

and he gave me these outside market prices on Alaska furs: black fox, \$1200; silver fox, \$1500; red fox, \$18 to \$24; white fox, \$20. They also give the other, common, market prices of all varieties of beaver, marten, lynx, weasels, skunk, and so on. Martin is forbidden to trap in Alaska, and I believe 20 feet up and that it has to gain every day in the summer to melt off. You with this almost constant rain all there are thousands of acres on which the snowfall gains on the rain, hence the wonderful glaciers, great lakes and rivers of solid ice, slowly melting to the ocean. The lower coast may be some country for turmps, but don't take a chance of going up there for general farming. If there is stock raising in Alaska I would like to be cited. There is nothing for cows to eat. They would starve on tundra and the stuff reindeers live on. There may be a few cows around the favored section of Fairbanks, but in a 2200 mile trip thru the interior of Alaska I never saw a head of stock.

And with the exception of the one favored section there is NO SOIL in Alaska, and it will be thousands of years yet before there will be. A few inches under the tundra the soil was even trees cannot subsist. Over the millions of acres of Alaska you will see forests grown up to such dimensions and dead. On the entire length of the Yukon there is no timber worth while, for when it reaches a certain size dies for want of root substance. The famous Alaska spruce you read about is not in Alaska proper, but far down in the panhandle, north of Prince Rupert.

If you want to go into the fishing or fur business, don't look for anything better than the north land, but if you want to take a long chance on farming or stock raising, take Death Valley as a better chance, than Alaska, for there you will have the satisfaction of at least keeping warm while you "go broke."

As to what the Government's railroad will do for the coal section of Southern Alaska, it is but a matter of opinion, and my honest opinion—an opinion founded on all the information I could

gather from all sources is that it will not be a paying investment, and that the Government took a change that gave the prospectors and the gold seekers nothing, but the glad tidings that the completion of the regular old-fashioned Seattle real estate boom. The great coal fields will be developed, thousands of men will be employed, and as one man told me "Nenana will skin Dawson for a grow."

But what is going to be done with the coal? I asked.

"Ship it to Seattle and down the Pacific ocean," was the reply.

"But," I continued, "great deposits of coal are developed in Washington to-day, because it cannot compete with cheap fire wood, and how are you going to railroad your coal to Seward boat it to Seattle and back a competition in Washington and Oregon that state coal deposits can't meet, and how are you going to ship it thousands of miles to California and compete with the cheapest fuel oil in the world?"

And after you have poked a few such questions at the enthusiasts it is well to see if your boat is not about due time to move along or lose your population.

There have been enormous unreasoned expenses in the construction of this road; there have been great washouts and other engineering problems almost new to the builders. In two years they say the road will be completed and ready for service. I wonder how much of the year it will be in service with the enormous snowfall in this part of Alaska, and with the terrible floods in the summer months, my guess is that it will be some job to keep the railroad in operation, even if there is a demand for its operation. However, this is but an opinion, one I may have to renege on.

Alaska to-day is hitting the sluites. The territory is declining. Half of the population of the country has left this year. In every town, camp and mine I visited the people were leaving or making preparations to go

out on the last boats. There was gloom and depression everywhere. The reasons I found were three. No new strikes of size or permanency, the excessive cost of living in the mining camps and the stories of high wages and from activity on the outside. This was loading the passenger accommodations of all the last boats.

And yet almost every minor or prospector who was leaving would state that some day he was going back. Almost every last man of them knew where (or about where) there was rich dirt, and some of these days when he had accumulated enough money to "hold him up" for a season, they were all going back and making good.

If these fellows could only cash in on their hopes, if they could develop one-tenth of their prospects, Dawson would lose its name as the once greatest gold camp on earth.

They all have a "prospect" and a story with it, and those stories—well, they just get you, get into your blood and make you want to chuck the whole work-a-day world, get an outfit and beat back into the unpeopled hills, where propertics and worries don't go back where you just let go of everything you were ever tangled with, rough it and hunt for the deceiving gold.

A peculiarity I found in Alaska is that there are almost as many Indian dialects as there are Indian towns, and that one community is almost distinct in talk and customs from the one perhaps 50 miles away. A newspaper man stated the Indians and Eskimos are not wanderers; that in the early days they were forced by necessity to settle in small numbers where the hunting and fishing was good; that they gradually became tribes and in the hundreds of years the language changed into dialects and the original tongue became practically lost.

In this way the wide separation of the Eskimo and Indian is explained. Once they were all Eskimos, and lived along the coasts. Then they gradually moved up the Yukon, changed

their manner of living and became a distinct family.

Take an Indian or Eskimo, dress him in American clothes and I will give a prize to anyone who can pick him out from a bunch of Japs. Unquestionably they originally came from China or Japan. They have the same yellowish complexion, high cheeked bones and a slight eye slant.

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