

Alaska-Gold Rush

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Hill to D. S. Lamont carbon

Replies to Lamont's of March 9 re Van Horne's claim about a differential rate in favor of Canadian Pacific Road. Old Northern Pacific Road had contract for one year with the C.P. R. to pay them a half million dollars to keep out of San Francisco on freight and cabin allowance for passenger business. "The present condition under which the miners going to Alaska, three-fourths of whom are Americans, are compelled to pay duty on their supplies going into the Canadian Yukon country, and the further condition that all miners must secure a Canadian license to mine, which can only be secured at some Canadian port, gives the Canadian line a decid-

... of the American lines "

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Van Horne's claim that his road operates under adverse conditions is not the claim he makes in his advertisement ("most thoroughly built, best equipped, most picturesque and attractive line across the continent"). Grand Trunk is not at "the bottom of the whole business." "The Mississippi Logging Company, with which Weyerha[e]user is connected, has taken up the matter of your [Nor.Pac.] timber lands on the Coast with a view to making an offer for the entire acreage." Would pay you to sell to avoid forest fires and tax costs.

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Sir William Van Horne