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THE YUKON AS I SAW IT.



Rev. R. W. Ross.

It is only some six years ago that two Indians, Skookum Jim and Tagist Charlie, and a white man named Jack Cormack, reported a rich find of gold on Bonanza Creek, about a dozen miles from Dawson. The news spread like wild fire, and soon "Klondike" was a household word. Adventurous spirits from all quarters equipped themselves with outfits, and hurried off to stake their claims and make their fortunes. The stampede of '97 and '98, by way of the Edmonton and Teslin trails, rivals anything in

the annals of gold seeking, in both tragedy and romance. The story goes that there was some romance connected with the discovery. Jack Cormack was prospecting in the neighborhood and met a sister of the Indian's. She inquired of his success, and then the conversation became affectionate. She told of a rich discovery the boys made, and expressed her feelings for him by saying "I like you pretty well." He evidently reciprocated, for it was agreed, if she told him the secret, he would marry her. The fact is they were married, and Jack and the boys were joint owners of Discovery.

In the "Early Days" it required months of hard and dangerous packing to reach the Klondike. To-day anyone able to sit in an arm chair may, with good connections, in sum-