

About twenty miles to the west, and three miles to the north of the confluence of these rivers, is Summit Lake, accessible by land portage of three miles from Salmon River. The waters of this lake flow to the Arctic, while that of Salmon River flows to the Pacific.

Now, in our opinion, it would be quite an easy matter to transport the live salmon from the Salmon River across this three mile portage into Summit Lake, and from thence the spawn would have an uninterrupted journey to the Arctic Ocean, thereby making a certainty of having the true salmon in the Arctic as well as in the Pacific Ocean. Those salmon, after attaining the proper age, no doubt would follow the instincts of nature and ascend the Great Mackenzie up as far as the Fort Smith Rapids; not being able to pass these rapids or falls, would naturally spawn and die, it being a well known fact that the old salmon never return to the sea, the spawn taking their place, and in like manner visit the sea, pass the allotted time allowed by nature, then ascend the river and like their predecessors, spawn and die.

At the present time there are a number of canneries at New Westminster, on the Fraser, for the purpose of canning the salmon, and they are shipped from there to all points of civilization. There are also several large canning establishments at Astoria, on the Columbia River, these being the largest probably in the world. They add a great source of revenue to the country, being a very profitable industry in themselves.

*No. 62.*

Should the country ever become settled, what timber is to be found there would be utilized for home consumption, but do not think there is sufficient quantity for export.

*Nos. 63, 64 and 65.*

To be found in all muskegs in the country. The Indians use it sometimes when they can get no other tea.

*No. 66. Very poor indeed.*

*No. 67.*

Gold is to be found in small quantities on the banks of the Peace River. Sulphur is to be found on Great Slave Lake and on Smoky River. Salt is to be found in large quantities on the Salt River, which empties into the Slave River twenty miles below Fort Smith. Petroleum and Asphaltum are found on the Athabasca River. Gypsum is to be found on Peace River near Little Red River.

*Nos. 68 and 69.*

The barren lands might contain mineral but have never been explored, and think it advisable that Government should make an appropriation for that purpose.

*Nos. 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 and 77.*

In our opinion, the natural Pitch of the Athabasca River will become very valuable, as the country is developed, and ways and means of traffic is established.

*No. 78.*

As to the quantity, it would seem from outward appearances to be very great, for there are large hills of it in many places along the banks of the river, especially in or near the rapids.

*No. 79.*

If Petroleum were to be discovered in large quantities, we are of the opinion that the discovery would be in the immediate vicinity of the Pitch banks, and if traffic were opened by means of railroad connecting with steamers, as we have already suggested, it would naturally pass through, or close to, the Pitch or Petroleum country, thereby being easy of transportation by these means.