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FORTY MILE CITY.

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Pelly, and the two together form the giant Yukon, which has a course of 2,044 miles.

"On the twenty-fifth day out from Juneau we reached Forty Mile City, one of two settlements on the Yukon that have sprung into existence since the gold rush; and there we beached for the last time the tiny craft that carried us safely for over 600 miles."

Forty Mile City is the central point of the new El-Dorado. It is in British territory. It was in Forty Mile Creek that the first "coarse" gold was found. "Any visions of civilized comforts inspired by the name," said Mr. De Windt, "were rudely dispelled. Forty Mile is (or was, a few months ago) a collection of eighty or ninety dismal log huts, scattered about anyhow, the marshy intervening spaces being littered with wood-shavings, empty tins, and other rubbish. Numerous tree-stumps testify to the mushroom growth of the camp. Huge placards, bearing the words 'Hotel Saloon,' and even 'Opera House' (a 'dive' of the lowest kind), adorn some of the larger buildings. Though bread is often scarce, whisky is never

lacking, and yet the place is a miracle of law and order. A detachment of the Canadian Mounted Police, under Inspector Constantine, have their barracks here, but could well be dispensed with.

"The spring of '98 will see *the* great rush," said Mr. De Windt, "but there's plenty of room. A hundred thousand miners might go prospecting in the Yukon Valley and be lost to one another. My impression is that there are streams richer even than the Klondike—the Pelly, the Lewes, the Porcupine, the Big Salmon, the Tanana, the White, the Hootalinqua, and the Stewart rivers, for example—especially the last-named. All are navigable tributaries of the Yukon."

The mode of travel in winter on the frozen



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RIVER TRAVEL OVER THE FROZEN YUKON.

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