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### WHY NOT BUILD IN CANADA?

The age of miracles is not past. Sir Richard McBride said at a recent dinner that the Canadian senate's action on the naval bill had made him "hang his head in shame." We can scarcely believe it! One would expect that the head which had maintained its equilibrium in the fetid atmosphere of land, timber and Indian reserve scandals would be impregnable to all the assaults of shame. How was the venerable upper house able to work the phenomenon? Simply by insisting that the government of this country consult the people, its masters, before it sent thirty-five million dollars of their taxes out of the country for expenditure on three ships over which they would have not the slightest control. The idea of seeking the permission of the taxpayers of Canada before embarking upon a course which every responsible Canadian statesman for generations had declined to pursue was more than Sir Richard could stand, and he hung his head in shame. Who are the people, anyway?

But other heads are hanging in shame. This exercise, like the singing of "Rule Britannia" and flag waving, is not the exclusive prerogative of Sir Richard McBride's party. A Toronto merchant has recently returned to Ontario's capital from the Fore River ship building plant near Quincy, Massachusetts. While there he saw the 28,000 ton dreadnought Rivadavia, built for the Argentine Republic, and now ready for service. As a Canadian he felt humiliated to think that Canadian statesmen had proclaimed to the world that it was impossible to build warships in their own country. He went through the great yard of this company, and did not see one

process of work carried out that could not be done in Canada within a reasonable time. This yard employs five thousand men. It was established twelve years ago, and not only has it been building battleships for the United States navy for years, but it has been able to snatch the choice contract of the Argentina battleship from the rival ship building yards of the world. One would think that Sir Richard would hang his head in shame, not over the senate's action, but because with the record of what other nations are accomplishing, craven souled Canadians, for political purposes, declare we are incapable of doing the same.—Victoria Times.

### THE SUPERVISION OF PLAYGROUNDS.

In many cities provision exists for the supervision of playgrounds. The children, when at play as when at work, are under the charge of an adult, who is responsible for their good behavior. The opportunity is taken of watching the youngsters in their play and of inculcating in them good habits and good manners. It is in this way possible to check the growth of that roughness and incivility which spoils a multitude of children, and of those vices which have ruined many more. At play more than at work the teacher can win the confidence of the children and give them guidance in more important things than knowledge of books.

Where such a supervisor of playgrounds has not been already appointed, it should be possible to make temporary shift at comparatively little extra expense by arranging with one or more of the teaching staff to undertake the work when it is most needed—that is, after school hours. Could not something of the sort be managed in Prince Rupert?

## STORY OF GOLD STAMPEDE IS GRAPHICALLY RELATED

CORDOVA DAILY ALASKAN TELLS OF ARRIVAL OF FIRST GOLD FROM SHUSHANNA AND OF LATER STRIKES—TO BE GREAT CAMP LIKE DAWSON.

The Cordova Daily Alaskan of July 24th, a copy of which has just been received in the city by Messrs. Lennox and Reid, gives its entire front page to a graphic account of the great stampede to Shushanna.

It records the arrival of the first gold from the new strike of Shushanna at McCarthy, relates the trying experiences of stamperers in reaching the latest gold field, states that men with ground are offering \$25 a day wages for men who will work and board themselves and gives Bonanza, Eldorado, Ready Money, Chitenda, Shamrock and Beaver as the best paying creeks.

The following despatch from McCarthy received by the paper gives a terse review of the situation at Shushanna:

"Reports from persons returning from the Shushanna show that the find is richer and more extensive than has been reported previously. Bill Courdon states that the coarse gold has been found on several creeks and that men with ground are offering \$25 per day wages for men who will work and board themselves. Grub is extremely scarce in the new camp, many being compelled to live entirely on meat brought into camp by hunters. Henshaw has sent out to McCarthy for supplies, which Courdon will take back with him.

"One of the men who came out from the strike showed some gold nuggets taken out on Eldorado, the smallest of which is worth \$5. There is much discussion over the new mining law, which promises litigation over several of the claims staked."

With reference to the arrival of the first gold from the new strike, the Alaskan says: "The first gold from the new strike on the Shushanna River was brought to McCarthy today (July 24) by R. Riley, William Courdon, George Veredis and another. The men were working for wages and received their pay in dust. The gold they received is coarse with nuggets ranging in value from \$5 to \$15 each, basing the value at from \$18 to \$19 an ounce.

"Riley and his partners came to outfit for a long stay in the country and will return as soon as possible. They confirm the stories that have been told of the richness and extent of the field and declare that it is one of the greatest finds of recent years in Alaska, and that everything has been staked upon Eldorado and Bonanza creeks, but there is plenty of ground on the other creeks."

The Alaskan prints a number of letters from the interior on the stampede. One of these from McCarthy says:

"It is a sure enough stampede. At least 150 men have left here in the last forty-eight hours. It seems that George Wolf made a strike, and it is said that he was grubstaked by Brady Howard. Howard got a letter from Wolf and started for the Shushanna at once. He was out on the line sealing timber when the letter was given him and he borrowed boots and a shirt from Jesse Forrester and started without returning to camp. It is claimed that Wolf is taking out \$2,500 per day. It is a sight to see the stamperers starting out. Seventy-five men came in on the train and are going out as fast as they can get away."

Another letter states that the best claims are on Eldorado, where with short string boxes and three men working \$250 to

\$1,500 in gold is being taken out. All of the ground around the creeks being worked is shallow and unfrozen. Such ground as has been opened is sufficiently rich to warrant the belief that a great camp like Dawson is probable. The reports as to the total area of the gold bearing gravel vary and probably in some cases are not reliable, but it is believed to be large.

Considerable difficulty was experienced by the early stampede leaving Cordova in crossing the Nizina River, states the Alaskan, owing to the extremely high water. Three men who composed one of the first parties that went out experienced great difficulty in crossing the stream, one man nearly losing his life in the attempt. Of a party that started later, only Deputy Marshal Joe Brown of Chitina got across the river. He tackled the stream alone and succeeded in swimming across after a hard battle with the current. Little trouble was experienced by recent parties in crossing, as the water had become greatly reduced.

Speaking as to the trails, the paper says: "It is necessary to do some work on the trail over the glacier to make it possible to freight in winter. The distance from McCarthy to Bonanza, which will probably be a permanent camp, is about 110 miles. With \$5,000 worth of work on the trail the freight will come via Cordova. The trail to the new camp, particularly that section between McCarthy and Nazina River and the glacier trail, is in bad shape, and if travel is going by way of Cordova some work should be done on it to make it easier to traverse."



MISS KATHERINE FORCE.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Katherine Force, sister of Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, widow of the late John Jacob Astor, to wed Henri Harnickell, a New York broker. Miss Force has been at Bar Harbor during the summer with her sister, who takes little part in society affairs, but devotes most of her time to the care of her boy, the posthumous son of John Jacob Astor. Katherine will be married in September.

### SUIT AGAINST EASTERN PAPER

C. H. I. C. Has Filed Suit Against Toronto Saturday Night.

The Canadian Home Investment Co., Ltd., which has a branch office in this city, has brought suit against the Toronto Saturday Night and has obtained from the Supreme Court of British Columbia an order for the issue of a concurrent writ of summons for service on the Saturday Night and on Mr. Paul, the editor, in Toronto. This writ will be served in Toronto and the case tried in Vancouver.

### 1836 THE BANK OF 1913

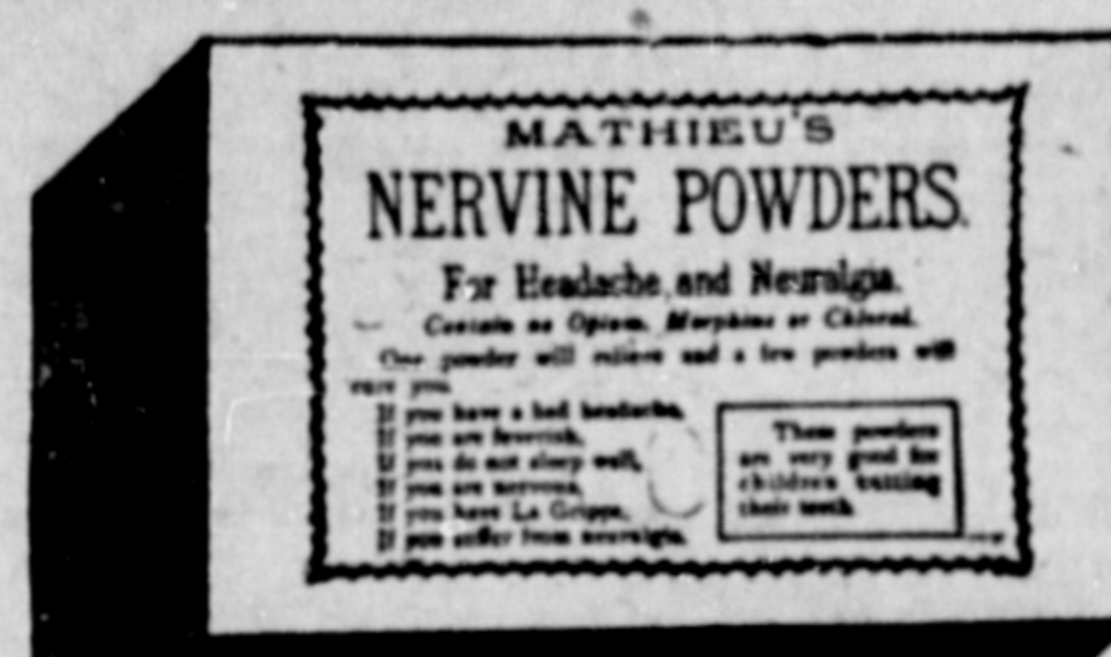
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