

# Land and Water Routes to the Yukon via Edmonton

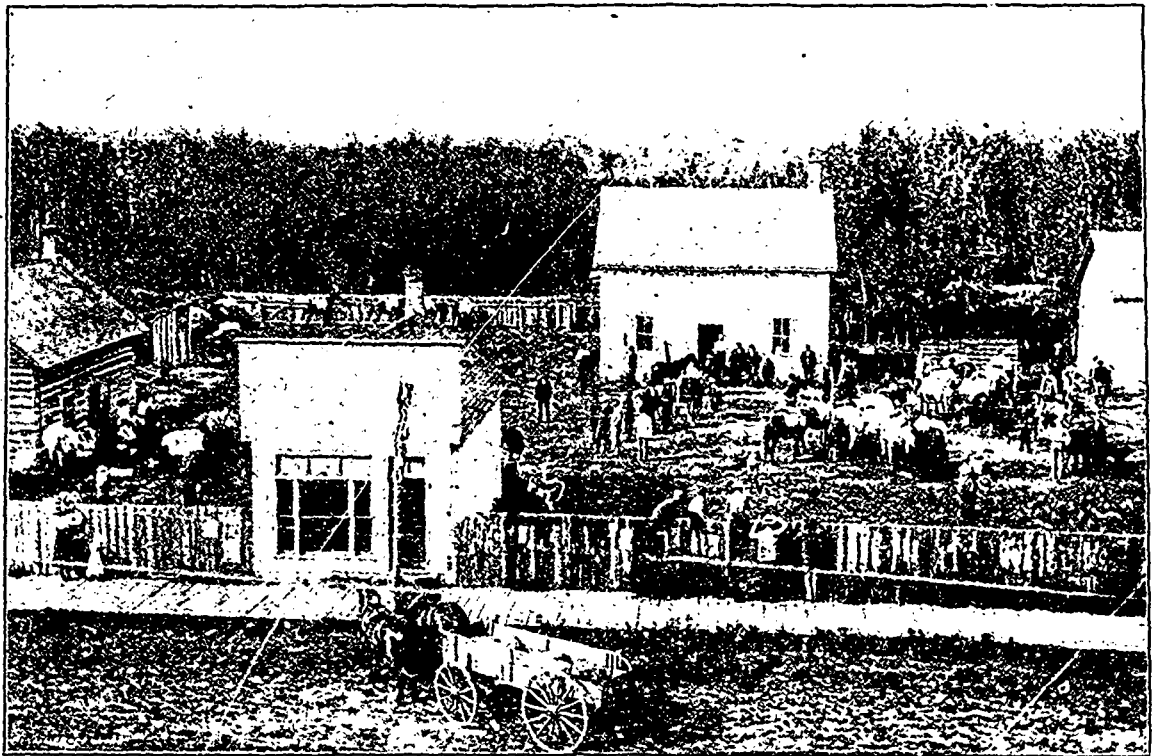
An all-Canadian route that will become the poor man's highway to the rich Canadian Gold Diggings.  
How to reach them and take supplies at reasonable cost of transport.

## INTRODUCTORY

It has been said some rare born great; others have greatness thrust upon them. If this familiar saying can be applied to places it might well be said of Edmonton that not only is she great by birthright, but that greatness has been thrust on her, and that most suddenly and unexpectedly. Dwellers by the waters of the Great Saskatchewan of the north for the past two or three decades had become almost confirmed in the belief that to

has been quietly developing and prospering with very little other than ordinary natural increase. There has been steadily growing up in this great district a new province, of area as great as the other provinces and with resources and capabilities not surpassed by any of the provinces of the Dominion. A field for all branches of agricultural industries, almost unlimited, has been gradually developing and is now rapidly filling up. Hand in hand with these are vast

last few months with remarkable rapidity. Almost unexpectedly the Edmonton country has taken first place in the eyes of Canada and America. While the distant Canadian gold fields of the Yukon were yet a nine days wonder and the rush consequent upon their sudden opening had scarcely commenced, that rush received a sudden check, forbidding mountain passes and frost bound waterways sternly said "No Thoroughfare" to the half-frenzied gold seekers



OVERLAND ROUTE TO THE KLONDIKE—Loading Pack Horses at Edmonton for the start.  
Photo by C. W. Mathers

them there had not yet come the halcyon days of its decade development and march of progress. Even the construction of the line of railway some years ago had not created that rush and stir called "boom" which had been caused in other newly opened localities with very much less valuable natural qualifications during the era of western railroad building. Sufficient unto itself, almost a world apart, Edmonton and district, were widely speaking Northern Alberta,

sources of wealth in minerals, timber, fur and fisheries that will soon place Northern Alberta in the forefront of Canada's many wealth-producing areas. Residents of other sections of the Dominion must grasp the solid fact that a new province with an already substantial population and degree of material progress has come into existence almost without attracting notice.

But the conditions existing heretofore have been changed within the

who in crowds essayed the journey and long before the end of summer came the stories of discouragement, hardship, disappointment and loss that had met hundreds, who, at the risk of life and their little fortunes had been blocked on their way to the north.

Edmonton awoke to find herself famous, and suddenly as it was unexpectedly, was it discovered that the long sought all-Canadian route