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The Company also has at Dawson two 70 foot twin screw steam launches with a speed of 16 miles an hour, one of which is under offer to the Canadian Government for the Mounted Police. These launches were built in England by the Liquid Fuel Company at Cowes, and are of the very best material throughout. All the engine parts are of manganese bronze and gun metal. Spare propellers and spare machinery are provided for each boat. One of these will be placed on Lake Bennett for next season, to run between the head of Bennett Lake and the new gold fields at Atlin Lake, the other following her in the event of the Canadian Government not completing the purchase.

In order that the Company's patrons may be conveyed from between the White Pass Railroad at the head of Lake Bennett and Miles Canyon in comfort and safety, the Company is now constructing with Reese & Sons, of Pittsburg, and Fletcher & Sons, of New York, a fast boat for the lake work. This boat will be built of steel, she will be 115 feet long by 26 feet beam; she will have three fore and aft and seven transverse water-tight compartments, making her unsinkable under any condition. She will be supplied with a Yarrow water-tube boiler, and will have a speed of 15 miles an hour. She will be completely fitted with electric lights, including two searchlights, to be provided by the Canadian General Electric Company, so that the navigation of this stretch of water can always be performed, even on the darkest night.

In Dawson the Company has the only floating warehouse 150 feet long, which warehouse, or barge, will be moored to the Company's piers, and on which freight can be stored waiting for delivery. They also have an office in the new building of the Alaska Commercial Company, adjoining the large store of that well-known corporation. They will have an agent and warehouse at White Horse Rapids, at the head of Lake Bennett, and also at Skagway.

Traffic arrangements have been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway, also with ocean agents in Seattle of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, so that through business can be conducted over these lines.

Further traffic arrangements have also been made with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, the C. P. N. Co., and with the owners of the "City of Seattle," the "Dirigo" and "Rosalie," by which means through bills of lading can be issued from the coast points to Dawson and through tickets for passengers.

It is confidently expected that through time from