

Prince Albert and Green Lake Route

How any one may afford the trip to the Great Canadian Gold Fields. Authentic accounts by old-time Northern Travellers of the oldest route across the Northern Country.

THE POOR MAN'S ROUTE.

To share the wealth of the great Canadian gold fields is the dream of myriads and the attempt to share it is to be the direct effort of a large number of people during the next few months. No doubt many a poor industrial slave, hopeless of improving his condition, appreciably in the world's great centres and manufactories, would gladly embrace the offered opportunity to join the grand stampede to the frozen diggings of the north. The trials and hardships of the life would be trifles to him if he only had the opportunity to make the try for fortune. But the distance at shortest is great and the difficulties by the shortest routes multiply the cost of travelling by fifty times. At best the cost by most of these routes puts the

the extreme severity of the climate of that country.

But to those otherwise debarred from setting out for the north, and indeed to all, irrespective of circumstances, there is possible a

CHEAP AND EASY ROUTE.

offering advantages, in almost every particular, and which does not present any difficulties or disadvantages at all to be compared with what are to be met on shorter routes, while not a single route as yet prospected is in any way superior. This route is via Prince Albert, Green Lake, Isle à la Crosse and Clearwater river to Fort McMurray, and thence north by the McKenzie River system, with the opportunity to turn off at either the Peace or Liard River should either be fancied.

In detail is obtainable, and that from men who know it from personal experience, and no vague hearsay! And farther, the characters and positions of these reliable informants are such and their statements so free from the aspersion of interested motive, that any prospector may feel safe in acting from their information. The statements published may be verified with the utmost liberty.

THE ROUTE BY PRINCE ALBERT.

The traveller to the Klondike or whatever part of the gold region he may select, in coming from Eastern Canada or States, may come by the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway through Winnipeg to Re-



PRINCE ALBERT TO YUKON—String of Carts setting out on the Green Lake Trail

Photo by W. J. James, Prince Albert

undertaking out of question for the man of limited means, while the poor man must simply not pause from his ill paid task to think of it.

This question of cost is an insuperable barrier to the large majority of men, best adapted to undertaking the journey and the work of placer digging—the sturdy, self-reliant, resourceful workingman, accustomed to think and act for himself and to meet every emergency—for to him no paths are made easy, no difficulties removed before hand. The man who is accustomed to the battle of life single-handed is the ideal argonaut to strive for the golden prize, to face the hardships and strain of miners' life, a hard life at best and in this particular instance doubly so, from the remoteness of the gold fields from civilization, and

That this has not been made more public at an earlier period, is due, not to any fault of the route, or lack of information concerning it, but only because "what is every one's business is no one's business." There was simply no one whose duty or interest it was to push the matter. But the Board of Trade of the town of Prince Albert have recently taken up the subject of opening the route, and they have shown that not only is the route

ALREADY OPENED UP,

and that it has the advantages of cheapness, directness, freedom from danger and difficulties, ease in obtaining and transporting suitable supplies, but that it is the oldest route into the northern country, and the only route concerning which full, accurate, satisfactory and reliable information

gives. From the south and central states he may choose to come by the "Soo" road direct to Regina or to Winnipeg by Great Northern or Northern Pacific and thence by C. P. R. main line. Arrived at Regina, the train of the Prince Albert branch takes one direct to the first objective point—Prince Albert.

From Prince Albert, when the traveller is ready, he will find an excellent trail for wagons in summer, for sleighs in winter, north for 120 miles to Green Lake, the first of the waters which he will travel on to the north country. This is the route and trail used by the H. B. Co. for generations and over it every season large quantities of flour, general merchandise for northern posts and other heavy and bulky freight are transported to