

completed by the opening of a supplementary Portland Canal, or one of the two arms of Observa- provide railway communication with all the year adian waters.

ROUTES.

City via St. Michael's and the Yukon River:	
St. Michael's.....	2,000 Miles
Mouth of Yukon.....	80 "
Dawson City.....	1,610 "
	<hr/> 4,350 Miles

TIGHT—1st class, \$300; 2nd class, \$250; freight, ie feet, or 2,000 lbs.

g have yet been billed. The first steamers will eek of May, as the Behring Sea does not open e, and the earliest date of arrival of a through he 14th of July.

koot Pass):—

	Miles.
rea	895
Camp.....	13
Summit	3
Lindemann	8
	<hr/> 24
n to Dawson	558
	<hr/> 1,477

hr charge for packing over this trail was 65 cents er to Lake, equivalent to \$1,300 per ton. There ad a wire pulley cage over the worst part of the suitable for light outfits, and for men who intend s, and pack their own outfits over. Still every- this Pass has got over.

ation is much impeded on this route by frequent l storms, and the dangerous White Horse Rapids.

S (White Pass, Moore's Trail):—

	Miles.
Skagway.....	891
Summit.....	17
e Bennett	20
	<hr/> 37
o Dawson	552
	<hr/> 1,480

Winter trail, and in February and March light outfits ean make Lake Bennett from Skagway in 48 hours. ss the wagon road, which is now being constructed, t is a trail to avoid. The wagon road is very nar- there is not room on it for two wagons to pass. anded for the right to pitch a tent, and both Dyea l of idle loafers, among whom no law is respected. hich the caravans of 2,700 horses are lying on the on this route suffers the same disadvantages as on

IV. DALTON'S TRAIL:—

	Miles.
Vancouver to Pyramid Harbor	875
Pyramid Harbor to Summit	45
Summit to Fort Selkirk	305
	<hr/> 350
Fort Selkirk to Dawson	173
	<hr/> 1,398

This is no trail for Winter work, being swept by blizzards even in September. But in Summer it makes a good pack trail with grass for a limited number of horses, and no very difficult country. There is, how- ever, a land-carriage of 350 miles from salt water to the Yukon at Fort Selkirk.

V. Taku Route:—

	Miles.
Vancouver to Juneau	790
Juneau to Lake Teslin	120
Lake Teslin to Dawson	650
	<hr/> 1,560

Not much is known of this route, for the head of Taku Inlet is so blocked with ice floes and ice bergs from the Taku Glacier that it is difficult, and often impossible, to make a landing. It does not seem likely ever to be a practicable route, though it undoubtedly is short.

VI. STICKINE-TESLIN ROUTE:—

	Miles.
Vancouver to Wrangel	700
Wrangel to Stickine Island	8
Stickine Island to Glenora	130
Glenora to Telegraph Creek	12
Telegraph Creek to Lake Teslin	140
Lake Teslin to Hootalinqua River	70
Hootalinqua River to Lewis River.....	130
Lewis River to Fort Selkirk	277
Fort Selkirk to Dawson City	173
	<hr/> 650
	<hr/> 1,640

These distances must still be taken as only approximate.

The Winter trail is now announced open by the Government of British Columbia. From Telegraph Creek the Railway is now being built to Lake Teslin, on which as soon as navigation opens steamers will ply and run right through to Dawson. The railway contract stipulates that the railway shall be open by the 1st of September, 1898, but the first portion will be carrying freight and passengers long before that. The contractors are also bound to open a Winter road from the mouth of the Stickine to Telegraph and from there to Teslin, which is now completed. Further, they are to maintain a wagon road in Summer between Telegraph and Teslin, free of tolls or charges; and, lastly, they are to construct shelters every 25 miles for the use of travellers

When the ice breaks up at the end of April a fleet of about 40 river steamers will take passengers and freight up the river. From 1st March on there will be practically DAILY STEAMER COMMUNICATION from Vancouver to Wrangel. At present good travelling is being made on the frozen Stickine River; and large outfits of railway plant, steam engines, lake steamers, machinery, and saw mills have left Vancouver, and are being transported up to Telegraph Creek, Teslin and other points. Anyono