

conceived. In the winter the cold is dry. We have, however, an open summer up to the end of September and well on into October; then by the middle of May the ice is gone out of the Yukon River, and from then on to the end of September or October we have as delightful a summer as you have. And we have what you have not in the summer. During the summer time we have daylight all night, which makes it possible to carry on all the works of the country at a double shift, and in that way to accomplish a great deal more than can be accomplished anywhere else.

We have the country, we have the climate, and we have the products.

As to the methods of getting into the country. It should be clearly understood that whereas in the old days you had to go by steamer to Skagway, and then scale the passes and endure a good deal of hardship, in the summer time in any case you had to scale the Chilcoot and White Passes and then come down the river in boats at a considerable expense. It is to-day no more difficult to go to the Yukon than it is to go on the steamer down to Quebec. It takes a little longer, perhaps.

From Victoria or Vancouver to Skagway you travel on an ocean steamer, well appointed in every way, as pleas-

antly as could be. At Skagway you take the White Pass Railway over the Pass. You have not to get out and clamber over the pass and carry anything, but you can ride in your slippers and lounging-jacket as well as you can anywhere else in the world; and when you reach Whitehorse all you have to do is to step on a palace steamer and in two days you are in Dawson.

Surely if all that has been accomplished in the short space of four years, and if we have to offer you a country which has produced in one-tenth of the time seven-eighths of the gold products of Canada, a country which last year imported thirty-six thousand tons of freight of all kinds for the consumption of the people of that country, and surely if you have the butter, cheese, canned goods, bacon and all the other staples which you hear about all the time, and if this is the growing time of Canada, and if the people of Toronto are as enterprising as they seem to be, and if we are in a period of growth and advancement, then when you and our public men spend so much time looking towards the development of trade with Australia and the Antipodes and all other parts of the world, you ought to be equal to reaching out and joining hands with the Yukon and getting close trade relations and securing the benefit of the Yukon trade.