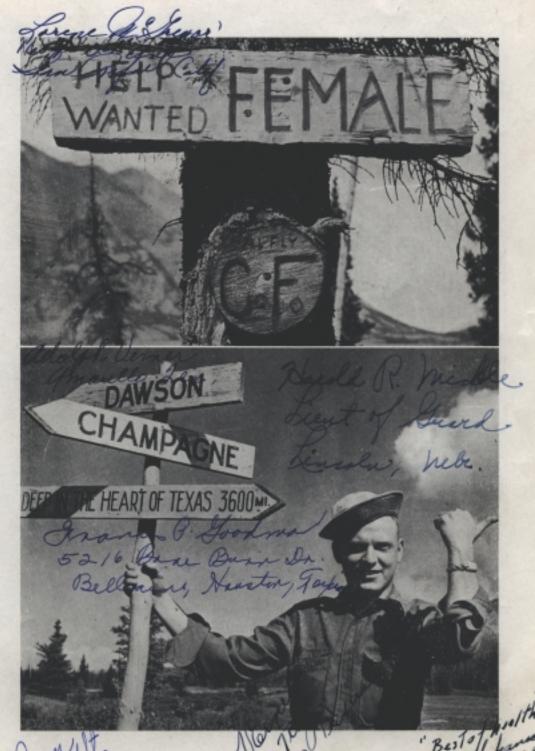
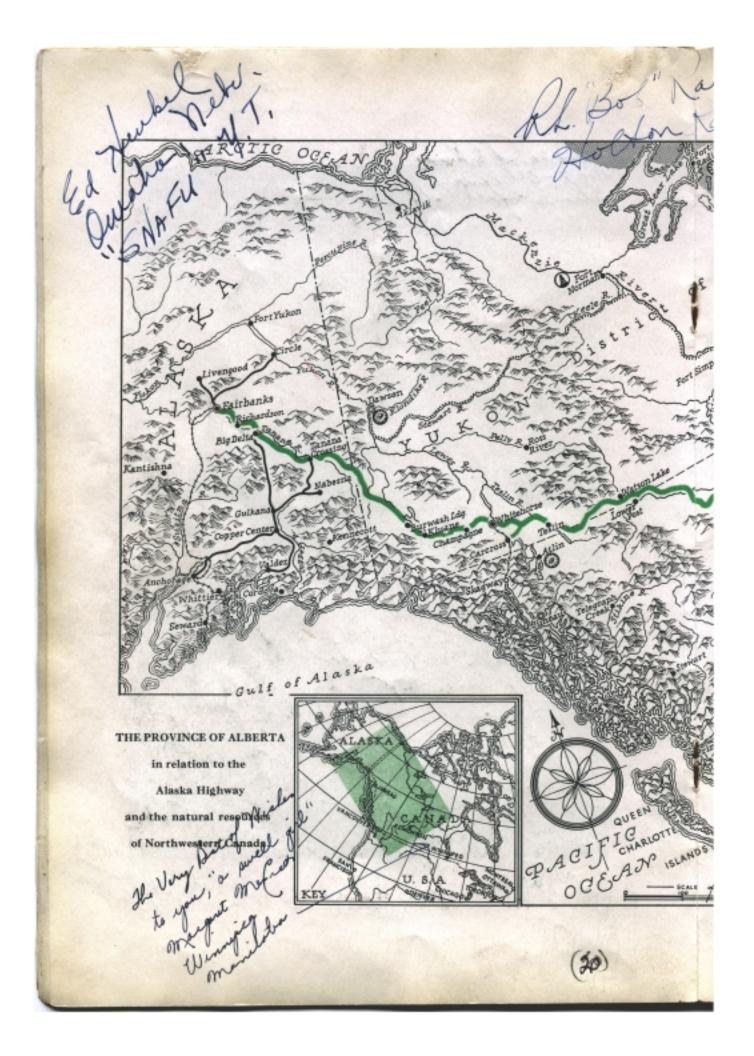
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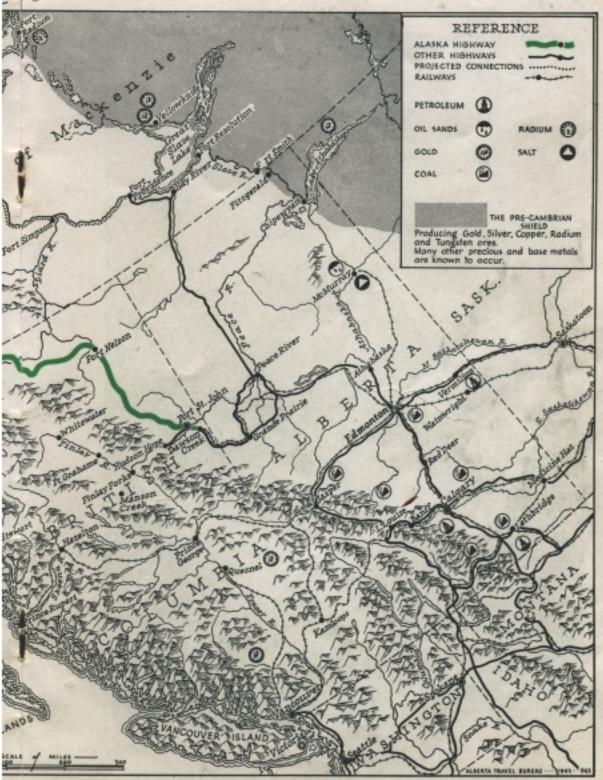
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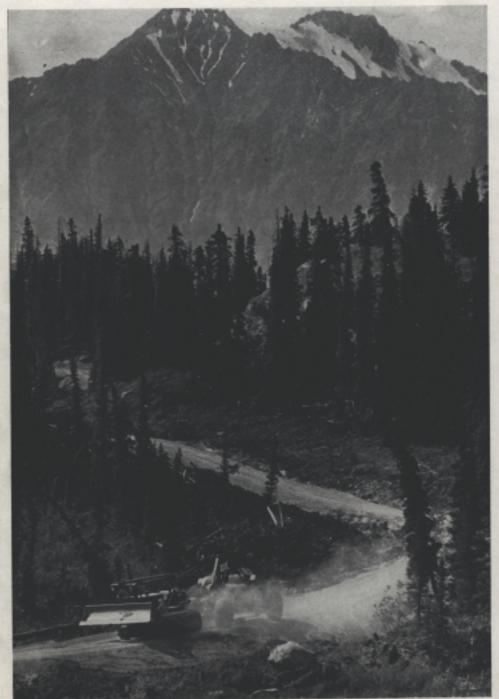


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fell sick. But all of them worked with the greatest possible speed. Many of them were inexperienced bushmen or road-builders, but practical experience is the best teacher and it wasn't long before each of them became proficient in his special line.

The highway running over muskeg proved to be one of the biggest headaches. Long stretched had to be corduroised and equipment and men wallowed in the sea of slime. Rivers and streams were bridged with pontoon structures.

The bulldozer was a land battleship. "We just walk 'em down, shove 'em aside and let 'em lay," was the comment of one "cat" driver. He was talking about the endless miles of trees.

Behind the dozers came grading crews that roughed out the roadway with motor graders and pull blades. Then culverts were built and covered, drainage paths made and gravel thrown down. Scrapers built up the 24-foot road. There was plenty of gravel, although some of it had to be hauled long distances.

North Towns Boom in Rush

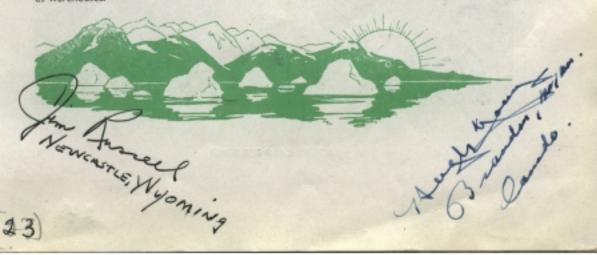
Whitehorse.

The Road passes through two important settlements, Fort St. John and

With the influx of hundreds of civilians and engineer troops, these places boomed. But it was old stuff for Whitehorse, where grizzled prospectors of '98 once set their pokes on the bar after months of searching for "the muck called gold." The country around Whitehorse is dotted with the broken cabins of these get-rich-quick niners. A few of the cabins were put to use again by the men following the trail of '42.

The cabin of Sam McGee, whose cremation Robert W. Service described long before McGee had passed on, had been set aside as an historical monument. But it's back in use again.

Yukon steamers used in '98, pulled high and dry on the river bank at Whitehorse, were used as warehouses.



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