

# *It Was 'Thron-diuk'*

— The famous Klondike Valley, scene of the most spectacular gold rush in the world, was originally pronounced "Thron-diuk" by the Yukon Indians.

It meant "Hammer-Water" because native fishermen hammered stakes into the Klondike river, near the present city of Dawson to catch salmon as they made their way up stream to spawn.