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The Vancouver Routes to the Yukon

Vancouver City the Best Point of Departure for the Yukon.

Vancouver is, undoubtedly the best point of departure for the Yukon country, within which lie the world-famous placer gold fields of the Klondike. There are, moreover, elsewhere in the Yukon than in the Klondike district—and all within the Dominion of Canada—immense areas that yet remain to be explored for gold, of which in most parts of the Yukon, traces are found.

Two main reasons may be given why Vancouver should next Spring become, and afterwards continue to be, the best point of departure for the Yukon region: First, Vancouver is of all ports and commercial cities of any note or magnitude, nearest the Klondike gold fields. Seattle, which is the nearest mercantile city in the United States to the Yukon country in general, has lately been extravagantly "boomed," in respect of its pretensions to be the best point of departure for the Klondike. But Seattle is some 200 miles south of Vancouver, and accordingly by so many miles further from the Yukon. Greater still are the differences in time of reaching and distance from the Klondike, as between San Francisco and Vancouver, these differences all being in favor of the Canadian City, whence by steamships, equally rapid and other equally efficient means of transit, the Yukon can be reached in three days less time and over a course shorter by some 800 miles than that by any San Francisco route. What, however, clinches the fact, that Vancouver will next Spring—before which time

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