# RETURN

To an Order of the House for a return showing how many of the settlers on what are known as the "Burnaby Small Holdings" have complied with the conditions on which they were allowed to enter upon the lands; also, for any reports relating to these settlers and their holdings which the Government has in its possession.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
*Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.*

*Lands and Works Department,*
*4th March, 1897.*

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NOTE.

Sixty-one blocks are at the present time under lease.

The report of the Assistant Government Agent for New Westminster District shows that 50 of the lessees have resided and made improvements upon their holdings, and that the lessees of the remaining eleven blocks have either not improved or not occupied the land.

On the 26th of June, 1895, one lessee paid rental from 1st September, 1894, to 31st August, 1895. No other payments have been made by any of the lessees.

A notice, similar to the one annexed, was mailed in December last to each lessee whose rental was in arrear, but no payments have been made.

All replies received from the lessees in acknowledgment of the notice express regret at their inability to make payment.

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LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,
VICTORIA, B.C., 1896.

SIR,—

I beg to call your attention to the fact that you have not made payment of the annual rental due by you as lessee of Block , subdivision of , small holdings, District.

For your information I subjoin a statement of the amount due, and which you are required to pay in order to avoid the forfeiture of your lease, which was granted , 189 .

Amount of 1st year's rental due , 189 , viz: $ ; total amount due, $

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

*Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.*

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Feb'y 2nd, 1897.

*W. S. Gore, Esq.,*
*Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works,*
*Victoria, B. C.*

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that, acting under instructions contained in your communication dated Jan'y 20th ultimo, and addressed to the Government Agent in this city, Mr. Robson, I, on January 21st and following days proceeded to Central Park and made a detailed and thorough inspection of the claims in that vicinity commonly known as the Burnaby and South Vancouver Small Holdings, with a view to ascertaining for your information "the nature and extent of the improvements made on the various small holdings" and also "as to occupancy" of the claims.

In face of your explicit instructions I was careful to make my inspection with attention to detail. Wherever possible I made my measurements in the presence of the lessee, and at the conclusion read over my notes so that he might point out to me anything which had been passed over. "Slashing," of itself, not being an improvement upon which a certificate would be issued to a pre-emptor, I have treated such work in this Report as being of minor importance and merely estimated, not measured, its extent. Indeed, in some cases it would practically have proved impossible to have chained this work, except at the expenditure of such time and labour as the importance of the matter did not seem to require. In instances where the lessee was absent, I was careful to ascertain as far as possible, from neighbours resident, details as to work done, both before and after visiting the holding.

*Sub-Division No. 1 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by E. Spillman: 5.49 acres. 1 acre cleared; well 14 feet in depth; ditching 1 chain; house in course of erection, 37 feet x 41 feet, 1½ story and basement.

*Sub-Division No. 2 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by Chas. Freedham: 5.33 acres. House 24x30, with kitchen 11x12; hen-house and run 24x24; hen-house and run, 20x36; barn, 21x12; well 17 feet in depth. The whole leasehold has been slashed and burned over. Clearing, 1 chain 64 feet x 7 chains 33 feet; a number of trees being planted; one horse, poultry, &c.; occupant and family on the premises.

*Sub-Division No. 3 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by H. Plester: 5.95 acres. House and shed, 30 feet x 15 feet; well 25 feet in depth. The whole claim fenced, front and sides in pickets, the back in rails, the whole enclosure including,—clearing, 2 chains 14 feet x 2 chains 62 feet; clearing 4 chains 60 feet x 1 chain 6 feet; fruit trees and bushes planted; resident; well improved.

*Sub-Division No. 4 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by John Keefer: 6.60 acres. House (2 story) 26 feet x 31 feet; well 56 feet in depth. The whole claim slashed and burned. Ditching 7 chains 61 feet; cleared up 2 chains 41 feet x 8 chains 30 feet; hen-house 12x18; hen-run enclosed 89 feet x 56 feet; hen-house 12x14; hay shed 16x18; horse, poultry, &c.; fruit trees and bushes planted; steady occupation.

*Sub-Division No. 5 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by S. Withrow: 7.25 acres. House (2 story) 22 feet x 40 feet; wood-shed 24 feet x 27 feet; well 58 feet; cow-stable 11 feet x 15 feet, with railed enclosure; 2 hen houses 14 feet x 25 feet, and 12 feet x 18 feet; 2 hen-runs (picketed) 28 feet x 60 feet each; front fencing (pickets) 4 chains 44 feet; side fencing (pickets) 1 chain 42 feet; fencing (pickets) 1 chain 42 feet; fencing (pickets) 1 chain 7 feet; ditching 9 chains 1 foot; clearing 6 chains x 2 chains 52 feet. The whole claim being practically improved. Large number of chickens, trees and bushes; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No. 6 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. M. Smith: 8.64 acres. Shack 12 feet x 18 feet; shed 7x12; fence (rail) 1 chain 54 feet; cleared and planted 1 chain 54 feet x 60 feet; small slashing; non-resident.

*Sub-Division No. 7 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by A. Cook : 8.59 acres. House 25 feet x 20 feet ; chicken-house 12 feet x 8 feet ; stable 12 feet x 16 feet ; well 8 feet in depth ; cleared land enclosed by picket fence, 2 chains 60 feet x 1 chain 60 feet ; draining 13 chains 24 feet ; the whole claim slashed ; horse, poultry, &c. ; occupation continuous by holder or his family ; well improved.

*Sub-Division No. 8 of Lots 151-2-3, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Frodsham : 5.87 acres. House 42 feet x 32 feet ; chicken-house run and stable 25 feet x 36 feet ; well 17 feet in depth ; drains 3 chains 20 feet ; fence (3-rail) 4 chains. Whole claim slashed and burned ; about 1 acre logged ; cleared and planted in trees, &c. ; 2 chains x 3 chains 56 feet ; chickens, &c. ; residential occupation ; good improvements.

*Sub-Division No. 9 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by H. Evans : 6.10 acres. House 28 feet x 14 feet ; shed 14 feet x 16 feet ; well 11 feet in depth ; picket fencing 5 chains 33 feet ; draining 1 chain 29 feet ; about 3 acres slashed ; cleared up 3 chains 4 feet x 1 chain 29 feet ; cleared up 30 feet x 60 feet ; resident.

*Sub-Division No. 10 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W Wilson : 6.33 acres. House 26 feet x 14 feet ; lean-to 12 feet x 14 feet ; cellar partly dug ; well 17 feet in depth ; about 2 acres slashed ; about 2 acres burned and partly stumped ; resident.

*Sub-Division No. 11 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by C. Lobley : 6.56 acres. House in course of erection 12 feet x 22 feet ; ditching (good) 5 chains 39 feet ; road to house about 7 chains. About 3 acres slashed and burned over, of which about ½ acre is cleared ; residential occupation.

*Sub-Division No. 12 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by T. Brocklebank : 6.79 acres. House 22 feet x 14 feet ; lean-to 10 feet x 24 feet ; shed 10x16 ; piggery 5x8 and enclosure 24x24 ; fencing (picket) 8 chains 33 feet ; well 20 feet in depth ; draining 9 chains 59 feet ; cleared land 4 chains x 2 chains 12 feet ; about 3 acres slashed, burned over, partly logged and stumped ; resident ; well improved claim.

*Sub-Division No. 13 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Bailey : 7.02 acres. House 30 feet x 45 feet ; well 8 feet in depth ; shed 12 feet x 10 feet ; fruit trees and bushes ; cleared 3 chains 33 feet x 1 chain ; about 2 acres partly logged and burned ; continuous occupation by self and family.

*Sub-Division No. 14 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by A. McKay : 7.25 acres. House 18 feet x 36 feet ; work-shop 18 feet x 24 feet ; about 2½ acres slashing ; stumped 1 chain 46 feet x 1 chain 36 feet ; cleared up ; residential occupation.

*Sub-Division No. 15 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by G. Keefer : 7.48 acres. The whole claim chopped and burned over ; foundation posts for house 12 feet x 18 feet.

*Sub-Division No. 16 of Lots 151-2 3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by H. Hoffmeister : 7.74 acres. House 16 feet x 24 feet, with stable beneath ; chicken-house 12 feet x 25 ; (this is one building) ; root-house 24 feet x 10 feet ; about ¾ acre fenced (rail) ; cleared for cultivation, about 2 acres ; ditching 41 feet ; well 15 feet in depth. The whole claim slashed ; partly burned ; partly stumped. One horse, fruit trees, bushes, chickens, &c., &c. ; continuous occupation ; improvements substantial.

*Sub-Division No. 17 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by R. Hoffmeister : 7.99 acres. House 18 feet x 16 feet ; wood-shed 14x12 ; piggery 10 feet x 10 feet ; well 15 feet in depth ; rail fence 2 chains 40 feet ; picket fence 104 feet ; ditching 100 feet ; whole claim slashed and partly burned ; garden about ⅓ acre.

*Sub-Division No. 18 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by J. W. Weart: 8.22 acres. Large and commodious house in course of erection, 45 feet x 36 feet—a handsome building; substantial outbuildings 40 feet x 14 feet; about 3 acres cleared; good road, 10 feet wide, between Vancouver-Westminster trunk road and tramway line (depth of claim); ditching 6 chains; very substantial improvements. A negro and some Chinamen working on the place.

*Sub-Division No. 19 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Colter: 8.46 acres. House in course of building, 18 feet x 24 feet. A large school-house and buildings occupy an acre of this claim.

*Sub-Division No. 20 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Sarah E. West: 7.82 acres; unimproved.

*Sub-Division No. 21 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by J. Hatch: 6.66 acres. House 12 feet x 15 feet, with addition 12 feet x 15 feet; about 40 fence posts put in; a well; a little slashing and clearing. I found no one on the premises.

*Sub-Division No. 22 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Jas. Bunting: 7.28 acres; unimproved.

*Sub-Division No. 23 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by G. Bulman: 8.08 acres. House 20 feet x 20 feet; lean-to 20 feet x 10 feet; barn 24 feet x 12 feet; well (protected); slashed and burned, perhaps 2 acres; cleared about ½ acre; trees, &c.; resident.

*Sub-Division No. 24 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by G. Paonessa: 7.27 acres; unimproved.

*Sub-Division No. 25 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Henry Greenway: 7.26 acres; unimproved.

*Sub-Division No. 26 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Arch'd Fowler: 5.49 acres. A little slashing and burning.

*Sub-Division No. 27 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by C. Kelly: 4.64 acres. A shack 10 feet x 12 feet; perhaps an acre of slashing.

*Sub-Division No. 28 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by C. H. Barrett: 5.17 acres. The whole claim slashed; partly burned; partly stumped. From appearances a large clearance is being made here.

*Sub-Division No. 29 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Smith Hamer; 5.18 acres. House 10 feet x 22 feet; well 10 feet in depth; chicken-house 15 feet x 24 feet, with run on each end, each 84 feet in length, one being well enclosed with boards and picket fencing, the other partially boarded and practically ready for picketting; the whole claim slashed and partly burned; a large number of chickens; residence continuous.

*Sub-Division No. 30 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by A. Lobley: 8.83 acres. About 2 or 3 acres slashed and burned over; non-resident.

*Sub-Division No. 31 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Jno. Moon: 7.70 acres. Cleared 4 chains by 1 chain 56 feet, the same being partially fenced (a thoroughly good piece of work); partially logged and burned, a patch rather larger than this in area; well 7 feet in depth. A small, well-cleared garden patch at back of house; house 22 feet x 13 feet; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No. 32 of Lots 151-2 3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Charles Burchell: 4.91 acres. About 1 acre slashed, partially logged and burned; house in course of erection, 21 feet x 21 feet; occupant living in neighbourhood.

*Sub-Division No. 33 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1. N.W.D.*

Leased by D. Patterson: 5 acres. House 24 feet x 26 feet; wood-shed 10 feet x 12 feet; hay-shed 20 feet x 10 feet; chicken house 10 feet x 24 feet; chicken-run (picketed) 47 feet x 33 feet; well 22 feet in depth; the whole claim slashed, burned over and partially logged; cleared for garden, 1 chain 30 feet by 3 chains 25 feet; occupation continuous by self or family; improvements good all through.

*Sub-Division No. 34 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by H. Lockley: 5.92 acres; unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 35 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W D.*

Leased by J. Wolf: 7.20 acres. Cabin 6 feet x 10 feet; foundation for house, 20 feet x 18 feet; some bricks and lumber on the ground; non-resident.

*Sub-Division No. 36 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by A. Russell: 7.21 acres. Cabin 14x10; about 1½ acres cleared; about 2 acres slashed, burned, partly cleared (impossible to measure, being under water); about 2 chains of ditching; a number of fence rails, shingle bolts, &c. ready; very difficult to clear and drain; good work done here, for which little can be seen; occupation fairly continuous.

*Sub-Division No. 37 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. T. Woodean: 7.21 acres. House (1½ story) 16 feet x 24 feet; lean-to 12 feet x 12 feet; stable and chicken-house 34 feet x 12 feet; hen-run (picketed) 48 feet x 32 feet; cleared land 4 chains 6 feet x 4 chains 27 feet; considerable slashing, difficult to estimate; horse; fruit trees, &c.; chickens; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No. 38 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by A. J. Alcock: 7.21 acres. Unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 39 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. M. Kitchen: 7.21 acres. Unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 40 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by F. H. Harmer: 7.21 acres. Cabin 12 feet x 13 feet; slashed, burned and part logged, 4 chains x 2 chains 30 feet, a small patch of this being grubbed; occupation by residence.

*Sub-Division No. 41 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by P. Gray: 7.21 acres. A small patch slashed; unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 42 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*—7.21 acres.
" " *43* " " " " 6.93 acres.

Leased by Jno. Telford and Geo. Telford respectively. On the former claim is a clearing 2 chains 43 feet x 3 chains 63 feet. On the latter claim is a clearing 3 chains 38 feet x 2 chains 53 feet; well 8 feet in depth; house 24 feet x 12 feet; wood shed 9 feet x 15 feet; rabbit run 12 feet x 15 feet; chicken-house and run (enclosed) 64 feet x 64 feet; fruit trees, chickens, pigeons, rabbits, &c., &c.; about 2 acres slashing. These claims adjoin and the latter is continuously occupied by John Telford, the brother George or his wife being in and out from Vancouver. The work here is good.

*Sub-Division No. 44 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by O. Goodacre: 5.90 acres. House 20 feet x 16 feet; kitchen 12 feet by 12 feet; chicken-house 20 feet x 12 feet; chicken-run 30 feet x 84 feet (picketed); well 17 feet in depth; wood-shed and small chicken-house; rabbit corral 12 feet x 12 feet; slashing about 1 chain x 3 chains; slashing about ⅕ acre behind the house; residential occupation.

*Sub-Division No. 45 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Franklin: 8.41 acres. About 1 acre slashed and partly burned; partly logged up and burned 2 chains 19 feet x 2 chains 44 feet; occupant lives continuously on Sub-Division 44.

*Sub-Division No. 46 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by George Brown: 4.24 acres. Unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 47 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by Jno. Telford: 6.37 acres. Unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 48 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by : 7.20 acres. Unoccupied.

*Sub-Division No. 49 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by James Carr: 8.41 acres. Shack 12 x 10 feet; an irregular-shaped cleared patch of not less than ½ acre; small fruit trees, &c. Leaseholder has not been seen in the locality for months past.

*Sub-Division No. 50 of Lots 151-2-3, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. M. Smith: 2.5 acres. Store and Post Office 24 feet x 12 feet, with small lean-to; house 24 feet x 16 feet; well 12 feet deep; chicken-house 24 feet x 44 feet; grapery 6 feet x 24 feet; cleared patches 2 chains x 36 feet; 4 chains x 35 feet; 1 chain x 58 feet; fence posts, pickets, &c. on the ground; chickens; continuous occupation. A small church is situate on this land.

*Sub-Division No. 1, Lots 36-49, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by J. Grant: 5.84 acres. Clearing 4 chains 38 feet x 4 chains, having within it a house 24 feet x 24 feet, a chicken-house and run 1 chain 62 feet x 6 chains 4 feet, a well 16 feet in depth, and being partially enclosed by 5 chains of rail and 4 chains of picket fencing. Another cleared patch 2 chains 40 feet x 1 chain 25 feet. With the exception of about ½ acre, the whole claim is slashed and partially burned. The clearing on this claim is quite exceptional, all stones, roots, &c., &c. having been removed, and the ground spaded again and again. Continuous residence; fruit trees, chickens, &c.

*Sub-Division No. 2, Lots 36-49, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Alcock, jr.: 4.85 acres. Unfloored cabin 13 feet x 16 feet; fence posts placed along the front 12 feet apart; about 1 acre slashed, burned, and the smaller timbers cut for fence poles, &c. Holder lives on Sub-Division No. 7, L. 36-49, G. 1, N.W.D., with his father.

*Sub-Division No. 3, Lots 36-49, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by A. Bennett: 9.17 acres. House (2 story) 34 feet x 37 feet; shed and chicken-house 31 x 10 feet; well 32 feet in depth; cleared and enclosed by picket fence 2 chains 10 feet x 1 chain 20 feet; cleared land 1 chain 20 feet x 1 chain 33 feet; 3 chains 57 feet x 1 chain 58 feet; fruit trees planted; partially slashed, burned, cleared and stumped 2 chains x 7 chains; picket fence 4 chains, 8 chains 59 feet, and 6 chains 60 feet; chickens, &c.; continuous occupation; all improvements substantial.

*Sub-Division No. 4 of Lots 36-49, G. 1, N.W.D.*

Leased by P. Oben: 7.93 acres. Cleared 10 chains x 4 chains; ready for stumping 3x4; draining 8 chains 36 feet; well 14 feet in depth; shed 4 feet x 10 feet; piggery 6 feet x 12 feet; stable 30 feet x 12 feet; house 27x14; house 22x14 with small enclosed flower garden; hen-run 18 feet x 6 feet; glass hotbed 4 feet x 8 feet; chicken-house 20 feet x 43 feet and run 1 chain 22 feet x 58 feet; rail fencing 5 chains; picket fencing 6 chains 30 feet; trees, chickens, one horse; occupation continuous and improvements substantial.

*Sub-Division No.* 5, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by J. H. Bowman: 6.68 acres. Cleared 1 chain 49 feet x 2 chains 20 feet; house 24 feet x 24 feet; chicken house 9 feet x 11 feet; well 22 feet in depth; cleared 1 chain 30 feet x 1 chain 20 feet; 33 feet x 33 feet; about 1 acre slashed and burned; trees planted; chickens; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No.* 6, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Lesed by J. Wilber: 5.44 acres. Cottage 35 feet x 26 feet; shed 10x14; chicken-house 35 feet x 9 feet, and run 15 feet x 61 feet; well 22 feet in depth; clearing 57 feet x 30 feet; slashed and burned off 4 chains 56 feet x 3 chains 59 feet, of which 50 feet x 1 chain 42 feet is cleared and planted trees; chickens, &c.; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No.* 7, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Alcock: 6.25 acres. Cleared enclosure, picket fenced, 57 feet x 54 feet, with house 44 feet x 18 feet; cleared 1 acre and underbrushed ½ acre; cleared 3 chains 18 feet x 5 chains 45 feet, about two-thirds of which is in cultivation; rail fencing 8 chains 60 feet; well 30 feet in depth; about 1 acre cleared behind the house; chicken house, and run 26 feet x 69 feet; stable 21 feet x 21 feet; small root house; horse, chickens, &c., &c.; bushes and trees planted; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No.* 8, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by J. Tapley: 5.56 acres. House 20 feet x 16 feet; stable 16 feet x 12 feet; well 29 feet in depth; frame for barn 12 feet x 29 feet; picket fencing 6 chains; rail fencing 2 chains; clearing 4 chains x 61 feet—1 acre, about; about 1 acre slashed and burned over; occupation in and out from Vancouver.

*Sub-Division No.* 9, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by J. Battison: 7.27 acres. Rail fencing 3 chains; slashed, burned and part logged 2 chains 20 feet x 3 chains; cleared 2 chains 46 feet x 49 feet, 1 chain x 1 chain 19 feet; fruit trees and bushes; house 20 feet x 30 feet; woodshed 12 feet x 12 feet; shed 8 feet x 10 feet; chicken run 20 feet x 60 feet, with house 8 feet x 10 feet; well 20 feet deep; enclosure for rabbits 21 feet x 21 feet; chickens; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No.* 10, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by Jno. Connon: 7.10 acres. A rail fence along the front of claim, 5 chains; cleared 5 chains x 6 chains 20 feet; fruit trees; house 27 feet x 13 feet; board fence 5 chains; chicken house nearly complete 9 feet x 22 feet; ditching 20 chains 23 feet; about ½ the claim slashed, partly burned and partly logged; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No.* 11, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by Jno. McGatty: 7.30 acres. House (nearly ready for occupation) 24 feet x 24 feet, 2 storys; about 2 acres slashed and being logged.

*Sub-Division No.* 12, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by W. Mager: 7.52 acres. House 26 feet x 26 feet; well 30 feet deep; logged and in course of clearing 3 chains 20 feet x 5 chains; picket fencing 10 chains; occupation in and out from Vancouver.

*Sub-Division No.* 13, *of Lots* 36-49, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by P. Dubois: 7.90 acres. House 48 feet x 31 feet; shed 10 feet x 16 feet; well 26 feet deep; hay shed 16 feet x 16 feet; enclosure (picketed) for cow and chickens 1 chain 34 feet x 1 chain 2 feet; piggery (picketed) 3 chains x 2 chains 12 feet, including a shed 20 feet x 20 feet; about 2½ acres slashed; garden (cleared and picket fenced) 1 chain 34 feet x 59 feet; fruit trees, chickens, pigs, cow, &c., &c.; occupation continuous.

*Sub-Division No.* 14, *of Lots* 36-*49*, *G.* 1, *N.W.D.*

Leased by A. McDonald: 7.90 acres. House (1½ story) 30 feet x 16 feet; well 22 feet in depth; chicken house 41 feet x 12 feet; shed 12 feet x 27 feet; hen-run (picketed) 85 feet x 23 feet, divided up by 285 feet of pickets; well-cleared 6 chains 4 feet x 5 chains 12 feet; trees; rail fencing 11 chains 16 feet; horse, chickens, &c.; occupation continuous. A great deal of work, well done, on this claim.

Reporting generally, I may state that I found the settlement well improved; the buildings, particularly dwellings, being substantial, and in some instances equal to the average of the neighbouring cities. The clearings have been well done, and made under the trying conditions inseparable from such a work in a locality where large stumps are the rule not the exception. I would respectfully call attention to the excellence of the fencing throughout, well constructed picket fencing being found everywhere, except in one or two instances where rails have been used for temporary purposes. The ditching is broad, deep and well done, what there is of it, but the necessity for more is apparent in several places.

In almost every instance, the holders have in the past been clearing up their frontages, all more or less heavily timbered. It may therefore be predicted safely, that in the future the work of clearing may be expected to progress more rapidly than it has done in the past.

I have the honour to remain,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) ARTHUR SHEPHERD,
*Assistant Government Agent.*

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