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**THE GREAT YUKON COUNTRY.**

According to Captain Moore, who has recently made special investigations into the characteristics and resources of the great Yukon country of Alaska, the mineral wealth is greater even than that which has been mentioned by Mr. Ogden in his report in 1858 to the department of Interior. He holds it to be one of the richest countries in the world, holding unnumbered quantities of minerals, timber, furs and fish. His opinions are concurred in by Americans, well informed authorities, who declare that every stream entering the upper Yukon has gold in it; the best yielding from 1200 to 240 per day; the Stikine river having supplied about 31,000,000 in gold during the years of 1855-56. Mr. Ogden is of opinion that not less than 1,000 miles of streams in the British Columbia portion of this country are gold bearing. On Forty-mile river coarse gold and gold-bearing quartz are plentiful, platinum being generally found associated with it. It is true that up to the present there have been great difficulties in the way of mining and others, owing to the lack of agricultural products, all the provisions in the past having been imported. However, it is said that conveniently situated valleys have been discovered in which considerable quantities of vegetable and animal products can be raised. Another serious difficulty has been the severe weather during certain months, but experience has shown that the climatic conditions have been no more rigorous than those of the Caspian country, in which mining has been prosecuted with a great amount of success. The all-important condition to induce a large influx of miners and others is, naturally, a question of the construction of a trail to be opened and carried out under climate, as was the case in Canada. The trail will be an exact forty-seven miles in length from the nearest open landing at Stikine bay, to connect with a Yukon steamer. In view of the pressing necessity it is and that the steamer should be called for at any time for the least number of years and at the lowest possible toll collectible by the charter holders. Steamer boys in the head of the Lyran coast and in the Alaska territory. Taken into the objective point of the trail, it forty-seven miles away, thirty miles of the distance being in length Columbia. From Takah to the Yukon river, with the exception of White Horse rapids and Miles canyon, is navigable at low tide in the winter. All that is required to complete the connection is a railway of about three miles long. This completed, a vast amount of territory can be made tributary to Victoria, its entire trade being at present done with Alaska through the seventeen miles of trail in which supplies and mineral could be carried at hand. By the proposed route the Yukon, including the same supplies, can be reached in six days from Victoria, and the price of packing across the summit through down from Stikine can be two and one-half to three cents. It is looking to the establishment of this trail, the opening up of this district and acquisition of this trail that the subject of the Yukon country now, a few days since, brought before the legislature on a motion for papers. The matter is now worthy of all their attention, as at the very word for less promising ventures have been successfully carried out - Victoria Collier.

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