



A Marine Boiler made into a "Roller" and "Rolled" a Hundred Miles, from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing.

A Peculiar Wager

TWO or three years ago a peculiar wager was made in the city of Edmonton. It arose in this way. Mr. J. K. Cornwall, one of the most successful fur traders and boat owners operating in the country which lies immediately north of Edmonton, was building a boat at Athabasca Landing. When the marine boiler for this vessel arrived at Edmonton the snow had disappeared from the ground. There is no railway north from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing and if that marine boiler could not be hauled by horsepower over the hundred-mile stretch between these two places Mr. Cornwall's steamboat would be useless. It was loaded on to a

waggon, a large number of horses were hitched to it, and it was conveyed a short distance outside the town, where it stuck.

While Mr. Cornwall sat around in Edmonton with a disconsolate manner, a rather peculiar character sauntered up to him and said, "What will you give me if I take your boiler to Athabasca Landing?"

"I will give you eight hundred dollars," said Mr. Cornwall.

"Done," answered the man. Mr. Cornwall stipulated that it must go the whole distance.

The above picture shows how this ingenious idler won his wager of eight hundred dollars to nothing. He encased the boiler in wood and made it into a huge roller.



Yachting Scene, Toronto Harbour.