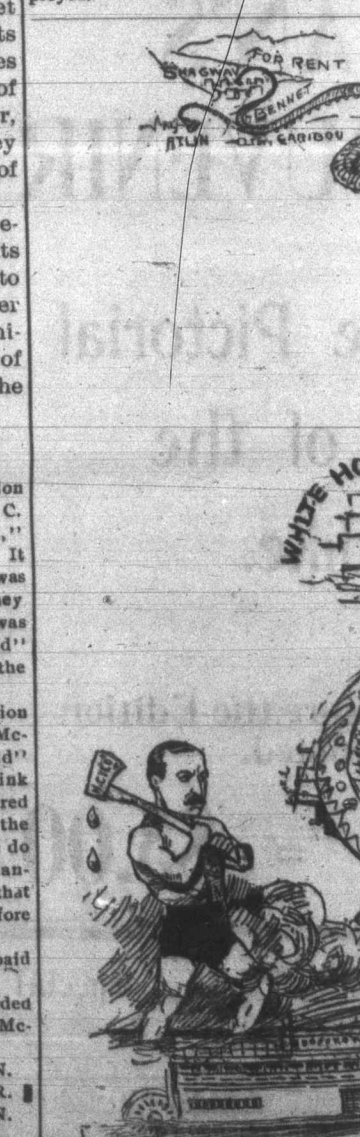
Road Building by Both Territorial and Dominion Government.

Estimated That All Work Will be Completed in 40 Days—Total of 375 Men Employed.

Additional gangs of men are being sent out every day or two to work on the roads now under construction by the Dominion and territorial government. A squad of men left yesterday to begin work this morning on the section running from the junction of Calder and Quartz down the latter to the mouth of the creek. Boarding houses have been established on the lower end of Quartz in close proximity to the work. The latter part of the week another gang of 60 men will be put on the 14-mile section connecting the mouth of Quartz with Eureka via Montana creek. This will give a total of some 200 men a work on the improvements being inaugurated by the territorial government under the immediate direction of Commissioner Ross. The territorial work includes the completion of the Bonanza road to the ridge, that on Eldorado to Chief gulch, down Calder to Quartz and thence to Eureka and a short road to Adams and Cheechako hills.

The work being performed by the Dominion government is separate and distinct from that previously mentioned and is being done under the general parliamentary appropriation of \$100,000 for roads in the Yukon territory. It embraces the road up Hunker and down Dominion and also one on Sulphur and Gold Run if the appropriation does not become exhausted in constructing the first two named. The work on Hunker began several days ago, 30 men being employed on the section extending from the Ogilvie bridge to the mouth of the creek, and two gangs of 65 men are working both ways from the mouth of Gold Bottom. Within a few days two more camps will be established at the mouth of Caribou on Dominion numbering 60 men. Part of these will work up Dominion and Lombard gulch to connect with the Hunker road and the others will continue down the creek as far as 120 below lower. The work on Sulphur and Gold Run will not be laid out until the completion of the Hunker and Dominion roads and the extent of it then will depend upon the amount of money left out of the appropriation. The total number of men being employed is approximately 375—200 on the territorial work and 175 on the Dominion. The gangs are now all complete and no others will be employed. It is estimated the work will be finished within 40 days.

Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand, in Engineer Thibedeau's office, denies the rumor on the street that preference has been given French Canadians in the matter of employment. A glance at the payrolls shows that 80 more men would be required to give the French Canadian quota—one-half the total number employed.



THE OCTOPUS THAT EMBRACES EVERYTHING FROM SKAGWAY TO DAWSON.

TO RELEASE KID WEST

Windy Skagway Lawyer Longed to Make a Reputation.

Below is the account as published in the Skagway Alaskan of the 11th of the attempt made there to release "Kid" West from the Canadian police who were returning him to the U. S. officials. The lawyer Barnes mentioned is a newcomer in Skagway and evidently made the play as one effort to bring himself into prominence. The lawyer and the "Kid" seem to have been the only two people anxious for the latter's release. The article from the Skagway paper is as follows:

Yesterday noon Attorney Barnes demanded of Marshall Snook a copy of the writ upon which "Kid" West had been committed to his charge.

The marshal asked for time in which to copy the writ. West, who was advised by the marshal of Barnes' action, disclaimed having employed the latter, nor did he want to institute any proceedings in the courts. He desired to go to his destination quietly and not create a scene.