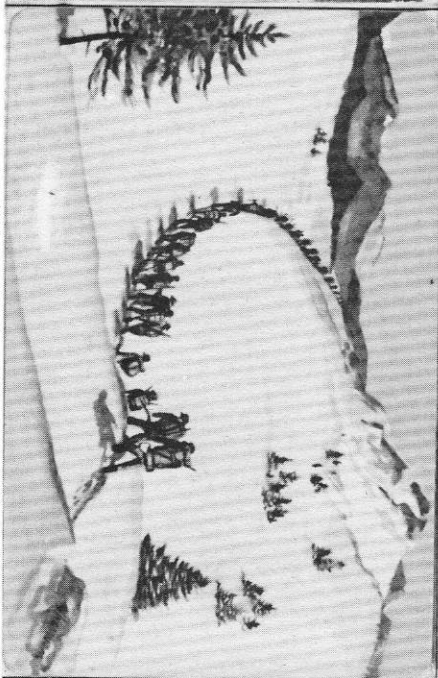




"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 1  
"Sgt. Preston and 'King'"  
of the series

MY DOG, "Yukon King," is my constant companion. He is a Husky and is trained to respond to gesture as well as to a spoken command. At times a motion of my hand, a pointed finger, or merely a nod of my head is all that it takes to start the big fellow into action. When he has been following an outlaw's trail with me, he is always alert for the command to make the final charge.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 2  
"Taken by Surprise"  
of the series

PROSPECTORS for gold in the Yukon often stayed on the job for months on end, accumulating gold dust or nuggets in a secret hiding place. Living alone, these men generally kept one or more dogs to help guard against thieves. Despite the dogs and the fact that the gold was generally well hidden, sourdoughs were occasionally robbed. It was then that the Mounted Police started out on a trail that could not end until we found the criminal and brought him to justice.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 3  
"Avalanche"  
of the series

SNOW SLIDES and avalanches are among the greatest hazards to men who travel through the Arctic. These are most likely to occur during the spring of the year when the warm winds bring thawing weather. A good lead dog is particularly wary and can often sense perils of this nature. Many times I have seen "King" halt my dog team just in time to avoid being swept down a mountainside by thousands of tons of snow.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 4  
"Sluice Mining"  
of the series

MANY prospectors or sourdoughs looking for gold build sluices instead of panning for the gold. By panning, only a small amount of water could be handled at one time. Sluices work on the same principle as panning, that is, water, gravel, sand and mud are dumped into the sluice and then run off. Gold, being the heaviest, remains on the bottom to be collected.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 5  
"Bear Surprising Trapper"  
of the series

BEARS in the Yukon region grow to huge size and are unequalled in strength and fighting ability. It takes a heavy trap to catch and hold one, and trappers set these out with great care. Lone trappers were constantly in danger of being attacked by these grizzly bears which are among the most ferocious of the bear family.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 6  
"Mounted Police Headquarters"  
of the series

MY faithful Husky dog and companion, "Yukon King," always accompanies me when I report to the Inspector of Northwest Mounted Police Headquarters office and sleeping quarters for our men who are not in Dawson. Also located here is the jail as well as out on patrol or on an important mission. We always look forward to these visits when we can meet the other officers and compare notes.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 7  
"Moose Attacked by Wolf Pack"  
of the series

THE MOOSE is the largest and strongest of all the Yukon animals. His giant antlers sometimes have a spread of many feet, but his size does not awe hungry wolves who often travel in packs and attack the moose from all sides. Sometimes the moose runs hundreds of yards through dense timber with wolves clinging to its neck and sides. The Yukon moose grows to a height of five to seven feet at the shoulders.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 8  
"Prospectors Approaching Chilkoot Pass"  
of the series

CHILKOOT and White Pass were the gateways to the Yukon during the Gold Rush of 1898. In an almost constant stream, hundreds of people, many from the States, made the narrow trail hard-packed. It was a long, difficult trip into the Yukon gold fields, and only the hardest of men could hope for success. At the top of both Chilkoot and White Pass there were Northwest Mounted Posts to maintain law and order.

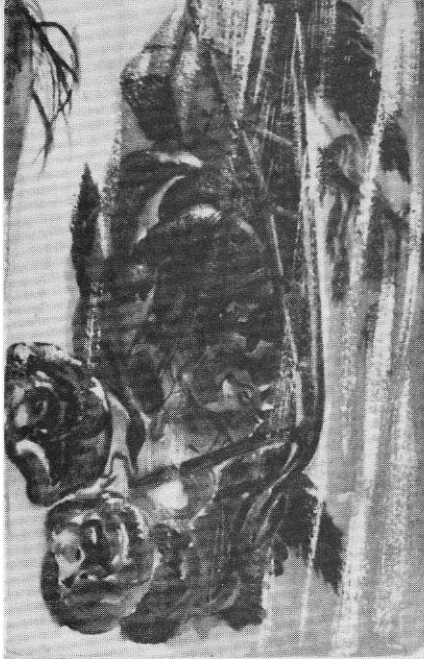
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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

NO. 9  
"On the Trail"  
of the series

THIS is the way I generally hitch my dog team. Two heavy, powerful dogs are nearest the sled. They are called the "Wheel" dogs. Just ahead are the "Inter-mediate" dogs, and in front, right behind the lead, is a pair of fast Siberian Huskies. These are known as "Point" dogs. When the trail is very narrow, I hitch the dogs in a single line, instead of in pairs. This is called the "Tandem" hitch.

*Sergeant T Preston*



"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 10**  
 of the series  
**"Attack"**

**ONE OF THE** biggest and most powerful animals is found in the North Country. It is the polar bear. Armed only with their crude weapons—spears and arrows tipped with whalebone—fearless Eskimos hunt this ferocious beast which has great value to them. The heavy fur is used for clothing and for blankets, and the carcass is used for food.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 13**  
 of the series  
**"Making Mud Runners"**

**WHEN** a sled is to be used on smooth ice, the fastest runners are made of mud. The ground is first broken into chunks, then thawed out and mixed with melted snow until soft enough to pack on runners. It freezes quickly. Then the Eskimo adds more water and polishes by hand, until a smooth, icy surface is built up. When traveling over long stretches of rough, jagged ice, the Eskimo carries a supply of mud to make repairs.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 16**  
 of the series  
**"Panning Gold"**

**DURING** the Gold Rush, most of the gold in the Yukon was found by "Panning." Prospectors staked a claim on the bank of a swift-running stream, then with shallow pans they scooped out water and gravel. By rocking the pan back and forth, the dirt and water spilled out while the gold, which was heavier, sank to the bottom of the pan. Grain by grain, the panners found pure gold which they collected in a leather pouch.

*Sergeant T Preston*

**NO. 11**  
 of the series  
**"Crime Does Not Pay"**

**THROUGHOUT** all of the North Country the Hudson's Bay Company has trading posts. Here hunters and trappers bring in their catch and trade the furs and animal hides for food, cooking utensils, guns, clothing—in short for whatever they may need. These trading posts are often located in isolated places and offer a great temptation to thieves. Robberies, however, are infrequent because, due to police vigilance and persistence, a thief is almost always brought to justice.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 14**  
 of the series  
**"Breaking Out"**

**SLEDs** that stand in one place overnight or for any length of time frequently become frozen to the snow. The driver has to "break out" his sled before the dogs can pull it. Sometimes while he is doing this, his high-spirited dogs begin to fight. This can be disastrous to a solitary traveler. Unless stopped, the dogs are likely to injure each other and to break their lines and harness beyond repair.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 17**  
 of the series  
**"Shooting White Horse Rapids"**

**WHITE** Horse Rapids was one of the most dangerous stretches of water beyond Miles Canyon. Many prospectors lost their lives here during the Gold Rush. Only the most experienced men could guide a canoe between the jagged rocks that studded the treacherous water. The canoes were frail, and the slightest contact with a rock often resulted in complete destruction.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 12**  
 of the series  
**"Caught in a Crevasse"**

**MANY PARTS** of the north country are covered with glacial ice, hundreds of feet in thickness. Sometimes this ice cracks open to make a crevasse several yards across and so deep that a fall into the opening can be a serious matter. Quick rescue work is often needed to avert tragedy. When these cracks occur, they make a booming sound like thunder. Experienced sled dogs know the sound, and hearing it, they stop abruptly in their tracks.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 15**  
 of the series  
**"Yukon Queen"**

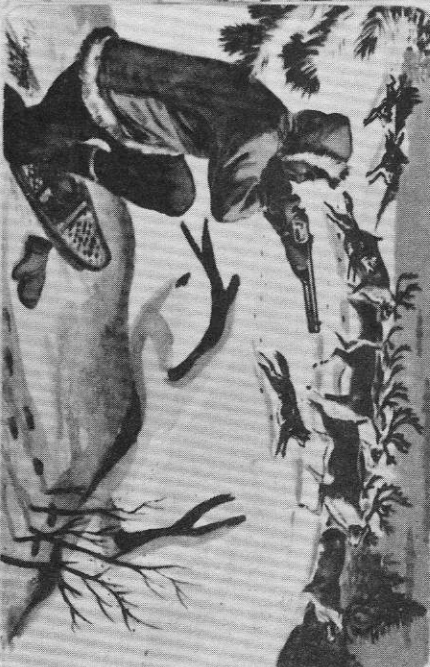
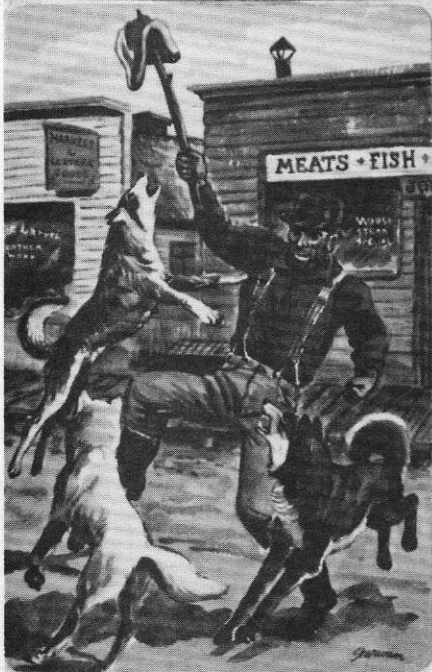
**THE** "Yukon Queen" is typical of the stern wheelers that traveled in the waters of the Yukon Territory during the days of the Gold Rush. She is shown here entering the Yukon River at the southern end of Lake Labarge. Lake Labarge was made famous by Robert W. Service in "The Cremation of Sam McGee." It is the last of a series of lakes leading from White Pass to the Yukon tributaries.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 18**  
 of the series  
**"Snow Bound"**

**WHEN** overtaken on the trail by a blinding Yukon blizzard, prospectors and trappers usually make camp on the spot. Turning their sled on its side, they huddle close on the lee side with their dogs. As the snow banks up against the sled, the shelter becomes more and more protected from the wind. In this fashion an experienced woodsman can keep warm and fairly comfortable for the duration of the storm.

*Sergeant T Preston*



"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 19** "Log Rolling Contest"

**MEN WORK HARD** in the lumber camps, but they do find time for recreation. Their games and sports are just as rough as the men themselves and call for a great amount of skill and courage. A favorite contest is called "Log Rolling." Two men wear calked shoes and stand on a large log, then start spinning it in the water. The game is to see which man can stay on his feet longer. The loser invariably gets a ducking.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 22** "Wolf Pack Attacking Caribou"

**THE CARIBOU** is one of the most valuable animals in the Yukon. They are somewhat like the elk and deer, and provide good food and pelts that can be used for blankets and clothing. Their antlers provide bone for many uses. A poor fighter, the caribou must rely on speed to take him out of danger. He is no match for wolf packs. Hunters protect caribou so the valuable animals will not become extinct.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 25** "Mealtime for the Cubs"

**WHEN** it comes to providing food for her young, the mother bear is an ingenious creature. During the season when salmon are running in the rivers, she sometimes tries her hand at fishing. Despite her great size, she is lightning fast with her paws. With a single gesture she is often able to scoop fish out of shallow water and flip them to the bank where her cubs sit waiting.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 20** "Battle of the Giants"

**THE MOOSE** is the largest of all animals in the Yukon. Sometimes they weigh over 1700 pounds with antler spread of six feet. When two giant moose come together in battle, it is a ground-shaking engagement. These powerful creatures fight with their great antlers, each trying to catch the other in a vital part of the throat. Sometimes the antlers will become interlocked, so both animals are helpless. They can neither fight nor run, and become easy prey for wolves.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 23** "Preston and 'King' Arresting Renegades"

**THERE** have been many times when my great dog, "Yukon King," has "saved the day." He is always on the alert and at my side when danger threatens. "King" will protect me against all odds. Though kind and gentle, he is brave. He always knows when someone tries to get the drop on me from behind and can charge with lightning speed to disarm a man.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 26** "Trip to the Butcher's"

**DURING** the Gold Rush, a trip to the butcher's was an exciting event in the rough cities of the Yukon. Wrapping paper was a rare luxury. A prospector would take a long, pointed stick and spear his piece of steak at the end of it. Then he would start home, holding the meat high in the air above him. When the hungry sled dogs saw him coming, it required all his skill to get his dinner home safely.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 21** "Forest Fire"

**MILLIONS** of acres of valuable timber, to say nothing of every kind of animal, are destroyed each year by forest fires. Some fires are caused by lightning, but most by careless hunters or trappers. Part of my job is to report fires and to warn people to be more careful with matches and to make sure that the last spark of a campfire is extinguished. A single spark on dry leaves or pine needles can be picked up by a breeze and fanned to flame.

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"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 24** "'King' to the Rescue"

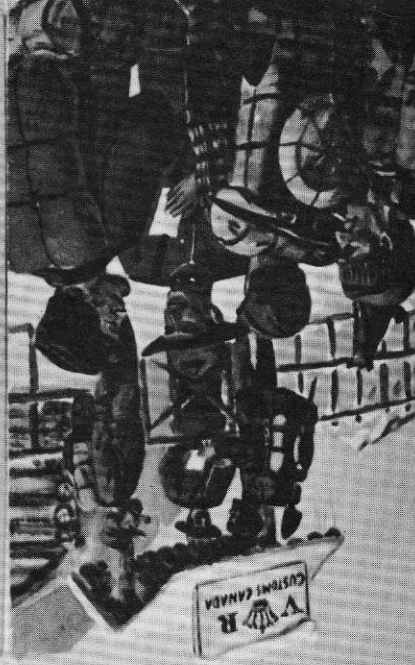
**"YUKON KING"** is the greatest Husky in the North Country. He is a great tracker and hunter and can pull a bigger load over rough frozen snow than any two ordinary sled dogs. Because of his dense coat and undercoat, "King" is exceptionally buoyant in water. He is a strong swimmer and utterly without fear. In the icy waters of the Yukon, he frequently makes rescues, dragging to shore full-grown men three times his weight.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"  
**NO. 27** "Topping Timber"

**MANY** trees in the Yukon grow to gigantic size and have great value as timber. One of the most perilous tasks of a lumberjack is known as "Topping." Before a tree is felled, a skilled man climbs to the top where the trunk is less than six inches in diameter and cuts away the upper branches. The remaining trunk whips furiously when the top gives way. Men who are not firmly fastened to the tree are in danger of being thrown hundreds of feet.

*Sergeant T Preston*



"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 28**  
"First Aid"

of the series

**OFTEN** when we are on a mission, the trail may be icy and frozen solid. Sometimes "King" or one of the Husky sled dogs cuts or bruises his paws on a jagged piece of ice. When that happens, I quickly stop and apply first aid. Always remember that a dog, or any animal, feels pain just the same as you or I. When hurt, he, too, needs care and attention.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 31**  
"Fording the Stream"

of the series

**MANY** prospectors when searching for gold strike out by themselves in the wilderness. In order to reach a certain, particular, remote spot in which to stake a claim, a sordough may come to a stream which must be forded for lack of a bridge. Swimming the stream, and at the same time urging on a stubborn pack animal loaded down with supplies, sometimes becomes a feat that calls for the utmost patience and strength.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 29**  
"Spearfishing for Salmon"

of the series

**IN** the North Country, the salmon is one of the most prized of all fish for size, gameness and eating quality. Salmon attains an average weight of 15 pounds, and lives in the North Pacific. Fishing is best during the spring or summer. It is then that the salmon, which has grown up and desires to spawn, leaves the ocean and fights its way up the inland rivers in order to lay its eggs in the fall in fresh-water streams.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

WEEK

**NO. 32**  
"Night Watch"

of the series

**SOMETIMES**, in the course of my duty, it is necessary to pursue and track down criminals in almost uninhabited, remote regions. Upon capture, such fugitives are brought back for trial. At nightfall, I often make camp under the stars and Northern Lights in order to rest the men. Such nights are sleepless ones for me. I must always be on the alert so my prisoners have no opportunity to overpower me and escape.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 34**  
"Raider"

of the series

**THE WOLVERINE** is one of many cunning, thievish pests in the wilds of the North Country which plague trappers and gold prospectors by raiding their provisions. For this reason, it is usually unsafe to leave food or camp supplies unprotected. It is wise to build a cache, which is a permanent hiding place or storehouse. For added protection against animal raids, the cache is sometimes raised on stilts above the ground.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 35**  
"Log Jam"

of the series

**FAST FORESTS** help make logging an important industry in the great Northwest. Wherever possible, lumber camps and mills are located on or near the banks of streams or rivers so that the freshly cut timber may be floated downstream. It takes a great deal of skill on the part of the lumberjacks to keep the logs from jamming, especially in a narrow part or bend of the river.

*Sergeant T Preston*

**NO. 30**  
"Customs Post on Chilkoot Pass"

of the series

**DURING** the Gold Rush, special police detachments were posted on the international boundary atop Chilkoot and White Passes, which were the gateways to the Yukon. Here custom duties had to be paid. And each prospector or person who crossed must prove that he possessed sufficient food and equipment for the hazardous journey ahead to the gold fields. Here also the police keep sharp lookout for criminals and gangs of outlaws who might be attracted by the lure of gold.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 33**  
"The Hunter"

of the series

**FOOD** is usually scarce and hard to find in the icy, frozen lands of the North. And so it is a prize indeed for a hunter to bag a seal. With its webbed flipper-like limbs, the seal can swim and dive exceptionally well. Seals are generally found along seacoasts and on floating ice in the Arctic regions. Besides supplying food, the seal is also hunted for its valuable oil, and for its fur and hides for clothing.

*Sergeant T Preston*

"SGT. PRESTON OF THE YUKON"

**NO. 36**  
"Map of the Yukon"

of the series

**THE YUKON**, land of the fabulous Gold Rush, is bordered by the Arctic Ocean on the north, Alaska to the west, District of Mackenzie on the east and British Columbia on the south. Its most important industries are mining and trapping. In addition to gold—coal, copper, silver and lead are found in the Yukon, which has an area of 207,076 square miles. Its main waterway is the Yukon River which flows through Alaska into the Pacific Ocean.

*Sergeant T Preston*