

else." . . . "I object to the use of the name Klondyke, because that is so small a portion of the territory up there in the Yukon region, in comparison with which the area of the Klondyke would not compare any more than my hand would with that blackboard, and nearly all that vast stretch of country has yet to be prospected."

Dr. Dawson, Director-General, Geological Survey of Canada, says :—

"I consider the Yukon destined to be the greatest mining country the world ever saw. I anticipate that the recent discoveries will lead to the development of quartz mining, in which is the staple wealth of any mining country. Experienced prospectors have already found a number of valuable gold quartz discoveries in the Yukon district, and many more are sure to follow."

Inspector Strickland, of the Canadian North-West Mounted Police, says :—

"There has been no exaggeration. I have seen nothing in the newspapers in regard to the richness of the field that is not true. Great strikes have been made, but the amount of gold is unlimited. There are hundreds of creeks rich in gold-bearing placers, never yet entered by the prospectors. Of course, all the claims in the creeks now opened are taken up, but these are only beginnings, I believe, of much greater finds."

2. THE CLIMATE.

The climates of the coast and interior are unlike in many respects. A strip of the mainland back to the mountains and its fringe of islands has a temperate climate not unlike Norway, with little zero weather but a heavy rainfall and a profuse vegetation. The interior has a wide range of heat and cold. The mildness of the coast is due to the Japan current, a warm stream in the Pacific Ocean that strikes the coast of British Columbia, and dividing, sends one branch northward to meet another branch which strikes the Aleutian Islands and expends its force in Bering Sea. The climate of the interior is one of rigorous cold in winter, with a short hot summer, especially days when the sky is clear. The day of mid-winter on the upper Yukon has the sun in sight less than four hours, while in mid-summer it hardly gets dark. The records of