

gone in 1902 on his way to the Upper Peace. He left Edmonton on June 2, and Athabaska Landing on June 8, going down the Athabaska instead of up, as he had gone before. By taking this route he was going down stream all the way to the Arctic sea. Before going up of course the boats had to be tracked, but he had nothing of this going down. He had a steamer to Grand Rapids, 165 miles, and from there to McMurray, had to proceed about 80 miles in boats, the river there being too shallow and there being too many obstructions to allow of the passage of the large steamer he had had from Athabaska Landing.

Mr. Stewart explained that he hesitated to express an opinion on the question as to whether at some time or other there could be a railroad from Lake Athabaska to Churchill. The distance is not over 400 or 500 miles. If that could be accomplished it would open an immense country. There are streams too running in that direction. There is Salt river running for quite a distance, but it has never been traversed.