

mer, reach Dawson from Toronto in less than ten days.

It may be wise to assume that such a trip is as little known to the reader as it was to the writer previous to his visit of last summer.

From Vancouver to Dawson, the trip falls into three natural divisions:—An ocean voyage of more than 900 miles to Skagway; a railway journey over the coast range of mountains to White Horse, in the Yukon, a distance of 110 miles; and a sail of 460 miles down the Yukon waters to Dawson city. The ocean voyage is the Paradise of travellers, who dread sea-sickness and delight in magnificent mountain scenery. The steamer's course is not in the open sea, but through what seems a great natural canal, which winds among innumer-

able islands. Only twice, first at Queen Charlotte's and then at Dixon's entrance, do you get a view of the open ocean, and feel its mighty swell. The magic touch of man is scarcely visible on the Pacific coast. All is primeval. Great wealth of unbroken forest covers islands and shore alike. Now and again we get sight of a cannery village, or Indian settlement, but the sea is alive with porpoises, seals, spouting and fin-back whales. It is in the Alaskan waters, however, that the mountain scenery is most impressive. The panorama on the Lynn Canal is really awe inspiring; there one is surrounded by the loftiest mountains and highest snow-clad peaks, and wedged in between are the great glaciers, from which cascades leap and rush in fleecy foam down the



Trees nearly 100 feet High.

bare rocks, through the lower wooded slopes, to the deep blue sea. There is almost constant rain and fog on this coast; but the fog, sometimes resting on the rugged shoulders, sometimes rising above the peaks, only enhances the Creator's glorious display.

The Indian villages along the way have large, fine looking houses, but scarcely any furniture within; near by are their queer burying places, with carved totems, and little cabins raised over the graves. Mis-

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