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## "WHAT IS COAL?"

IT OCCURS TO FEW TO ENQUIRE  
ITS EVOLUTIONARY ORIGIN

Question Not So Easily Answered As  
Proved By Lawsuit in England.  
Different Varieties of Coal  
Described.

The question, "What is coal?" would appear a very simple one to answer. An article of common and everyday use, known to be buried in immeasurable masses, beneath the earth's surface, and one of the pulse-makers of the universe, it occurs to few to enquire its evolutionary origin, and to still fewer to determine its place in relation to the economic progress of modern industrialism.

That it is a question not so easily answered after all, is proved by the proceedings of a famous lawsuit which involved the Torbane Hill estate, England, in 1853. The owners of this estate had leased the coal rights, and in the course of operations the lessees extracted a combustible material which produced a large amount of gas, but which the lessor claimed was not coal, and disputed the right of the lessees to work it. A civil action ensued, and geologists, chemists and mining engineers gave evidence, on both sides. The judge, in summing up, remarked that after hearing so much conflicting professional evidence, it would seem almost impossible to find a correct definition of coal.

For the purposes of this article, however, coal may be defined as a solid stratified substance, varying in color from brown to black, capable of undergoing combustion in contact with air, and not containing sufficient earthy impurities to prevent its being applied as a source of heat.

It is an accepted theory that coal is the product of vegetable matter, resulting from a suspension of its decomposition and consequent chemical change, though geologists differ whether it was formed on the spot on which the vegetation that produced it grew, or whether it resulted from the accumulation of drift.

Exposed to atmospheric influences, all vegetation decays and its elements dissipate, but if decomposition can be arrested by a natural process, as by the submersion of forest growth, and while in this subaqueous condition, a deposit of silt completes the covering, thereby effectively sealing the organic matter against further deterioration, the first step has been made in nature's laboratory toward the formation of a coal bed. It is conjectured that submarine forests have been treated to this covering process, due to changes in the ocean bed, volcanic, and other disturbances, many of the exploited coal measures of today bearing unmistakable evidences of this origin.

Buried for countless ages under succeeding layers of inorganic material, which nature may have later solidified into rock, the bed is subjected to immense pressures proportionate to the weight of the superimposed mass, and the passage of time, and the movements of the earth's crust which sets up immense stresses. Peat bogs afford an exhibitable example of the conditions under which nature works, though in this instance the pressure is lacking. The living plants found on the bog's surface are lower down recognized by their forms only, while in the compact layers the sturdier structures alone are to be distinguished.

The chemical feature of the conversion of vegetable tissue into coal takes place by the elimination of oxygen, which combines with carbon to form carbonic acid gas, and also by

the separation from it of carburetted hydrogen (fire damp) and water.

The varieties of coal may be classified in the following manner, according to the relation between the proportions of carbon and oxygen: Lignite, lignitic, bituminous, and anthracite.

It has been remarked as worthy of note that in the Pacific coast sections ranging westward from western Alberta these several varieties occur in rocks of practically the same geological horizon, and it is probable that at one time all these newer coals existed in the form of lignites. The late Dr. G. M. Dawson has pointed out that as the foothills are approached from the plains and thence continuing westward into the mountain range at Crow's Nest and Banff, the percentage of water in the lignites gradually diminishes and the coal passes from the lignitic to the bituminous variety and thence to semi and to true anthracite, the change being more marked in all cases as the containing rock formation is more and more uplifted and pressed together or approaches the vertical. It would appear, therefore, that the alteration of the coals of this section is to a large extent due to heat induced by pressure during the epoch of the uplift of the Rocky mountains.

Lignite contains from 67 to 70% carbon and from 26 to 30% oxygen. It is a domestic fuel, the presence of the large percentage of oxygen giving it the quality of rapid ignition essential for use in open and semi-open fireplaces. This variety of coal is the most abundant, and has been found in one section of Ontario south of James bay, in Manitoba and throughout the great plains right to the eastern foothills of the Rocky mountains themselves; isolated areas of lignite are known to occur at widely separated points in southern British Columbia and as far north as the upper part of the Peace river and west of the Bulkley valley. They also occur on Vancouver and Queen Charlotte islands.

Bituminous coal contains from 75 to 90% carbon and from 6 to 19% oxygen, and is more generally used for steam purposes. Measures of this variety are more limited than lignite, occurring in the Rocky mountains and their eastern foothills, and, like the lignites, in isolated areas in British Columbia, and Vancouver and Queen Charlotte islands. The variety of the bituminous coal possessing coking qualities is found in abundant quantities in British Columbia, and the presence in this section of minerals which need coke for smelting purposes is a fortunate combination.

Anthracite is characterized by the large amount of contained carbon, ranging as high as 95%, its oxygen contents being correspondingly low. As a fuel for steam purposes and closed furnaces, it excels, and is desirable for its practically smokeless qualities. The known deposits of this form of coal in the dominion are limited to two points in western Canada viz, Bank Head, in the Rocky mountains, and on the Queen Charlotte islands. At the former locality the measures have been systematically worked for some years, but the Queen Charlotte islands deposit, except for an abortive attempt at development some years ago, has never been more than prospected.

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The closest and most exciting game of football so far pulled off in the camp was played Saturday evening between Diamond Vale and the "Never-sweats" of Middlesboro, on the latter's grounds. Both teams showed considerable improvement, and the game was marked by some good combination work. The result was a draw, the score being 2-2. After the game mine host McCreedy had the Middlesboro bunch work an agreeable extra shift at the boarding house on the "elbow hoist."

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

WALKEM FOUND GUILTY AND BAIL  
IS ALLOWED.

Sentence Reserved Until Law Points  
Are Argued. — Great Northern  
Train Held Up Near Seattle  
Tuesday Morning.

George A. Walkem was on Friday morning at Vancouver found guilty on a charge of procuring an abortion on Miss Blanche Bond. Sentence will be imposed by Judge Cane after the law points have been argued. Bail is allowed at \$20,000.

Walkem has long been a resident of Vancouver. He is about 36 years of age and his family is one of the oldest in British Columbia. He is an engineer by profession and was for some time superintendent of the Vancouver Engineering Works. During the last two years he has been engaged in business for himself, handling agencies for various engineering and manufacturing firms.

As soon as court was over, following the conviction of the prisoner, efforts to secure bondsmen for \$5000 to go the bail of \$20,000 were started. Two bondsmen were finally found at 7000 and 13,000 dollars.

Hold Up Great Northern Train.

The Great Northern train which left Seattle Tuesday morning at 8.30 o'clock was robbed by bandits within half an hour after leaving Seattle.

Two robbers pulled off the job, but it is probable that they had confederates who helped them to escape after the robbery.

The robbers must have been concealed in the car when it left Seattle. They attacked Express Messenger Latham, who was badly injured in the fight and rendered unconscious. He does not know anything of what happened until he recovered consciousness at about 9.15 o'clock. The train had then left Ballard. The express box and registered mail sacks for Vancouver were taken by the robbers, who are supposed to have leaped off the train at Ballard. It is understood over \$5000 was stolen.

Drowned in the Fraser.

The body of a man was found in the Fraser river near Cisco this week. A piece of a letter with a few words written thereon was found in his pocket, from the Barkerville agency of the provincial government, and from which he may be identified. The sum of \$50 was also found in a belt around his body. The supposition is that the man was one of a party of surveyors who was drowned near Giscombe rapids above Quesnel last winter. Coroner Sanson and Chief Constable Burr were communicated with and took charge of the remains.

Jas. Teit, of Spences Bridge, was in the valley this week. Mr. Teit left last train for Spokane to determine the origin of a band of Indians who speak the same language as the Thompson river Indian, and who are supposed to be a branch of the Thompson tribe. He is in the employ of the Smithsonian Institute.

Death of Mrs. Horton.

The death of Mrs. W. S. Horton occurred on Wednesday night at the Sacred Heart hospital. Deceased had been ill only a week and was taken to the hospital on Monday. Mr. Horton had been in Nicola and returned yesterday and the funeral will take place tomorrow at one o'clock from Gully's undertaking parlors to the Presbyterian church and thence to the cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev.

S. Lundie, of Phoenix. In the bereaved family are six children, three of them still quite small. Mr. Horton and the family will have the very true sympathy of the community in their bereavement. — Boundary Creek Times, Friday, May 8th.

Mr. Horton has been employed at the Diamond Vale coal mine for some time, and his friends in this section will regret to hear of his loss.

LOCAL NEWS.

J. B. Haddad, the Nicola jeweler, was a visitor to Merritt yesterday.

Mrs. R. M. Woodward and Miss Eva Woodward, of Lower Nicola, visited friends in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. K. McCreedy left on Saturday for Vancouver, Mr. McCreedy accompanying her as far as Spences Bridge.

Rev. D. K. Allan returned yesterday from Vancouver, where he had been attending the Presbyterian synod.

C. B. Sword, fisheries inspector, of New Westminster, and J. T. Edwards, of Kamloops, were in Merritt yesterday.

Howard Lawes, of G. B. Armstrong's mercantile establishment, is enjoying a week's holiday visiting relatives in Ashcroft.

John Bourke, an old timer of Revelstoke, died recently at the age of 69 years. His son Albert resides in Merritt, being in the employ of Wm. Cooper, the contractor.

Geo. E. Hygh, of the Hotel Merritt, has started the erection of a sample room 20x40 feet for the accommodation of travelers. The upstairs portion will be used for bedrooms.

A large number of logs were brought down the Coldwater river the past week for the Diamond Vale company, and their sawmill is now working full time transforming them into lumber.

A. McQueen, well known in British Columbia lacrosse circles, came over from the Boundary country last week, and will probably sojourn for some time in the bracing ozone of the coal metropol.

Wm. Cooper and staff are kept busy these days with plastering and chimney building on the new dwellings around the camp. Several cottages at Middlesboro are awaiting the finishing touches, and besides these Mr. Cooper has been awarded several large contracts in the masonry line in various parts of the valley.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Eight Bulls for sale or trade. Apply to R. H. Winny, Nicola.

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The Diamond Vale Supply company, of Coutlee, desires to thank the general public for their patronage at their big sacrifice sale of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, etc., and have decided to continue the sale until the 27th of this month. Now is the time to get bargains before the sale closes.

## PROHIBITIVE RATES

PREVENTED TENDERS BEING SENT  
FROM LOCAL MINES.

Vancouver World Tells Why Nicola  
Coal Company Did Not Tender  
For Supplying the Civic  
Institutions.

Two weeks hence the Middlesboro mines will be in splendid shape and everything ready for the shipping of first class domestic coal to Vancouver.

Under the circumstances it is somewhat surprising that among the tenders for supplying civic institutions with coal, which were handed to the city comptroller for tabulation the other evening, there was none from the Nicola Valley Coal company. On inquiry at the company's office it was learned that prohibitive transportation rates prevented the company from entering the field, a situation which is the more regrettable since local people are behind the enterprise.

The present rate from Middlesboro to Vancouver is \$2 a ton, which means that the C. P. R. is charging all the traffic will bear, instead of fostering a local industry by making its tariff as reasonable as possible.

Fortunately, for the Nicola Valley concern, there is such a thing nowadays as a railway commission and the company will be well advised to carry its complaint before that tribunal. That the company may take this course and take it with success is a consummation devoutly to be wished by the local consumer, since it is about his only hope of a reduction in the price of the domestic article. ---Vancouver World.

Granted Better Pay.

The minister of justice has withdrawn his motion fixing the salaries of British Columbia court of appeal judges and substituted one fixing the salary of the chief justice at \$8,000 and three of the justices at \$7,000 each.

Is Now a C. P. R. Director.

Lieutenant-Governor Jas. Dunsmuir of British Columbia, has been elected a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Church Services.

Methodist Church: May 17  
—Merritt 11 a.m., A. R. Carrington;  
Middlesboro 7 p.m., A. R. Carrington;  
Lower Nicola 3 p.m.

Anglican Church:  
—May 17, Hyland hall, Merritt, 3 p.m.;  
St. John the Baptist church, Nicola, at 7.30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church:  
—Rev. D. K. Allan will preach at Nicola Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. A. R. Carrington was a visitor to Merritt yesterday.

**THE NICOLA HERALD**

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MERRITT, B.C., MAY 14, 1908.

**THE ELECTION BILL.**

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's bill to amend the Elections Act is considered more obnoxious and dangerous as its provisions appear.

The bill is very plausible on its face, but hidden in its terms are possibilities fraught with the direst consequences to the white population of British Columbia. The measure suggests that the provincial procedure regarding the preparation of the voters' lists shall be followed as far as possible, but it is open to the federal revising officer to do as he pleases, to add names or reject them, according to his own sweet will. The danger to British Columbia arises from the fact that the Governor-in-Council may confer upon the officers to be appointed all necessary powers in the preparation of the lists. With these plenary powers, the revising officers may add the names of Hindus and naturalized Chinese and Japanese or people of any other nationality from the Far East. The provincial qualification may be completely ignored, and, for party purposes, the wishes of the white population may be utterly set aside.

The bill is regarded as one of the most iniquitous measures ever submitted to the parliament of Canada.

The fight against it is being continued by the opposition.

**"Westward Ho."**

Bonnycastle Dale, whose illustrated nature studies in "Westward Ho" have attracted considerable attention, has in the May issue a timely article on the American navy, being the result of his recent visit to the Bremerton navy yard where he secured several fine pictures of the battleships for the magazine. In fiction the contents for the month include "The Widow of Baalbek," by A. N. St. John Mildmay; "Joe and Aileen," by Arthur Davies; "The Second Claim," by Billee Glynn; "The Trials of Three," by G. A. Russell; "The Brain-Storm," by L. McLeod Gould; "A Hero of the Plains," by Charles Doran, and concluding chapters of Clive Phillips Wooley's powerful serial, "Shakmut." The editor this month has taken Winston Churchill for his sketch in his interesting department, "Men I Have Met." Howland Hoadley tells the story of Vancouver's new playground—the North Arm, while Rinaldo Hall deals in an interesting manner with Portland's rose carnival, both articles being well illustrated. The publishers announce that the June issue will be a Home-seekers' Number.

**A. O. F.**

COURT NICOLA, No. 891, A. O. F., meets second and 4th Thursday in each month at 8 p. m., in Pooley's Hall. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Meetings will be held in Hyland Hall, Merritt, on first and third Thursdays.  
T. HESLOP, C. R.  
REV. D. K. ALLAN, Sec.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of the retail liquor license for the Driard Hotel at Nicola, B. C.

STANLEY KIRBY.  
Nicola, B. C., May 1st, 1907.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of the retail liquor license for the Quilchena Hotel at Quilchena, B. C.

JOSEPH GUICHON.  
Quilchena, B. C., May 1st, 1908.

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**NOTICE.**

THE attention of the Lands and Works Department having been directed to the fact that town lots in a townsite named Prince Rupert, being a subdivision of Lot 642, Range 5, Coast District, situated on the mainland between the mouth of the Skeena River and Kaien Island, are being offered for sale, it has been deemed necessary to warn the public that the said townsite is not situated at the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and is not the townsite which is owned jointly by the Government of British Columbia and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

F. J. FULTON,  
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works  
Lands and Works Department,  
Victoria, B. C., May 1st, 1908. 18

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**COAL MINES REGULATION ACT.**

**Notice of Examinations.**

NOTICE is hereby given that examinations will be held for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates of Competency under the provisions of the "Coal Mines Regulation Act," at Nanaimo, Fernie and Cumberland, on the 16th, 17th and 18th days of June, 1908, and for 2nd and 3rd Class Certificates of Competency, at Courlee, on the 16th and 17th days of June 1908, commencing at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. The subjects will be as follows:—

- FIRST CLASS CANDIDATES—  
Mining Act and Special Rules.  
Mine Gases.  
Ventilation.  
General Work.  
Mine Machinery.  
Surveying.
- SECOND CLASS CANDIDATES—  
Mining Act and Special Rules.  
Mine Gases.  
Ventilation.  
General Work.
- THIRD CLASS CANDIDATES—  
Mining Act and Special Rules.  
Mine Gases and General Work.

Application must be made to the undersigned not later than Friday, June 5th, 1908, accompanied by the statutory fee, as follows:—

- By an applicant for First Class Examination. . . . . \$10.00
- By an applicant for Second Class Examination. . . . . 10 00
- By an applicant for Third Class Examination. . . . . 5 00

The applications must be accompanied by testimonials and evidence stating that:—

- (a.) If a candidate for First Class, that he is a British subject and has had at least five years' experience in or about the practical working of a coal mine, and is at least twenty-five years of age;
- (b.) If a candidate for Second Class that he has had at least five years' experience in or about the practical working of a coal mine;
- (c.) If a candidate for Third Class, that he has had at least three years' experience in or about the practical working of a coal mine;
- (d.) A candidate for a Certificate of Competency as Manager, Overman, Shiftboss, Fireboss, or Shotlighter, shall produce a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner showing that he has taken a course in ambulance work fitting him, the said candidate, to give first aid to persons injured in coal mining operations.

By order of the Board,  
FRANCIS H. SHEPHERD,  
Secretary  
Nanaimo, B. C., April 4th, 1908. no19

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**LAND ACT.**

Kamloops Land District - District of Yale.

Take notice that I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase 160 acres more or less of mountain pasture land, described as follows:

Commencing at a post placed at n w corner Lot 1328, marked Wm. Chisholm's s e corner, thence w 40 chains, thence n 40 chains, thence e 40 chains thence s 40 chains to initial post. The land is situated in Aspen Grove, Wm. Chisholm, per R. Bearisto, Agent.

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**VICTORIA DAY.**

**HORSE RACES.**

Half-mile; heats; free-for-all, winner barred from other events; first, \$75; second, \$30; third, \$10.

Half-mile dash; first, \$50; second, \$20.

Quarter-mile dash; first \$25; second \$10.

Cowboy race, 200 yards; first, \$20; second, \$10.

Half-mile for Indians; heats; first, \$30; second, \$15.

Half-mile dash for Indians; first, \$20; second, \$10.

Indian cowboy race; first, \$15; second, \$10; third, \$5.

Indian woman race; half-mile and repeat; first, \$15; second, \$10; third \$5.

Slow race, half-mile; first, \$10; second, \$5.

Entrance fee, 10 per cent. of purse. Four to enter and three to start in all races.

The decision of judges to be taken as final in all events.

Entries for half-mile free-for-all to be made before 6 p.m., May 23rd.

**ATHLETIC EVENTS**

50 yard race, boys 15 years and under, 1, \$1.50; 2, \$1, 3, 50 cents

50 yard race, boys under 10 years, 1, \$1; 2, 75c; 3, 50c

50 yards, girls under 15, 1, \$1.50; 2, 75c; 3, 50c

50 yard, girls under 10, 1, \$1; 2, 75c; 3, 50c

Running long jump, boys under 16, 1, \$1; 2, 75c; 3, 50c

50 yard three-legged race, boys under 16, 1, \$2; 2, \$1.50; 3, \$1

50 yard sack race, boys under 15, 1, \$1.50; 2, \$1; 3, 50c

100 dash, men, entry 25c, 1, \$6; 2, \$3.

100 yard dash, Indians, 1, \$2.50, 1, \$1

220 yard dash, entry 25c, 1, \$7; 2, \$4.

50 yard dash, Klootchmen, 1, \$2; 2, \$1

Half-mile race, men, entry 50c, 1, \$10, 2, \$5.

50 yard three-legged race, men, entry 25c., 1, \$6; 2, \$2

One mile race, men, entry 50c, 1, \$10; 2, \$5

Running high jump, entry 25c, 1, \$4; 2, \$2.

Hurdle race, men. A special trophy

50 yard sack race, 1, \$2, 2, \$1.

50 yard potatoe race, 1, \$3; 2, \$1

Ladies egg and spoon race, silk parasol donated by Galt Bros

Running long jump, entry fee 25c, 1, \$4; 2, \$2

Old man's race, 50 yards, 50 years and over, 1, \$2.50.

Pole vaulting jump, entry 25c, 1, \$4; 2, \$2.

Putting the stone (16 lbs.) entry 25c, 1, \$4; 2, \$2

Football kick, (one kick) entry 25c, 1, \$2; 2, \$1.

Climbing greasy pole, \$5.

Tug of war, ten men a side, \$20.

Baseball match, \$25.

Association football match, half hour each way, 11 men a side, \$25.

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R. H. WINNY.

**LAND ACT.**

Kamloops Division—Yale Land District, District of Nicola.

Take notice that sixty days after date I, J. A. Menzies, of Lower Nicola, occupation carpenter, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted N. W. corner of Lot 1425, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

JOHN ALEXANDER MENZIES.  
Dated March 18, 1907.

**NOTICE.**

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the chief commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase the following land for pastoral purposes, situated in the Kamloops division of Yale district: Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of pre-emption No. 306 on the east line of section 12, Township 89, thence north 40 chains, east 20 chains, south 20 chains, west 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres, more or less.

Lower Nicola, April 10th, 1908.  
R. M. WOODWARD.

**LAND ACT.**

Kamloops Land District. District of Kamloops.

Take notice that William Corkle of Lower Nicola, British Columbia, by occupation a rancher, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land: Commencing at a post planted alongside of the easterly angle corner of lot 1605 and on the boundary line of lot 133, thence following the boundary line of lot 133 to the south west corner of lot 133, thence 10 chains more or less south west, thence 67.62 chains north, thence 39.5 chains east to point of commencement, being the ground known as lot 161, and containing one hundred and seventy-five (175) acres more or less.

William Corkle,  
Barclay Bonthron, Agent.  
Located 11th April, 1908.

**LAND ACT.**

Kamloops Land District. District of Kamloops.

Take notice that Barclay Bonthron of Vancouver, mining engineer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described land: Commencing at a post planted alongside of the north west corner of lot 164, thence 77.11 chains west, thence 62.07 chains north, thence 20 chains east, following the southern boundary of lot 1608, thence 20 chains north, thence 54.79 chains east, thence 80 chains south to point of commencement and containing six hundred (600) acres more or less. Barclay Bonthron Located 11th April, 1908.

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SEASON FROM MAY 18 TO JUNE 18

Will be at Coutlee May 18th, Merritt 19th, Aspen Grove 20th and 21st, Princeton 23rd and 24th, Aspen Grove 26th, Triangle ranch, Quilchena, 27.

TERMS—\$15 for season, including pasturage. Best care taken of mares at Aspen Grove.

PEDIGREE—Vandyke (5329). dam Lady Vera (452), Nell (637), Nell, Jean. Sire Acclamation (4323), Belted Knight (1395), Clansman (150), Murdock (550) Farmer (292). Inspection solicited.

Dan Munro - Aspen Grove

**Nicola Valley Clydesdale Horse Association**

**ROSE EMPEROR**

(11883) 11801 Imp.

Sired by Prince Sturdy (10112)  
Dam, Queen of the Roses, (12302)

WILL STAND AS FOLLOWS:

Mondays—Lower Nicola (morning);  
Coutlee (noon); Nicola (evening).

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays—Nicola.

Fridays—Nicola, (morning); Coutlee, (noon); Lower Nicola, (evening).

Saturdays—Lower Nicola.

SEASON—MAY 11 TO JULY 11

TERMS—\$20 for season, with privilege of return. All fees payable at end of season.

R. WINNY, Secretary.

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**LOWER NICOLA, B. C.**



**NICOLA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that the Provincial Revenue Tax, and all assessed taxes and income tax assessed and levied under the Assessment Act, are now due and payable for the year 1908. All taxes collectible for the Nicola Assessment district, are due and payable at my office, situate at Nicola. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Nicola, January 31st, 1908.  
GEO. MURRAY,  
Assessor and Collector, Nicola Assessment District.  
Nicola Post Office.

**LAND ACT.**

Kamloops Division—Yale Land District, District of Nicola.

Take notice that sixty days after date I, J. A. Menzies, agent for J. Menzies, Lower Nicola, occupation married woman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted 80 chains north of N. W. corner Lot 1425, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

JANET MENZIES,  
J. A. MENZIES, Agent.  
Dated March 18, 1907.

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Interest allowed at current rates.

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**NICOLA BRANCH**

**A. W. STRICKLAND,  
MANAGER.**

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Intending purchasers will be shown Lots on application  
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**H. S. CLEASBY, - COUTLEE**

**LOCAL NOTES**

Merritt on May 25th.

Wm. Voght was a visitor to Nicola on Tuesday.

George Bent, of Nicola, was a visitor to the camp on Saturday.

Thos. Curnow, of Spences Bridge, was a visitor here on Monday.

Chas. Day left last week for Nicola, where he will be employed for a few weeks.

Jas. Derby received the news last week of the death of his father in Grey county, Ontario.

Rutherford Farr, of Twenty-one Mile, enjoyed life in Merritt for a few hours on Monday last.

L. Forschner, proprietor of the local beer foundry, has been on a business trip to Vancouver the past week.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Val. Crockett has been quite ill the past week, but is now much improved.

The fence along Nicola avenue on the Conklin estate is being moved back on the line behind the townsite portion of the estate.

C. F. Law, of Vancouver, spent a few days in this vicinity last week and is now in the Similkameen looking over his mining interests.

A. Stevenson, of Lytton was sizing up the situation in Merritt and vicinity a couple of days last week. He predicts a bright future for this camp.

C. M. Newkirk and family have moved from their ranch on the Coldwater and have taken up their residence in their new house on Nicola avenue.

Wm. McIntyre is having his hotel, the Coldstream, painted this week. Chris. Main has the contract. Mr. Main also has the brush at work on A. Jackson's general store.

Geo. Stokes, who has been employed as C. P. R. freight agent at Nicola for some time, leaves shortly for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will be engaged with a large automobile firm. J. Stewart, of Mission Junction, will be the new freight clerk.

Economy and quality are the two great business virtues by which we hope to gain and retain our customers. Full lines of Diamonds and Precious Stones, Watches, Jewelry, Electro Plate, Cut Glass, etc.; fine Diamond Settings, Wedding Rings, and special designs in jewelry made to order. **WHAT WE SELL WE GUARANTEE.** Prices to suit every purse, and remember—Haddad has it! Repair work of watches and jewelry a specialty.—J. B. HADDAD, the jeweler, Nicola, B. C.

**BUILDING MATERIAL**

A complete stock of all kinds of building material, hardware, etc., on hand at the Nicola Portable Sawmill at Lower Nicola. Large stock of dry lumber in stock, and 15th of June will be manufacturing lath at \$2.50 a thousand. Parties contemplating building should get my prices.

J. A. MENZIES,  
LOWER NICOLA.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the superintendent of provincial police, Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of the retail liquor licence for the Quilchena Hotel at Quilchena, B. C.

STANLEY KIRBY,  
Quilchena, B. C., April 25th, 1908.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, Victoria, B.C. for a transfer of the retail liquor license held by me for the Quilchena hotel, from myself to Joseph Guichen.

STANLEY KIRBY,  
Quilchena, B. C., May 1st, 1908.

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Four acres at Nicola, well fenced and good water supply; house, stable and chickenhouse. Apply to F. W. JACKSON, Quilchena, or A. Jackson, Merritt.

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GEORGE E. HUGH,  
Merritt, B. C., April 20th.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the superintendent of the provincial police at Victoria, B. C. for a renewal of the retail liquor licence for the Coldwater Hotel at Merritt, B. C.

WM. MCINTYRE,  
Merritt, B. C., April 25th, 1908.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the superintendent Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C. for a renewal of retail liquor licence, for the "Driard" Hotel, Nicola, B. C.

A. E. HOWSE,  
Nicola, B. C. April 24th, 1908.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C. for a transfer of the retail liquor license held by me for the Driard hotel, Nicola, B. C., from myself to Stanley Kirby.

A. E. HOWSE,  
Nicola, B. C., May 1st, 1908.

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MERRITT, - B. C.

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-AT-

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-ON-

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