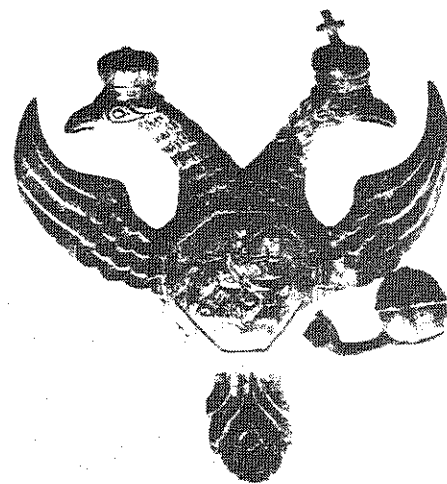


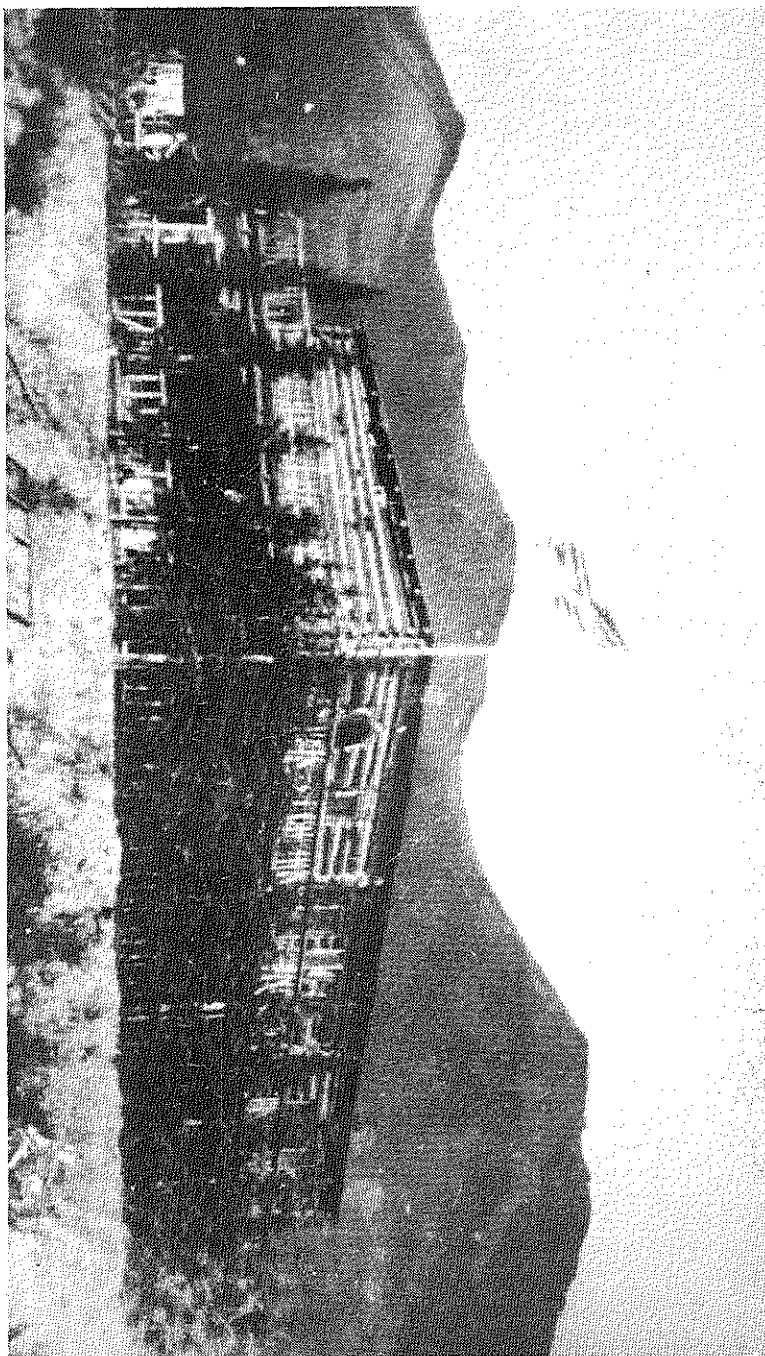
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MARINO'S ROADHOUSE

c. 1925

East of Mount McKinley. (Alaska Road Commission
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FRONT COVER

As Russians explored areas new to them in Alaska, they presented bronze crests to Alaskan Natives that were similar in appearance to that illustrated on the cover. The Natives often interpreted the double-headed Imperial Eagle as a symbol of historical effort in their common cause. This symbolic crest has been adopted as the escutcheon of historical effort in Alaska to symbolize the efforts of all Alaskans to preserve and to interpret their heritage in the Great Land.

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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Alaska Road Commission are the primary official record of the man-made environment in Alaska from 1905 to 1957. The Alaska Road Commission (ARC) is also appropriately titled the Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska. Both designations were officially sanctioned. The Board came into being by virtue of an Act of Congress approved January 27, 1905 (33 Stat. 616), as amended by an Act of Congress dated May 14, 1906 (34 Stat. 192). The Board was organized May 15, 1905, and functioned from then until Statehood in 1957. It was the construction arm of the federal and Territorial governments in Alaska.

Prior to the organization of the ARC in 1905, there were in the whole of Alaska less than a dozen miles of what might be called wagon road, and a few hundred miles of pioneer trail that had mostly been constructed by expeditions sponsored by the War Department. Travel was largely confined to the open waterways in summer and frozen water courses, or overland, in winter. From this truly humble beginning, the ARC oversaw the development of the routes of travel; the beacon lights for navigation along the coast; the bridges over rivers; roads in new wilderness townsites, in national monuments, and at the base of Mount McKinley; development of rights of way for railways; and facilities for steamboat travel on the major river systems; as well as completion of construction of the Alaska Railroad.

Not only did the ARC build, but its work was methodically recorded, so that its progress and needs could be communicated to executive agency officials and Congressmen in Washington, D.C. Virtually every act of government that resulted in construction of buildings or structures, or of modification of the environment in Alaska, 1905-1957, was the work or design of this Commission, its members, or its employees or agents. Virtually every private act of construction or effect upon the Alaskan environment during that period of time, that was not the work of this Commission, was done by permission of, in cooperation with, or under license granted by, the Commission, and was recorded by the Commission, photographers and cartographers.

The bibliography which follows is the first order list of the published reports of the Commission, from its inception in 1905 until the end of the first two decades of its work in 1925. A follow-up bibliography is planned that will list the published reports from 1926 through 1957. The identification and assembly of a complete set of the published reports

of the ARC will serve as a base for searching the many branches and facilities of the U.S. National Archives for the manuscript documentary records created by the Commission, and the warehouse records of the primary funding agencies that have yet to be deposited in the National Archives.

The manuscript record consists of narratives, photographs, and maps--several millions of sheets in extent, at least--which constitute the original Commission records. This body of documentation is the major original record of the physical impact, step by step, of government and men, upon the Alaskan environment from 1905 to 1957.

Except for annual appropriations for internal administration, the Commission received its funding from the Federal agencies it served as general contractor in Alaska, whose road and other construction work the Commission planned and Commission employees carried out. Many annual reports - or sections of reports - of the Commission were, therefore, prepared for publication in the annual reports of the various agencies providing funds for Commission execution of their individual or regional projects. In order to provide a consistent matrix for this Bibliography, and for those to follow that are related to it, the various reports that have been identified and listed are arranged in chronological order by date of publication, insofar as possible. Each federal agency that filed such material in the United States National Archives, or its successor(s), continues to be responsible for the knowledge of its contents and locations.

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First President, Alaska Road Commission,
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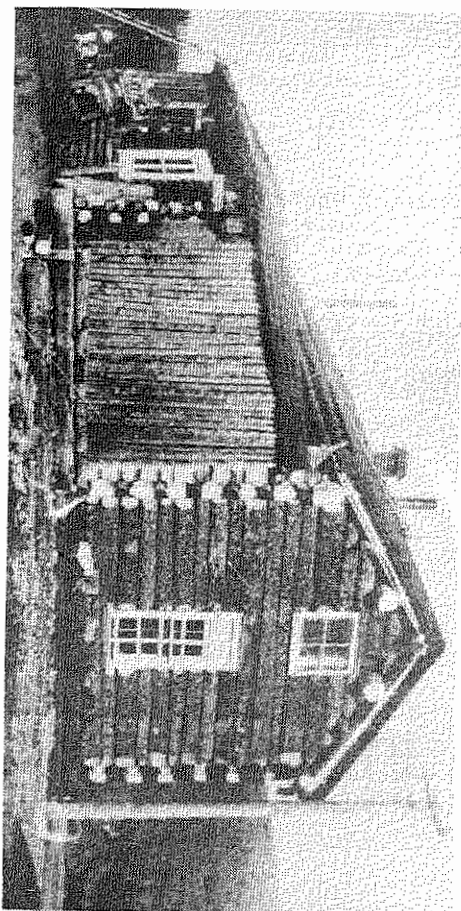
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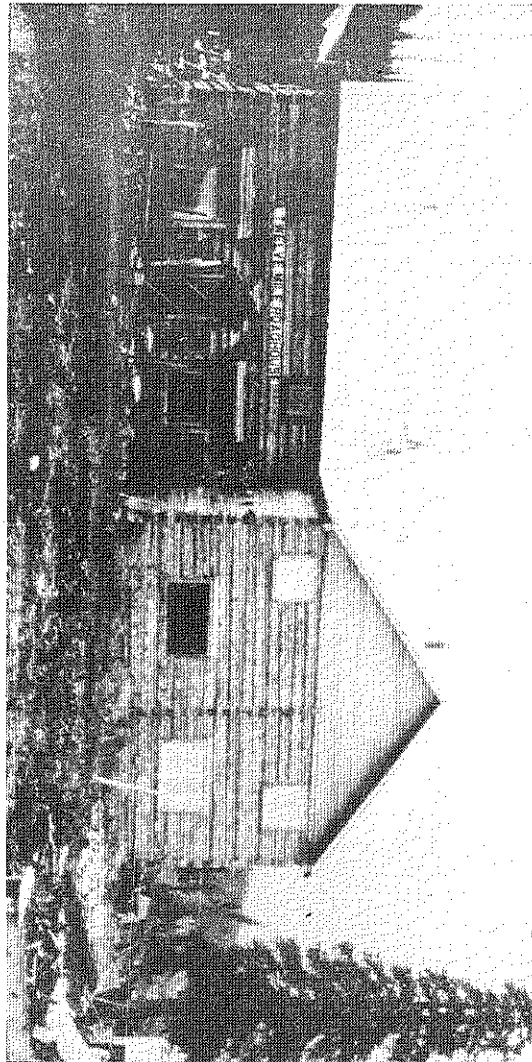
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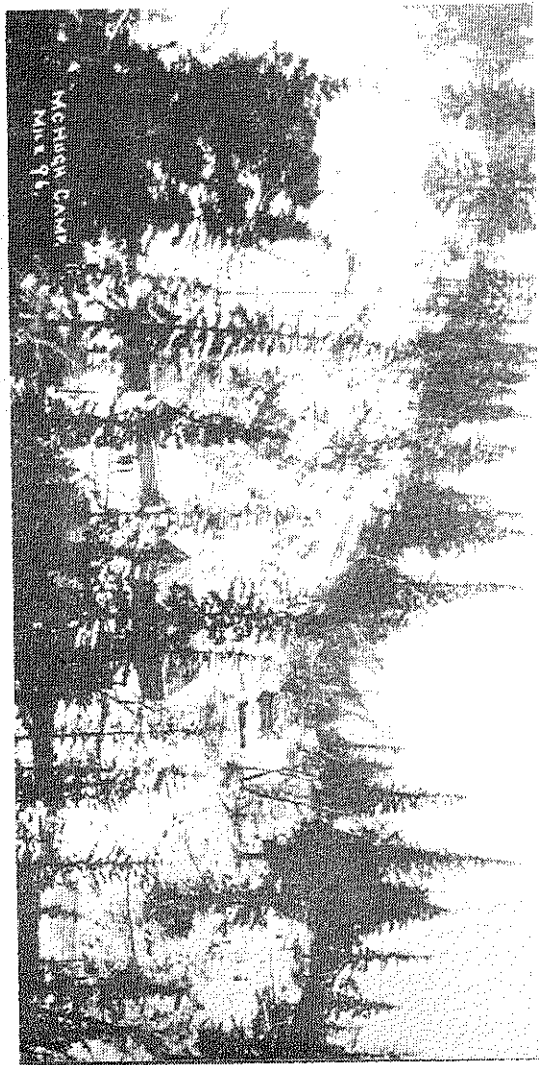
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Construction camp at Mile 96 (from Seward) on the Alaska Railroad.
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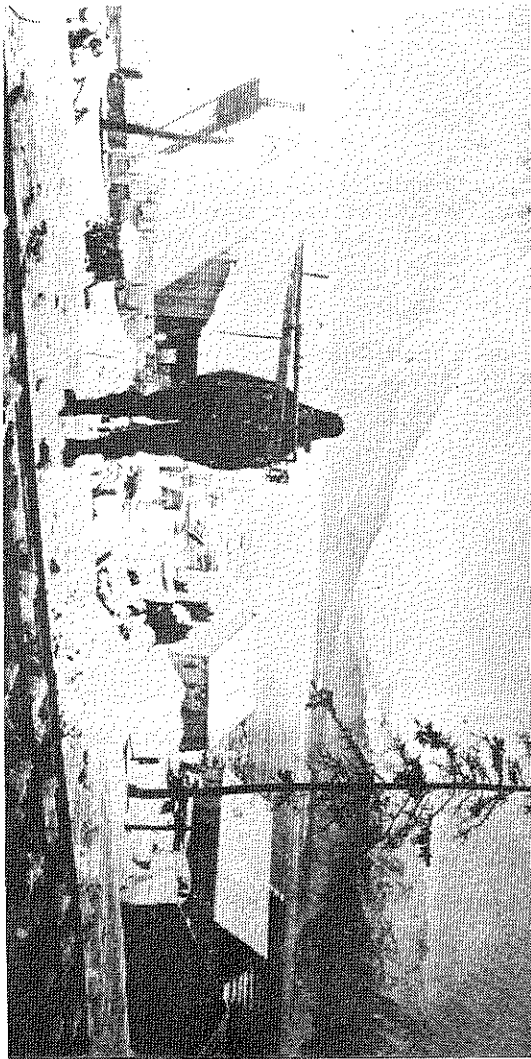
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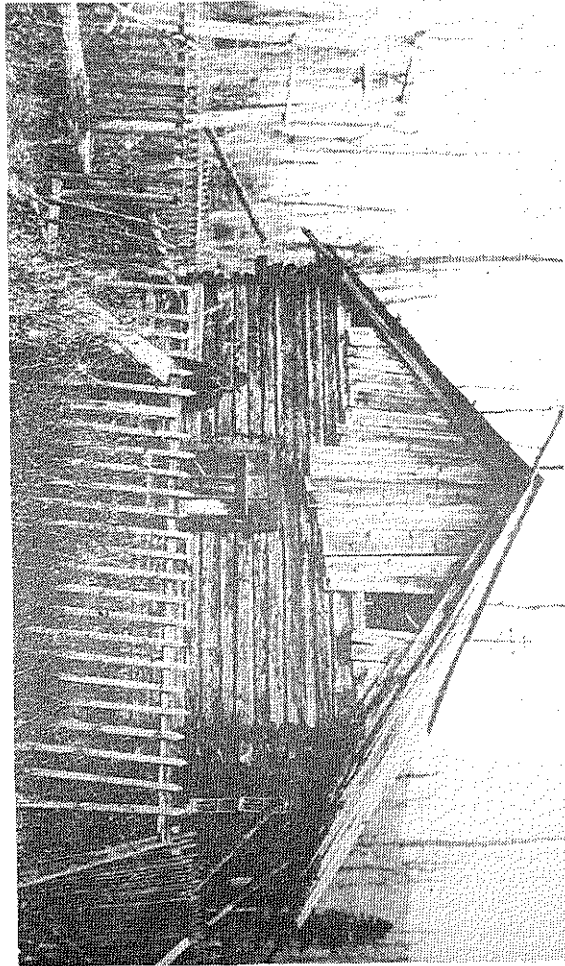
View northeastward from Alaska Railroad construction camp at Alaska Railroad Mile 88 (from Seward) on south shore of Turnagain Arm, Cook Inlet, Alaska. (Alaska Road Commission photo, courtesy Alaska Historical Library, Juneau).

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Russian Orthodox Church at Mile 140 Alaska Railroad.

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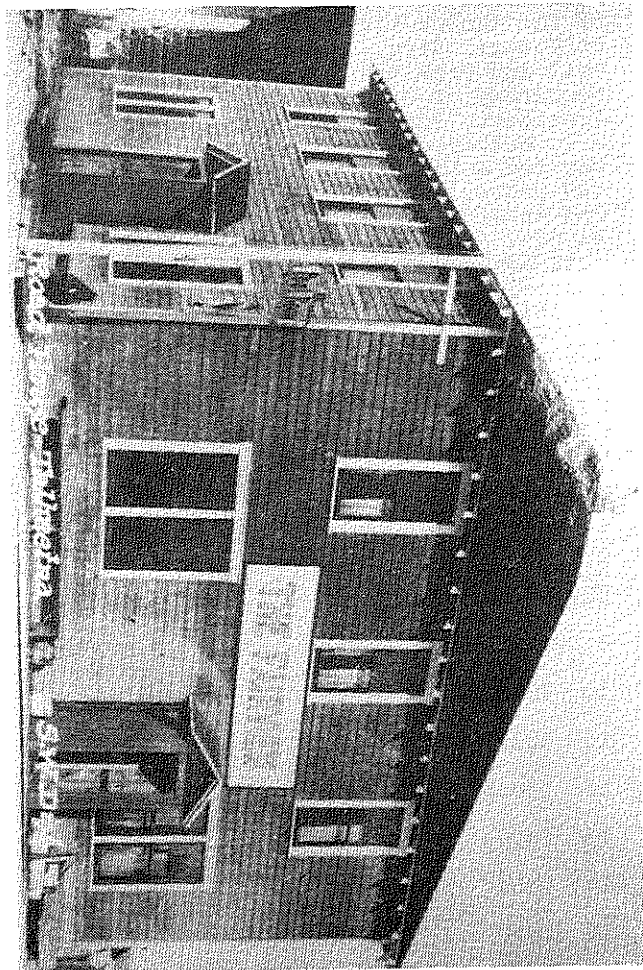
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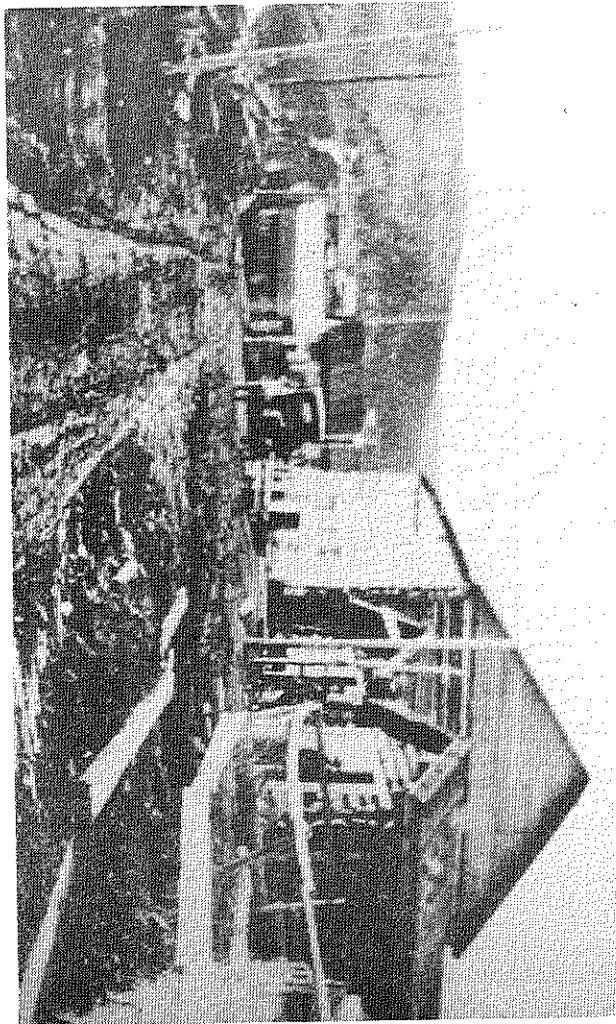
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