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treacherous and dangerous rivers and streams intervening, with every difficulty to be grappled with, and yet the human microbe, in pursuit of the golden goal, toiled, moiled (whatever that may mean), struggled, fought, starved and died or got there.

The Imperial Government constructed a million pounds worth of waggon road from Yale, the head of navigation on the Fraser River, to Barkerville. Then trouble commenced.

Victoria became the initial point from which thousands of men, full of hope and enthusiasm, struggled onward to the new diggings.

The old BX (Barnard's Express) Stage line was started, since super-