

better than an ordinary cow path ; it winds through a wide shallow valley, through which flows the Doo-ek-don-to and the Nahlina River, besides several other smaller streams. The 60 miles of trail between the top of Aguell's Hill and the Nahlina River presents no more serious obstacles than the crossing of the two above-mentioned rivers, these rivers being easily fordable at any time of the year except during the spring freshets, when, I have very little doubt, they will be too deep and rapid to ford. From the Nahlina to the Lake (60 miles) the trail passes through a forest of principally coniferous trees. It is ever crooked, winding around and over fallen timber, occasionally encountering small open patches of swampy ground. These swampy patches are generally glacial moraines, covered with from two to three feet of moss, that is saturated with water. Animals sink through this moss to the hard bottom, making it very tiresome travelling. With the exception of one stretch of three-quarters of a mile and another of one and a half miles these wet patches are quite short and unimportant in any case. There is plenty of small timber at hand that can be used for corduroying.

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will be made in the route of the trail next year that will shorten the distance by at least 15 miles, a cut off will be made that will avoid Aguell's Hill altogether. There is plenty of bunch and swamp grass along the entire route, but there is very little wild hay suitable for storing for winter use. From Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake there is a direct and almost unbroken chain of rivers, creeks and lakes, that afford a fine ice route for winter travel. Careful enquiries convinced me that the climatic conditions are favourable for establishing a winter route. Captain Yorke's party is making preparations to haul machinery for a sawmill and steamboat, also 15,000 lbs. of provisions, over this winter route to Teslin Lake. They will use mules, horses and sleighs. The party will be accompanied by about 40 prospectors, who will take advantage of the broken roads, hauling their supplies by relays in hand sleighs. Capt. Yorke expects to have his sawmill in operation and steamer ready to meet the demands of the trail next spring. There is a scarcity of small game along the trail, but signs of moose and cariboo are very plentiful, though the animals are very seldom seen from the trail. Arrangements are being made to put several pack trains on the trail between Telegraph Creek and Teslin Lake next spring."
