

this should be under Government control, so that report will carry Government endorsement. Please answer."

The following reply was received :

" Arrangements have been made for a small detachment of police to go to Yukon, via Edmonton, and report en route. I understand they are to be accompanied by two representatives of the Edmonton Board of Trade. Their report will be made to the Minister of the Interior."

In October, a letter was received from a mercantile firm in Edmonton, containing valuable information regarding the proposed opening of routes to the Yukon, via Edmonton, by land and water, and stating that many parties were already passing through Edmonton, and taking these routes. The letter also, in concise form, showed the benefits to be gained to Canada in general by the development of the lines of communication named. The Council considered that this information was of such importance that they had it printed and copies mailed to every Board of Trade in Canada, and to the leading newspapers of Canada and the United States. Replies received from a large number of Boards of Trade in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces, indicate that great interest has been taken in the statements made by the Edmonton people, and the Council is satisfied that its action in this connection has been of valuable service to the Canadian merchants and manufacturers, as well as to the Edmonton people. Without doubt, a very large number of miners who intend going to the Yukon gold fields, in the coming spring, will choose the Edmonton route on the reports received from the parties who passed through Edmonton last fall and the present winter.