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CARIBOO HYDRAULIC MINING COMPANY.

The annual general meeting of the above company was held Wednesday afternoon at the company's office, Vancouver, those present being Messrs. H. Abbott, J. M. Browning, J. B. Hobson, O. Plunkett, Dr. Lefevre, J. A. Fullerton, E. Mahon and J. W. McFarland.

The annual report and statement of accounts were submitted and adopted. The report was a most exhaustive document, containing besides maps and plans a general description of the property and other details.

Mr. J. M. Browning the president in his address said:

Your directors beg to submit their report at the third annual meeting of shareholders, together with the managers report, balance sheet and auditors report for year ending 31st December, 1896.

During the period under review, the prospects and development of your property have been very encouraging, although on account of the unusually dry season and consequent want of water, and for other reasons fully explained in the annexed report by the manager, your directors regret that the output of bullion has not been all that you were led to expect by last year's report.

At the last annual meeting held on the 11th March, 1896, the capital of the company was authorized to be increased from $300,000 to $500,000 for the purpose of paying off all liabilities, furnishing the necessary working capital, and placing the company upon a sound financial basis.

This new issue of $200,000 was at once taken up by the shareholders at par.

The report of Mr. J. B. Hobson, the manager, shows the expenditure for the season of 1896 on permanent improvements amounted to $58,132.00. The cost of operating the mine was $100,199.77, the inventory taken on November 30th, 1896, showed that were on hand at the mine stores, etc., valued at $56,017.10. The receipts including gold recovered $127,080.96, and profit on stores, etc., amounted to $131,645.10.

The summary of the season's work is as follows:

Total time in washing 125 days, 1 hour
Total water used.... 257,723 miner's in.
Gold product..... 7,426.17 ozs.
Value, gross..... $127,455.24

Mr. Hobson estimates the gross product for the season of 1897 at $300,000, and the cost of operation at $92,962.27, leaving a probable net profit of $207,037,53.

The general balance sheet shows a balance from capital account of $81,239.02, from operating account, '95 and '96, $43,266.55, outstanding drafts from mine, $4,673.93, profit on lumber, etc., '95 and '96, $2,346.21, making a total of $131,525.70. The other side of the balance sheet shows: Head office and general expenses for '95 and '96, $10,180.27, permanent improvements account, $58,132.09, personal accounts outstanding, $1,014.56, stores, etc., on hand, $43,241.83, balance at bank of Montreal at December 31st, $18,956.95.

Mr. Abbott explained that the proposed change in the organization of the Company was not perfectly understood. There existed an impression that the Company intended amalgamating with other companies. Such, however, was not the intention, the change being merely to increase the capital with a view to carry on the work on a larger scale.

Messrs. J. M. Browning, O. Plunkett and B. T. Rogers were elected directors. The meeting then adjourned.

Horse Fly Hydraulic Mining Company.

The annual general meeting of the above company was held at the Company's office, Vancouver, Wednesday. The shareholders present were Messrs. H. Abbott, C. Sweeny, J. M. Browning, J. B. Hobson, W. F. Salisbury, E. Mahon, J. W. McFarland and J. M. Buxton.

The annual report and statement of accounts were submitted and adopted. The report was a highly interesting and exhaustive document, as besides giving a full report of the work done during the past year, and estimated result of next season's operations, it contained several maps and plans of the mine.

At the last annual meeting of shareholders, held on the 11th of March, 1896, resolutions were passed authorizing the directors to issue debentures for a sum not exceeding $150,000. The report of Mr. J. B. Hobion, the manager, shows that the water was on 125 days, during which time 215,346 miner's inches were used, the amount of gold recovered being 1,891.79 ounces. The expense of operating the mine was $47,222.03, and the receipts, including gold recovered profits from stores, boarding house, sawmill, etc., amounted to $23,187.21. The total value of the gold recovered was $32,640.02, but the freight and insurance charges on same cost $977.72. The inventory showed that there were on hand at the mine on December 1st, 1896, stores, etc., valued $16,412.50.

Several claims have been staked and recorded behind the 20-Mile House the last few weeks. Returns have not been received of the rock but from appearance it is very good.

Kamloops.

Notwithstanding the cold weather that prevails here considerable development work has been done on many of the claims in this vicinity and new locations are being made every day.

A very fine lead of ore has been struck at the 45 foot level of the Little Chief on Sugar Loaf mountain owned by ex-Mayor Lee of this city. This promises to be one of the best claims in the camp. Work is also being pushed on the adjoining claims the Big Chief and Chieftan owned by Mr. Lee.

W. Thos. Newman superintendent of the Iron Mask has called for tenders for sinking a 200 foot 3 compartment shaft.

F. P. Carey representing Butte, Montana, capital is here and has several claims under bond upon which he intends working as soon as the weather permits.

J. Hepburn of the Gold Cup (now being worked by Chinese) is back from the coast. As the result of an argument between F. P. Carey and J. Hepburn as to the respective abilities of white men and Chinese as miners, the following wager was offered by Hepburn. Each to sink a shaft 100 feet, Hepburn employing Chinese and Carey white men, an equal number of men each, for $500. The first to attain the 100 feet to take the $500, the loser to pay the costs of sinking both shafts. Carey has his $500 ready but Hepburn has failed to make his bluff good.

Quite a number of prospectors are here waiting for favorable weather to go to the hills.

Lac La Hache.

March came in with a beautiful clear day, but cold, the glass dropping to 25 degrees below zero that morning. On Thursday we were treated to a genuine March snow storm with a piercing north wind.

Captain Black and his men passed through the valley last Saturday, but owing to the illness of one of his men the party camped all day Sunday in the timber above the 122-Mile House On Sunday evening the man became so ill that he was taken to Blue Tent, and early on Monday morning the party proceeded. The well packed handsleighs, especially that drawn by the dogs, were a novelty in this part of the country.

Hay is in great demand just now and those who are fortunate enough to have any to sell are realizing a good figure.

Mr. Fred Nason has already got the cabin for the B. C. Express Company on, and will at once begin to get out logs for the stable.

Dr. Herald passed down to the 108-Mile House on Thursday to attend another one of Capt. Black's men who had to be left there, being ill to proceed.

Position of Cacheton.

EDITOR MINING JOURNAL:—In your last issue I see enquiries as to the position of "Cacheton." Your surmises are correct. It is about a mile from Golden Cache group, not a mile but miles from nowhere. There is no road within miles of it. There is to my knowledge not a town lot staked on it, even allowing they are there to stake. There is under the present law no means by which the proprietors can give a title to town lots or for any other purpose but mining purposes. It is a disgrace to our laws that it is allowable to put such schemes on the market and a fact that must, in the near future, if not prevented, destroy the standing of our fair province as a field for investment of capital. ALPHA.

Lillooet.

Things in Lillooet are lively, lots of prospectors waiting to get into the mountains as soon as the weather is suitable. We have only two seasons here, summer and winter. Usually, on the 1st of March we have spring but it is late this year. Snow soon goes off The first little warm wind bares the mountain sides.

The survey of Ampleton is complete and will be on the market shortly. Already there are 30 lots sold and several lots spoken for. From all appearances we will have a lively camp. Several parties want to build but lumber is scarce. Everybody is hopeful. Ground bare at present.

"There are Others."

Vancouver World: A Lillooet man now in the city vouches for the truth of a very strange story which explains why a big dog now in Lillooet is without a tail. The canine was the companion of a prospector who got caught out in a snowstorm. He lost his bearings and wandered about till his food was exhausted. He found a place of shelter and made a fire and while resting the knawing of hunger due to going nearly two days without food gave him an idea and taking his prospector's ax he cut off the dog's tail, toasted it, and replenished the inner man after which he threw the bones to the dog who crumbled them with evident relish. This gave him strength to proceed and shortly after he came to landmarks that he knew and ere long he was enjoying the warmth and comfort of the Pioneer house, Lillooet.

STATEMENTS OF BIRCH AND SCHELL.

Wm. T. Birch and Hiram Schell, against each of whom the grand jury has returned indictments for the most serious crime in our social codes, that of murder, made sworn statements before United States Commissioner Rogers at Sitka in which they gave their version of the Admirality island tragedy, which we publish below. Although U. S. District Attorney Bennett told them that they need not criminate themselves they both talked freely of the affray, and both appeared anxious to relieve Schell from any implicity in the crime. However there are a number of improbable statements made by both of them. The idea of Schell being coersed into going to Admirality island and remaining two weeks in a cabin and then when the marshall and his posse appear, to escape with the fugitive is ridiculous, and the statement that "Sitka" was standing unarmed at the door when the marshals approached and discharged a volley at him is very improbable.

Schells swern statement: "My name is Hiram Schell, I am 41 years old, and born in Ontario, Canada. My last place of residence was Douglas island. Lived there four weeks.

It was not my will that I was with him. I was under force. Think it was impossible for me to get away.

On the morning of the 24th after breakfast I was lying on the bed when I heard the report of firearms. I jumped up. When Birch came running in the door saying he was shot. He picked up my revolver and ran out of the door and I again heard the report of firearms outside. He came back again and got his rifle and fired several shots through the wall. Then he went outside again with the rifle and revolver. I rolled up a blanket, put my gum boots on and went out of the door. When I got up about forty or fifty yards I saw Wm. Birch go into the cabin. He came back and overtook me. We crossed over the Divide. Slept in the woods that night, next day came to an Indian cabin. A steamboat hove in sight and we went back into the woods, made a bed and stayed there until we were arrested next morning."

Birch's sworn statement: Where were you on the morning of the 24th?"

"I was in a cabin on Bear creek, can't say what time it was in the morning, I was woke by a noise outside. I opened the door and stepped out and asked what do you want, not thinking but that it was someone hunting or prospecting and I was answered by the shot of a gun and I want you, you——, therefore this party that shot at me I could not see him for he was standing at one corner of the cabin and I was standing in a hole in the snow about four feet from the door. At the side of the cabin where I was shot at there was some long icicles that penetrated from the corner of the house had dripped and made something like a sugar bowl. I slipped and fell. I retreated back into the cabin and exclaimed I am shot, but afterwards found that my arm was only paralyzed from the blow of the icicle, the shot having been fired between me and the icicle, I backed into the door and on the right hand there was a six shooter lying on the shelf belonging to this man (pointing to Schell.) I came outside and emptied the contents of it around the corner of the house and everywhere else. Well, I done this in self defence. I went in and took my rifle, and some one was shooting at a window that we had some gauze or sheeting in as we had no light in it. I reached up and pulled out a log of wood that was used for chinking, putting the rifle out, firing a couple of shots out, I guess the marks are there in the trees yet, finding there were only two or three shots in the rifle I reloaded the magazine. While doing this some more shots came through the window. The door, I don't know whether it was open or partly open. I jumped outside; there was a man standing behind a tree and he snapped a gun at me, but the cartridge didn't explope. I don't know who he was; I retreated down the creek got on a bank on the north side of the creek, I had on only two pair of light socks, for I was not dressed yet; it was early in the morning. Schell was coming out of the cabin then with a pair of blankets rolled up. I returned again and there was some shooting done by both parties, from the parties below the cabin and from me. Both colts. Revolver Colts 45. Schell's gun is a dark black. I think it's a colts. My gun is a light one. Fighting lasted between ten and fifteen minutes. I was on the hill alone. Schell was not with me. I didn't see him shoot. Schell got together the blankets and provisions and carried them himself and had some of the provisions.

"I had my two guns and he had his gun when I got up to him on the hil.

"I met Schell at the bar, and from there we went. His boat happened to be smashed up on the beach. He was on his way to Berner's bay. I took him along with me. It was a kind of force play with him. He was alone. There were others with me.

"My gun and revolver were both loaded when the fight first commenced. The revolver was on a coffee box at the right side of the stove; the gun was on the upper bunk of a double decker shake bed. Schell's gun was on the left hand side of the door going in, on a shelf. When this affray commenced I had my belt full of cartridges. Schell did not have his belt on. I did not recognize any of the men. After I fired off Schell's gun I put it back where I got it. I dont remember whether Schell took up the gun before I went back on the hill or not. Schell had his gun when I caught up with him. Schell had cartridges of his own for his gun. We went over the hill. Schell was with me all the while until we were captured asleep."

Quesnelle.

The first annual meeting of the Quesnelle Club and Reading Room was held on the 26th and the officers for the current year were appointed. Dr. Catanea was re-appointed president, J. A. Fraser treasurer, J. F. Smith Secretary and Librarian and R. Parkinson, W. A. Johnson and D. Anderson, committee of managment. The reports of the treasurer and secretary were read and showed the institution to be in a flourishing condition. Besides a great variety of first class newspapers a number of friends generously gave quite a few periodicals in addition to those subscribed for. On the walls of the room are spread the latest geological maps issued by the Geological Department at Ottawa. These maps were presented by Senator Reid. They afford prospectors a good opportunity to see the general character of the country and its mineral resources. The thanks of the Club are due the department of the Provincial Secretary for a few valuable books in reference to the Province and also to Senator Reid for all the Hansard and other parliamentary papers from Ottawa. The Club enters on the second year with every encouragement of success. This year the Club took up the discussing of public questions. Next Saturday Mr. S. Williams will read a paper on the exclusion of the Chinese, upon which it is expected an interesting discussion will take place. Many are already gathering facts and figures pro and con. It is expected this will settle the Mongolian question forever.

This week we were visited by a good old eastern snow-storm. Quite a quantity fell and the roads were drifted considerably, making the hauling for a few days very heavy. The late breaking up of the winter is a good omen for plenty of water for irrigation and mining. There must be at present nearly three feet of snow on the level.

Near the Cottonwood there are about seventy men at work on the lumber for the Baker flume. The mill runs night and day. It is expected that in a few weeks more the quantity of lumber required will be sawed, amounting to about one million feet. Mr. Baker is at present in London and will be back in April. Mr. Betts is in charge of the tunneling and engineering work generally.

Captain Black has arrived on his way to Omineca. It is expected twenty-three men will be here next week to go up on snowshoes to that important place.

Mr. Mason returned to Barkerville, having accompanied her two boys to Quesnelle on the way to the school at Fort Hope.

Barkerville.

The Cariboo Gold Fields Company have at last reached bedrock with their long tunnel, 2,700 feet and much of it in bad ground Nearly all of the gravel gone through carries gold from ½ to as high as 3 ounces to the set of timbers. The hydraulic elevator will be put in place as soon as the ground can be gotten ready and it is hoped that the company may be able to do some work in the way of washing during the season of '97, but they have much to do. There is no doubt in the mind of anyone in this section that vast amounts of gold will be found on bedrock from the old worked out claims down past the junction of Williams creek with Willow river and down Willow river past the work so ably carried on by Mr. Laird.

The French capitalists here are very much pleased with the outlook but don't speak very highly of the climate.

There are no idle men here and it is believed we have a very prosperous season ahead.

Ampleton.

Mr. Marshall of Cayoosh creek has just had part of his lot, No. 145, for which he holds a crown grant and which crown grant is now registered in the registry office in Kamloops, surveyed with town lots. The location is about 2½ miles from the village of Lillooet and about ½ mile from Seaton lake, on the old Cariboo trail. All trails to and from the mine on Cayoosh creek, Bridge river and the Blackwater mineral district must of necessity pass through this place. It is composed of a level gravely flat between Cayoosh creek on the south and Lake creek on the north. The lots range from 60x120 to 80x200 and some much larger. This is the only available place for a townsite to which any title can be given. About 30 lots are already sold. The survey and plans were made by Major Burnet, D. & P. L. S., now resident in Lillooet.

GOLD SAVING MACHINE.

TO THE EDITOR MINING JOURNAL: I have received your enterprising paper the last year and have noted the prosperity of your country with no small interest and have intended making you a visit to inspect some of your mining property, but owing to some large contracts which we had this last season I was unable to leave until the season was too far advanced to be able to see the country on account of snow. We have not done very much in our line in your country as I understand the heaviest interest as yet is in placer mining. We have, however, taken hold of a new invention for the purpose of saving gold from black sand. This is the only machine that I have found that can treat large quantities and make a saving. In the first place the machine is quite cheap to build, second, it takes little or no attention after once put in operation. Third, the saving in fine gold is almost perfect. Fourth, it requires no power to operate other than the water that is obtained from the main sluice box. One of these machines was tested on Snake river and the saving was practically all. The machine will treat from 50 to 500 cubic yards per day of ten hours. If you know of any large bodies of black sand that carries pay I think I can interest people in taking hold of it. One thing I have forgotton to mention is that the machine will concentrate to any grade desired and in many places the black sand and sulphrets are quite valuable. We are building a 9,500 foot wire rope tram for Berner's Bay, Alaska, which goes on the Horrible and Mexican claims owned by the Portland Alaska Gold Mining Company. Yours sincerely, I. B. HAMMOND.

Portland, Ore., March 8, 1897.

The writer of the above is an old personal acquaintance and friend. Any one interested in the saving of fine gold can write Mr. Hammond and will receive only facts in reply. He is the inventor of the Hammond stamp mill, the Challenge ore feeder, etc., and a thoroughly practical mining man.

Bowron-Watson.

At the residence of the bride's mother Mrs. Adam Watson, "Ross Dhu," Foul Bay road, the marriage of Mr. John Bowron gold commissioner of Cariboo, to Miss Elizabeth Watson, was celebrated Tuesday evening, March 9th, Ray, Canon Beanlands officiating, and Mr. Robert Watson, brother of the bride, giving her away. Only the immediate friends of the family were present at the wedding ceremony, among them being Messrs. Adams and Rogers, representatives of Cariboo in the legislature. The bride looked charming in a dress of white satin duchesse trimmed with point lace and orange blossoms, and carrying a lovely bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Nason and Miss Roberta Nason, dressed in white silk, and carrying bouquets of jonquils. The groom was ably supported by Mr. W. F. Sargent, of Tacoma. After the ceremony a reception was held, which was attended by a very large number of the many friends of the happy couple. The bride was the recipient of numerous costly and pretty presents from her friends in Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Bowron left by Wednesday mornings boat for Barkerville, Cariboo, where they will in future reside.—Colonist.

The open lodge meeting of the I. O. G. T. was held Thursday evening, when a number of outsiders attended and listened to a good program. Refreshments were served.

Major P. Burnet, Dominion & Provincial Land Surveyor has returned to Lillooet and is prepared to attend to any surveys entrusted to him, as also to furnish reports on any mineral claims in the district. The Major's knowledge of the district gives him an advantage in a professional point of view, he having made the survey of the Mayflower, Ample and Whale mineral claims, the only ones so far as we know for which crown grants have been issued on Cayoosh creek.

Married, at Kamloops City, on Sunday, March 7th, by Rev. Robson, Jas. Gannon of Ashcroft and Mrs. Josie McLeod of Cache Creek. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gannon join heartily in wishing them long life and prosperity. They will make their future home in Ashcroft. Mr. Gannon has been for some years engaged with Mr. F. W. Foster in forwarding his Clinton freight and will continue in that line of work. Mrs. Gannon has lived at or near Cache Creek all her life and is most highly spoken of by all.

Freight Shipments.

Below will be found the date of departure, teamster and destination of all freight shipped north by Ashcroft forwarding agents.

Mch.	6, J. Linnehan, Soda Creek	6,728
"	6, W. S. Cook, Lillooet	4,500
"	6, H. C. Rayson & Co., Horsefly, Quesnelle Forks	27,060
"	6, W. Bloes, Barkerville, Ques	8,300
"	6, J. Robinson, Barkerville, Ques	8,800
"	6, D. Spratt, Barkerville, Ques	8,600
"	8, H. C. Rayson & Co. Horsefly	32,000
"	8, J. Gannon, Clinton	5,140
"	10, H. Martin, Lillooet	4,580
"	11, J. Gannon, Clinton	4,032
	Total	111,440

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CARIBOO RAILWAY.

As will be observed by the report of Mr. Bell on the different lines over which a railroad to Cariboo would be most practicable, the one with least cost is via Bonaparte, cost being estimated and distance measured.

Route No. 1, via North Thompson and St. Joseph's creek, distance 300 miles, estimated cost $9,000,000.

Route No. 2, North Thompson via Clearwater, distance 344 miles, cost $10,500,000.

Route No. 3, via the Bonaparte, distance 288 miles, cost $7,500,000.

The evidence is all in favor of a railroad being some day built from Ashcroft, the only difficulty to be encountered on the route is from Ashcroft to Cache Creek, or rather the first three miles through the Bonaparte canyon. In speaking of the matter a prominent C. P. R. official said to the writer only a few days ago, "in my judgment the road will be built from Ashcroft direct. I examined the canyon of the Bonaparte last season and it presents no difficulties to a railroad man. From Ashcroft instead of Van Horne as per Bell's report the distance would be shortened by about 20 miles, and a consequent reduction in cost of building. It would not take long to bring about the building of a railroad to Cariboo if the quartz mines of that section were far enough developed to insure ores for down freight. The next twelve months will see a great change in this respect and we trust it will not be very long until the whistle of the railroad locomotive is heard in Cariboo."

CARIBOO RAILWAY.

Report on an Exploratory Survey for a Line of Railway to Connect the Canadain Pacific Railway with Barkerville, Cariboo District, by H. P. Bell, M.I.C.E.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.)

Having described the character of the Beaver valley, I will take up next that portion of Quesnelle river valley between the Forks of Quesnelle and the mouth of the Beaver river, a distance of about eleven miles by plan. The valley of Quesnelle river is flanked by high benches enclosing bottom flats upon alternate sides, with here and there a bluff or slide as the river curves into the slopes of the valley in its passage from side to side. There is a crossing of the river to be made in this section, which may be located at such a point as to admit of the line being kept upon the best side of the river all the way up to the Forks. The works upon this section need not be extra heavy, and there are three good river crossings in the first seven miles below the Forks of Quesnelle.

From the 207th mile at the Forks, thence ascending the North Fork river, the valley is generally wide enough for a line of railway without necessitating a large per centage of sidehill work. The general direction of the valley is very straight, permitting of good curvature; the quantity of rock upon a low level line would not likely exceed 25 per cent. of the total excavation; nor would this be probably more than 25,000 cubic yards per mile for a low level line. The total length of the North Fork river is about 13 miles; thence to the mouth of Keithley creek the work will not be heavy, the lake affording a uniformly good foreshore, with room enough for a line below the sidehill to the 220th mile at Keithley mouth. There is good bridge timber upon Cariboo lake and the North Fork river. Exposures in the banks of the latter, made by grading the trail on side-hill disclose heavy deposits of gravel proved to be auriferous by the resident Chinese mining in that vicinity From the 220th mile by plan, still going north, I followed the regular trail to Barkerville, up Snowshoe, and down Martin creek, thence to the headwaters of Swift river and Antler creek, down Antler creek to the Cunningham creek pass at the 254th mile by plan herewith. Arrived at this point I was surprised to find that there existed a well-known trail between Cunningham and Antler creeks, with a very slight elevation between the two creeks.

Having made further enquiry from the guide who was breaking track for me (and who knew the country well,) as to whether there was any connection between the Valley creek (which is a direct lead from the south into Barkerville) and this pass; he replied in the affirmative, and as soon as we rose up out of Antler creek and got upon the upper benches, it became very apparent that such was the case. The key of this position seems to be the getting of a good line with a continuous rising grade by way of Swamp river and Cunningham pass to Antler creek.

Once in Antler creek, by running up grade down stream, the upper benches of Antler creek are reached at a point where Antler turns sharp to the eastward. The production of the same line north to Barkerville, by way of the Valley creek, presents no difficulty. There would, therefore, be only one summit to pass over on this line between the mouth of the Beaver river and Barkerville (see diagram of grades.) From the 229th mile, at the mouth of Keithley creek, there will be required a continuel ascent, at the rate of about 53 feet per mile, for 33 miles, to catch the level of the Cunningham pass and rise out of Antler to the Valley creek. The grades of nature are not uniform throughout this section, the swamp river being a sluggish stream, while Cunningham creek has a rapid fall. There is a rock canon, some seven miles in length, near the head of Cunningham creek, through which the grade of the creek (owing to inequality of fall) must gain upon that of the line. This portion of the line may result in a rather heavy section; the rest of the distance between the 254th mile and Barkerville the work would not be heavy.

It may be said of the whole distance from the south terminal point to Barkerville, by way of the Bonaparte route, that even including two truss bridges, one over the Thompson and another over the Quesnelle river, the bridging will be found a very insignificant percentage of the total cost.

There is timber enough for constructive purposes, to be found at reasonable distances apart, all the way from the Bonaparte summit to Barkerville.

For the section immediately south, the bridges might be built from the end of the track, as they were upon Mr. Onderdonk's contracts in British Columbia.

The total distance from Port Van Horne, to Barkerville, with an allowance of 10 per cent. added to cover local curvature, will be 288 miles.

Having described the line by way of the Bonaparte valley to Barkerville, the next point in order of numeration, according to instructions, will be the lines by way of the North Thompson river.

DESCRIPTION OF TWO LINES.

The plan shows two lines, one rising by the valley of St. Joseph's creek to the central plateau, 100 miles in length, from Kamloops to its junction with the Bonaparte route. The mileage of the Bonaparte route, measured from Port Van Horne to the intersection with these two lines, will be respectively 93 and 105 miles.

A comparison of distances to a common point will, therefore, stand as follows:—

	Miles.
From Port Van Horne to a common point opposite Bridge Creek House, by the Bonaparte river route.....	105
From Kamloops to same point, via St. Joseph's creek.....	113
From Kamloops to same point, via the Clearwater river.....	156

These are plan distances, without any percentage for local curvature as hereafter added on.

All these lines are included in Mr. Sanford Fleming's reports on the surveys of the Canadian Pacific Railway made to the Dominion Government.

As the North Thompson river section, from Kamloops to the 76th mile, is applicable to both lines, I will describe that portion by stating that the North Thompson river as a route for a line of railway, is per se a noble river for constructive purposes, capable of a high standard of economical traffic capacity, with works lighter than medium; but the very rapid falls, the rough, rocks, narrow and circuitous character of its western tributaries, involve costly works, long maximum grades, quick curves, and a low standard of economical working capacity, in order to utilize the North Thompson river as an approach to the central plateau. Mr. Marcus Smith describes the line by way of St. Joseph's creek as follows:—

"The point at the outlet of the lakes last alluded to is 3,707 feet above sea level at the head of a deep ravine through which the stream that carries off their surplus water flows into the North Thompson river. The line follows the slopes or benches on the east side of the ravine nearly 14 miles, with a continuous falling grade of 2 feet per 100, crossing five rocky spurs, averaging 750 feet in length, that will have to be tunnelled. The rest of the work will be light.

From this the line deflects northward, descending obliquely the western slope of the Thompson valley till it reaches the bottom; and crossing the river joins the line surveyed in 1872, about six miles below the mouth of the Clearwater.

In this last length of 12 miles the grade continues to fall at the rate of 2 feet per 100 for nearly 9 miles, with only one break of a quarter of a mile of level, making altogether a continuous grade of 106 feet per mile for 23 miles.

The westerly slope of the Thompson river is here very irregular and broken, with deep lateral ravines and rocky spurs shooting down to near the bottom of the valley, and the work will consequently be heavy, requiring on the line surveyed two tunnels, one 4,300 feet and the other 8,000 feet in length.

The distance from Kamloops to Barkerville via St. Joseph's creek, including 10 per cent. for local curvature, is 300 miles."

Elsewhere in the same report, dated 1874, Mr. Marcus Smith describes the line by way of the Clearwater river and Bridge creek as follows:—

"The point at which this line commences is 1,397 feet above sea level. From this it follows nearly a northwest course across the angle between the two rivers, and in less than two miles strikes the left bank of the Clearwater, which it follows up almost due north four miles; then it crosses the river with 200 feet of bridging, and follows up the right bank 18¼ miles to the north of Bridge creek, with an average rise of 18⅛ feet per mile. On the whole of this distance the line is very difficult, and to keep the quantity of rock excavation within moderate limits, curves of 5 degrees, 1,146 feet radius, will have to be frequently used, and we have put in three curves of 955 radius and two of 818 feet radius. Even with these we have had to adopt steep grades, of which there are eleven miles exceeding 1 foot per 100, the highest of which is 1.5 feet per 100 for four miles.

With these curves and grades the cuttings are reduced to shore lengths, few of them exceeding 1,000 feet, with a maximum depth of 40 feet and diminishing rapidly towards the ends.

The line then follows the valley of Bridge creek, on a westerly course, to the outlet of Mahood lake, about 3½ miles. This is an exceedingly difficult portion; the valley is narrow, deep, and tortuous, hemmed in with walls of basalt and trap rock, and the average rise is 144 feet per 100 with continuous sharp curves and very heavy rock cuttings, in which is included a tunnel through rock 1,800 feet in length. There is also a ravine to cross, 2,000 feet wide and averaging in depth fully 100 feet below grade line.

Mahood lake is 2,074 feet above sea level and 13 miles in length The line follows the south shore, and for the first three miles the grades are easy and the works will be moderate. It then encounters a bluff of slate rock a mile and three quarters in length. A large proportion of this is a high perpendicular cliff extending into deep water with an irregular face. In this there would be very heavy rock excavation, including fully a mile of tunneling. From this the high bench at the head of the lake can, by a slight deviation of the present line, be reached with grades not exceeding 1 per 100, but with rather heavy works.

Between Mahood and Canim lakes the distance is about five miles, and the line crosses the connecting stream (60 to 100 feet in width) about a mile below the outlet of the latter, with moderate works. It then follows up the north shore of Canim lake, 18 miles to its head. This shore is a serpentine line, requiring frequently curves of 1,000 feet radius, with undulating grades, but the work will be rather heavy as the cuttings, though of no great extent or depth, will be chiefly in slate rock.

The altitude of this lake is 2,550 feet above the sea level. Following up the valley of Bridge creek the distance is 18 miles to the water-shed between the Thompson and Fraser rivers, 3,104 feet above the sea level."

The distance from Kamloops to Barkerville by this route will be 344 miles, including 10 per cent added on to cover local curvature.

(CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE.)

LILLOOET DISTRICT.

ASSESSMENT ACT AND REVENUE TAX ACT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within the East and West Ridings of Lillooet District, assessed by me, are payable at my office, Lillooet. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.
Three-fourths of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-fourth of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-fourths of one per cent.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
If paid on or before the 30th day of June 1897:—
Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate.
One-half of one per cent on the assessed value of personal property.
Upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-fourth of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.
Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
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Cariboo and Intermediate points—Registration closes at 7.30 Saturdays. Other matter for these points may be mailed at the office up to 2 a. m. Mondays.

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St. Alban's—Church of England. Rev A. Anstey Dorrell, vicar. Morning service on Sundays 11 a m., evening service at 7 p. m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m., 1st Sunday in the month, other Sundays at 8 a. m. Sunday school 2:30 p.m. Evening service with address on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Zion Presbyterian Church—Services at 11 a. m, and 7 p m. Sunday school (union) at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. M. McKee Presbyterian, and Rev. James Turner Methodist clergymen, preach on alternate Sundays. All are cordially invited to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING.

By request we print below the minutes of a meeting held in Ashcroft April 6th, 1892, of those interested in the erection of the Presbyterian church, which will no doubt put the matter of the Presbyterian church building clear to those who do not understand the case.

Minutes of a meeting of those interested in the erection of a church edifice at Ashcroft. Present T. G. McLeod, J. J. Mackay, Mrs. J. J. Mackay, I. Lehman, C. H. Smith, Miss M. E. Tupper, Miss I. Campbell, J. A. Newland, Geo. Smith and others.

On motion Mr. T. G. MacLeod, Presbyterian missionary was voted in the chair. Mr. J. J Mackay secretary. After remarks by Mr. I Lehman, Mr. J. A. Newland, Mr. Geo. Smith and Mr. C. H. Smith the following resolution was moved by Mr. J. J. Mackay and seconded by Miss Isabel Campbell and carried unanimously:

Whereas it being desirable that a place or building for worship be erected in the town of Ashcroft, British Columbia to the end that public worship and the propogation of the Gospel may be more efficiently maintained. It is therefore resolved that we, the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church here assembled as well as those who may join with us, adhering to the standards of the Presbyterian church, do constitute ourselves a body or congregation for the purpose of appointing a Board of Trustees in accordance with the rules of the said church, to acquire and hold property for the use of the said church and that the said body or congregation shall be known as Zion Church.

It was moved by Mr. Geo. Smith and seconded by Mr. I. Lehman that the missionary in charge of this Field apply to the Presbytery of Columbia for such recognition and approval of the action of this meeting as may be necessary. Passed unanimously.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Rebecca S. Mackay, seconded by Miss Maggie E. Tupper and passed unanimously:

Whereas we the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church, assembled in congregational meeting at Ashcroft this sixth day of April, A. D. 1892, have decided by a unanimous vote of the said congregation to procure a sight in the place aforementioned and to proceed with the erection of a church edifice thereon, said church and congregation to be known as 'Zion" Presbyterian church and congregation of Ashcroft, British Columbia, and whereas it is necessary to appoint a Board of Trustees consisting of members of Presbyterian church in full communion, for said congregation, in order that said Trustees and their successors lawfully appointed may represent said congregation, receive conveyance lawfully executed of site aforementioned together with all property acquired or that may hereafter be acquired by said congregation and in order that all due care and oversight of such congregational property may be had and maintained—

Therefore resolved, that a Board of Church Trustees be appointed to be known as the Trustees of "Zion" Presbyterian Church of Ashcroft, B. C., and that the three following persons constitute such Board of Trustees: Thos. G. Macleod, Chas. Pennie, John J. Mackay.

And further resolved that the said Trustees and their successors lawfully appointed shall hold the said lands for the sole use and benefit of the said congregation, such lands to be used as a site for such buildings as may be required or for such other purposes as the congregation may direct for the support and maintainance of public worship and the propogation of Christian knowledge according to the doctrine, dicipline and mode of worship of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the said Trustees and their successors lawfully appointed shall well and truly obey, perform and fulfil, and permit and allow to be obeyed, performed and fulfilled with respect to the said lands and to any church or other buildings erected or to be erected upon the said lands, the lawful orders and directions respectively of the said congregation the Presbytery and Synod within whose bounds and under whose ecclesiastical jurisdiction the said congregation shall from time to time be and the general Assembly or other Supreme Court of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

And it is further resolved and declared that if at any time after its constitution there shall cease to be an organized congregation entitled to the use, benefit and enjoyment of the said lands, then and as often as that shall occur, it shall be lawful for the Presbytery within whose bounds the said lands are situated, to fill any vacancy in the Board of Trustees and the said lands shall thenceforward be held subject to such trusts and for such purposes for the benefit of the Presbyterian church in Canada, as the General Assembly or other Supreme Court of the church may declare, limit or appoint.

Moved by Mr. J. J. Mackay and seconded by Mr. Geo. Smith and passed unanimously that Messrs. Isaac Lehman, Chipman H. Smith, James A. Newland and Walter Fearn be appointed to act with the Trustees as a building committee.

On motion the meeting adjourned with prayer.

T. G. MacLeod, Chairman,
J. J. Mackay, Secretary.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Barkerville, Lightning Creek and Quesnelle Division of Cariboo District.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the statutes, that Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the "Assessment Act" are now due for the year 1897.

All of the above-mentioned taxes collectible within the Barkerville, Lightning Creek and Quesnelle divisions of the district of Cariboo are payable at my office, at Barkerville.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz.:—

If paid on or before June 30th, 1897
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One half of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars, and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1897.
Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
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Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita.

41- JOHN STEVENSON,
Assessor and Collector.
Barkerville, B.C., January 2nd, 1897.

COUNTY COURT NOTICE.

A sitting of the county court of Cariboo will be held at Ashcroft, B.C., on Monday the twenty-second day of Marbh, 1897, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

JOS. WM. BURR,
Deputy register.
40-46 Ashcroft, B. C., January, 4th, 1896.

Executor's Notice.

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all who are indebted to the estate of the late William H. Keatley, of 15-Mile House, Lillooet, that all accounts must be paid within sixty days, All those having accounts against said estate are requested to send them in at once. MRS. WM. H. KEATLEY.
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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectable within the Hope, Yale, Lytton and Cache Creek Divisions of the District of Yale are payable at my office, Yale.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz.:

If paid on or before 30th June, 1897:
Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Two and one half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and, not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1897:
Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.;
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41 WM. DODD,
Assessor and Collector.
Yale, January 20th, 1897.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the expiration of sixty days from date, I shall apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres more or less of pasture land situated in Lillooet district. Initial post being placed near the northeast corner post of lot 28, group 1, Lillooet district and marked E. J. C, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains to initial post described above. E. J. CARSON.
Pavilion Farm, January 16, 1897. 38 45

NOTICE

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LOCAL NEWS.

Chas. Pennie of Penmieston was in town last Saturday.

J. H. Blome, the photographer, is back from Lillooet district, where he has been for the past month.

J. A Newland who has been suffering with the prevailing sickness is slightly improved.

The thermometer registered 25 degrees below zero at Barkerville and 15 at Clinton Thursday morning.

Rev. James Turner, Methodist, will hold services in the Presbyterian church tomorrow, morning and evening.

The residence on H. F. Hawk's ranch near Soda creek was burned to the ground Wednesday. The origin of the fire is unknown

John Woods of Spence's Bridge, who has been out of health for some weeks, is staying for a few days at the Ashcroft and is at present improving in health.

On Wednesday night twenty men for the Horsefly mine arrived and were sent forward the next morning by the B. C. X. and on Thursday 25 more arrived and have also gone forward by the same line.

Mrs. Dorrel, wife of A. Anstey Dorrel, who has been seriously ill for some time, is not improving very fast. Her neice, Miss Evelyne Brown, arrived on Thursday nights train from Westminster and will remain with her.

Mrs. and Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Field, and Geo. A. Dunn were aboard Monday's stage for Barkerville and R. H. Campbell and W. B. Adamson for Harper's Lake and J. A. MacFarland and A. Goetts for Lillooet.

F. S. Roper, V. S., of Victoria, went up to Clinton on Monday's stage and will from that point spend some days investigating the trouble that has been somewhat prevalent with cattle of late. It is generally manifested in the feet and is supposed to be the result of frost during the cold spell last fall.

Rev. J. C. Stewart, B. A., Presbyterian minister at Kamloops, held services in the Presbyterian church last Sunday. At the morning service the ordinance of baptism was administered and in the evening service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. Rev. Stewart remained in town over Monday.

Walter Langley, Esq., who owns one of the best stock ranches in this vicinity, has leased it and will hereafter make his headquarters in Victoria, coming up occasionally to look after his stock and ranch. The Ashcroft people hope his visits may be often as he is one of our most progressive citizens.

D. Todd Lees, one of the trustees of the Scaton Lake mines, near Lillooet, the Gold Belt Extension Company, who resides in Vancouver, was in Ashcroft on his way to Vancouver this week. Mr. Lees says in the early spring active work will begin on the company's claims, of which they have twelve, on the banks of Scaton lake. At present there is very little doing in the Lillooet country as the season is by far the most backward known for years.

A grand ball was given at the residence of Thomas Meldrum, Chilcotin, on the night of Washington's birthday, February 22, and continued the 23rd and 24th. There was a large gathering and a good time had by all. Our Chilcotan correspondent goes into the matter of etiquette and social status of some in attendance that would not be of interest to the general public, so we omit it. Music was furnished by John Hamilton and Miss Minnie Johnson and the management was in the hands of Frank English and Jas. McClure.

We are informed by Mr. Arnold E. Keady, secretary of the Maud Hydraulic Mining Company, that the mine, while probably sold, is not sold to Mr. Addicks of New York. The property is well known to be valuable and it is of no particular interest to the public who the purchasers are, providing they are parties with sufficient means and practical knowledge so that no mistakes will be made in opening up and operating. The company must of necessity employ a large number of men and the general public will profit thereby.

The Bonaparte mines are reported as looking better. With depth the pay streak is widening and the quality improving. It the quartz alongside of the pay are small particles of native copper showing and it now looks as though the entire width of the ledge, 20 feet or more, would with depth be of a quality to ship or concentrate. The company cannot be given too much credit for the sensible and thoroughly businesslike manner in which they have developed their properties. Work is seldom done in any country in as careful and legitimate a way as has been done on the Bonaparte under the supervision of Mr. J. R. Mitchell. They have now nearly 1,000 feet of tunnels and shafts driven or sunk. Near Mundorf's reports come in of good looking gold quartz being found and work is being done to demonstrate the extent of the ore. It now looks as though a good camp would be established at that point. It will, if this proves to be the case, add much to the prosperity of Ashcroft.

F. C. Lawrence, the jeweler, is off on a trip through the Lillooet district.

Rev. Wood, Revelstoke, and Rev. Jas. Turner, Clinton, Methodist ministers were in town the ffrst of the week.

The freight receipts at the C. P. R. station for the week ending Friday, February 12th were 401,890 pounds.

C. A. Wickman of Barkerville passed through Ashcroft last night on his way to California to look after his many interests there.

It is very evident from reports brought down that the Capt. Black party are having a hard time of it sledding through to Quesnelle. They have had unusually bad weather to contend with.

Stephen Robins, who was so sick a few weeks ago at the Ashcroft hotel, has improved wonderfully since his removal to Mr. Charles Pennie's ranch. This will be pleasing news to his many friends and acquaintances all over the province.

J. B. Bryson, of Smith & Bryson, who has run a branch blacksmith shop at Mundorf's for the past few months, came into town Friday and on Sunday evening left for Westminster where he will stop for a few days.

The Maple Leaf Prospecting and Development Company of Ashcroft had a meeting last Saturday evening at their office with a full attendance of members. This company is composed principally of residents of Ashcroft and will in a few days number among the registered companies. We will publish next week full particulars concerning the intentions of this company.

The information relative to finding and burying the body between Clearwater lakes last August was furnished us by Mr. J. S. Foss, the party who buried the body. It was, it is Mr. Foss' opinion, the body of the lost German who has relatives in Kansas City. He was known as Karl and was lost in the early spring while going from his own camp on the upper Clearwater to another camp a few miles away. Mr. Foss found the body of an enormous grizzley bear a short distance from the body and as the rifle was empty thinks the German met his death as the result of an attempt to kill the bear. It will be remembered by readers of the JOURNAL that Mr. J. S. Mitchell, some months since, found the grave where Mr. Foss had burried the unfortunate prospector and had surmised that the man Karl was buried there by Indians.

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The undersigned hereby gives notice that all debts owing to the estate of the late D. W. McDonald of Alexandria, must be paid on or before May 6th, 1897. All persons having accounts against the said estate are requested to send them in at once to

JOHN A. FRASER.

Dated at Quesnelle this 4th day of March, 1897. 45-52

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend making application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land in Lillooet district, situated about one mile south of Dog Creek: Commencing at a post marked N. Pigeon, thence west 40 chains, south 40 chains, east 40 chains, north 40 chains to point of commencement. NAPOLEON PIGEON.

Dog Creek, March 2nd, 1897. 45-52

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I shall at the expiration of sixty days apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease 160 acres of meadow land in Cariboo district. Commencing at a stake planted in meadow about seven miles east of Mud lake, near the Alexandria, Mud Lake and Beaver Lake wagon road, thence south twenty chains, thence east eighty chains, thence north twenty chains and thence west eighty chains to place of commencement.

ROBERT McLEESE.

Soda Creek, March 2nd, 1897. 45-53

CARIBOO DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned tracts of land, situated in Cariboo district, have been surveyed, and that plans of the same can be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, and at the office of John Bowron, Esq., assistant commissioner of lands and works, Richfield:—

GROUP ONE.

Lot 366.—Gerald Decter, pre-emption record No. 192, dated 9th October, 1895.
" 290.—Sidney Williams, pre-emption record No. 237, dated 12th August, 1895.
" 291.—Richard H. Parkinson, pre-emption record No. 239, dated 12th August 1895.

Persons having adverse claims to any of the above-mentioned pre-emptions must furnish a statement of the same to the commissioner within sixty days from the date of this notice.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 4th March, 1897. 43-52

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of thirty days apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to lease forty acres of meadow land situated about a half mile east of my pre-emption in Lillooet district, commencing at the post marked L. J. C., S W, corner thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south to post of commencement. L. CROSINA.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1897. 44-17

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Notice is hereby given that sixty days from date I intend making application to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres more or less of pasture land, commencing at the south east corner of lot 343, group 1, Lillooet district and running south twenty chains, thence east forty chains more or less to lake thence following lake in a northerly direction to line of lot 343, thence following said line to starting point. JOHN H. ROSS.

108-Mile House, Feb. 24, 1897. 44-51

NOTICE.

Is hereby given that I shall at the expiration of sixty days apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land in Lillooet district, commencing at the southwest corner of lot 149, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east along lake shore 80 chains to point of commencement. Also 160 acres of land in said district commencing at the south east corner of lot 348 thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to pointof commencement. FRED C. TINGLEY

Clinton, Jan, 20, 1897. 38-49

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First class Santoin Seed for sale at Spences Bridge station at eight cents per hundred. 41- PIERRE MORENS.

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38- JOHN BOWRON,
Gold Commissioner.

Richfield, Cariboo, 12th October, 1896.

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Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to the 20th day of March 1897 for the purchase of Sunnyside farm, consisting of 1,300 acres more or less, about 300 acres of which are under cultivation. The said farm lies on the west side of the Fraser river about thirty miles from the town of Quesnelle, Cariboo district, and is at the door of the Cariboo gold mines market. The farm is well supplied with water for irrigation purposes In connection with it and forming part thereof is offered 400 acres of meadow land situate about 15 miles west of the main body of the farm in Chilcotin.

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