

THE ROAD TO THE GOLD FIELDS.

pulled into Skagway on the afternoon of March 31st at 5 o'clock, having made the trip in ten days and eight hours, or at the rate of fifty-five miles a day. The team consisted of six huskies (Arctic dogs), and he carried no supplies with him, buying everything for himself and dogs at the bunk houses along the river.

If a dog team has to carry its own food and that of the driver and thirty to forty pounds of blankets, robes and other equipments its radius of travel is very limited. Mahoney's teams could barely have



PASSENGER TRAIN COMING DOWN FROM SUMMIT.
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reached Dawson carrying their own supplies and no extra freight whatever. It is because there is no food for horses along the trail that these animals or mules are not used. A good horse can drag about two thousand pounds over a fair trail on a food allowance of forty pounds a day. He can travel through fresh snow that would stall any dog team, but the latter can travel over crusted snow that would break under horses. Wherever the food supply permits freighting is done with horses and mule teams, as between Skagway and Tagish one hundred miles towards Dawson, but for light and rapid