

for stern-wheelers right down to the mouth of the Yukon. The second of the all-Canadian routes is overland from Edmonton, and should the practicability of either the one or the other became certain, the accessibility of the gold-fields will be greatly facilitated, inasmuch as the matter will receive the prompt attention of the Canadian Government. Neither of these routes can at present be exactly described as easy and comfortable, passing, as they do, through a country which is sparsely inhabited and contains no accommodation for travellers, who have no alternative, therefore, but to take everything required for their subsistence on the way. But such inconveniences can be speedily overcome when once the Dominion authorities take the task seriously in hand."

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