

now stocked, an immense profit could be made by selling to Dawson storekeepers, who would be glad to buy at so convenient a distributing centre."

"Bennett Lake is about twenty-four miles in length, and precipitous mountains are on either side. It is chiefly remarkable for a particularly disagreeable, bleak and chilly wind, which is constantly blowing. As you approach Tagish there is a notable change. Tagish is the garden valley of the Yukon. The climate is delightful, and the country park-like, with grass meadows plentifully adorned with brilliant tinted wild flowers innumerable. And the fishing in the calm waters of the

sight in the world to see these beggars when one of our steamers pass. Almost as if on a given signal the whole lot of them plunge into the lake and circle round the boats. You have noticed the odd expression a dog puts on when swimming? Fancy hundreds of dogs all wearing this imbecile look splashing about in the water. It is worth going a long way to see."

"Do I know anything about the new gold fields at Pine Creek? Yes, there was some talk of these discoveries when I was in the country, but the stampede has occurred since. The gold is very fine and of a beautiful colour, and I heard it



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lake! Prodigious! You can catch all the trout and white fish you please, and four pounders at that. I have even heard of thirty-five pound trout. Here the Northwest Mounted Police, commanded at present by Inspector Strickland, have established a post. I say 'at present' advisedly because when the force is increased Major Wood is to assume command. Well, almost opposite the post the Police have their dog camp. Hundreds of dogs of every conceivable breed and absence of breeding. It is the most extraordinary

reported that some of the ground gave as much as from \$2 to \$6 to the pan. A number of quartz claims have been staked off near the police camp, and I have seen some very nice specimens indeed from them. And do you know, I am of the opinion the country all the way down from Bennett is well mineralized, and one very noticeable thing is the iron-stained rocks which give the mountains on Lake Bennett the effect of being painted a dull red colour. After passing through Tagish Lake the steamer Nora enters another sheet of water,