

Hay.—Lesser Slave Lake has hay in abundance. The other settlements and posts have limited quantities. There are places on the main trail at intermediate points where hay exists in considerable quantities.

Fires.—All residents of the north, while travelling, seem most careless regarding their camp fires, invariably leaving them burning, and I am surprised that more of the country is not burned. Great attention on this point should be given to the Klondikers passing through the country in the spring when everything is dry.

Police Detachments.—I would recommend detachments being stationed at the following points: Lesser Slave Lake, Sturgeon Lake and St. John's, if practicable, if not there at Dunvegan, with a flying patrol on the trails. This is in the event of the rush to the Klondike continuing. There is a trail I have hitherto neglected to mention, namely a pack trail from Lesser Slave Lake to Dunvegan, crossing the Big Smoky at the junction of it with the Little Smoky. This is a very short route making the distance between these points one-half less than the route via Peace River Landing. This trail is little used, running through heavy timber the greater part of the way, but is said to be otherwise good. The location of this trail will be seen on the accompanying map, as well as all other main trails in their approximate locality.

DISTANCES.

	Miles.
Edmonton to Jasper House	300
Jasper House to Sturgeon Lake	300
Sturgeon Lake to Dunvegan	115
Sturgeon Lake to Dunvegan (via Grand Prairie)	130
Dunvegan to St. John	125
Dunvegan to Peace River Landing	75
Peace River Landing to Slave Lake	96
Slave Lake to Fort Assiniboine	150
Fort Assiniboine to Edmonton	90

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. E. SNYDER,

Inspector.

N.B.—I regret that a series of photographs I took of points along the route were rendered useless owing to damp which got at the films. On the first part of my trip, out of thirty days there were twenty-four upon which it rained more or less.