The Klondike

Dawson made more easy and comfortable for the goldseeker until today the Mining Engineers who are honoring our camp can appreciate the ultimate improvement, as found in their travels o'er rail and on river in their pilgrimage to Yukon. And, here, instead of the crude camp of tents and shacks that grew out of the early rush, our visitors find a well-built city, with all modern improvements, its own water and lighting systems, perfect transportation facilities, telephones, telegraphs, churches and everything that one could ask to make life in this remote region pleasant for the hardy races that people it and quicken into life all its dormant values.

GOLD-BEARING GRAVEL. The country in every direction is highly mineralized and colors can be raised in almost any gravel back in the valley of the Yukon and its tributaries. The chief deposits at present known are the Hillsides and Benches on Bonanza, Hunker, Dominion, Klondike, Eldorado, Stewart, Pelly, McMillan, and their tributaries. The following is taken from the report of Mr. R. G. McConnell of the Geological Survey Department of Canada, now in Dawson:

The white channel gravels have a total volume on Bonanza Creek and its tributaries of approximately 250,000,000 cubic yards, and on Hunker Creek and its tributaries of 200,000,000 cubic yards. They are everywhere more or less anriferons, and sufficient work has already been done to prove that a large proportion, at least, of the whole deposit would pay to hydraulic if water could be obtained at reasonable rates.

The present price of water delivered on the hills is \$7 per sluicehead per hour on Lovett gulch, and \$8 to \$9 further up the valley, and even at those rates some work is possible. These gravels are very favorably situated for hydraulicking, as they rest on comparatively narrow benches, cut into the sides of the valley, at elevations of from 150 to 300 feet above the present valley hottom.