

Louisiana and our once happy home in Texas, but is also indicative here of a moist and rainy region. Rocks, hills and bluffs constitute the scenery, the benches or terraces show that the water in times long past ran in far greater depths than at present, which engenders solemn thought, that, when the edict went forth, "Let the dry land appear" of the vast and rushing torrent of water that swept and came tearing between these volcanic upheavals. With the exception of some small patches of open land along the river bottoms on which cultivation is continually attempted, and which attempts as often fails, then passing big Canyon, at the bar, we make our way some twenty-four miles to Yale, the head of steamboat navigation on the lower Fraser, and distant from Lytton fifty-six miles by road and 110 miles from New Westminster, at the mouth of the Fraser River. The town of Yale is a pretty and picturesque one, being situated on a bend of the river in a narrow gorge. A short distance below the town the Fraser "bars" at "Texas Bar" Emery Bar and American Bar, and as early as '58, gold was found in considerable quantity. At present, the town is supposed to contain some 5,000 inhabitants, it was named after one of the H. B. Co.'s officers, and is important as a forwarding point, large quantities of goods and merchandise being shipped by the semi-weekly line of steamers from New Westminster, which have to be transferred at this point to the backs of mules and mule teams for distribution in the different districts, the freight generally ranges in spring from 7½ to 10 cents per pound.

The streams in the vicinity yield good trout salmon, white fish (Talo yaz) ; little salmon, and other fish are also found in considerable quantities. Taking the steamer, a flat-