

being in Canadian territory has been established once and for all, there is a healthy rivalry between the American and Dominion Governments for the possession of the most practicable route to the remote region. At present three routes are used. Travellers by the first and second proceed to either Seattle, Vancouver, or Victoria, and thence by steamer to Dyea or Skagway, situated on the Lynn Canal. There the disputed question as to the boundary of Alaska arises, but the subject is now being investigated by Great Britain and the United States, and will probably be submitted to arbitration later on. In one event Dyea and Skagway will be deemed Canadian territory, in the other their possession will be confirmed to Uncle Jonathan. Adventurers from Dyea utilise the Chilcoot Pass, whilst those from Skagway travel through the White Pass, and the two trails converge at the head waters of the navigation, which are in British territory. Those people who prefer the third available route take a trip through the Gulf of Alaska and the Behring Sea on the Norton Sound, which, as a rule, cannot be entered until July on account of the ice. At St. Michael the wayfarers are transferred to steamers of light draught and conveyed up the Yukon River, which is only navigable until September; and in this manner they reach Dawson City, named after the director of the Canadian Geological Survey. England, under the Treaty of Washington, possesses the right of free navigation over the Yukon up to the American boundary, whence there is little difficulty in reaching the gold mines.

"Canada, however, is exploiting two new routes on her own account, both entirely in Dominion territory. One is by way of the Stikine River, which is navigable for ordinary flat-bottom boats to Telegraph Creek, and thence to Teslin Lake runs through what is believed to be flat and not difficult country. About this district not much is known as yet, but it is being surveyed in all haste, and the practicability of the route is expected to be settled by the autumn. From Teslin no obstacles whatever present themselves, there being navigation