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MANAGER'S REPORT CARIBOO HYDRAULIC.

BULLION, B.C., Dec. 31, 1899.

To the President and Directors of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited Liability, Toronto, Canada:

Gentlemen,—In handing you this, my annual report for the season of 1899, I am pleased to inform you that the past season's operations resulted in completing the equipment and opening the property, so that expense in that direction is at an end; that the mine is now fully opened for the continuous use of the increased water supply for washing gravel of high grade from the main bank, and is on a basis for large and profitable production.

The season's operations were confined mainly to the removal of the remainder of the accumulations of tailings, boulders and sliderock left in the old Chinese workings; the removal of the boulderclay, low grade gravel and sliderock that laid on the rims of the channel south and west of the old Chinese workings; to the permanent installation of the hydraulic plant, gold saving appliances and other plant required to complete the equipment of the property, and to repair the extensive breaks that occurred on the line of the Morehead canal.

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT, 1899.

Dr.		
To operating expenses for season, as per statement from mines		$131,178 34
To drain tunnel acc., 20 p.c. written off for depreciation		706 68
To riffle acc., 1898, 10 p.c. written off for depreciation		1,160 00
To head office expenses		980 80
To interest account		8,634 09
		$142,659 91
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By bullion recovered		$ 92,678 93
By stores acc., profit on sales to outside parties		3,298 94
By balance, loss on season's operations		46,682 04
		$142,659 91

During the progress of the work 297,088 miner's inches of water were used 116 days, 8½ hours to wash 1,600,000 cubic yards of the waste and low grade material above referred to from Pit No. 1; 55,958 miner's inches of spring freshet and waste water were used 27 days, 23½ hours to wash 352,535 cubic yards of top clay and sand from Pit No. 2 (the South Fork Pit.)

SUMMARY OF HYDRAULIC WORK, 1899.

Total time run—144 days, 8 hours.

Total quantity of water used—353,056 miners' inches.

Total quantity of gravel, sand, clay, tailings, boulders and sliderock removed from both pits during the season—1,952,535 cubic yards.

Value of gold recovered during the progress of the season's work—$92,678.93.

Many unexpected difficulties were encountered during the progress of the season's work, which added materially to the cost thereof. The time consumed in the removal of these difficulties made it impossible to wash in Pit No. 1 more than 116 days, 8½ hours, out of a possible 180 days. This explains briefly why the 110,000 miner's inches of water remaining in the reservoirs at the close of the season could not be utilized to wash about 500,000 cubic yards of high grade gravel from the main bank, and the season's product could not be brought up to what was expected.

REVIEW OF WORK DONE IN PIT NO. 1.

The plan represents the exterior boundaries of the hydraulic excavations made by the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company and its predecessors, including the Chinese miners, from whom the property was originally purchased.

Block No. 1 represents the ground worked up the channel a distance of about 1,000 feet by the Chinese companies. This block of gravel, estimated to contain 705,759 cubic yards, produced, according to the Chinese companies' books, about $900,000. It was in this worked out block of ground that we encountered such enormous quantities of large boulders, sliderock and tailings that were left piled up in the old workings by the several Chinese companies. All this enormous quantity of waste had to be removed, at heavy cost, before the permanent gold saving appliances could possibly be installed.

Blocks 3-A and 3 B represent the bodies of boulderclay, low grade gravel and sliderock lying to the west of the Chinese workings, that had to be removed by the Cariboo companies before the hydraulic plant and gold saving appliances could be safely and permanently installed, or the bedrock cuts could be advanced and lowered to afford grade for the removal of the bottom gravel.

The boulderclay and low grade gravel lying on the southwest rim and underlying Dancing Bill Gulch, included in the block marked 3-C, had to be entirely removed to make possible the changing of the hydraulic pipes from the bed of Dancing Bill Gulch to a safe and permanent place on the bedrock rim.

The block of ground 3-D forms a part of the average cross section of the main bank. This block of ground was washed near the close of the first run during the past season, and produced about $15,000 as the result of nine days' washing; the gravel that shingled off the main bank with the frost during the previous winter, was washed at the end of the same run and produced $15,000 as the result of about 60 hours' washing, making a total of about $30,000, that formed the greater part of the gold recovered during the first run.

The quantity of gravel, boulderclay, boulders, tailings, sliderock and other waste material washed from blocks No. 1, 3-A, 3-B, 3-C and 3-D, amounted to 3,580,668 cubic yards, and produced about $128,000, an average of about 3½ cents per cubic yard, a figure considerably below the cost of its removal to the dumps.

Block No. 2 represents the ground washed from the main bank by the Cariboo companies, commencing at the face of the bank in the Chinese excavation, as it was found in 1891, and extending up the channel in new ground a distance of about 400 feet. This block of ground contained 1,463,572 cubic yards of top boulderclay and high grade gravel that produced about $400,000, an average yield of about 27 3-10 cents per cubic yard. This makes the total quantity of gold recovered by the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Companies amount to about $528,000.

By reference to the Company's books it will be seen that the total operating expenses up to and including the season of 1899, is $439,026.12, which, deducted from the $528,000, leaves a net profit of about $89,973.88, that was produced while doing deadwork in the way of clearing out the old workings, installing the hydraulic plant and gold saving appliances and opening up the hydraulic pit for continuous operation and profitable production.

The total quantity of clay, gravel, boulders, etc., washed from the hydraulic excavation of Pit No. 1, by the Cariboo and Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Companies and their Chinese predecessors, amounts to about 5,750,000 cubic yards; this quantity of gravel produced, so far as known, about $1,428,000, an average of about 24 8-10 cents per cubic yard. This average will be materially increased by the product of the high grade gravel in the lower bench, and that of the rich gravel on the bedrock in the bed of the channel.

The high grade character of the gravel in the main bank has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt by the practical tests made by washing 1,463,575 cubic yards of gravel from the block No. 2, which extended up the channel beyond the Chinese workings a distance of about 400 feet. The high grade character of the lower bench and bedrock strata in the deep channel has also been proven by the practical working tests made in 1898 and during the past season.

The small quantity of gravel washed from the lower strata of the bottom bench in the deep channel produced the greater part of the gold recovered during the past season's operations.

It is true that we encountered a large body of low grade gravel in the upper strata of the lower bench, while carrying the hydraulic excavation around the big bend of the channel, but this is a condition that is usually encountered in the big bends of either ancient or modern torrential rivers, where the current crosses from one rim of the channel to the other. This body of low grade gravel, however, together with all other waste and low grade material that interfered with profitable operations heretofore, has been entirely removed, leaving the working wholly in virgin ground of high grade.

WATER SUPPLY.

The quantity of water available during the season of 1899 was in excess of the previous year, on account of the additional supply afforded by the Morehead system.

The precipitation for 1898 was 28 57-100 inches.

The precipitation for 1899 was 28 65-100 inches, and exceeded that of 1898 by only 8-100 of one inch.

The snow fell deep late in the winter upon hard, frozen ground, and melted in the early part of the spring under very favorable weather conditions of warm days and nights, which resulted in filling the Polleys lake and Bootjack lake reservoirs, and raised the water in Morehead lake reservoir to a height of 28 feet 10¼ inches. Sufficient snow remained on the ground to fill the Morehead reservoir to its holding capacity, providing the warm weather continued, but cold weather set in, checked the melting of the snow, and continued until late in the spring, so that the remaining snow on the watershed disappeared entirely by evaporation.

[Continued next week.]

As this year promises to be an extraordinary one for outward passenger business, owing to the attractions at the Paris Exposition, also owing to the number of conventions to be held at Paris in addition to other points in Europe, the demand for steamer accommodation will be unusual. All intending passengers should communicate with H. E. Leslie, C.P.R. agent here as soon as possible as the space on steamers is being rapidly filled.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: The following clear and definite statements regarding the relation of the British and Dutch race antecedent to the war, taken from a letter by a prominent South African to a friend in London, will be read with interest at the present time:

1. "Had Steyn sat still and minded his own business, no one would have meddled with him. Had Kruger confined himself strictly to self defence, and we had invaded him, we might have had to blame ourselves.

2. "To have placed an adequate defensive force on our borders, before we were sure that there was going to be war, would have been accepted, perhaps justly, by the Boers as a menace. We did not do it out of respect to their susceptibilities.

3. "To most people in South Africa who knew the Boers it was quite plain that Kruger was all along playing what is colloquialy known as the game of 'spoof'. He never intended to make the slightest concession.

4. "Take them as a whole, the Boers are not pleasant people to live with, especially to those within their power, as the natives have found out, and as the British too have discovered since Majuba and the retrocession of the Transvaal. The wrongs of the Uitlanders was but one symptom of a disease which originated at Pretoria in 1881, and was steadily spreading itself all over South Africa.

5. "With regard to the equal rights question, it is quite true that all is not as it ought to be in Cape Colony, and and if the Bond party—that is the Cape Boers—had their way things would be worse than they are for the natives. But the condition of the natives in the Transvaal as a hundred years behind that of our natives in Cape Colony, and you may take it as a broad fact that in proportion as Boer domination prevails, the gravitation of the natives towards slavery will be accelerated. The non-conformist liberals, who are now so fiery against what they consider an injustice to the Boers, stood by like dumb dogs in 1881, and allowed 500,000 natives to be handed back to Boer domination, and why? Because it was necessary to support Mr. Gladstone in his policy of retrocession."

Yours faithfully,
A. ANSTEY DORRELL.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: Enclosed are extracts from a letter from Temple Cornwall received today. I do not know that there is any thing of interest in it except that it shows how anxious they all were to get on. We know now that the contingent has done its share and done it well in a very successful movement, but it has paid the price and left many brave men dead upon the veldt, while its wounded and missing number over 100. Let us hope that Lord Robert's success will have its effect in shortening the war, for Cronje is a man whom it is well to have where he can do no further harm and the enemy cannot afford to lose men by the thousand.

Yours truly,
F. C. CORNWALL.

"Belmont camp, Jan. 17th, 1900.

It is difficult to find time to write and very often I cannot get any material. Good news! I hear we have six days marching next week to Bloemfontein; if we go, we are bound to have some scraps with the Boers and I hope we do. All the men are tired of this place and are anxious to go forward.

I suppose that by now you are surrounded with snow and ice; what would we give for a piece of ice just now? Natives bring in any quantity of grapes, pine apples, melons and peaches all of which are fresh and good, the only trouble is our pay does not allow many luxuries. About 6 p. m. yesterday a delightful dust storm came and blew down about 30 tents in our camp and filled the rest with sand, ours included, which is No. 1 tent of No. 1 Company of No. 1 Regiment. There are two or three men in our tent who are very fond of foraging. We had some chickens the other day and a treat they were, but a man has to be very cautious and do his chicken business after nightfall. This is 'commandering' (borrowing without the intention of repaying) a very good plan in the enemy's country."

Matters Political.

"Mr. Speaker where are we at?" Evidently Mr. Speaker does'nt know and the Colonist does'nt know and Mr. Helgesen says "we're done for." The Colonist reports that "Hon. Joseph Martin on Wednesday announced the names of two of the gentlemen who have accepted portfolios in the cabinet he is constructing. He himself will administer the Attorney-General's department. Mr. J. Stuart Yates, of this city, will become Provincial Secretary; and Mr. Smith Curtis, of Grand Forks, will receive the portfolio of Minister of Mines, Mr. Yates temporarily administering also the depactment of lands and works; and Mr. Curtis that of finance."

The general opinion here is that the happiest solution of the difficulty was that arranged by the government with the opposition and that it would have resulted satisfactorily to the Province. But his Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor appears to think that it is his and not the people's mission to say who shall be at the head of affairs.

The name of W. W. B. McInnes, the Lieutenant-Governor's son, is mentioned as a possible member of Hon. Joseph Martin's cabinet, which is quite probable.

The meeting of the legislature on Wednesday was quite an informal affair. Several members expressed themselves freely on the Lieutenant-Governor's action. Mr. Prentice, with little preliminary remark, proposed—with permission of the Speaker, if that could be obtained—a resolution which was seconded by Captain Irving, and read as follows:

"Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor has dismissed a ministry possessing the support of a majority of the members of this house; and whereas his reasons for so doing are insufficient; and whereas His Honor has failed to surround himself by constitutional advisors up to this time; therefore, be it resolved: That in the opinion of this house the Governor-General of the Dominion should be requested to dismiss the Lieutenant-Governor as incompetent."

Mr. Speaker—I must point out that according to the rules of the house two days' notice is required.

Mr. Prentice again put forward his resolution—this time as a matter of privilege, in the same way that Mr. Semlin's adopted resolution had been brought before the house on Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker.—No.

Voices from the opposition benches: "Move to suspend the rules."

Mr. Prentice—All right; I'll do that.

Oppositionists—Read it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker did so.

Mr. Pooley—It's now quite in order for the new Attorney-General to get up in his place and defend the course taken by the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr Booth, speaking to Mr. Prentice's resolution, hoped that the house would not act in the undignified manner suggested. The resolution, he pointed out, assumed without evidence that His Honor's reasons for the dismissal of his late advisers had been insufficient. He (Mr. Booth) had asked that these reasons, contained in His Honor's communication to the late Prime Minister, be given to the house. This had not been done, however, and there was therefore no information on the subject before the house. He hoped that the house would not entertain such a resolution—he for one would certainly object.

Mr. Higgins—And I for another.

Mr. Deane—Hear; hear.

Captain Irving, who had here entered the house, promptly rose in his place.

"Question of privilege, Mr. Speaker," he said. "I was out of the room just now, but I understand the Attorney-General, or the Attorney-General that used to be, has suggested that the hon. third member for Vancouver sing a song. I think that's a good idea, and I'll make a suggestion. If the hon. member for Vancouver will sing "He never came back," I'll follow him with "Papa's pants will soon fit little Willie." (Laughter.)

Once more Mr. Deane complained of the Lieutenant-Governor—this time for being responsible for the proceedings of parliament degenerating into a beer garden.

And soon after the house adjourned on motion of Mr. Semlin.

Cariboo Protective Association.

At a meeting of the association held in Secretary Henderson's office last Tuesday it was resolved that: "no contracts are to be entered into by any member of the association and no orders are to be taken for freight, but each teamster must load in turn. Freight rates must be mentioned on the way-bill and each freighter will make affidavit that he is hauling at rate given on way-bill."

As will be seen in another column changes were made in rates to some points.

Sarel Committed.

C. Wentworth Sarel, the responsible head of the Kamloops Standard, was yesterday morning committed for trial in the higher court of Victoria for the publishing of the defamatory libel on His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. The defendant was informed that he was nominally in the custody of the Provincial police, and application for bail will necessarily have to be made to a judge of the Superior court. Later in the day this suggested course was adopted.

The charge against G. S. Williams was dismissed, the Court holding that the evidence for the prosecution was insufficient to warrant him in sending the case to a higher court.

It is reported from Kamloops that a public meeting will soon be held and Attorney Fulton will be strongly urged to allow his name to be used as a candidate for member from North Yale. From reports we judge that Mr. Fulton is popular in Kamloops.

Charles MacLean, M.B., C.M., of Victoria has been appointed resident physician at Quesnelle.

Probable Candidate for West Yale.

It is rumored about town that Hon. C. A. Semlin will retire from political life. This had the effect of causing a petition to be circulated asking Mr. Denis Murphy, in the event of Mr. Semlin's retirement, to contest West Yale in opposition to the Martin Government. The majority of voters in Ashcroft signed the petition.

It is understood Mr. Murphy has agreed to the request and will be a candidate.

Messrs. Martin, Yates and Curtis were sworn in Thursday morning and took posession of their departments at once. Mr. Duff rejected an offered portfolio. Dissolution has taken place and Mr. Martin announces that all private bills must be again started from the first. It is expected an election will be held within forty days and the new house will meet about the middle of May. Mr. Charles Semlin has resigned the leadership of his party and Mr. F. C. Cotton has been chosen to succeed him, the choice being unanimous. The party will go to the people pledged to oppose the introduction of federal lines in Provincial politics. Mr. Semlin will not be a candidate for reelection.

STUART'S LAKE ROAD.

Says the News-Advertiser: "A. F. Cotton, C.E., of the 43rd Mining and Milling Co., who started from this city a couple of weeks ago in charge of a party of men for the company's property in Omineca, via the Naas river route, has returned, as they were unable to get through. The party went as far as the mouth of the Naas river, but could not make any further progress on account of the bad state of the ice, which made travel dangerous by either sleighs or canoes. The party will go in by the Ashcroft trail, and will leave in a few days."

Mr. J. McMartin and P. Keough, members of this party, arrived in Ashcroft Wednesday night to make arrangements for transportation to Quesnelle. The party numbers twenty. Mr. Cotton came up last night. They spent ten days attempting to get up the Naas.

In conversation with a representative of the JOURNAL about the merits of the Stuart's lake road and the Skeena river route, Mr. McMartin, who has been over the Stuart's lake route several times, said that while he had never travelled the Skeena route to the 43rd Mining and Milling Co's claims on Manson creek he was well acquainted with the experience of others—Mr. Cotton, engineer, and Mr. Davidson, bookkeeper of the company—and as a practicable route that would enable miners to get into Omineca early in the spring the proposed Stuart's lake road was the best. Not only is it the best route in the spring but it enables miners to stay in later in the fall, as with a road to Stuart's lake it is possible to get out at any time, while the Skeena route required that you leave Hazelton about the 10th October, otherwise the Indians would not make the trip dopn the river.

From his conversation with packers and others he is persuaded that the feed for pack animals is better by the Stuart lake road than by Hazelton. In the neighborhood of Stoney creek and Stuart's lake vegetables are grown and there would be no trouble as the country became settled to supply all the feed necessary for freight teams. Mr. McMartin says the distance from Quesnelle to Stuart's lake is about 180 miles and no difficulties of importance in building a wagon road would be met. Last season the 43rd company sent an Indian from Manson creek to Quesnelle. He returned in sixteen days, having made the round trip in that time.

Pack trains go from Quesnelle to Manson creek in 21 days. Prospectors loaded light can, of course, make much better time. Mr. McMartin expressed surprise that the Stuart's lake road committee had not appointed some one to look after their interests at Vancouver and Victoria, as the shipping interests of Vancouver had persuaded the board of trade there to declare themselves not in favor of any particular route, and had requested the government to survey both routes.

The JOURNAL has said many times and will repeat now the statement that the mining interests of Omineca are best served by the building of the Stuart's lake road, and it has the indisputable practical evidence of the 43rd Mining and Milling Company operating on Manson creek to back up the statement.

The Kitamat scheme is a new one and we have not the information necessary to compare it with the Stuart's lake road. The amount of freight that will be taken into Omineca will not be very great at present. Teams could always be got from Quesnelle to freight to Stuart's lake, but it is very doubtful if teams would be available at Hazelton.

Mr. G. E. Kennedy, son and daughter from Arlington, Wash., arrived in Ashcroft last night on their way to join Mr. Kennedy who is now in Cariboo.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

[Continued from last week.]

TRIAL PLOTS OF INDIAN CORN.

Thirty one varieties of Indian corn *have been tested during* 1899. These were planted on fairly uniform soil, in rows three feet apart, and the plants thinned out to six or eight inches apart in the rows. The dates of planting were as follows: At Ottawa, May 25; Nappan, May 31; Brandon, May 26; Indian Head, May 29 and at Agassiz on May 20.

All the plots were cut green and put into the silo for the winter feeding of stock. The dates of cutting were: at Ottawa, September 14; Nappan, September 26; Brandon, September 3; Indian Head, September 9 and at Agassiz on October 10. The yield per acre has been calculated in each case from the weight obtained from two rows, each 66 ft. long.

The six varieties of Indian corn that whave given the heaviest crops at Agassiz during 1899, are the following:—

	Per acre. Tons.	Lbs.
1. Red Cob Ensilage	31	1,140
2. Champion White Pearl	27	1,000
3. Cloud's Early Yellow	26	1,790
4. Pride of the North	26	580
5. Compton's Early	26	250
6. Early Butler	23	1,520

An average crop of 27 tons 46 lbs. per acre.

TRIAL PLOTS OF TURNIPS.

Twenty five varieties of turnips were tested during 1899, sown on drills or on the flat in rows 2½ ft. apart. Two sowings were made at each farm, the second two weeks later than the first. The dates the roots were pulled were as follows:—At Ottawa, October 11; Nappan, October 25; Brandon, October 13; Indian Head, October 5; and at Agassiz, on October 21. The yield *per acre in each case has been calculated* from the weight of roots gathered from two rows, each 66 ft. long.

The crops from two sowings of turnips at the experimental farms in 1899, have averaged per acre as follows:—

	Tons.	Lbs.
Central Experimental Farm, first sowing	30	1497
Central Experimental Farm, second sowing	25	1,925
Experimental Farm, Nappan, first sowing	32	1,160
second sowing	28	836
Experimental Farm, Brandon, first sowing	16	637
second sowing	14	23
Experimental Farm, Indian Head, first sowing	21	1,605
second sowing	15	1,808
Experimental Farm Agassiz, *first sowing*	48	1,410
second sowing	44	169

Average crop from all the plots at all the farms, first sowing, 30 tons 74 lbs.; second sowing, 25 tons 1,370 lbs. per acre.

The six varieties of turnips which have given the heaviest crops at Agassiz during the season of 1899, are the following. (Where not otherwise stated, the quantities given are all from the early sown plots):—

	Per acre. Tons.	Lbs.
1. Perfection Swede	58	1,975
2. Bangholm Selected	58	1,645
3. Sutton's Champion	56	1,190
4. Giant King (2nd sowing)	55	880
5. Selected Champion	53	1,910
6. Prize Purple Top	52	1,600

An average crop of 56 tons 200 lbs. per acre.

TRIAL PLOTS OF MANGELS.

Twenty varieties of mangels have been under test during 1899, all sown on drills or on the flat, in rows, 2½ ft. apart. Two sowings were made at each of the experimental farms, the second *sowing two weeks later than the first*, excepting that at Brandon where only one sowing was made. The dates on which the roots were pulled were the following: at Ottawa, October 13; Nappan, October 10 and 11; Brandon, October 13; Indian Head, October 4 and at Agassiz on October 21. The yield per acre in each case has been calculated from the weight of roots gathered from two rows, each 66 ft. long.

The six varieties of mangels which have produced the heaviest crops at Agassiz during 1899 are the following.

	Per acre. Tons.	Lbs.
1. Yellow Intermediate	66	1,750
2. Ward's large oval shaped	53	1,185
3. Giant Yellow half long	51	1,125
4. Lion yellow intermediate	51	300
5. Giant yellow intermediate	49	1,165
6. Mamm. Long Red	48	1,925

An average crop of 53 tons 1,241 lbs. per acre.

TRIAL PLOTS OF CARROTS.

Twenty varieties of carrots were under test during 1899 all sown in drills or on the flat in rows two feet apart. Two sowings were made in each case, the second sowing two weeks later than the first. The dates on which the roots were pulled were the following: At Ottawa, October 13; Nappan, October 11; Brandon, October 13; Indian Head, October 4, and at Agassiz on October 21. The yield per acre in each case has been calculated from the weight of roots gathered from two rows each 66 ft. long.

The six varieties of carrots which have produced the heaviest crops at Agassiz during 1899 are the following, (unless otherwise stated the yields given are all from the earliest sown plots.)

	Per acre. Tons.	Lbs.
1. Half Long White	34	1,520
2. Giant White Vosges	33	1,650
3. Mamm. White Intermediate	33	440
4. New White Intermediate, 2nd sowing	33	440
5. Improved Short White	33	220
6. Ontario Champion, 2nd sowing	31	1,800

An average crop of 33 tons 678 lbs. per acre.

TRIAL PLOTS OF SUGAR BEETS.

Six varieties of sugar beets have been tested during 1899, sown in drills or on the flat in rows two feet apart. Two sowings were made in each case, the second about two weeks later than the first. The following are the dates on which the roots were pulled: At Ottawa, October 13; Nappan, October 10 and 11; Indian Head, October 4, and at Agassiz on October 21. The yield per acre in each instance has been calculated from the weight of roots gathered from two rows, each 66 ft. long.

The four varieties of sugar beets which have produced the heaviest crops at Agassiz in 1899 are the following:

	Per acre. Tons.	Lbs.
1. Danish Red Top	33	110
2. Danish Improved	29	960
3. Improved Imperial	28	210
4. Vilmorin's Improved	26	250

An *average crop* of 29 tons 382 lbs. per acre.

TRIAL PLOTS OF POTATOES.

One hundred and six varieties of potatoes have been under trial in uniform test plots during 1899. The potatoes for planting were cut into pieces *with two or three eyes in each*, and these were planted in rows 2½ feet apart, the sets being placed a foot apart in the rows. The following were the dates of planting and digging: At Ottawa, planted on May 22 and 23, dug October 5 to 7; Nappan, planted May 25, dug September 22 to 25; Brandon, planted May 23, dug October 2; Indian Head, planted May 25, dug September 28, and at Agassiz, planted from May 13 to 22, dug September 28 to October 4. The yield per acre has been calculated in each case from the weight of tubers gathered from two rows, each 66 feet long.

The twelve varieties of potatoes which have produced the largest crops at Agassiz are the following:

	Per acre. Bush.	Lbs.
1. Charles Downing	462	..
2. Irish Daisy	428	16
3. Sharpe's Seedling	403	20
4. Polaris	397	16
5. Thorburn	388	40
6. Early Puritan	387	12
7. New Variety No. 1	387	12
8. Brown's Rot Proof	384	16
9. *Pride of the Market*	381	20
10. Ohio Junior	375	28
11. White Beauty	372	30
12. Dakota Red	371	48

An average crop of 394 bushels 56 lbs. per acre.

AVERAGE OF CROPS FOR THE PAST FOUR AND FIVE YEARS.

The results of experiments with varieties of grain to ascertain their relative productiveness become much more reliable and conclusive when the average experience of a series of years can be given. In this way slight variations *arising from inequality* of soil are to a large extent equalized, and the conclusions reached become a much more valuable guide to the farmer in his selection of seed. The longer the experiments are continued the more accurate are the indications given. The experiences here recorded with most of the more important cereals now cover a period of five years.

Oats—The twelve varieties of oats which have averaged the heaviest crops at Agassiz during the past five years are the following:

	Per acre. Bush.	Lbs.
1. Golden Giant	70	28
2. Banner	65	21
3. Lincoln	61	7
4. Bavarian	61	6
5. Early Gothland	60	32
6. Early Blossom	60	10
7. American Beauty	58	9
8. Prolific Black Tartarian	58	8
9. Columbus	58	..
10. Early Maine	57	24
11. Oderbruch	56	30
12. Holstein Prolific	56	26

An average crop of 62 bushels 2 lbs. per acre.

Two rowed Barley—The six varieties of two-rowed barley which have averaged the heaviest crops at Agassiz during the past five years are the following:

	Per acre. Bush.	Lbs.
1. *Canadian Thorpe*	37	8
2. French Chevalier	36	12
3. Danish Chevalier	35	28
4. Kinver Chevalier	35	18
5. Beaver	34	22
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	Per acre. Bush.	Lbs.
1. Oderbruch	35	3
2. Mensury	34	4
3 Royal	32	44
4 Odessa	32	36
5. Common	32	6
6. Trooper	31	19

[To be continued.]

New Zealand has no Strikes.

New Zealand is not a paradise, but it is far ahead of every other nation. She has become famous during the past six years because of her radical labor legislation. Situated 1,200 miles southeast of Australia, surrounded by water, it has a climate somewhat resembling that of California.

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THE LAND TAX

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and GEORGE FERGUSON, of Barkerville, Miner, Defendant,

To GEORGE FERGUSON, late of Barkerville, B.C., Miner.

TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been entered and a summons issued against you in the above County Court by Andrew Kelly, of Barkerville, for the sum of $993.00 and costs for goods sold delivered, and an order has been made that a publication of a notice of the entry of such plaint in the ASHCROFT JOURNAL for four successive issues thereof shall be deemed to be service of the summons upon you.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE, that if you, the said George Ferguson, do not enter a dispute note in the said action on or before the 5th day of March, 1900, the Court may order judgment to be entered as on default of appearance.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on MONDAY, The 26TH Day of FEBRUARY 1900, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at Public Auction; and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday, the Nineteenth day of March, 1900, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.
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OPPORTUNITY.

Let her not pass, but grasp her while you may.
Today is yours; tomorrow may not be.
And he who squanders all his time must pay
The bitter penalty. Do we not see
How swift the months and years are slipping by
Wherein life's battle must be fought and won?
How can we waste a moment, you and I,
When so much lies before us yet undone?
What might have been will pass beyond our ken
If we neglect her, for on golden wing
She quickly leaves us desolate and then
Our faults and failings only sorrow bring.
—Good Housekeeping.

IN THE APPLE ORCHARD

How a Professor Made Love and a Mistake at the Same Time.

Fedora, in her long, white apron and big sun hat, color box and palette in hand, sauntered out into the orchard and sat down under the shade of an apple tree. A light breeze stirred the boughs, on which the sunlight gleamed in great gold patches, and countless song birds darted from limb to limb, making the air vocal with their music.

One plump, red breasted fellow perched himself directly in front of Fedora and with head on one side regarded her intently.

The girl returned his gaze first with amusement, then with interest and finally with sudden inspiration. She selected a crayon from her box and dexterously jotted down a few outlines. Then she consulted the bright bits of color she had placed on her palette and with a sweep here and there of her long paint brush transferred the nucleus of her small feathered observer to a sketch card. She held it up to the light and looked at it critically for a moment, then laid it on the long grass beside her and leaned back against the trunk of the tree, her hands crossed loosely behind her head, her eyes resting in dreamy contemplation on the gleaming fields beyond. Above her the faint rustling of the wind in the leaves drowned the silence. Presently a shadow cut across the glimmering sunlight. Fedora glanced up, and a faint color tinged her cheeks. It was the professor.

"If you are too busy"— he began, looking down at her a little dubiously.

"Oh, no," she broke in quickly, smiling up at him as she spoke. "I am never busy." Fedora prided herself upon that accomplishment. "Do sit down," she went on, with a bright look, pointing to the grassy plot opposite her. The professor hesitated for a moment, then suddenly complied with the request.

"A nice day," he remarked carelessly as he sat down.

"Charming," returned Fedora, surveying him, with a smile. It had suddenly dawned upon her that the professor was a singularly good looking man to be so old—almost 40. And in spite of his twoscore years she found herself looking with approval, almost admiration, into his deep, clear eyes, above which the thick masses of brown hair waved back from an intellectual forehead. (All professors have intellectual foreheads.)

"I don't like to interrupt you," he said, with a doubtful glance at the incipient sketch and Fedora's small paint stained fingers, "but there is something I wanted to say," he went on, tugging at his watch charm.

"Really?" She gave a little cough and turned her eyes expectantly upon him.

"It's—it's important," faltered the professor awkwardly, meeting her gaze.

Fedora broke into a little soft laugh, and two dimples came into her face.

"What's the matter?" he said, looking at her in astonishment, a suspicion arising in his mind that he was being treated with unnecessary levity.

"You looked so—so serious," she replied, with such a charming little grimace and a look so profoundly innocent that the professor immediately dismissed his suspicion as unworthy.

"If you don't mind, though," he pursued, a little uneasily, his eyes on her face, "I would rather you would not—that you would be a little serious."

"Yes, certainly," assented Fedora, with alacrity, pulling a straight face, but with a glimmer of a smile showing about her mouth. Then the professor cleared his throat and went on with a slight hesitation:

"I have a proposition." He stopped short and looked at her in a helpless sort of way.

"Ah, I see!" she exclaimed, with a merry laugh. "And you want the—hypothesis?"

"Precisely so," returned the professor, his face brightening. He thought that his task would not be a difficult one with such an appreciative young woman.

"And now to the point," he continued, giving her a serious look.

"A point indicates mere position and has no magnitude," interposed Fedora flippantly.

"I suppose not," replied the professor with slight sternness. "But it is not a problem in geometry this time," he concluded, the glint of a smile hovering about his lips, his voice calm.

"Oh!" exclaimed the girl with wide eyes, as she folded both hands in her lap and fixed upon him a look of grave attention.

He shifted his position a little, pulled at a tuft of grass, then looked across at her with sudden resolution and poke, "Suppose—that—a—man"—

The professor stopped short and cleared his throat again in a disconcerted sort of way.

Fedora met his gaze with a mischievous smile and chewed the end of her long paint brush.

"Well?" she said, dropping her chin to one small hand.

"That a man is"—

"Yes?"

"Well—in love, you know," he blurted out in desperation, flushing to the brim of his scholarly hat.

Fedora's face was suffused with sudden color, and she gave an inarticulate little murmur quite beyond interpretation.

There was an interval, during which neither spoke for several minutes. The professor was the first to break the pause.

"Madly, terribly, foolishly in love," he said, emphasizing the last adverb as though it included the sum total of human imbecility. Fedora shot at him a glance of bewilderment.

"To think," she said, making a mental observation, "that he could be so violent."

There was another pause. She dug one dainty hand into the soft turf and looked at him shyly out of the corner of her eye. The professor spoke again.

"What do you think of it?" he asked abruptly, his gaze resting upon her face with suppressed eagerness.

"I—don't know." She said it slowly and blushed as she spoke. A mingled expression of doubt and perplexity became visible on the professor's face as he waited for her to go on.

But Fedora remained silent, her eyes resting dreamily upon a little white cloud drifting across the horizon.

The situation was growing awkward. The professor felt that his grasp was slipping away from him and went on, a little anxiously:

"You know about such things—girls generally do. Tell me—what shall I do?"

He toyed nervously with a dead twig as he spoke and searched her face narrowly for encouragement.

Fedora reflected for a moment, then nodded with decision.

"It depends," she said dryly, fixing her eyes upon his with a serious look.

"Yes?" The professor turned to her with a quick smile.

Fedora pondered again, then dropped her eyes half timidly and twisted the corner of her handkerchief.

"On—the other one, you know—the girl," she went on, with a soft blush.

The professor gazed at her in silence, his kind eyes full of perplexity.

"Does she—care for you?" asked Fedora in a low voice, looking away.

"That's precisely the point," said he, pushing back his hat. "I want to find out."

"Is she pretty?"

"Beautiful!" replied the professor, with enthusiasm. "She has the most magnificent brown eyes in the world and hair—how do they say in novels—like spun gold, that's it," he concluded impulsively, his eyes aglow.

Fedora's cerulean orbs were suddenly misty, and her dusky brown head was averted.

There was silence for a few moments. After a little she leaned forward to pick a flower, her heart throbbing violently, and the color faded from her face.

The professor drew a long breath and sighed. "She doesn't give me any encouragement," he ventured, regarding her with a questioning, half wistful look.

"Perhaps," said Fedora faintly, as if to herself, "she cares for some one else."

The professor stared at her in consternation.

"I never—thought—of—that," he said slowly, dismay stealing into his tones, as his eyes sought hers with an intense look as though searching her inmost soul.

The pause that followed was unbroken for some moments. Finally he spoke.

"I hope—you have not made a mistake," he said, rising to go, "because it meant so much to me—everything." He was looking down upon her, and there was something in his eyes she had never seen there before.

"There is only one way—to find out," she said, speaking heroically, but with a dreary little smile.

The professor's face brightened. "Well?" said he, almost holding his breath.

The girl did not immediately reply. Something seemed to clutch at her throat.

Presently she lifted her eyes—suspiciously bright—to his and said slowly, her voice half tremulous:

"Just tell her—in a straightforward, manly way that you—love—her and want a—serious answer."

She dropped her eyes suddenly as she encountered his look—not easy to evade.

There was an inaudible stillness. Fedora was looking away like one in a dream, her hands lying cold and passive in her lap.

The sunshine circled about her red brown head in a shimmering rainbow.

The professor looked across at her, his eyes full of unexpected admiration, his hands knotted close together.

After awhile he leaned suddenly toward her and with a quick movement seized both her hands in his own.

"Fedora, I love you. Will you marry me?"

The girl gave him a swift, startled glance, and the color flamed to her cheeks, while the tears and smiles struggled for mastery.

"But—but my hair is not gold," she exclaimed, with a puzzled little laugh, looking shyly at him, "and my eyes are—blue."

"And mine," said he, taking her in his arms, "are color blind."—Chicago News.

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Nothing is taken for granted. The master and the mistress sit by and discuss the points of groom or butler as they would those of a high priced horse or valuable dog. Domestics are taken with great seriousness by the upper class Englishmen, and for that reason nothing is left to luck in peopling the servants' hall.

A Dinner In a Seraglio.

We seated ourselves on cushions, and each took possession of the flat piece of scone which supplied the place of a plate during the meal, those articles not being considered a necessary luxury. In the center of the table stood a large bowl full of white soup, from which everybody ate, taking as many spoonfuls as they chose from the common tureen with the long handled wooden ladles provided for each guest.

When this was removed, a large piece of meat boiled to rags took its place and was speedily diminished under the violent treatment it received from us all, each one pulling a lump of meat from the joint with the fingers and eating it off with her own flat scone. We then had a curry of vegetables, followed by the Zagazig pudding, fruit and rice, called so from a native of that village having brought the recipe to the harem.

Our meal was concluded by coffee, made in a corner of the room over red-hot charcoal in a copper pot and poured thick into small glasses fitted in gold filigree cups. The lady who made this rather disagreeable beverage was the same who had removed the center dishes during dinner. She was black as a coal and bore the delightfully descriptive name, translated to us, of Lily in the Desert.

Our Curious Brain.

A wonderful piece of self analysis, worthy of St, Augustine, which occurs in one of John Donne's funeral sermons, gives poignant expression to what must doubtless have been a common condition of so sensitive a brain.

"I throw myself down in my chamber, and I call in and invite God and his angels together, and when they are there I neglect God and his angels for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a dog; I talk on in the same posture of prayer, eyes lifted up, knees bowed down, as though I prayed to God, and if God should ask me when I last thought of God in that prayer I cannot tell. Sometimes I find that I forgot what I was about, but when I began to forget it I cannot tell. A memory of yesterday's pleasures, a fear of tomorrow's dangers, a straw under my knee, a noise in mine ear, a chimera in my brain, troubles me in my prayer."

It is this brain, turned inward upon itself and darting out on every side in purely random excursions that was responsible, I cannot doubt, for all the contradictions of a career in which the inner logic is not at first apparent.—Fortnightly.

Two Railroad Passes.

When its limited express trains were put on some years ago, the Lake Shore Railway company decided to charge extra for the privilege of riding on them, and John Newell, who was president of the system at that time, gave orders that passes, half rate tickets, etc., should not be honored on the "flers." It was not intended, of course, that the complimentaries issued to high officials of other roads should be void on the fast trains, but through an oversight a yearly pass was sent to D. W. Caldwell, president of the Nickel Plate, which bore on its face the words:

"Not good on Lake Shore limited trains."

A few days after Mr. Caldwell's pass had been issued Mr. Newell received an annual pass on the Nickel Plate with the following indorsement:

"Not good on passenger trains."

Messrs. Newell and Caldwell remained consistent enemies until the former died and was succeeded by the latter as president of the Lake Shore.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Somewhat Mixed.

A gentleman from a neighboring town in Mississippi told the following last night:

"I walked into a small store the other day and found the proprietor lying on the counter just dozing off into a sleep. He roused himself on my approach, and, jumping to the floor, quoted the familiar line:

"'A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!'

"'Where did you get that?' I asked.

"'Oh, don't you know? That's what Absalom said when his horse ran under the tree and left him hanging by the hair to a limb. I thought everybody knew where that came from.'"—Memphis Scimitar.

Great City For Prayer.

A visitor to Moscow soon discovers why it is called the Holy City. Every 200 or 300 feet there is a cathedral, church, chapel or shrine, and whichever way you look you see people crossing themselves. Until one has seen Moscow the piety of the place is not easily understood. The outsider cannot imagine Moscow conditions. He cannot imagine church bells ringing all the time and people praying in the public streets at all hours of day and night.

On a Camel.

The sensation has been likened to that which would be felt by mounting a stool placed on a springless cart driven over a plowed field. I found it all that and more. Next to walking barefoot in chains, riding on camel back is, in the eyes of the Moors, the worst degradation they can put upon their prisoners.—Grey's "In Moorish Captivity."

Probably.

"It must have taken lots of nerve for him to laugh and joke with the doctors while they were taking his leg off at the knee. Didn't he seem excited?"

"Well, I thought he talked in rather a disjointed manner."—Chicago Tribune.

He Called Himself a Meteor.

The Rocky Gulch cowboy who broke up a show in that town by shooting at the actors called himself a meteor because, he said, he was shooting stars.—Buffalo News.

Slipped the Tongue.

"What do you sell that ribbon for?" asked a young lady in a High street dry goods store.

"Eight dollars a week—oh, beg pardon, 25 cents a yard, madam."—Columbus (O.) State Journal.

Unapp reciative.

"Shall I sing 'Because I Love You?'" asked Mrs. Darley as she seated herself at the piano.

"No," replied Mr. Darley, who is a brute. "If you love me, don't sing."—Detroit Free Press.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1900.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS.

Harry Creelman is visiting his brother Mr. S. T. Creelman.

Mrs. Clemes, of Spences Bridge, was staying at the Ashcroft the fore part of the week.

R. W. Strous, a mining expert of San Francisco, is spending a few weeks in Lillooet.

About 90,000 pounds of the Quesnelle Dawson telegraph line supplies have gone forward.

George Rhodes, well known about here, came in from Quesnelle Tuesday and will remain a few days.

Govt. Agent Burr went to the coast the early part of the week in charge of an insane man whom he left at the asylum.

J. Mundorf, who always gives you a good meal and takes good care of your horses at the 20-Mile House, was in town this week.

Mr. J. Mathers, of New York, is now at Lightning Creek preparing to commence work on a mining property secured by him last year.

Mr. F. Hofercamp came down from Quesnelle Tuesday and accompanied his mother's remains to New Whatcom where they will be buried.

Medill Connell, manager of the Blade newspaper, New Whatcom, was in Ashcroft Tuesday. Mr. Connell is a son-in-law of the late Mrs. Hofercamp.

Rev. J. N. Brunton, Quesnelle, Rev. W. Hordie, Clinton, and Rev. P. D. Muir left Ashcroft Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Presbytery at Vernon.

F. P. Wilson, traveller for McLennan, McFeely & Co., the big hardware dealers of Vancouver, and A. R. Tufts, commercial traveller, registered at the Grand Central hotel.

Mrs. John Pearce, who died at Victoria last Monday aged 89 years, was one of the first women to go to Cariboo, accompanying her husband there in 1863, and remaining for about a year.

Mr. A. F. Cotton, engineer for the 43rd Mining and Milling Co., will leave Ashcroft on Monday with twenty men for the company's mines at Omineca. They travel by the B.C. Ex. Co's stages to Quesnelle.

The 111-Mile Farm on the Cariboo road, so long owned by Wm. Abel, has been sold to an English syndicate, Mr. Abel retaining 1-5 interest in the property and is to remain as the local manager for the company. It is a valuable stock farm.

Lindley Bernard Bose, 16 months of age, child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bose, died last Sunday of whooping cough and bronchitis. The funeral was held on Monday Rev. R. B. Laidley officiating. The many friends of the family sympathise deeply with the bereaved parents.

The Western Canadian Ranching Co. shipped on Thursday to Vancouver two cars of splendid beef cattle. Their average weight is 1600. One weighed 2150 lbs. and another 1940. They came from the Gang Ranch, Chilcotin, the chief cattle raising ranch of the company, but have been wintered at the Perry ranch under Manager Blair's supervision.

Dr. W. J. Curry of Kamloops, one of the leading dentists in the Province, will arrive in Ashcroft about the 10th of March and will remain for three or four weeks. Dr. Curry has had eight years of practice on the coast. He uses all the latest improvements in his work. Gold plates, crown and bridge-work are some of his specialties.

Ashcroft citizens who attended the dance at Savonas last week say they had a most delightful time. The dance was held in the school house which was trimmed up with evergreens and tastefully arrayed cosy-corners. Refreshments were passed around at midnight after which dancing was resumed until the early hours of morning.

Another pioneer has passed away. Ben Douglas died Sunday afternoon at his home in New Westminster. He had been ill for some time. Mr. Douglas is well known to all the old timers he having come to the coast in 1862, and for a number of years was engaged in the saddlery business at Yale, afterwards removing to New Westminster where he was foremost in aiding the progress of the city.

Among those present from out of town at the Cariboo Protective Association's meeting Tuesday were Messrs. D. Nevin, D. McTavish, C. McDonald and G. Green from Hat Creek; E. Dougherty and F. Peters from the 22-Mile House and M. Eagleson from Clinton. It is a matter of great satisfaction to the Association that those mentioned and others take such a great interest in its welfare. This association so long as it is conducted in the present fair and business-like manner, will and should have the support of all interested in Cariboo.

A. Stevenson, roads superintendent, was in Ashcroft this week.

Mr. F. H. Case of the Standard staff, Kamloops, spent a few days in town.

Judge G. C. Tunstall, of Kamloops, and one of Cariboo's pioneers, spent a few hours in Ashcroft last week. Judge Tunstall has a long and honorable record as a B. C. official and no man in this section has more friends.

This morning the Ashcroft hotel is pretty well filled up with the 43rd Mining and Milling Co's party and their outfit. Each member of the party is provided with snowshoes, which will be used after leaving Quesnelle.

Stealing is a very serious offence, and there is no doubt if the person who stole tea from D. McLeod's freight wagon at Clinton is caught, that the full penalty will be imposed. Another robbery is reported from a wagon left on Clinton hill.

STANLEY.

EDITOR JOURNAL—Sir: The work on Last Chance creek, the China claim, is progressing well and the tunnel is now in three hundred feet and two hundred more to run and it will be finished in time for the spring water.

Messrs. Burson and Murry are doing some prospecting on Lightning Creek at the mouth of Van Winkle creek, they have struck a good prospect and have already brought down some fine samples of gold.

Mr. G. Murdock is sinking an incline on Dunbar flat and he has only got six feet more to sink to get to bed rock. They have got a prospect, but the weather is too cold to commence washing yet.

It is reported that the Stanley hotel is to change hands. Mr. Wormold is is about to sell his interest in the hotel.

The weather is the best we have had for some winters past and a string of teams are passing all the time.

W. R. A.

Passing of a Pioneer.

Mrs. H. Hofercamp of Whatcom died February 23rd at Quesnelle, B.C. after a protracted illness. Her death occurred while on a visit to her son there and her body will be brought to Whatcom for interment.

In the death of Mrs. Hofercamp one of the earliest pioneers and most historic figures on the Pacific coast passes. She had the proud distinction of being present at the marriage of Abraham Lincoln. Born in Illinois in 1840, the greater part of her life has been spent on the Pacific coast. While a young girl she learned the printer's trade, and ever retained an active interest in it. In 1860 President Lincoln appointed her father, Mr. Allen Francis, consul at Victoria, B.C., which position he held for 25 years.

Her 60 years utterly failed to age her and once a year she was to be seen dancing at the annual masquerade of the Knights of Pythias, where she was invariably given an ovation on unmasking. A husband and five children survive her.—Seattle Times.

LIGHTNING CREEK.

The Premier mining company are about to commence operations on Peters creek, a tributary of Lightning creek, under the management of W. J. Mathers, Mr. Mathers spent last season in this section when he secured the property and succeeded in forming a company among New York capitalists. Lightning creek, because of its great production of gold in the early days without the assistance of any machinery, offers a good field for legitimate mining, intelligently and energetically carried out with the latest mining appliances. What has been accomplished with pick and shovel alone is sufficient warrant for the expenditure of a large sum of money and the employment of the very best mining experience that can be had.

Wedding Bells.

The residence of A. D. McInnes, of Alexandria, Cariboo, was the scene of a very festive gathering on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, the occasion being the marriage of his youngest daughter, Agnes, to A. Johnson of Quesnelle. The ceremony, which took place at 11:30 a.m., was performed by the Rev. Father Peytevan. The bride looked very handsome in a beautiful gown of white silk trimmed with chiffon lace and lilies of the valley, with the regulation veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her friend Miss McLeese, who was becomingly attired in a handsome gown of white Organdy over blue. Mr. E. Owen supported the groom. After the ceremony the party repaired to the dinning-room where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of.

The bride was the recipitant of many costly and useful presents, which testifies to the high esteem in which she is held by her host of friends. Breakfast over, the happy couple departed amidst a perfect shower of rice, slippers and hearty wishes for a long and prosperous journey through life.

B.C. Appropriations.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The estimates show an increase of $2,781,431. The British Columbia appropriations for public works are: Kamloops post office, $2,000; Nelson building, $20,000; New Westminster building, $25,000; Rossland building, $20,000; Vancouver drill hall, $18,000; Williams Head quarantine, $5,000; Columbia river, $16,000; Skeena river, $6,000; Nanaimo harbor, $5,000; to delimit Alaska boundary, $14,000; $20,000 to relieve distressed persons along Dease and Liard rivers; Yukon justice is increased $19,000.

Elliot-Steadman.

Married,—On Monday evening, 26th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Shaw, the bride's sister, by the Rev. P. D. Muir, B.A., Mr. Thomas Ingram Elliot to Mrs. Kate Bolton Steadman.

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	23 J Walker, Quesnelle...	18,000
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	24 J Ferry, Bark. & Ques.	12,000
	24 J Bishop, Clinton.....	2,500
	24 A Meiss, Horsefly.....	6,700
	26 R Rutherford, Q. F'k's..	9,000
	26 H Lewis, 150-M. H....	12,000
	26 J Dicky, Lillooet.....	4,500
	26 J Saffor, Quesnelle....	11,500
	27 D W Smith, Q. Forks..	15,000
	27, A Martley, Lillooet....	2,700
	27 Cummings Bros. Pav...	1,900
	27 C Gill, Clinton.....	5,500
	28 W Parker, Bullion.....	5,000
Mar.	1 J Convette, Barkerville	12,000
	2 A Wills, 150-M. H.....	16,000

Passenger List

The following is the list of passengers arriving at and departing from Ashcroft by the B.C. Express Co.

ARRIVALS.

Geo Rhodes, Quesnelle; F Hofercamp, Quesnelle; H Atwood, Clinton; J G Walker, Clinton; M R Eagleson, Clinton; Mr Adams, Lillooet.

By special stage—Thos Allice, Dog creek and Lillooet.

DEPARTURES.

Mr Pierson, Quesnelle Forks; Mr Mathers, Stanley; Mr Muller, Stanley.

By special stage—Messrs Powell and Wilson, Barkerville.

Scotch as She Is Wrote.

Mrs. Hohmboddie—What are you reading that absorbs you so?

Mr. Hohmboddie (looking up from his book)—It is a new Scotch novel.

Mrs. Hohmboddie (with enthusiasm)—Oh, I am so fond of those dear dialect things! Do read me a little.

Mr. Hohmboddie (reading)—"Ye see, Elpsie," said Duncan doucely, "I might hae mair the matter wi' me than ye wad be spierin. Alblins me een is a bit dazzlit an am hearin the poolses thuddin in ma ears, an ma toongue is clavin when it sud be gaein, an div ye no' hear the dirlin o' ma hairt an feel the shakin o' ma hond this day gin I gat a glimpse o' ye, sair hirplin like an auld mon? Div ye nae guess what's a' the steer, hinney, wi'out me gaein it mair words?"

Mrs. Hohmboddie—Stop, for goodness' sake! What in the world is the creature trying to say?

Mr. Hohmboddie—He's making a declaration of love.

Mrs. Hohmboddie—A declaration of love! I thought he was telling a lot of symptoms to his doctor.—Collier's Weekly.

Proved His Theory.

The late Hall McAllister some years ago entertained a visiting scientist at the Union club, before its amalgamation with the Pacific, and during the evening, a particularly foggy one, made some whimsical remark conveying the idea that fog was an excellent conductor of sound.

The scientist took exception to this novel theory and asked Mr. McAllister on what it was based.

"On phenomena which we have all observed," returned the ready jurist. "On an evening like this we hear the fog horn quite distinctly, but when there is no fog we cannot hear it at all."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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As I am about removing from the Cargile House I desire to extend my thanks and good wishes to the travelling public that has for the past year given me a full share of its support.

At the Hat Creek House, 14 miles from Ashcroft, on the Cariboo road, where I am about removing. I shall be glad to see old friends and new.

FRED. NELSON.

NOTICE.

All persons having unpaid freighting bills against the undersigned, contracted by Joe Willford will please present same at once and oblige.

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Anyone having bills against us will kindly forward the same for payment.

McTAVISH BROS.

Hat Creek, Feb, 1st, 1900.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Between THE MARION STEAM SHOVEL COMPANY, Plaintiff,

and THE FORT GEORGE GOLD DREDGING COMPANY, and THE PITTSBURGH & CARIBOO GOLD DREDGING COMPANY, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of $3420.76 and $7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and also interest on $3420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1899, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized and, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will offer for sale by public auction, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, proximo, at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnelle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the "Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 scow 20'x80'x5 feet, 1 scow 10'x72'x4 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam wheel engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete, 2000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch manila rope, about 600 lbs. of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnelle; also 6 Dredging Leaseholds, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said river about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.

JOHN STEVENSON, Sheriff of Cariboo.

Barkerville, B.C., February 9th, 1900. 42-4

MINERAL ACT, 1896.

(FORM F.)

Certificate of Improvements.

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