

The climate of the Yukon is cold in the winter and very warm in the summer. But though the thermometer registered very low in the winter months, there is very little suffering from cold, and not even any very great personal inconvenience. No hardy man need be deterred from going into the Yukon by reason of the cold. A number of women and small children have spent the winter there without discomfort.

Law and order are strictly enforced in the Canadian Yukon by a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Except during the months of December, January and February, and perhaps in April, when the snow is melting, there are no serious difficulties in the way of reaching the gold mines. When shelter houses have been erected along the river, and the British Yukon Company propose erecting them, it will be quite possible to maintain regular communication all the year round from Dawson City to Skagway Bay, and from the latter point there is open navigation at all seasons of the year.

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The mines of the Klondyke, Stewart River and other Yukon points east of the 141st meridian, or, speaking in a more general way for convenience of description, further up the river than Fort Cudahy are all in Canadian territory. Hence duties must be paid on all foreign goods entering the country, the same as at other places in Canada.

Miners purchasing their outfits in the United States or elsewhere out of Canada, must pay duty either at Victoria before taking the steamer, or at Lake Tagish, after crossing the Pass. Attempts have been made by interested parties in the United States to create the impression that the Canadian authorities either could not or would not collect duties. This has already caused distress among miners who have spent all their money buying their tickets and outfits. Goods on which duty is not paid will be confiscated.

To save expense, delay and risk of troublesome complications, miners should outfit at Victoria, B. C., where prices are as low as anywhere else.

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The list showing what constitutes an outfit for an individual may be curtailed in a few respects if a man is very economically inclined. If a party go together it would not of course be necessary to purchase as many sets of tools as there are individuals in the party. On reaching Victoria, the various merchants advertising in this pamphlet may be trusted to advise miners as to what they ought to take. They make a special business of outfitting. The supply of provisions is calculated for one year. (See list among our advertising pages.)

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Since this pamphlet was written, new discoveries have been reported from Stewart River. This stream is seventy-four miles further up the Yukon than the Klondyke. It is reached by the same route, and all the observations made herein apply to miners going there.