

The wealth of the Klondike regions is no longer a matter of doubt. The output for this year,

When the northern country reaches a more settled condition, when the many cities that have sprung



On the way to Klondike.

compiled through official sources, is placed at \$15,000,000, which is considered a very conservative estimate. This does not represent the earnings of a few companies, but the result of working the claims of a large number of individual miners, who, penniless a year or more ago, have become independent for life. Many, no doubt, have not 'struck it rich' but this is easily understood when we take into consideration the fact that upwards of 30,000 prospectors have entered that country within the last eighteen months. However, as new 'finds' are being made in various sections almost weekly, there is little doubt but that few, if any, need return empty handed. Then again, there is the constantly increasing demand for labour, and in many cases the remuneration has been equal to small gold mines. But the existence of these gold fields in Canadian Territory, has a distinctive commercial value to Vancouver.

As an outfitting point it was forcibly demonstrated, in the recent rush, that it afforded advantages to outfitters to be found in no other city.



In the Passes.



Climbing Chilkoot Pass.

up are permanently populated, as they will undoubtedly become, the business which is done by Vancouver at present, will be increased ten-fold.



Canadian Custom House at Summit of Chilkoot Pass.

And besides, the different industries which will, without doubt, be established at some future date, to develop the various resources of that country,

will not only receive their impetus from this city but will add considerably to the growth of its commercial interests. Commencing perhaps within a twelve month, when all provisions taken in by private individuals will have become exhausted, a very extensive trade will begin to make itself felt, and gradually assume wide proportions as it becomes necessary to renew the purchase of outfits as well.

Surrounded by the wealth of the Province of British Columbia; vast industries which though but in their infancy, are giants of commerce competing with the world; the natural and actual commercial centre of the richest gold-bearing regions known to-day; so much for the direct support the City of Vancouver possesses, as a guarantee of its realizing the future which has been destined for it.



First Bank in Dawson City. (Taken at the time of the recent flood).