

Passing through lakes Tagish and Marsh, the latter twenty miles long, one soon arrives at the head of Grand canyon. The canyon is about three-quarters of a mile in length and has long been considered a dangerous piece of water. It has recently been successfully run by many boats, and much of the danger heretofore associated with it is conceded to have been imagined. A staunch boat, a level head and some knowledge of navigating rapid water are the principal requisites of a safe passage. The same may be said of White Horse rapids, two miles below the canyon. Before reaching the rapids a sign will be observed on the left bank. At this point, if desired, a landing can be made and the contents of the boats portaged over, a distance of about one mile, and the boat lined down from the bank by ropes; or, if after examination, it has been decided to run the rapids, exercise care as you did in the canyon and you will go through all right. The river below the White Horse has a current of nearly eight miles an hour, which gradually decreases until Lake Le Barge is entered. This lake is about thirty-one miles long, with an average width of five miles. Violent storms are of frequent occurrence here, and much care should be exercised in navigating, a sharp lookout being kept for squalls. The best course is to follow the left hand bank and pass between it and an island which will be found about half way down the lake. Nearly two hundred and twenty miles below the White Horse are the Five Fingers rapids. These are not at all formidable, and by following the passage to the extreme right no trouble need be feared. Five miles further down

the river you will pass the Rink rapids, but the obstruction only covers the left half of the river and by keeping close to the right bank as you go you experience smooth water. The river from this point to the mouth, almost 2000 miles, is open and free from obstructions of any kind other than islands. Near Fort Selkirk, just below the mouth of the Pelly river and fifty-five miles from the Five Fingers is a group of islands upon which grows some very good timber. If you are bound for Dawson City, and have a little time to spare you can make several hundred dollars by stopping a week or two and putting in the time cutting down the merchantable trees.

At the diggings there is gold for every one, and if you have good health, plenty of pluck and endurance, and are not afraid of rough work and many hardships, you should be able to make a comfortable stake in a few years. The principal thing is to make the right start.

A VALUABLE IDEA

Mark to Identify

It is a good idea to mark your supplies with some conspicuous mark—with some glaring color.

For instance, a red stripe around the middle of each package, or a large bright colored spot, circle, square or cross, etc.

The immense amount of freight and supplies landed at Dyea and Skaguay necessitates some plain identifying mark, easier than the ordinary name and address.