

GETTING TO KLONDIKE.

WORDS OF WARNING FROM THE LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES.

What a Famous Explorer has to Say About the Trials and Tribulations of a Trip Thither.

The Financial Times, London, writes on the Canadian gold country as follows: In general terms we all know that there are difficulties in the way of getting to the goldfields on the Yukon River. But, speaking for ourselves, we had not the faintest conception of the extent of these difficulties until we read in this month's Strand Magazine, an interview with Mr. Harry de Windt, a well-known—almost famous—explorer, who has been there. The recital of the obstacles in the way of getting to the fields would make a bi-metallist chortle in his joy, were it not for the fact that Mr. de Windt predicts that all the troubles will ultimately be overcome. His statements bear the unmistakable impress of truth, impartiality and intelligence.

NO AXE TO GRIND.

There is obviously no axe to grind; the explorer, while narrating his own experiences, of a kind calculated to give one a cold shiver down the spine, concludes in this wise—"As to the great Klondike 'rush' next spring, there is no doubt it will alter the face of the entire region, the climate notwithstanding. Railways and steamships and telegraphs will soon be established. Fortunes will be made and the unlucky forced to the wall. Sensational reports may be expected daily, for the place is a real Tom Tiddler's ground, honey-combed by rivers and creeks with sands of gold. There is plenty of room for all between the Klondike to the Casiar.

"Let the gold seekers take their time and make prudent preparations. The ultimate result will doubtless be that a little known region will be dotted with thriving cities, and the shouts of triumph from the fortunate few will drown the dying wails of the many who will fail." These words are worthy of consideration by all interested, either as prospective gold seekers on their own account or through the media of exploration and development companies. To these companies, as to individual prospectors, the remark applies that "the shouts of triumph from the fortunate few will drown the dying wails of the many who will fail."

NOT A HAPPY LOT.

Mr. de Windt is very careful to warn everybody who starts from England for the Klondike fields, that it is madness to do so with less than £300 capital. "You've got to get yourself, and perhaps half a ton of stores, over thousands of miles of awful country—snow mountains, stormy lakes and raging rapids." That is not a cheering prospect, and there are other trifling details, such as snow blindness, accidents on the water, scurvy, filthy companionship physically and morally, accidents in mountain climbing and so on. Taking one consideration with another, the Klondike explorer's lot is not a happy one.

The photographs illustrating this interview, are all interesting, and one in particular is appalling. It makes one feel giddy to look at the picture of Mr. de Windt, scaling a precipice at an angle of more than 45 degrees, as a necessary stage in his journey to the fields. At one point in the journey, when transportation by water becomes necessary, the explorer or prospector has to build his own boat! On arriving at the head of Lake Lindemann, the first of a chain of five lakes, this becomes essential. "You must build a boat here capable of carrying yourself and your stores hundreds of miles across lakes and through rapids. It doesn't matter if you know nothing of boat building; you must build some sort of boat or raft, or else turn back over the awful Chilcoot. 'Where is the wood?' you ask in dismay. You have to fell the trees for it—aye, and travel miles to find a tree, so disforested has this spot been by hundreds of eager gold-seekers. In your baggage should be not merely the tools for tree felling and plank sawing, but even the very pitch which is to caulk the seams of your crazy craft."

DRAWING THE MORAL.

The starting point from comparative civilization is a place called Jureau, and when you leave that, says Mr. de Windt, "there is no more food for eight hundred miles, and gold won't ouy it." Miners, he adds, have been found dying of starvation in the camps with sacks of gold dust for their pillows.

The moral to be drawn from what Mr. de Windt, as an explorer, has said regarding the way of getting to Klondike is a very simple one. The gold fields are of fabulous richness, but to get at them involves fearful risks of every conceivable kind. The richness of the fields, however, is such as to promise ample profit to those who venture to spend their money in providing facilities for access. In the best event it is a gamble, but the possibilities of gain in Klondike are illimitable, and the people who provide the means of getting there in a reasonable time, and with only a moderate danger to life and limb, will be certainly entitled to a very handsome percentage on the capital they put in, keeping in mind the very serious risks they undertake. The problem of transportation is the one to be solved. There is no question as to the outcome, provided that this result is arrived at. But here we must warn our readers to be very watchful in one special respect. Assuming that the existing difficulties in transport are overcome, it will be the height of folly to accept as a basis for an estimate of future earnings, and thereby for capitaliz-

ation, the onerous rates for both freight and passenger traffic which could readily be obtained at present as an alternative to climbing precipices, dying of starvation, being frozen to death, or dashed to pieces in descending rapids.

CANADA GIVES WARNING.

The Canadian Government, with the candor and altruism which has always marked its administration, has issued a notice that "The attention of the Managing Committee of the Emigrants' Information Office having been drawn to various advertisements of persons or syndicates professing to dispatch parties of emigrants and prospectors to the Klondike gold fields, the public is warned that these gold fields are not at present accessible to ordinary emigrants, and is strongly urged not to send money in consequence of such advertisements without making enquiry either at the above office or at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria street, London, S.W." We understand that our own Emigration Office has given similar advice, and warnings of this kind ought not to be disregarded.

A WIDOW'S STRUGGLE.

HARD WORK BROUGHT ON A SEVERE ILLNESS.

Nervous Prostration, Dizziness and Extreme Weakness—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Came to Her Rescue After Hospital Treatment Failed.

From the Fort William Journal. In the town of Fort William lives a brave widow, who for years has by dint of constant labor kept the wolf from the door and her little family together. From morning till night she toiled to provide comforts for her loved ones until nature at last protested against such a constant drain on her strength, and so she began to lose health. Soon the slender frame became unable to bear its daily load of toil, and the poor mother was at last forced to give up the unequal contest, and become a burden where she had once been the chief support. Nervous prostration, heart disease, consumption, and other names were given to her malady by local physicians, but months passed, during which she suffered untold agony, without finding any relief from her sufferings. Palpitation of the heart, dizziness, extreme pain in the chest, loss of appetite and nervousness were some of the symptoms of the disease, gatherings that caused excruciating pain formed at the knee joints and other parts of the body, and at last she became perfectly helpless and unable to walk or even sit up. At this stage she was advised to enter the hospital, that she might have the benefit of skilled nurses as well as best medical treatment; but after spending some time there without obtaining any relief the poor woman gave up all hope of recovery and asked to be taken home. So emancipated and weak had she become that her friends were shocked at her appearance, and so utterly hopeless was her condition that it was like mockery to speak hopefully of her ultimate recovery. What then was the astonishment of all who had known her dreadful condition to hear that she had at last found a remedy whose magical power at once demonstrated the fact that where there is life there is hope. The name of this remedy that worked such a wonderful change in such a short time was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking five boxes she was able to walk about and visit her friends. Her strength gradually but surely returned and in a few months from the time she began using the medicine she was able to resume her work. The subject of this article, Mrs. Jane Marcellie, is well known, and her youthful and healthy appearance to-day causes people to exclaim—wonders will never cease. She attributes her restoration to her family, solely to the virtues to be found in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and her experience she hopes, may put some other sufferer on the right road to health.

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On June 12, 1775, upwards of 2,400 samlon were taken above the bridge in the River Tyne, and sold in Newcastle at 1d and 1-4d per pound.

Herman Gunsallus, of Beech Creek, Penn., recently caught a large catamount in a trap at the head of Big Run. The animal measured three feet seven inches from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. Gunsallus has also caught four bears in traps last winter.

Live bees are sometimes shipped on ice, so as to keep them dormant during the journey. This is particularly the case with bumble bees, which have been taken to New Zealand; where they are useful in fertilizing the red clover which has been introduced into the colony.

HAS STRONGLY INFLUENCED THE COMMONS.

It is a fact worthy of record that at least fifty members of the House of Commons are able personally to bear united and convincing testimony to the good effects of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder in case of cold in the head or catarrh in its several different shapes. These columns have recorded the testimony of members representing constituencies in every corner of the Dominion. At this writing we have before us the words of Mr. Arthur A. Bunsam, M.P., of Richelieu, Que., and Hugo H. Ross, M.P., of Dundas, who join with their other members in telling what this remedy has done for them in cases of catarrhal trouble. At the present time, when so many are suffering from influenza in the head it is a friend indeed!

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A WEAK COMPARISON.

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"Are you glad to see me?" she asked. "Do you still think that I am worth my weight in gold?"

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WHOSE TO BE SURE?

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Manny A. Mann—The idea! Whose wives, pray, should we let support us?

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