

it may be added, of very great importance, since in that Northern land of much rain, snow and ice, exceptional care in arrangement and in water-tight packing is absolutely needed, unless supplies that may be vitally necessary to a Yukon traveller, are to be placed at grave risk of being made useless, or even worse than useless in the case, for example, of certain easily perishable food supplies. These points cannot be too strongly noted and made a basis of action by the prudent Yukon traveller. He will find no difficulty in the choice of goods and of reliable outfitters in Vancouver, where many keen competitors of long experience and special knowledge are ready to cater for his wants and are even now, in expectation of a great Spring trade with Northern prospectors, procuring exceptionally large and choice supplies.

Vancouver as a Place of Residence for Wives and Families.

Some married Yukon prospectors will naturally prefer, at least until Dawson and other Klondike towns shall become further advanced in development, to obtain homes for their wives and families in some more Southern Canadian city, than which none better, nor more pleasant and convenient can well be chosen than Vancouver, which enjoys a climate similar to that of England, and affords also good social advantages. Vancouver is in addition, equipped with a generally excellent public educational system, including many graded schools and a High School, second to none in Western Canada, and has also churches and religious organisations, representing all the leading denominations and phases of thought, to which worshippers are respectively attached.

The cost of living is moderate; rents are reasonable while the water supply is both ample in quantity and unsurpassed in quality. In all respects Vancouver is one of the most healthy and desirable towns in which a family can make its home.