The sections referred to may, for ence, be described as follows: Lower Yukon.

Horse copper belt. at Valley. eastern Alaska, first and last named districts amed are in the United States ter-

the others are in Canada. Lower Yukon embraces the headof the Tanana, the Kuyokuk, the ters of Forty-Mile, the Minook er streams that have been proved old-producers. We regard it as that the greater part of the trade nilt up in this portion of the counbe done from the headwaters of ikon, in preference to the St. route.

richness of the Stewart river valbeen established, and the only nestion is as to the extent of the s. This is known to be very conle, quite sufficient to warrant xpectations, and another season's ing may unearth other rich Every season is likely to prosurprises in the way of gold disin the North for some time to

Big Salmon is now regarded as the most promising portions of akon valley. The same observaas to probable magnitude just oncerning the Stewart apply also river.

is very certain to be an imporining camp. Persons who have in their money in hydraulic and lode are fully satisfied with what has tho are most sanguine of the future part of the country. Atlin is like-equire a great deal of labor. Proetal it will have more population iny other portion of the Yukon valth the exception of that now to be

White Horse copper belt is unof the discovery of coal near by is med, it will go to the front at a ndous pace. A series of copper and smelters mean a large popula-

ed that the Chilkat valley will rilondike in extent and richness. We on this point, but it is quite true the present indications are as fale as were those of the more northvelopment. But it is not necessary, ke comparisons. The Chilkat valvill be a great producer and that

eastern Alaska is a country very many deposits of mineral of e attention of venturesome pedirected to points further afi pects of quartz mines in Southg the great Treadwell mine, are being operated, and there is likely ets we have the central part of our province, which will most assuredly luctive of great wealth, and will oast. We refer now to the region Kitimaat Arm north and east.

om this necessarily incomplete sum erprise to the north of Vancouver and is very great, and that the trade built up with it must assume enordimensions in a short time. There be steady increase.

have already demonstrated in the nns of this paper how a railway to northern end of Vancouver Island d certainly secure a very large of this immense business and bring Victoria. It may be conceded that Gulf of Georgia would afford no obe to the efforts of Vancouver to sea part of it, but this is only an onal reason why the province can afford to do something to bring t the building of the road, and also the Dominion government ought to ts share. As to what can be acthis island itself it is not necesto speak just now. All that has told already. Suffice it to say that of itself enough to warrant the ling of the proposed railway. We before long to be able to announce teps will be proposed that will enthe beginning of work on a railway he north end of the island during year 1901. We believe that to acdish so desirable a result it is only ssary for the people to get together call for action on the part of both

ome one has set on foot an absurd nor that Mr. Earle intends to retire m the contest. We think we could ily name the responsible, or rather the onsible party, with whom it origin-But unfortunately after a story een told a few times its origin is sight of, and people begin to think re may be something in it. Such a ort in Mr. Earle's case receives some from the fact that it was well erstood that he did not desire renation. But there is not a shadow foundation for it. Mr. Earle is in the ht, and intends to stay in till the ish. This is final, and all reports that ay be set on foot to the contrary may disregarded.

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