

PREFACE

THE following chapters relate to my experiences in the Yukon from the spring of 1898 until the autumn of 1909, comprising a period of over eleven consecutive years. The first three years were employed principally in mining in the Yukon district, but owing to a severe accident, which resulted in permanent lameness, I was obliged to abandon mining altogether. For the next two years I was confined to Dawson, but when my foot became rather stronger I moved to the Pelly River, a tributary of the Yukon, and remained in the vicinity for about six years, where I gained my experience in fur and trapping.

So many books have appeared on the Yukon and northern regions that the subject has possibly become rather hackneyed. At the same time, I became acquainted with incidents and methods of life in those regions which I have not seen printed in other volumes, and which to a few people may possibly be of some interest.

As creeks are frequently alluded to in this volume, it may be explained that the term involves a different significance in Canada and the