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**Daily News on Daily Doings**

**PROFITABLE USE FOR MINING EXPERT.**

A capital story is related by the Financier (London) of a syndicate, with a capital of \$2,000, which, having been formed to acquire options in Nigeria, despatched an engineer to inspect a property it had obtained the right to purchase. Within a few weeks of his arrival, the following cable was received: "Property absolutely valueless. Coming home." As may be imagined, this caused considerable disgust, but the chagrin soon changed to joy when a further cable was received, announcing that the engineer had been eaten by cannibals. He was insured for \$3,000, and out of this sum the shareholders were paid their first and final dividend of 150 per cent. It is to be hoped that the publication of this story will not have the effect of causing a great run on mining engineers, with the object of sending them, heavily insured, to inspect and report on properties in countries where they are likely to be regarded as additions to the visible food supply. At the same time there are some that might be spared; and there is a moral to the tale, indicating that even the most worthless of us may have his uses.—Canadian Mining Journal.

**DIDN'T NOTICE IT IN RUPERT.**

Says the Toronto Globe: "The already high cost of living will almost inevitably be increased during the coming winter as a result of the great loss caused by the excessive rains of the past few weeks. The northern hemisphere has been thoroughly drenched by rain at the very time when sunshine was most needed for the ripening and harvesting of grain and roots. In the Northern States and in Canada, on this continent, and in Britain, France, Germany and the Scandinavian countries, the loss must have amounted in the aggregate to hundreds of millions of dollars. The universality of this season's rains indicates that a cycle of wet summers may have

begun." Prince Rupert is quite prepared to delight in a cycle of summers such as the one just passing away with its few welcome showers. If the rest of the world is afraid of being drowned out, cheer up, there's still Rupert ready to take all the incomers who can pour down on Kaien Island to dodge the downpour elsewhere.

**A TRIFLE, BUT STILL TROUBLESOME.**

Canada imports much from the United States, and Prince Rupert particularly imports even a heavier proportionate amount than other centres. Reciprocity was refused by the people of Canada, though not by the people of Prince Rupert. It is still necessary to pay duty on articles you import, and to go through the Customs department routine, which protects the Dominion from the smuggler's nefarious trade. In Prince Rupert, accustomed as the citizens are to the lack of street cars and of various trouble saving luxuries, there is room for improvement even under existing customs conditions. The present Customs department arrangement necessitates the trotting of the hapless recipient of dutiable or even only imported and duty free goods first from the express office, where he finds the goods have been announced as arrived in Rupert; second to the customs house, where he signs a receipt for the goods, of which he has still not even seen the outside package, and third to the wharf customs office, where the parcel, big or small, is held until the uptown customs office clearance is presented for it. Not much to trouble about, perhaps, and the customs house officials in both offices are polite and obliging as can be. But still, mightn't there be some plan for transferring the small packages at least, which are subject to customs regulations, to one central office where the consignee could pay the charges and get the goods delivered without need for further travel?



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What is the best age at which to marry, and why? These questions of world-wide interest and importance were answered by Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, L. L. D., F. S. S., one of the delegates to the International Eugenics Congress at Newark, N. J.

Incidentally, Dr. Hoffman, who occupied the position of statistician to the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., exploded what he described as the most popular fallacies that have ever prevailed regarding successful marriages.

"My experience and observation," said Dr. Hoffman, "have convinced me that the best ages of marrying are between 23 and 26 for men and women alike. I have no faith in the theory that there should be a wide disparity between the age of the man and the woman.

"My reason for fixing on between 23 and 26 as the ideal marrying ages for both sexes are, roughly, these:

"The man and the woman are then, so far as marriage is concerned, at their best physical, mental and moral development. Their hereditary traits are now dominant. On the other hand, the twig has been bent or the temperament has been moulded in the form it will probably retain, with a little modification, for life.

"On the other hand, they are both sufficiently plastic and malleable to readjust themselves and become mutually complimentary to one another. In other words, the man is willing to sacrifice himself to the happiness of the woman and the woman to the happiness of the man. This is one of the essential conditions of real marriage. Perfect co-ordination is another.

"A boy or girl of, say 18, quite apart from other considerations, cannot be expected to know his or her mind. This point, I think requires no elaboration. At the same time I should like to state with all possible emphasis that

every man of 25 or thereabouts who is earning his living and wishes to marry should be permitted to do so, provided only that he and his prospective partner are healthy.

"The woman of a man's choice has no right whatever to demand that he shall be earning a certain number of dollars a week before he enters into wedlock with her. I strongly deprecate these so-called 'marriages of convenience.' Moreover, no restriction should be placed—within reason, of course—on the number of children. No marriage is perfect or satisfying if there are no children as the outcome.

"Men particularly who are over the age of 30 and wish to marry, do so at their peril. At this age or over a man is generally so strongly individualized, that too often in courting a wife he is only courting disaster.

"That phrase, 'incompatibility of temperament,' so frequently heard today in connection with unfortunate marriages, means in many cases simply that the tastes and temperament of the man or woman, or both, were too hardened and fixed to promote a successful union.

"Again, a marriage celebrated after 30 tends to become an affair rather of friendship than anything else, and this, in my opinion, is by no means all, or anything approaching all, that marriage should signify. Although I confess I have no facts to bear out my contention on this point, observation leads me to think that the sudden appearance on the scene of 'affinities' of both sexes frequently follows these 'over-thirty' marriages.

"And now let me just touch on the question of successful marriages. There was never a greater fallacy than the popular belief that a really successful marriage is necessarily a happy one. Indeed, I consider that marriage is still incomplete which does not know sorrow, loss, disappointment, awe, and even death.

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