

	Miles.
Manson to St. James	125
St. James to Macleod	90
Macleod to mouth of Parsnip	120
Mouth of Parsnip to Canyon	70
Over Canyon Portage	15
Canyon to St. John	70
Total	490

In 1904 the Provincial Bureau of Information published Bulletin No. 9, accompanying which was a map of the Northern Interior showing the two routes from Quesnel to Fort McLeod above-mentioned, and thence to Fort St. John; also the route taken by Mr. Vallean from Manson Creek. In the "Report of the Minister

route, he visited the gold district below Fort St. John. Not being a mining expert, Mr. Short was not in a position to make any statement about the value of the discovery, but he found the claim holders enthusiastic. He described the country on the north side of the Peace River between Dunvegan and Fort St. John as having all the characteristics of an excellent farming country. It is a rolling prairie, lightly timbered, on which the grass and hay grow luxuriantly. No settlers have gone in and none of this land is cultivated.

The Nelson 20,000 Club has adopted an effective plan of calling attention to the weekly returns of ore shipped by Boundary and Kootenay mines and smelted at district smelters, as compiled by and printed in the *Nelson Daily News*, which returns it sends by mail in



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of Mines for 1905," (pp. 1 93-102), may be found the notes of the provincial mineralogist on that portion of his trip to "The Northern Interior Plateau" between Quesnel and Fort St. James.

Regarding the Edmonton-Dunvegan route to the Peace River country, Mr. W. H. Short, manager for the Revillon Co., spent July and August of this year travelling between Edmonton and the Peace River country. A press despatch states that he took the prairie trail from Peace River crossing to Fort St. John and back, a distance of 220 miles each way. This is the trail which was made by the Dominion Government eight years ago and was repaired two years ago by the Northwest Mounted Police. He found the trail in excellent condition, the bridges intact, and good travelling all the way. While on the

all directions. It is well that such useful information be as widely disseminated as practicable and the enterprise of the *Daily News* in getting it together be made to serve so useful a purpose.

The special correspondent at San Francisco, California, of the *New York Engineering and Mining Journal*, says: It is announced that the gold from Alaska and the Klondike country will be minted in San Francisco this year, instead of at Philadelphia, where it has been sent for the past two years. Most of this gold is received at the United States Assay Office at Seattle, the next largest receiver being the Selby Smelting Co. of this city. Between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 in gold yearly comes from these northern regions.