

Railway and Steamboat Communication

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Since the following pages were written the Canadian Government has completed arrangements which will, during the coming season, remove the great difficulties which have heretofore stood in the way of travel and transport to the Yukon District. The route to be opened is by steamer from Victoria or Vancouver to Wrangel, thence by the Stikine River to Telegraph Creek, thence overland 150 miles to Teslin Lake, thence down Teslin Lake, the Hootaluqua, Lewis and Yukon Rivers to Dawson City. Large steamers run the year round to the mouth of the Stikine River. From that point a sleigh road to Teslin Lake will be open for travel with stopping places every 25 miles, on the 10th March. Persons going in can thus reach Teslin Lake and make their preparations to go down from that point by water when the ice goes out, which is usually about May 15th. While those who wish to prospect in the south-eastern part of the Yukon District may find to their advantage to go by one of the overland routes, the great bulk of the travel to Dawson City and its neighborhood will find an easy route by way of the Stikine and Teslin Lake.

River steamers will ply all summer from the mouth of the Stikine to Telegraph Creek. A wagon road with abundance of transportation facilities will be available from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, and steamers will be plying on this lake and the Hootaluqua, Lewis and Yukon Rivers. On the *First day of September* a railway will be in operation from Telegraph Creek to Teslin Lake, so that from that time until the ice forms in the Fall, generally about October 20th, there will be an uninterrupted steamboat and railway connection to Dawson City. Persons travelling by this route, or any of the all Canadian overland routes described in the following pamphlet, will avoid payment of duties if their outfits are purchased in Canada.