

ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION

A rail and steamboat service connects Atlin with the Pacific coast at Skagway. Commodious steamers make regular trips throughout the year between Seattle and Skagway, Alaska, and also between Vancouver and Skagway, distances of 1,900 and 807 miles, respectively. From Skagway the White Pass and Yukon railway has been constructed to Whitehorse, Yukon, a distance of 141 miles. From Caribou¹ a point on the railway 61 miles from Skagway, a steamer makes two trips a week to Taku Landing, which is about 70 miles from Caribou and is situated at the eastern end of Graham inlet, an arm of Taku arm. A railway 2 miles long extends from Taku Landing (Plate I) to a point on the western shore of Atlin lake, whence a steamer connects with the town of Atlin on the eastern shore about 5 miles distant. All points on Atlin lake and Taku arm are thus directly connected by rail and steamboat service with Skagway.

Wagon-roads have been constructed from Atlin up Pine and Spruce creeks and their more important tributaries, also up Fourth-of-July creek. Roads or trails have been made up Pike river, McKee creek, and other important streams on the east side of Atlin lake. A wagon-road has also been built from Kirtland on the west side of Taku arm to the lode-discoveries on Highhorn creek, and roads have been constructed connecting the workings at the Engineer mines and Gleaner group with the east shore of Taku arm.

During the winter season a stage runs regularly between Carcross and Atlin—a great part of the journey being made on the ice; in the late and early winter, just before navigation is open and after it closes, while the ice is uncertain, dog-teams carry the mail between these points.

HISTORY.

General.

Atlin became known as a productive placer camp within a few months of the date of the discoveries made by Miller and McLaren on Pine creek in January of the year 1898. These men made the

¹ Originally known as Caribou Crossing, but now called Carcross by the Post Office authorities and Caribou by the railway people.