

THE DIAMOND TREASURE REVEALED

to hit the overland trail via the Laird for the Klondyke. It was a hazardous route and many a prospector perished by hunger or exposure long before he reached the glittering goldfields. Fraser had given his brother up for dead, but not before making a diligent search and enquiry from a score or more fallen-outs by the wayside. Failing in his search for a lost brother, he set himself to the amassing of a fortune; and it is at this time in his career that we become interested in him.

"Mr. Fraser, I believe?" said Baldy, as he sprang from his horse.

"Yes, that is my name. Can I do anything for you?"

"Nothing much in particular. I've heard of your big mills, an' as I happened to be in this part of the country, thought I would like to take a look through them. Would you mind?"

"Not at all. I would be glad to have you look them over from end to end. Just step inside and I will give you a note to my foreman."

At this, the two men entered the office, where Fraser scribbled a few lines which he handed to Baldy, saying.

"This will introduce you to my man and he will show you through. Are you from a distance?"