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Mark Twain Died at His Home in Redding, Conn., Last Night

New Land Company Will Start Publicity Campaign for the Valley

The Great Author and Humorist Died From Effects of Broken Heart

Colored Porter Stabbed Conductor on C. P. R. Train Near Port Haney

REDDING, Conn., April 22.—Samuel Longbourne Clemes, better known as Mark Twain, died at his home here last night. He was unconscious for over three hours before the end. A broken heart, caused by the recent death of his daughter, Jean, is given as the cause. He had just returned from Bermuda where he went in quest of better health. A short time prior to his death he talked with some of his family and had just laid aside his glasses and pencil when he sank into the last long sleep.

Porter Stabbed Conductor

Vancouver, April 22—A.C. McKernan, C.P.R. sleeping car conductor, was stabbed by the porter of his car on the outgoing Revelstoke local yesterday morning. He was cut in the abdomen and throat and a pen knife was used. C. M. Bryant, a colored porter, is under arrest and a dispute over car tickets is given as the cause. The trouble occurred near Port Haney. McKernan is in the hospital at Vancouver and is doing well.

S. P. Richards Dead

Vancouver, April 22—S. P. Richards, member of the realty firm of Richards, Akroyd and Gall, and a former law partner of Jos. Martin in Brandon, died in Europe today. He was a brother of Mrs. Harry Senkler of this city.

Defendants Won Out

Judgement was given for the defendants in the action brought by Andrew Smith against the Nicola Valley Lumber Co. and tried at Ashcroft. Mr. Smith sued for $600 damages for the alleged unlawfull cutting of timber on his property. S. Henderson appeared for the plaintiff and M. L. Grimmett for the defendants.

COAL HILL SYNDICATE

Plant Will be Installed When K. V. Construction Starts

Jos. Graham, manager of the Coal Hill Syndicate, returned last night from a business trip to the coast cities. In Vancouver he met his associates and discussed plans for the operation of the properties over which he presides.

"You can take it from me that just as soon as there is reasonable assurance of construction on the Kettle Valley line a plant will be installed at our mines capable of meeting every requirement. We will certainly be on an equal footing with the best mines in the camp as far as equipment goes."

Advices from Vancouver are to the effect that the associates of Mr. Graham in the enterprise are highly pleased with the splendid work that he has accomplished and will strengthen his hand wherever they can. The quality of the coal is rated high and it is very much as Mr. Graham says "we could get a market for thousands of tons if we could only supply it. The demand is greater than our supply."

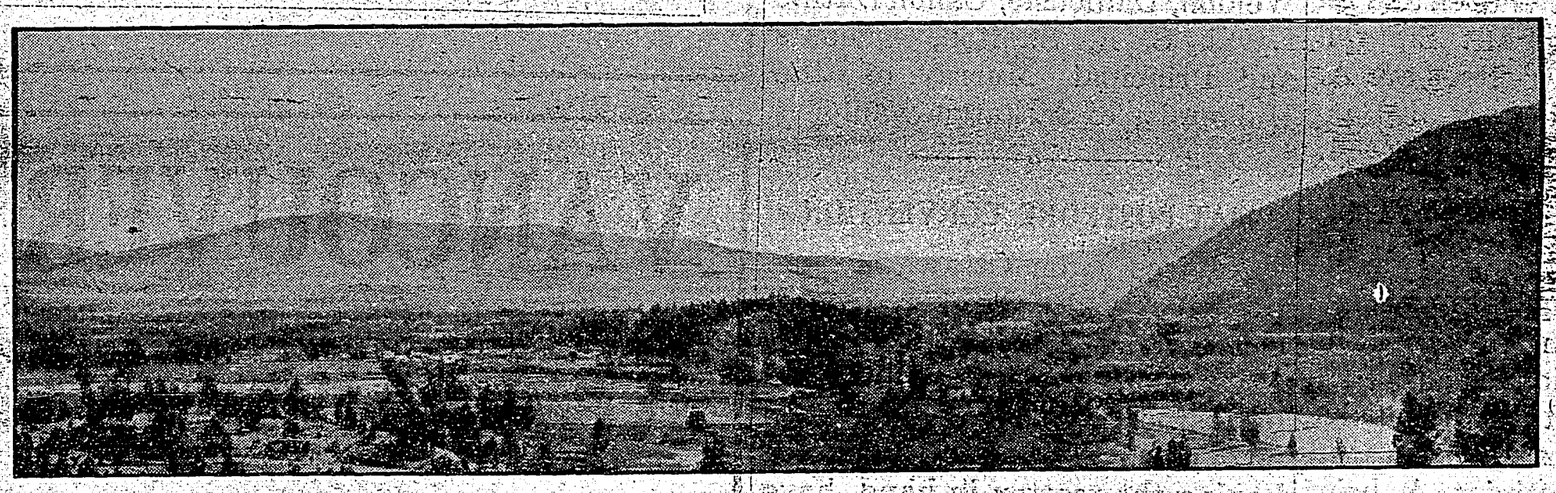
Kettle Valley Starts in June

Contracts for the construction of the Kettle Valley railway will be announced in a few days. Work will start from Merritt early in June and will be rushed. The Busin ss of this corporation has been transferred to Toronto. It is reported on good authority that the C. N. R. will use the G. T. P. tracks from Edmonton to Te Jean Cache and the G. N. R. tracks from Hope to Vancouver for this year at least. In lieu of this the G. T. P. will not build down the North Thompson this year.

New Institution Will Handle New Townsites and Subdivisions

Party of Merritt Men Launch a Big Enterprise Under Happy Auspices

An institution that promises to do considerable colonization work for Nicola Valley and one that will be a valuable auxiliary to the publicity forces already at work was organized at Merritt Tuesday night under the title of the Nicola Valley Land & Investment Co. Offices have been secured over the Bank of Montreal and will be opened up in the course of a few days.



LOWER PART OF NICOLA VALLEY

The lower part of Nicola valley taken from a point near Lower Nicola by A. E. Fyall. It shows the wonderfully fertile lands that nestle between the hills along the Nicola river.

J. P. Boyd, manager of the Diamond Vale Supply Co. was chosen as president and A. L. Dingee, for some time with LeFurgey & Co., Vancouver, and a well known real estate man, will be secretary-treasurer. The board of management comprises Dr. G. H. Tutill, James Gray, superintendent of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co. and S. N. Dancey of the Nicola Valley News.

A progressive campaign of publicity will be inaugurated at once and the district will be advertised in all parts of the globe with a veiw to inducing new settlers to come here. The policy of the company will be devoted to all branches of realty and financing with special attention to the opening up of new townsites and the subdivision of large tracts of lands. They will have connection with some of the large financial houses in Vancouver. Insur-

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NEW CHURCH OPENING

METHODISTS MARKED EPOCH IN LOCAL HISTORY ON SUNDAY

The new Methodist church at Merritt was formerly dedicated on Sunday last and the services throughout the day were of an interesting and impressive order. Rev. Dr. Sipprell, principal of Columbia college, New Westminester, and one of the best known devines in the province, conducted the dedicatory ceremonies in the presents of a large congregation.

It falls to the lot of few churches to enter the missionary field with a cumbersome mortgage but this is the record of the local church thank to the efforts of the enterprising pastor and his able assistant. It is true that there is still a small debt but so small a consideration is it that the trustees hope to wipe it off within a very few months.

Standing before the rail with heads bowed and while the congregation was still standing the trustees of the church formerly donated the beautiful little edifice to the work of the church and on behalf of the latter Dr. Sipprell accepted it. The trustees are A. Carrington, W. Riley, N. J. Barwick, R. Taylor, F. Gay, R. M. Woodward, R. Whitaker and G. Dodding.

Following the ritualistic dedicatory form Dr. Sipprell preached a powerful sermon in which he depicted the mission of the church and the broad and comprehensive duty that devolves upon the men who guided its destinies. A brief word of congratulation to the people of Merritt on the splendid progress that the town enjoyed and the speaker drew an optimistic word picture of the future. G.M. Thom and Dr. Tutill sang solos.

In the evening Dr. Sipprell spoke from the text. "And the truth will make you free." The great value of freedom was enunciated in impressive language. "Rember that personal freedom is the greatest freedom of all and truth will make it greater than anything else".

Solos by Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Absom and music by the choir comprised the musical side of the service. Miss Agnes Vair presides at the organ both morning and evening.

On Monday evening an entertainment in keeping with the occasion was given and the church auditorim was filled to the door. Rev. J. W. Hedley was in the chair and addresses were delivered by Dr. Sipprill, Rev. W. J. Kidd and Rev. James Thomsou, Mrs. Corkirll, Mr. Gaeter and Hamilton sang solos and Mr. Limg contributed a cornet number. Mrs. Tutill acted as accompanist.

KILLED ON DUTY

A tragedy that has excited widespread interest occurred at Mission Junction Monday evening when Constable Lane dropped dead while arresting the ring leader of a gang of hoboes who had caused trouble on the train.

The men are held, one on a charge of murder, as it is alleged that Lane was kicked several times in the abdomen while affecting the arrests. When the train was just pulling into Mission Lane pitched forward on his head and was dead before the doctors could reach him.

UNIVERSITY COMMISSION

The commission appointed by the provincial government to select a site for a university comprises Dr. Pritchett of New York, president of the Carnegie Endowment Establishment, Dr. Weldon, Dalhousie, Canon Duthie Laval, S. E, Skelton, Queen's and Principal Murray of the University of Saskatchewan.

MAY POSTPONE CONVENTION

Advices from Ottawa are to the effect that the big federal convention which was scheduled for that city in June will likely be postponed and not held until next year. The select committee having the matter in hand have recommended along this line.

LIKES THE NEWS

"I regard The News as one of the best papers I have seen in the province. It should certainly get good support from the people of Nicola valley for a paper like that is a credit to any community. I wish it the best of luck." This testimony only in harmony with hundreds of others coming to hand emanated from J. S. Andrews, of Minneapolis, president of the Pacific Coast Collieries Co. and it came unsolicited being communicated to a well known business man of the valley who was kind enough to give it to the management of the paper.

NEW INSTITUTION

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ance will also be handled.

Mr. Dingee will devote his entire time to the work of the company and will move his family up from Vancouver in a few days. He will have an assistant in the office. The company already has several large schemes on foot and with a confidence and faith in the future of Nicola Valley they launch in a venture that bids fair to be a most successful one and a big boom to Nicola Valley and contiguous districts.

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Early Days in Nicola Valley

BY GEORGE MURRAY, Nicola.

The quiet Forks of past years has already become the centre of a vigorous young town surrounded with resources which warrant rapid growth.

Mr. Jesus Garcia one of the first to discover and appreciate the advantage of settlement in Nicola was in early years a large stock raiser, and has acquired valuable landed interests in the selection of which he chose wiser than he knew. A considerable portion of his property has a fertile surface, and is underlaid with several seams of coal. The Diamond Vale Coal and Iron Co. has acquired the coal rights and a portion of the surface now forming part of the town of Merritt.

Mr. Garcia is still active and robust for his years. He was born in Mexico and as the name indicates is of Spanish attraction. While a mere youth the gold fields of California attracted him and later on he with many others joined in the rush to British Columbia, when the discovery of gold on the Fraser lured thousands to this province. How his quest for gold succeeded we do not know, but he was certainly successful in the acquisition of valuable agricultural and coal lands, the latter a greater source of wealth owing to permanency than a gold mine.

Mr. Garcia has been an open hearted citizen. Any deserving cause appealing to him for aid was not refused a helping hand. Although an adherent of the Catholic Church he has generously assisted other denominations.

None of the Charters brothers survive. Their holdings have passed into other hands.

In the vicinity of the Forks stock raising and farming are fast giving place to more lucrative industries chief of which is the exploiting and mining of coal. Instead of a few lone settlers hundreds have found a home. The change which has already taken place is but a pledge of vaster growth to follow.

The slumber of years has been disturbed. Nicola long quiescent through lack of transportation now that some of her resources are made available will move forward with rapid strides.

The isolated Forks of former years will become the home of a busy throng and the scene of various important industries. In the course of four or five years the town will become a city possessing all modern appliances and equipments.

After leaving the vicinity of the Forks and continuing the journey farther into Nicola, the next ranch was that of Mr. John Clapperton.

The land now occupied by Mr. R. Clark and the Corbett and Emerson Woodward places were in 1875 vacant Crown lands and covered with luxuriant bunch grass. On inquiring why this large and splendid area of land remained unoccupied, the reply was, water is not available, which from the point of view, and conditions of those days was correct. The cost of getting water on the plains made it too formidable an undertaking for the early settlers. The expense did not deter Mr. R. Clark from obtaining a supply of water. The excellent and very valuable farm which he now possesses shows that the venture was a very safe one.

There are still about 2000 acres of good agriculture lands on the plains and hillsides which can be made productive when the waste waters of Mill creek are stored for irrigation purposes. With storage and judicious use of the water supply which can be made ample at a reasonable expenditure, much land of the best quality can be brought under cultivation.

In the vicinity of what is now the town of Nicola there were the following residents: Messrs. Clapperton, Dalley, Thomas Carrington and family, Lundborn, John Gilmore and family and George Clapperton. Mr. John Clapperton was an active member of the community. While ranching was his special vocation, he had when occasion required to act in the capacity of physician, surgeon and legal adviser, which he did ungrudgingly, and his efforts as surgeon were said to be very successful. No one in those days thought of passing the squire's cabin without giving him a call, and good natured as he was, he had probably quite a bit more to do in the way of entertaining than his share. After long years of isolation in the interior at an opportune time he chose a home in the vicinity of Victoria. He is still owner of the large and valuable ranch which he acquired.

Mr. Dalley possessed in a singular degree the faculty to which Wanmaker attributed his phenomenal success, that of minding his own business and letting that of others alone.

Both were useful members of society and their removal from Nicola has left a manifest blank n the community. May they have length of days and much happiness in their urban homes.

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Dated January 12th. 1910.

J. S. MORGAN.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT

District of Yale.

Take notice that William E. Gree of Vancouver, contractor, intends t apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corne post of Hilda M. King's applicatio to purchase; thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencemen and containing 640 acres, more o less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.

WILLIAM E. GREEN.

E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS YALE LAND DISTRICT.

Take notice that Henry Standly Cleasby of Coutlee, farmer intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the North east corner of Lot 537 thence West 60 chains thence North 20 chains, to the South line of Naik Indian Reserve thence Easterly along Reserve line to Nicola river, thence Southerly following Nicola river to Northwest corner of Lot 534, thence South three cnains to point of commencement containing 100 acres more or less.

Dated February 21st. 1910.

Henry Standly Cleasby

Land Act Notice

NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 1. Commencing at a pos planted about 1½ miles from Otte Creek, in a Northerly direction of Lot 903, being "M.L.G., N.E. corner post"; thence West 80 chains South 80 chains, East 80 chains, North 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.

M. L. GRIMMETT.

A. B. Roberts, Agent.

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT

District of Nicola.

Take notice that George E. Hygh of Merritt, hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the North-west corner of the staking which lies about 3 chains East of the Otter Valley School-house; thence running 40 chains East, thence running 40 chains South, thence running 40 chains West, thence running 40 chains to point of commencement.

GEORGE EDWARD HYGH

Dated January 25th. 1910.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA AND KAMLOOPS LAND DISTRICT.

District of Yale.

Take notice that Joseph Lhgan Thompson of Vancouvey, occupation, farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 751, about two miles south of Mamette Lake, thence 40 chains North, shence 60 chains West, thence 60 chains South, thence 40 chains East, to the west line of Lot, 1488. G. 1. thence 20 chains North, thence 20 chains Eass, to point of commencement, and containg 320 acres more or less.

JOSEPH LOGAN THOMPSON.

Frank Bailey, Agent.

Dated March 16th, 1910.

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Nicola --- Merritt

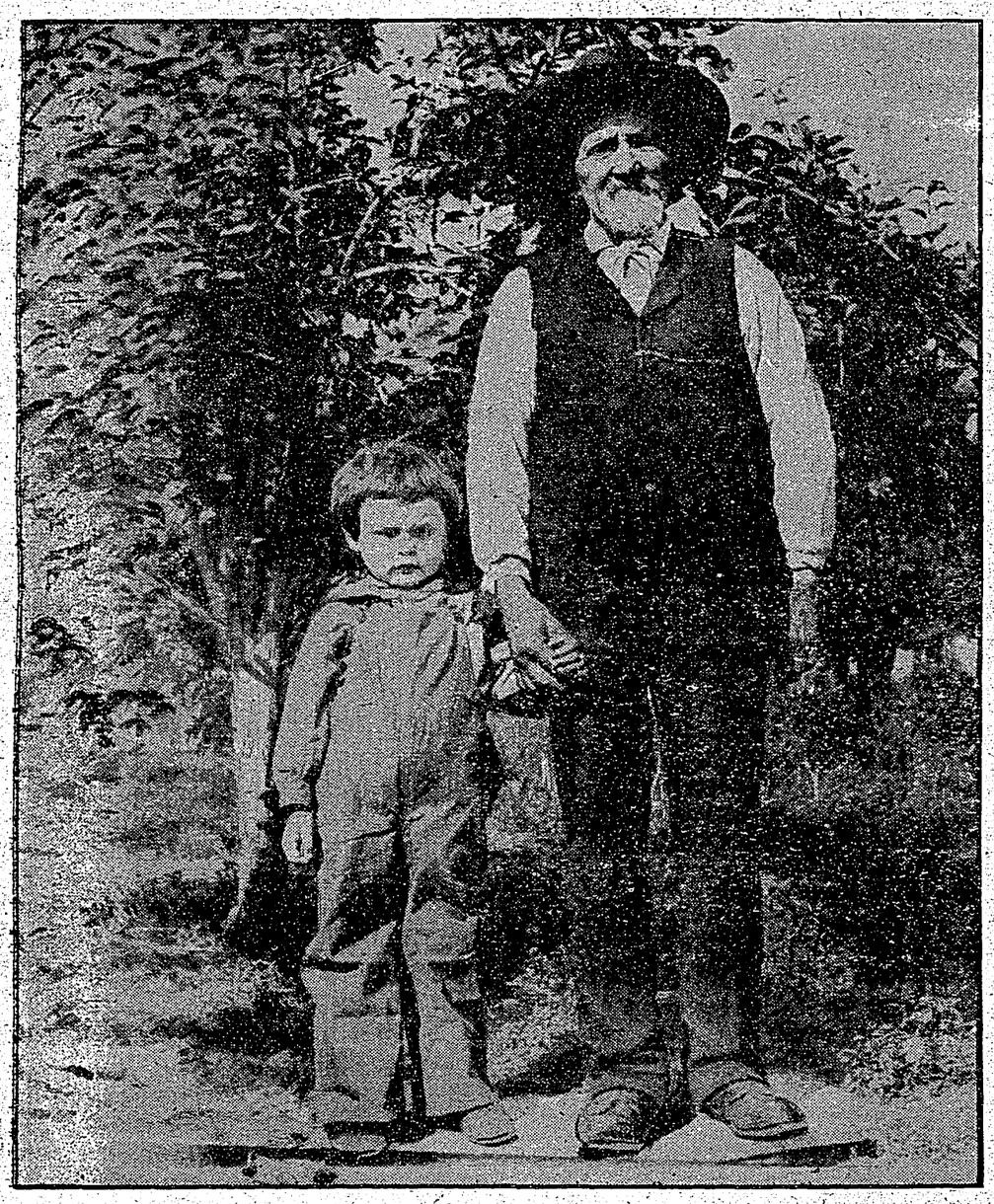
At Merritt Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Edward Stout, Pioneer Prospector and Miner, Tells a Great Story

Was a Survivor of the Indian Massacre along the Banks of the Fraser River in 1858—Crossed Plains in '49

There is no more picturesque figure in British Columbia today than Edward Stout, better known as "Ned" or "Daddy" Stout, pioneer prospector and miner. For upwards of half a century he has breathed the invigorating air of this coast province and his career is one that well lends itself to the pen of the dramatist.

In a quaint little cottage just back of the station house in North Bend he is whiling away the autumnal days of his life and his only joy is in his home or in reciting the thrilling incidents that he encountered when with others of his class he blazed trails through forests and along streams so that they might penetrate the vastness of this great interior land and reveal to the world the wonderful resources that nature had planted here for man—resources that since have been largely responsible for the high position that this province enjoys today.



EDWARD STOUT AND HIS NEPHEW, CHARLES EDWARD BARRY

Here and there an angry torrent of water to overcome or an almost inpenetrable bed of rock or brush to remove with an occasional battle with a wild beast or a bloody conflict with Indians—one can hardly comprehend the hardships and dangers that they braved. "Ned" Stout is one of the survivors of the terrible massacre perpetrated by the Indians along the banks of the Fraser in '58. Vividly can he recall that awful conflict on Slaughter Flat then known as Mariners' Bar and just above Keefers and with several ugly wounds on his arms and body where the Indians' arrows or the bullets from their muskets cut him down he has tangible evidence of the tragedy.

There were twenty in his party all bent on finding the precious gold. All through the canyon they had experienced trouble with the savages but it was not until they were in the vicinity of Jackass mountain that they learned of a determind effort to kill off the white men. His trusted partner, James McLennan, leader of the party, was friendly with a klootchman and she it was who forewarned them. As an army will conduct a flank movement on the battlefield this little band of prospectors decided to beat a retreat around Jackass mountain in the hope that the savages who were then pressing their way up the river would pass without detecting them. But the fates had decreed against

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them. The flank movement executed, the party was working its way back down the river when from across the river there came a fusilade of bullets and poisoned arrows.

"We had twelve double barrelled shot guns and six Kentucky rifles and we decided to fight to the bitter end, though we were certainly outnumbered and the Indians were ambushed. One by one my comrades fell and as they fell we threw them into the river so the Indians could not get their bodies. One poor fellow retreated into a cave pursued by the savages. At the mouth of the cave he laid his pile of gold but the red men ever thirsting for blood took the precious metal and then dragged the unfortunate man into the open to riddle him with bullets and pierce him with arrows. His head was cut off and his scalp taken by the Indians."

From his own lips Stout tells this thrilling tale and his every word is history that should be preserved. "Captain Snider came over the hills from Yale with two hundred men and he rescued us on China Bar below North Bend. There were only five of us left and I had tramped for hours in boots filled with blood so as to maintain our flight for safety and freedom."

"Yes I was badly wounded and it was only through grit and determination that I kept up. Once in the breast, three times on the arm and once near the abdomen the arrows and bullets of the Indians found me but I had plucky comrades and oftentimes when I felt like giving up the fight they urged me on with the result that we escaped."

Asked as to the Indians who had attacked them Mr. Stout said that a few of them were still living and he believed that the the leader of the band was still in that vicinity. "Oh it was nothing for us to have a fight with the Indians, but the trouble was mostly overcome when Captain Snider made peace with them at Lytton on August 11th, '58, though many of the whites had then been murdered. They were going to wipe us all off the face of the earth, but they found out that they couldn't do it."

There are many incidents in the life of Edward Stout that are woven into the very warp and woof of the history of this province and he is possibly the only survivor of the men who entered the early pioneer life in this land. He it was who with his partner, "Dutch Bill" Deitch, discovered Williams Creek, one of the wealthiest gold camps in the Cariboo. That was in 1861. He afterwards found Stout's Gulch, another rich claim. For years he was the trusted boatman on the Fraser for the Hudson's Bay Co. and Oppenheimer Bros., and made semi-annual trips from Quesnel to Westminster with a boat load of miners. It was a dangerous voyage and covered eight days but with an intimate knowledge of the treacherous waters of the Fraser he never had a mishap. His craft which he constructed prior to the trip was along the lines of the old French bateau and time and again would he have to portage over a portion of the river bank where too much danger lurked in the waters. He would carry twenty miners in every load. After that he was appointed to the office of boatman for the Hudson's Bay Co. and for ten years he would boat with ten tons of goods from Yale to Lytton and at the latter place met the pack trains from Kamloops and Nicola as well as Cariboo to which he would transfer the goods. The trip would require about sixteen days and was generally made at low tide.

The rush up the Fraser, construction days in old Yale, the coming and going of big men in the province all form pages in the life story of this wonderful man. But time has dealt kindly with him, for though eighty-four years of age he is hale and hearty and as active as a man many years his junior.

Born in Bavaria, Germany, he left the fadderland in the fall of '46, and after a voyage of forty-two days landed in New York. By boat to Milwaukee he remained in the Wisconsin capital for three years when he started overland across the plains for California. There was no Union Pacific or other transcontinental then, but it was a seven months' tramp across a wilderness with naught but a faithful team of oxen. The late John Allay of Yale was one of Mr. Stout's partners.

Mining in Georgetown, Eldorado county, California, for several years he saw much of the early life in the gold fields. The late Alex. Coutlee, one of Nicola's pioneers, was one of his earliest friends and many are the interesting tales he can tell of their companionship.

But the gold fever was soon to lure him on into newer fields and

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MR. BORDEN SOLID.

The Princeton Star says that mutiny exists against R. L. Borden the federal leader of the Conservative party and attributes it to lack of personal magnetism on the part of Mr. Borden. Nothing was ever farther from the truth. It is true that there has been some agitation against the opposition leader but it has come from a source that harbors a lardge share of Liberal press and supporters. Mr. Borden is one of the ablest men in Canadian public life and it ill becomes any journal to direct an attack against him. He is one of those men who is bold enough to be honest and honest enough to be bold and never has the finger of scorn been directed against him in his public career. His conduct is clean and free from the licentiousness that charrcterizes the conduct of so many of our public men today. They attack Mr. Borden on the same grounds that they attacked Sir James Whitney prior to his elevation to the premiership of Ontario but since Mr. Whitney has taken the reins of power he is acknowledged on all sides as the greatest leader the province ever had, The same will be true of Mr. Borden.

SUBDIVISION

One of the most potent factors in the growth and development of Nicola valley will surely be a reasonable system of subdivision. The days when large tracts of land should be vested with one man and should be given over solely to grazing are past and with the modern methods of irrigation hundreds of acres of land that heretofore have been non- productive should become a producing agency.

We do not desire to discourage the cattle industry because we still believe it is one of the most valuable industries we have. But there are thousands of acres of grazing lands on our sidehills covered with luxurious bunch grass that could not well be adapted to cultivation but would serve as a splendid grazing field. Let us employ these sidehills more largely and employ some of the more fertile lands for agriculture and fruit growing.

A number of syndicates have already sought to secure some of these lands but without success. The greatest obstacle they had to combat was the exorbitant price imposed by the owner of the land. It is true that a land owner has a perfect right to fix his own price, and it rests entirely with himself whether he accepts a certain bid or whether he refuses it, but there should always be a little reason in his claim.

Oftentimes have we heard men say that they were going to hold out for a certa in figure simply because they knew that a party of industrious men was seeking his land in order to convert it into a productive farm. It is one of the greatest obstacles that we as a people have to combat and we trust that the big land owners of Nicola valley will employ the fullest measure of reason in negotiating any deals that involve the conversion of waste land into productive farms.

WORDS OF WARNING

Never before in the history of Merritt has there been such a strong necessity for eternal vigilance on the part of the police as there is today. During the past two or three weeks many strang and suspicious characters have come into the town and their presence here is not only distasteful to the citizens but a menace to the public safety.

With construction days for the Kettle Valley line fast approaching there will be an unlimited number of these worthless characters about and the police would do well to remember the old adage that "eternal vigilance is the price of safety." It has been the history of every town or city where railroad construction has been in progress that there is a deluge of bad men from all parts of the globe. They generally travel in the vanguard and the announcement that construction would start in Merritt early in June has already had the effect of luring many of those men to this district. The only remedy is to keep a close watch and as soon as this class of people reach town turn their faces the other way and keep them going. It requires a strong hand but we believe that in Constable Clark we have a most efficient officer and a man who appreciates his duty. It would be good policy, however, on the part of the government, not alone because of the approaching construction era with its attendant evils, but because of the growing importance and proportions of Merritt, to give him an assistant.

A report from Winnipeg is to the effect that Robert C. Edwards editor of the Eye Opener, has been committed for trial on a charge of publishing obscene literature. In some circles this news will occasion widespread satisfaction. The Eye Opener has been doing a splended missionary service for Canada and has been largely responsible for the removal from public life of some of the men whose morals were not in keeping with the high standards that our public life should represent. It is true that "Bob" Edwards, as he is more familiarly known to the newspaper fraternity, publishes matter that might well be eliminated but aside from that he is accomplished infinitely more for Canada than the religious fanatics who continue to persecute him. It is a well known fact that his prosecution is being abetted by some of the men whose indecent public acts were exposed by the same Edwards.

The Prince Rupert Empire now issues a daily edition. The northern terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific must surely be growing fast and it redounds to the patriotism and enterprise of the management of The Empire that this popular paper will be in the vanguard of the onward march to greater prosperity—standing out as a sentinel to guide the destinies of the thriving community in which it has its field and home.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the list of names which it is proposed to strike off the list at the next sitting of the court of revision on Monday, May 2nd. It devolves upon every voter to study this list carefully and well and thus facilitate the work that Mr. Christie has undertaken. It is imperative that the list be purged of all names of dead men or those removed from the riding.

NOTICE

Geo. H. Broughton, P. L. S., D. L. S., graduate in Civil Engineering Toronto University, is now at Princeton, B. C.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA-KAMLOOPS LAND DISTRICT.
Yale District.

Take notice that I, A. W. Strickland, of Nicola, B. C., occupation bank manager, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 40 chains north of the northwest corner of Lot 573, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains south and thence 40 chains west to point of commencement.

A. W. STRICKLAND, Applicant.
Stanley Kirby, Agent.

Dated April 11th, 1910. 10-18

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that sittings of the Supreme Court for the transaction of the business of Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, and of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, will be held in the Court House at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely:—

City of Vancouver, 2nd May, 1910. Criminal.
City of Nelson, 3rd May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
City of Victoria, 10th May, 1910. Criminal.
City of Kamloops, 10th May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
City of Greenwood, 12th May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
City of Nanaimo, 17th May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
City of Vernon, 17th May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
City of Fernie, 17tb May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
City of New Westminster, 25th May, 1910. Civil and criminal.
Town of Clinton, 26th May, 1910. Civil and criminal.

And that notice be given that sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of civil causes, issues and matters only will be held in the Court House at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the places and on the dates following, namely:—

City of Rossland, 10th May, 1910.
City of Cranbrook, 14th May, 1910.

By Command.

HENRY ESSON YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary

Provincial Secretary's Office,
2nd March, 1910.

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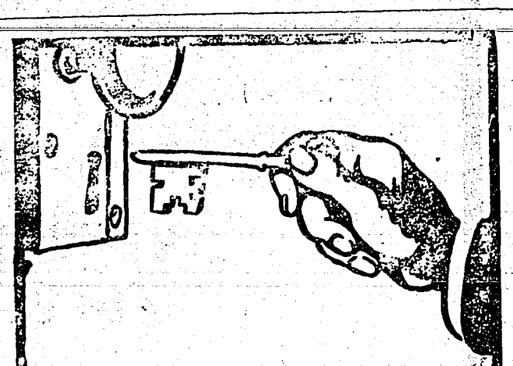

The Key to the Situation

If you are looking for a situation a Classified Want Ad. is the key which will unlock the door to the private office of the business man. He is too busy to interview all promiscuous callers, but you can catch his attention and secure an appointment by a "Situation Wanted" ad.

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In the Sporting World

BASEBALL LOOKING UP

There was a good lively practice of the baseballists last Sunday afternoon and the boys are rapidly rounding into form. A few more practices and a strong team will be available that will make the best of them go. Princeton has asked for a game with a Nicola valley team and they will be asked to participate in the tournament on May 24 and 25.

OPENING OF LEAGUE

The opening of the Northwestern baseball league take place tomorrow with Vancouver at Spokane and Tacoma at Seattle. Fans are beginning to figureout thatthe real race will be between Vancouver and Seattle with the Beavers as favorites.

Now that the soccer players have got busy the local management should try and arrange for some outside games. Kamloops and Ashcroft both have football teams and there is some talk of taking Nicola valley into the series for the Bulman-Vasey cup.

The tennis court on the Diamond Vale property near the old offices is now in pretty good shape though there are a few finishing touches to provide. With a tennis club organized at Merritt there is no reason why an enjoyable and successful season could not be had.

Joe Gans has refused to help Jack Johnson train because he says that his purse strings are too tight.

There are twenty-two candidates for positions on the Vancouver lacrosse team.

A big marathon meet is booked for San Francisco pretty soon. Both Jeffries and Johnston are training hard.

In a Sunday game at Ladysmith, the Callies of Vancouver won from the home team by a 5 to 3 score. The Callies is one of the professional soccer teams.

FRUIT GROWER'S MEETING

Last week's convention of the fruit growers in Kamloops was not only large and representative but will result in much good to the industry as a whole. Questions immediately affecting fruit growing as well as transportation charges were discussed and resolution passed. Representatives of the transportation companies were present and gave every assurance that freight rates would be readily adjusted to meet the growing requirements of the trade. An effort to secure the Australian trade was launched and agents of the steamship companies agreed to give preference to Canadian fruit. R. M. Palmer was elected president of of the association wtth R. M. Winslow. of Victoria, secreary-treasurer.

WILL DEVELOP PROPERTY

Charles Lambert, the well known mining man of Vancouver, will be up in this district in a few days and will go out to Granite Creekto look over his claims there. While gold and copper are sough the promoters are confident that they will locate platimun in good quantities. Mr. Lambert will also investigate the South Nicola coal fields in which he is interested and it is not unlikely that plans will be matured to operate the property.

BISHOP DART DEAD

The Right Rev. Bishop Dart passed away at New Westminester last Friday after a lingering illness. The funeral took place on Monday. He had been bishop of New Westminster since 1895 and this district being under his jurisdiction he was well know to many in locally.

The lumber mills in the Fernie district have now commenced operations for the season.

Fort George has constituted a school board, consisting of C. W. Moore, W. D. Kennedy and J. Parker Buckle, the last named of whom will be secretary. The first business transacted by the board was the selection of a site for a school.

The newly organized board of trade in Quesnel has elected A. W. Cameron president, S. L. Hilburn vice-president, Mr. Hill secretary, and Messrs. Healy, Holt, Ewing, Kepner and Yorston executive committee.

Spences Bridge

Junction point with C.P.R. mainline and Nicola branch.

Good hotel accomodotion.

Porter meets all trains.

Guests receive the very best of attention.

A. Clemes, Proprietor

Quilchena Hotel

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One of the finest hotels in the upper country. Excellent accomodation for travellers and tourists. Hot and cold water baths. Best of wines and liquors.

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Rate $1.50 per day

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on any quantity of their now famous product. Our mine is run free of rock and slate and this results in splendid furnace fuel.

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Our prices are right Full stock in all departments

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Provincial News

Kamloops will have a big Victoria Day celebration.

The Revelstoke shops of the C. P. R. will immediately be enlarged and improved so as to employ 500 men.

President Taft attended a ball game in Washington the other day and is now hailed as the first president a baseball fan.

Princeton has a new planing mill and it is operated by J. P. Waddell, manager of the Similkameen Lumber Co.

The Columbia Coal and Coke Co. are about to employ a diamond drill on their property on the north fork of the Granite river—Princeton Star.

The contract for the construction of that part of the V. V. & E. between Princeton and Chilliwack has been awarded and work will be rushed to an early completion.

There was a rather disastrous fire in Kamloops last week a portion of the Queen's hotel and several Chinese houses being destroyed.

The provincial government intends to build a 25-mile wagon road between Downie creek, and the head of navigation on the Columbia river at Goldstream.

The Vermillion Forks Co. has started the construction of a waterworks system for Princeton.

The Fraser River mills, the largest mill in the world, were sold to eastern capitalists last week for $20,000,000. D. D. Mann is largely interested.

William Dobson, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel at Kamloops, died in a Victoria hospital last week as the result of a paralytic stroke. He was well known through this district.

Armsrong has appointed a committee to inquire into engineering matter relating to electric lights, with a view to acquiring a steam plant doubl the capacity of the bresent one.

A seam of coking coal, mixed with shale, has been struck at 262 feet from the mouth of the tunnel at Midway mines. It is four feet wide and the discovery has created some excitement in Greenwood, where many people hold stock in the company.

The funeral of the late Robert Tatlow in Vancouver last week was the largest and most impressive ever witnessed in the province. Public, private and social life, industrial and commercial as well as military were all thoroughly represented. The pallbearers were Hon. R. McBride, Hon. F. J. Fulton, F. C. Gamble, R. Marpole, Campbell Sweeney and F. M. Chaldecott.

A company to be known as the Vancouver-Kamloops Trust Co. has been organized. One of the most interested parties is Mr. Don von Cramer manager of the Vancouver Trust Co. and for some time provincial head of the Empire Accident and Assurance Co.

A party of English tourists in charge of F. W. Frier, editor of The Colonizer, will leave England April 23rd and will visit every part of Bsitish Columbia including Nicola Valley. They will comprise persons with a capital of not less than $2500 and are coming here with a view to locating for mixed farming or fruit growing.

At the annual meeting of the Keremeos board of tradd the following officers were elected: Hon. president, W. H. Armstrong; hon. vice-president. G. C. Murphy president George Kirby; vice-president, J. R. Shaw; secretary-treasure J. A. Brown; council, J. J. Armstrong, E. M. Crooker, John Knudson, A. Robertson, R. Elmhirst, W. M. Frith, J. M. Young and G. G. Keeler.

NOTHING DOING HERE

In the house of commons at Ottawa last week Mr. Murphy introduced a bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act which has for its object the application of the Scott Act to British Columbia.

FOR SALE—Eggs for hatching, black breaded game, $1.50 per setting of 15.
R. M. WOODWARD,
Lower Nicola, B. C.

Notice to Stock Owners

I have arriving shortly from the East four Durham Bulls—prize winners—and also one Clyde Stallion which I invite your inspection.

The Hackney Stallion owned by Douglas Lake Cattle Co. will stand for the season at the Nicola Stock Farm commencing May 1st, and will travel between Coutlee and Nicola one day a week if required.

R. H. WINNY
Nicola Stock Farm.

Leland Hotel

Kamloops

Under new management this popular hostelry is now in a better position than ever to cater to the wants and requirements of the travelling public.

One of the best equipped and most modern hotel bnildings in the Interior.

E. GESNER, Manager, Kamloops, B.C.

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I carry a stock of jewellery valued at $15,000 and can satisfy you in any line. Every article guaranteed.

Let me do your repair work and it will be done right.

Special treatment for the eyes.

In the optical line I make a specialty of treating the eyes and fitting them perfectly.

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Splendid accomodation for tourists and travellers
Excellent Cuisine Hot and Cold Water Baths
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Guides always at hand

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Mining and Farming LANDS

If you are looking for a good piece of land to settle on, or if you want a profitable mining claim.

Don't overlook the Aspen Grove District.

I am in a position to give you a good deal in lands or mines.

G. R. BATES

Aspen Grove ∴ Vancouver, B.C.

SUCCUMBED TO INJURIES

James Williamson, the Middlesboro miner, who was so seriously injured at the mines over one week ago, died last Saturday at 4 o'clock. His condition grew more and more critical despite all that medical skill could do. His weakened state prevented an operation his injuries being mostly internal.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon the services being conducted by Rev. J. W. Hedley. A pathetic feature of his death was that the deceased was the sole support of his widowed mother in England. He came out to this country a few years ago with his father and the latter was also killed while working in a mine.

MAY LOCATE HERE

E. V. Shaw, the well known Kamloops real estate broker, came over to Nicola and Merritt in his automobile last Sunday. He was accompanied by W. Kelly and J. Grove. Mr. Shaw is thoroughly seized of the importance of this district and is seriously considering plans to locate here. He will return in a few days and look over the local situation more carefully.

MINING AT SUMMIT CITY

Arthur Hygh came down from Otter Flat Sunday night and will stay for a few days with his brother, George E. Hygh, at the Merritt hotel. Mr. Hygh reports that there is a splendid outlook in his district. Charles Law keeps a number of men employed on his claims near Summit city and there appears to be a good supply of copper and gold.

HALLEY'S COMET VISIBLE

Halley's comet is at last visible and may be seen in the early morning sky towards the north east. It rises an hour and a half before the sun and steadily earlier and is eight degrees north of the sun's track. It will remain in the morning sky for about one month and will then transfer to the evening sky. It is travelling 110,580 miles an hour.

SURVEYING THE LAND

With $300,000 appropriated for the work there will be an unusually busy season for the Surveyor General's department at Victoria. There are scores of survey parties either in the field or all ready to go and the government has completed plans whereby all lands adaptable to settlement will be available at the end of the year. This will be a big boon to settlement throughout this province.

PLATINUM IN TULAMEEN

Tulameen and its tributaries have long been noted for its platinum products and many scientists from different parts of the globe have been there since 1900 looking for its source. Last summer was the first time it was found in place in paying quantities In three different places, or ledges on Coutney mountain, the mother rock of platinum has been found. Coutney mountain is volcanic, in which pyroxene predominates, there being also magnetite of iron, copper and nickel, The rock in which the platinum has peen found is in characteristic dikes, after the manner of veins. It is a dark looking pyroxonite containing magnetite of iron, nickel, cobalt, 3 p.c. copper and from half to two ounces platinum, 1 oz. osmiridium, also $3 in gold and 6 oz. in silver per ton. Further information will be given as development proceeds.

NOTICE

Tenders are asked up to noon on the 15th May 1910 for all labour and tools etc.—everything except materials, required in the erection of a hay barn, 95 feet by 25 feet, at Quinsharden Ranch near Dot station N. V. Ry., in accordance with a specification and plan which can be seen on application to Mr. Thos. W. Jackson at the ranch house. All materials will be furnished by the undersigned and delivered convenient to the site of building.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Address,
H. ABBOTT
Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver,
April 16th, 1910. 10-13

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION OFFICE,
March 17th, 1910.

It is hereby notified that the Honourable the Council of Public Instruction has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen as a Board of Examiners, to act with the Superintendent of Education at the examination of Public School Teachers for 1910:

W. P. Argue, B.A.
Miss Jeanotte A. Cann, B.L.
John S. Gordon, B.A.
J. K. Henry, B.A.
Stanley W. Mathews, M. A.
E. B. Paul, M.A.
G. E. Robinson, B.A.
E rnest H. Russell, B. A.
S. J. Willis, A. A.
David Wilson, B. A.

And the following Public School Inspectors to be sub-dxaminers, to take charge of the various examination centres throughout the Province, and to mark candidates in Reading:

G. H. Deane.
J. D. Gillis,
Thomas Leith.
A. E. Miller,
Albert Sullivan.

ALEXANDER ROBINSON,
Superintendent of Educbtion.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

All changes for advertisements appearing in the Nicola Valley News, must be in the hands of the printers no later than Wednesday night No guarantee can otherwise be given that the changes will be made.

COUNTY COURT

The sitting of the County Court of Yale which was scheduled for Nicola on April 14, has been deferred until April 26th.

W. N. ROLFE,
Registrar.

TAKE NOTICE that Euphemia Rabbit, of Tulameen River, B. C., farmer's wife, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands, known as Lot 1,867, Yale Division of Yale district, containing some 27 acres and bounded on the xest aud south by the Tulameen River, and on the north by Lot 152, and bounded partially on the east by Lot 1,865.

Dated January 29th, 1910.

EUPHEMIA RABBITT,
Thomas Rabbitt, Agent.

Land Act Notice

Take notice that I, Edgar Newton Brown, of Vancouver, lawyer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about haif a mile south-west of Newkirk's Pre-emption No. 776; thence running 40 chains east, 160 chains south, 40 chains west, 160 chains north to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

EDGAR NEWTON BROWN
J. S. MORGAN, Agent

Dated 9th November, 1910.

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALI DISTRICT

District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, Edgar Newton Brown, of Vancouver, lawyer, intends to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner and one half mile distance in a southerly direction of pre-emption 776, in Newkirks Vought Valley; thence running east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

EDGAR NEWTON BROWN
WM. F. GIBSON, Agent

Dated December 21th, 1909.

Land Act Notice.

NICOLA DISTRICT, KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE.

Take notice that I Charles Leonard Flick, occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted beside the Indian Reserve post which marks the limit of the eastern jog from the Northwest corner post of Naik Indian Reserve, thence North twenty chains; thence West 20 chains; thence South 20 chains; thence East 20 chains to point of commencement.

CHARLES LEONARD FLICK.
Locator.

Dated April 6, 1910. 8-16

APPOINTMENTS

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

His Honour the Lieuteuant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned persons to be Commissioners for taking Affidavits in the Supreme Court, for the purpose of acting under the "Provincial Elections Act" in the Electoral District in which they reside. Such appointements will expire on the 21st day of December, 1916.

1st March, 1910.
Yale Electoral District.

J. F. HYLAND, W. MCINTYRE, A. JACKSON, C C. MAIN, and S. HYLAND, rf Merritt; F. S. GAY and R. W. W. REID, of Middlesboro; W. MCNEIL of Aspen Groue; A. GOODISON, of Coutlee; and J. C. LAYCOCK, of Mamette Lake.

23rd March, 1910.

S. N. DANCEY and T. V. CURTIN, of Merritt.

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William Dobson

Kamloops

Lytton's Popnlar Hotelry

Baillie Hotel

Good Meals, Good Comfortable Beds and Best Serv'ce. Rates Reasonable.

Walter C. Keeble

Proprietor,

LYTTON, B.C.

Notice is hereby given that the date for holding sittings of the Supreme Court at the Town of Cljnton, as a Court of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, has been changed from the 26thof May to the 3rd day of May, 1910.

Bp Command.

H. E. YOUNG,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
10th March, 1910.

What Our Correspondents Have to Say

SAVONAS

The machinery of the Monarch Lumber Company's mill here has been overhauled and in a short time the season's operations will commence. The company expects to make a big cut this year.

The town hall was filled to the doors on Friday evening last on the occasion of a performance by the McKenzie company. A good programme was presented and the audience was well satisfied with the evening's entertainment. An informal dance took place after the show.

Douglas Shields, a brother of James Shields, has arrived here from the east and intends to make Savonas his home.

Mrs. C. M. Marpole has left the hospital at Kamloops for the coast. Her many friends will be glad to learn that her health is improving.

Mr. T. C. Cooney intends shortly to take a lengthy holiday. As "Tommy" has been hard at work for the past two or three years, he has well earned a vacation.

Mr. Frank Allen was in town from Summit ranch last week. He was driving his well known stud, Admiral Togo, who looks better than ever this spring.

Mine Host Ferguson of the Lakeview hotel is confined to his room with illness. Adam's many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cornwall of Kensington ranch were visitors to Savonas last week. While in Savonas, Mr. Cornwall purchased quite a string of horses, most of which have since been sold for shipment to the coast.

Mr. Leslie Cameron, manager of the Monarch Lumber Co. returned on Friday from a trip to his old home at Milestone, Sask. He reports that the farmers in Saskatchewan are making good progress in getting in their crops. The influx of settlers is so great that one night recently no less than 300 slept in the skating rink at Regina.

The death occurred on Friday night of Petel, one of the head Indians on the Deadman's Creek reservation. He married as his first wife a daughter of Louis, Chief of the Kamloops Indians.

Mr. Lewis Harris of Three Mile creek was in town last week. So were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, also of Three Mile Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Leighton and Miss E. E. Leighton were visitors to Kamloops last week.

It is expected that Mr. Smith Curtis will shortly let a contract for the irrigation ditch on the Indian reserve at Deadman's Creek which he has leased from the Indians for a lengthy term.

Mr. George Johnson who recently located some promising mineral claims on Copper creek has just returned to Savonas after doing the assessment work.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, the enterprising proprieter of the Savonas stores, is reported to be contemplating the addition of several departments to his mercantile emporium.

The engagement of Mr. Hawk Norris of Messrs. Norris Bros., saddlers, Kamloops, to Miss Muriel Ridley is announced. Miss Ridley came out from England last year on a visit to relatives near Kamloops. She is now en route to the Old Country the wedding being arranged to take place in New York in the fall.

Mr. John Shields of Ashcroft was in Savonas on Saturday.

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LOWER NICOLA

Dr. Hone, who was until recently in charge of the mission school at Shulus reserve, left on Monday's train for Vancouver. He was accompanied by his nephew, Maurice Berry.

Quite a little excitement was felt on Tuesday, when a bush fire which originated in the bush about half a mile below the station, and near the railroad track spread until dangerously near the residence of B. Bewley. On account of the strong wind at the time it was difficult to keep the fire back but the several willing men around stayed with their task until all danger was past. Forturnatly there was no serious damage done.

Messrs Gray and Shivels have now got all their mining timbers accross on the north bank of the river. The last few warm days have caused the river to raised considerable.

MERRITT HOTEL

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Everything directed to the best comfort and convenience of the guests.
Rates $2.00 a day.
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GEORGE E. HYGH
PROPRIETOR
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Never Mind About Halley's Comet
but bear in mind that
MERRITT
will hold a
Big Celebration on May 24 and 25
Horse Racing, Baseball, Football and other Field Sports
Full Particulars Later.

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Saddle Horses, and Single and Double Drivers on Shortest Notice.
Good accomodation for horses. Express meets all trains. Buggies for hire.
A. J. COUTLEE, Prop., - Merritt, B. C.

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MEAT MARKET
NICOLA, B. C.
The choicest of Beef, Mutton, etc., always on hand.
Fresh Fish, Eggs and Vegetables.
T. HESLOP, Prop.

The Beauty Spot of British Columbia
HOPE
Picturesquely situated along the banks of the Fraser River and a history as romantic as the place is beautiful.
Colquahalla Hotel
We can offer you scenic beauty, comfort and pleasure—what more do you want. Good hunting and fishing. Future railroad centre.
Fred. Parnaby, Proprietor
Colquahalla Hotel Hope, B. C.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

M. L. Grimmett went to Ashcroft Wednesday morning returning last night.

Miss Rhodes of Nicola spent a few days this week renewing acquaintances around Merritt.

The work of grading streets in the Conklin estate property is progressing most satisfactorily.

A Scotch concert company held forth in Pooley's hall, Nicola, Tuesday night and there was a fairly good attendance. Following the concert an impromptu dance was given.

A. L. Dingee went to the coast on Wednesday morning's train. He well return to Merritt early next week and will take up his permanent residence here.

With the assurance of government assistance as forecasted in The News some time ago it is now almost a certainty that Merritt will have sidewalks along Quilchena and Nicola avenues as well as Voght street.

J. B. Haddad, the well known jeweller, formerly of Nicola, but now of Vancouver and Mission, came into the valley Monday night and left by Tuesday morning's stage for Princeton and Hedley.

W. A. Jones, coal inspector at the mines, has leased the Snider house on Quichena Ave. His furniture has reached Merritt from Coleman, Alta., and will immediately be installed.

Rev. Dr. Sipprell returned to New Westminster on Tuesday morning's train. During his stay in the valley he was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carrington at Nicola and other friends.

G. A. Whitely, organizer of the Orange lodge in British Columbia in company with J. A. Duff, of Toronto, will visit Merritt lodge on the evening of April 29th. They will be entertained by the local members of the order.

Already there is a noticeable improvement in the passenger traffic on the local branch since the daily train service went into operation. Travellers are now enabled to get into the valley, do their business the following day and return to the mainline. It is such a service as this that brings people to the district who otherwise might not come.

Many new houses are being built in Merritt and everywhere there are evidences of prosperity. A healthy sign is in the fact that of the majority of the lots sold recently houses will be erected on them. With a steadily increasing population and so much activity in building circles a year of unprecedented prosperity is anticipated.

William E. Potter, C. P. R. station agent at Nicola with Mrs. Potter left this week on a driving trip to Kamloops and other points through that district. They will return some time early in the week and go down to Vancouver for a few days. During Mr. Potter's absence the station work will be handled by R. Waugh of Fort William who was sent out to relieve.

I. Eastwood left Monday morning for Vancouver on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Frank Bailey has received the appointment of Notary Public for Merritt from the provincial government.

J. G. Thynne and E. Todd came down from Otter Flat Sunday evening and stopped a couple of days at Nicola and Merritt.

W. E. Green and J. A. McVittie came up from Vancouver Saturday night and will stop for the summer months. They expect a couple of motors in a few days and will thus facilitate their travels about the district.

The breaking up of a thousand acres on the ranch of John N. Moore at the head of the lake for fruit growing under the auspices of the B. C, Horticultural Estates, Ltd., will be undertaken shortly. The engineers have almost completed their end of the contract amd will then direct their attention to the adjoining Collett ranch.

The gang of Chinese laborers in the employ of the C.P.R. foremen McPherson was increased this week by the importation of over fifty additional Orientals. There is lofs of work to do in this section including the installation of a siding behind the station at Merritt as well as the elevation of existing siding. The track between merritt and Nicola has been placed in good repair.

What might have proved to be a disastrous fire occurred near Lower Nicola Tuesday afternoon, and for a time the fine new home oi B. Bewley was threatened. Some parties started a fire to burn up brush and it got beyond their control with the result that it required a strong force of men to stem its tide and prevent ssrious loss. The authorities should see to it that no fire is started with a high wind blowing such as there was on Tuesday. A heavy penalty should be imposed on any party who should violate this law.

Evidences of the growth of Merritt are found on every hand but one of the latest is the establishment in commodious offices over the Bank of Montreal of an office of land surveyors and irrigation specialists. The heads of the firm are A. W. McVittie, D.L.S., B.C.L.S. and L. S. Cokely D.L.S., B.C.L.S. They will give their attention to provincial and federal land surveys and make a specialty of irrigation work. Both men are most capable in these branches and their coming to this district will mean a big convenience in every way.

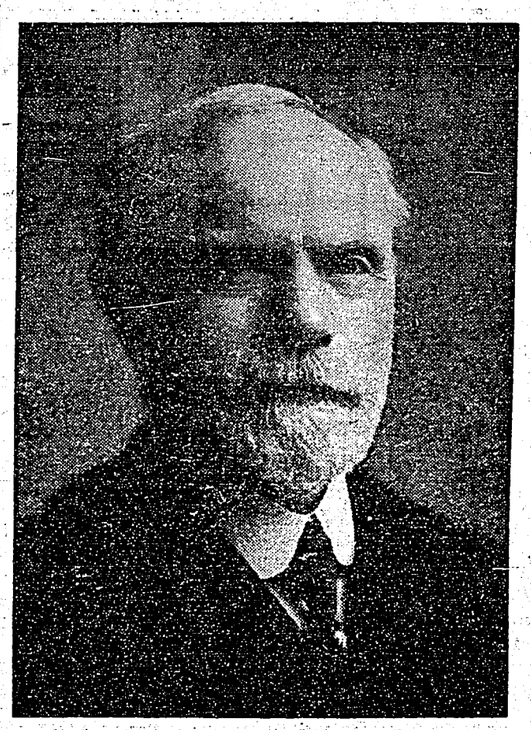
The new Coldwater hotel at Merritt will soon be formally opened to the public. A number of the rooms are already being used. It is one of the finest hostelries in the upper country.

The hospital addition which Dr. G. H. Tutill is building at his residence in the north end of Merritt will soon be completed.

James Pooley is back from his stay at Harriston Hot Springs.

Now that the government road gang is in this district the roads are undergoing the necessary repairs. The road leading to Nicola at the foot of Conklin hill has already been improved with many loads of earth and gravel and similar improvements are being affected in other parts. The work of repairing the Princeton road will be undertaken shortly.

Charles Barton who is suffering from cancer shows little improvement. Dr. Kendall, the Vancouver specialist, who was here a few days ago conducted an examination and has confirmed Dr. Tutill's diagnosis.



EDWIN DALLEY

The cut of Edwin Dalley, whose auto-biography appeared in last week's issue only reached this office on Monday too late for publication simultaneously with the story. The cut is run in this issue, however, so as to give the people of Nicola Valley an opportunity to look again into the face of a man who is recognized as one of the earliest pioneers of this district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

With a view to the better preservation of the Public Highways the attention of the public is hereby directed to the provisions of THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT ACT which enacts as follows:-

"It shall be unlawful for any person to cause to be drawn or driven on any of the public highways of that portion of the Province of British Columbia situate east of the Cascade range of Mountains, any wagon or other vehicle carrying a load in excess of that mentioned in Schedule 'A' hereunto annexed

SCHEDULE A

Wagons and 4 wheeled vehicles shall not carry a load in excerr of the following:-

On tires under 2 inches..2000 lbs.
On tires 3 inches in width and under four inches . . . 3000 lbs.
On tires 4 inches in width and under 5 inches . . . . 6000 lbs.
On tires 5 inches in width and over . . 6000 lbs and over

AND NOTICE is hereby given that the Act in every respect must be strictly complied with.

Any person guilty of an offence against this Act shall upon summary conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars.

W. N. Rolfe
Government Agent

Nicola, April 1st 1910.

THE LION AND THE MOUSE.

By CHARLES KLEIN.

A Story of American Life Novelized From the Play by ARTHUR HORNBLOW.

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(Continue from last week)

cision, involving a large sum, and for a day or two it was talked about. But as it was the opinion of the most learned and honest judge on the bench no one dreamed of questioning it.

But very soon ugly paragraphs began to appear in the newspapers. One paper asked if it were true that Judge Rossmore owned stock in the Great Northwestern Mining company which had recently benefited so signally by his decision. Interviewed by a reporter, Judge Rossmore indignantly denied being interested in any way in the company. Thereupon the same paper returned to the attack, stating that the judge must surely be mistaken, as the records showed a sale of stock to him at the time the company was known as the Alaskan Mining company. When he read this the judge was overwhelmed. It was true then! They had not slandered him. It was he who had lied, but how innocently—how innocently!

His daughter Shirley, who was his greatest friend and comfort, was then in Europe. She had gone to the continent to rest after working for months on a novel which she had just published. His wife, entirely without experience in business matters and somewhat of an invalid, was helpless to advise him. But to his old and tried friend, ex-Judge Stott, Judge Rossmore explained the facts as they were. Stott shook his head. "It's a conspiracy!" he cried. "And John B. Ryder is behind it." Rossmore refused to believe that any man could so deliberately try to encompass another's destruction, but when more newspaper stories came out he began to realize that Stott was right and that his enemies had indeed dealt him a deadly blow. One newspaper boldly stated that Judge Rossmore was down on the mining company's books for $50,000 more stock than he had paid for, and it went on to ask if this were payment for the favorable decision just rendered. Rossmore, helpless, childlike as he was in business matters, now fully realized the seriousness of his position. "My God! My God!" he cried as he bowed his head down on his desk. And for a whole day he remained closeted in his library, no one venturing near him.

As John Ryder sat there sphinxlike at the head of the directors' table he reviewed all this in his mind. His own part in the work was now done, and well done, and he had come to this meeting today to tell them of his triumph. Cries of "The chair! The chair!" arose on every side. Senator Roberts leaned over to Ryder and whispered something in his ear.

With an acquiescent gesture John Ryder tapped the table with his gavel and rose to address his fellow directors. Instantly the room was silent again as the tomb. One might have heard a pin drop, so intense was the attention. All eyes were fixed on the chairman. The air itself seemed charged with electricity that needed but a spark to set it ablaze.

Speaking deliberately and dispassionately, the master dissembler began.

They had all listened carefully, he said, to what had been stated by previous speakers. The situation no doubt was very critical, but they had weathered worse storms, and he had every reason to hope they would outlive this storm. It was true that public opinion was greatly incensed against the railroads and, indeed, against all organized capital and was seeking to injure them through the courts. For a time this agitation would hurt business and lessen the dividends, for it meant not only smaller annual earnings, but that a lot of money must be spent in Washington.

The eyes of the listeners, who were hanging on every word, involuntarily turned in the direction of Senator Roberts, but the latter, at that moment busily engaged in rummaging among a lot of papers, seemed to have missed this significant allusion to the road's expenses in the District of Columbia. Ryder continued:

In his experience such waves of reform were periodical and soon wear themselves out, when things go on just as they did before. Much of the agitation doubtless was a strike for graft. They would have to go down in their pockets, he supposed, and then these yellow newspapers and these yellow magazines that were barking at their heels would let them go. But in regard to the particular case now at issue—this Auburndale decision—there had been no way of preventing it. Influence had been used, but to no effect. The thing to do now was to prevent any such disasters in future by removing the author of them.

The directors bent eagerly forward. Had Ryder really got some plan up his sleeve, after all? The faces around the table looked brighter, and the directors cleared their throats and settled themselves down in their chairs as audiences do in the theater when the drama is reaching its climax.

The board, continued Ryder with icy calmness, had perhaps heard and also seen in the newspapers the stories regarding Judge Rossmore and his alleged connection with the Great Northwestern company. Perhaps they had not believed these stories. It was only natural. He had not believed them himself. But he had taken the trouble to inquire into the matter very carefully, and he regretted to say that the stories were true. In fact, they were no longer denied by Judge Rossmore himself.

The directors looked at each other in amazement. Gasps of astonishment, incredulity, satisfaction, were heard all over the room. The rumors were true, then? Was it possible? Incredible!

Investigation, Ryder went on, had shown that Judge Rossmore was not only interested in the company in whose favor as judge of the supreme court he had rendered an important decision; but, what was worse, he had accepted from that company a valuable gift—that is, $50,000 worth of stock—for which he had given absolutely nothing in return unless, as some claimed, the weight of his influence on the bench. These facts were very ugly and so unanswerable that Judge Rossmore did not attempt to answer them, and the important news which he, the chairman, had to announce to his fellow directors that afternoon was that Judge Rossmore's conduct would be made the subject of an inquiry by congress

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JOHN AVREY Proprietor

Ryder sat down, and pandemonium broke loose, the delighted directors tumbling over each other in their eagerness to shake hands with the man who had saved them. Ryder had given no hint that he had been a factor in the working up of this case against their common enemy, but the directors knew well that he and he alone had been the master mind which had brought about the happy result.

CHAPTER III.

As the supreme reward of virtue the good American is promised a visit to Paris when he dies. Those, however, of our sagacious fellow countrymen who can afford to make the trip usually manage to see Lutetia before crossing the river Styx. Most Americans like Paris—some like it so well that they have made it their permanent home—although it must be added that in their admiration they rarely include the Frenchman. For that matter, we are not as a nation particularly fond of any foreigner, largely because we do not understand him, while the foreigner for his part is quite willing to return the compliment. He gives the Yankee credit for commercial smartness, which has built up America's great material prosperity, but he has the utmost contempt for our acquaintance with art and no profound respect for us as scientists.

The logic of this position, set forth in Le Soir in an article on the New World, appealed strongly to Jefferson Ryder as he sat in front of the Cafe de la Paix in Paris, sipping a sugared vermouth. It was 5 o'clock, the magic hour of the aperitif, when the glutton taxes his wits to deceive his stomach and work up an appetite for renewed

He sat in front of the Cafe de la Paix in Paris.

gorging. The little tables were all occupied with the usual before dinner crowd.

Fascinated by the gay scene around him, Jefferson laid the newspaper aside. To the young American, fresh from prosaic money mad New York, the City of Pleasure presented indeed a novel and beautiful spectacle. How different, he mused, from his own city with one fashionable thoroughfare — Fifth avenue — monotonously lined for miles with hideous brownstone residences and showing little real animation except during the Saturday afternoon parade when the activities of the smart set, male and female, centered chiefly in such exciting diversions as going to Huyler's for soda, taking tea at the Waldorf and trying to outdo each other in dress and show. New York certainly was a dull place with all its boasted cosmopolitanism.

It was true, he thought, the foreigner had indeed learned the secret of enjoying life. There was assuredly something else in the world beyond mere money getti[illegible] His father was a slave to it, b[illegible] could never be. He was resolved [illegible]at. Yet, with all his ideas of emancipation and progress, Jefferson was a thoroughly practical young man. He fully understood the value of money, and the possession of it was as sweet to him as to other men. Only he would never soil his soul in acquiring it dishonorably.

No, Jefferson was no fool. He loved money for what pleasure, intellectual or physical, it could give him, but he would never allow money to dominate his life as his father had done. His father, he knew well, was not a happy man, neither happy himself nor respected by the world. He had toiled all his life to make his vast fortune, and now he toiled to take care of it. The galley slave led a life of luxurious ease compared with John Burkett Ryder. Baited by the yellow newspapers and magazines, investigated by state committees, dogged by process servers, haunted by beggars, harassed by blackmailers, threatened by kidnapers, frustrated in his attempts to bestow charity by the cry "tainted money," certainly the lot of the world's richest man was far from being an enviable one.

That is why Jefferson had resolved to strike out for himself. He had warded off the golden yoke which his father proposed to put on his shoulders, declining the lucrative position made for him in the Empire Trading company, and he had gone so far as to refuse also the private income his father offered to settle on him. He would earn his own living. A man who has his bread buttered for him seldom accomplishes anything, he had said, and, while his father had appeared to be angry at this open opposition to his will, he was secretly pleased at his son's grit. Jefferson was thoroughly in earnest. If needs be he would forego the great fortune that awaited him rather than be forced into questionable business methods against which his whole manhood revolted.

Jefferson Ryder felt strongly about these matters and gave them more thought than would be expected of most young men with his opportunities. In fact, he was unusually serious for his age. He was not yet thirty, but he had done a great deal of reading, and he took a keen interest in all the political and sociological questions of the hour. In personal appearance he was the type of man that both men and women like—tall and athletic looking, with smooth face and clean cut features. He had the steel blue eyes and the fighting jaw of his father, and when he smiled he displayed two even rows of very white teeth. He was popular with men, being manly, frank and cordial in his relations with them, and women admired him greatly, although they were somewhat intimidated by his grave and serious manner. The truth was that he was rather diffident with women, largely owing to lack of experience with them.

He had never felt the slightest inclination for business. He had the artistic temperament strongly developed, and his personal tastes had little in common with Wall street and its feverish stock manipulating. When he was younger he had dreamed of a literary or art career. At one time he had even thought of going on the stage, but it was to art that he turned finally. From an early age he had shown considerable skill as a draftsman, and later a two years' course at the Academy of Design convinced him that this was his true vocation. He had begun by illustrating for the book publishers and for the magazines, meeting at first with the usual rebuffs and disappointments; but, refusing to be discouraged, he had kept on and soon the tide turned. His drawings began to be accepted. They appeared first in one magazine, then in another, until one day, to his great joy, he received an order from an important firm of publishers for six wash drawings to be used in illustrating a famous novel. This was the beginning of his real success. His illustrations were talked about almost as much as the book, and from that time on everything was easy. He was in great demand by the publishers, and very soon the young artist, who had begun his career of independence on nothing a year, so to speak, found himself in a handsomely appointed studio in Bryant park, with more orders coming in than he could possibly fill and enjoying an income of little less than $5,000 a year. The money was all the sweeter to Jefferson in that he felt he had himself earned every cent of it. This summer he was giving himself a well deserved vacation, and he had come to Europe partly to see Paris and the other art centers about which his fellow students at the academy raved, but principally—although this he did not acknowledge even to himself—to meet in Paris a young woman in whom he was more than ordinarily interested—Shirley Rossmore, daughter of Judge Rossmore of the United States supreme court, who had come abroad to recuperate after the labors on her new novel, "The American Octopus," a book which was then the talk of two hemispheres.

Jefferson had read half a dozen reviews of it in as many American papers that afternoon at the New York Herald's reading room in the Avenue de l'Opera, and he chuckled with glee as he thought how accurately this young woman had described his father. The book had been published under the pseudonym "Shirley Green," and he alone had been admitted into the secret of authorship. The critics all conceded that it was the book of the year, and that it portrayed with a pitiless pen the personalty of the biggest figure in the commercial life of America. "Although," wrote one reviewer, "the leading character in the book is given another name, there can be no doubt that the author intended to give to the world a vivid pen portrait of John Burkett Ryder. She has succeeded in presenting a remarkable character study of the most remarkable man of his time."

He was particularly pleased with the reviews, not only for Miss Rossmore's sake, but also because his own vanity was gratified. Had he not collaborated on the book to the extent of acquainting the author with details of his father's life and his characteristics which no outsider could possibly have learned? There had been no disloyalty to his father in doing this. Jefferson admired his father's smartness, if he could not approve his methods. He did not consider the book an attack on his father, but rather a powerfully written pen picture of an extraordinary man.

The acquaintance of his son with the daughter of Judge Rossmare had not escaped the eagle eye of Ryder, Sr., and much to the financier's annoyance and even consternation he had ascertained that Jefferson was a frequent caller at the Rossmore home. He immediately jumped to the conclusion that this could mean only one thing, and fearing what he termed "the consequences of the insanity of immature minds," he had summoned Jefferson peremptorily to his presence. He told his son that all idea of marriage in that quarter was out of the question for two reasons: One was that Judge Rossmore was his most bitter enemy, the other was that he had hoped to see his son, his destined successor, marry a woman of whom he, Ryder, Sr., could approve. He knew of such a woman, one who would make a far more desirable mate than Miss Rossmore. He alluded, of course, to Kate Roberts, the pretty daughter of his old friend, the senator. The family interests would benefit by this alliance, which was desirable from every point of view.

Jefferson had listened respectfully until his father had finished and then grimly remarked that only one point of view had been overlooked—his own. He did not care for Miss Roberts; he did not think she really cared for him. The marriage was out of the question. Whereupon Ryder, Sr., had fumed and raged, declaring that Jefferson was opposing his will as he always did, and ending with the threat that if his son married Shirley Rossmore without his consent he would disinherit him.

Jefferson was cogitating on these incidents of the last few months when suddenly a feminine voice which he quickly recognized called out in English:

"Hello! Mr. Ryder."

He looked up and saw two ladies, one young, the other middle aged, smiling at him from an open fiacre which had drawn up to the curb. Jefferson jumped from his seat, upsetting his chair and startling two nervous Frenchmen in his hurry, and hastened out, hat in hand.

"Why, Miss Rossmore, what are you doing out driving?" he asked. "You know you and Mrs. Blake promised to dine with me tonight. I was coming round to the hotel in a few moments."

Mrs. Blake was a younger sister of Shirley's mother. Her husband had died a few years previously, leaving her a small income, and when she had heard of her niece's contemplated trip to Europe she had decided to come to Paris to meet her and incidentally to chaperon her. The two women were stopping at the Grand Hotel close by, while Jefferson had found accommodations at the Athenee.

Shirley explained. Her aunt wanted to go to the dressmaker's, and she herself was most anxious to go to the Luxembourg Gardens to hear the music. Would he take her? Then they could meet Mrs. Blake at the hotel at 7 o'clock and all go to dinner. Was he willing?

Mrs. Blake said she would get out here. Her dressmaker was close by, in the Rue Auber, and she would walk back to the hotel to meet them at 7 o'clock. Jefferson assisted her to alight and escorted her as far as the porte cochere of the modiste's, a couple of doors away. When he returned to the carriage, Shirley had already told the coachman where to go. He got in, and the fiacre started.

"Now," said Shirley, "tell me what you have been doing with yourself all day."

Jefferson was busily arranging the faded carriage rug about Shirley, spending more time in the task perhaps than was absolutely necessary, and she had to repeat the question.

"Doing?" he echoed, with a smile. "I've been doing two things—waiting impatiently for 7 o'clock and incidentally reading the notices of your book."

Continued next week

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Manager

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
District of Nicola

Take notice that I, William Ogilvie of Vancouver, solicitor, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission t purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the South-east corner of Lot 776; thence running South 40 chains thence 40 chains East, thence 40 chains North, thence 40 chains West to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated December 21st. 1909.

WILLIAM OGILVIE
J. S. Morgan, Agent

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
NICOLA DISTRICT

Take notice that I, Adolphus Fyall, of Merritt, B. C., occupation salesman, intend 60 days from date to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Work for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencng at a post planted at the north-eas corner of Lot 537, thence running west 60 chains, thence north 12 chains to southern boundary of Indian Reserve, thence east along boundary of Indian Reserve to the Nicola River, thence following the Nicola River in a southery direction to the north-west corner of Lot 534, thence south three chains to point of commencement containing 75 pacres more or less and described as Lo 177.

Kamloops Division of Yale, Nicola

ADOLPHUS FYALL

Dated February 7th, 1910.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that I, Emmet Todd, of Tulameen, occupation miner, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 3-4 mile above Rabbet's lower ranch, on the west bank of Tulameen River, thence 60 chains north, 20 chains west, 60 chains south 20 chains east to commencement.

EMMETT TODD

Dated Jan. 26, 1910

Land Act Notice

District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, R.C. Lowry, of Vancouver, engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing about two miles Easterly of Lot 1,484; thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 10th. December, 1909.

R. C. LOWRY
W. E. Green, Agent

Land Act Notice

Take notice that I, Laura R. Marshak, of Vancouver, married woman, intends to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one-half mile southwest of Lot 776; thence running 40 chains south thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains west to point of commencement, and containing 160 cres more or less.

LAURA R. MARSHALL
J. S. MORGAN, Agent

Dated December 21st. 1909

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS IVISION LAND DISTRICT.
DISTRICT OF YALE

Take notice that I, Thomas A. Flynn of Merritt, B.C., occupation farmer, intends 60 days after date to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at the post at the south east corner of lot 122, thence south 24 chains: thence northerly 24 chains to the southwest corner of lot 122; thence east 12 chains to point of commencement, comprising 12 acres more or less.

THOMAS A. FLYNN

Dated April 4th, 1910. 8-16

Land Act Notice

NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 2. Commencing at a point two miles West of E. Todd's No. 2 location post being "M.L.G., N.E. corner"; thence West 80 chains, South 80 chains, East 80 chains, North 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.

M. L. GRIMMETT.
A. B. Roberts, Agent.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 3. Commencing at a point two miles West of E. Todd's No. 2 location post, being "E. T., S.W. corner"; thence East 80 chains, North 80 chains, West 80 chains, South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.

EMMETT TODD, Locator.

TAX NOTICE

Nicola Assessment District

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that ProvincialRevenue Tax, and all assessed taxes and Income Tax assessed and levied under the "Assessment Act" and amendments thereto, are due and payable for the year 1910.

All taxes collectable for the Nicol Assessment District are due and payable at the Covernment Office at Nicola. This notice in terms of Law, is equivalent to a personal by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

W. N. ROLFE
Deputy Assessor and Collector

Dated at Nicola. B.C. this 7th day of January, A.D. 1910.

KAMLOOPS, ASHCROFT, YALE AND NICOLA MINING DIVISIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all placer claims legrlly held in the Kamloops, Ashcroft, Yale and Nicola Mining Divisions are laid over from the 1st day of November, 1909, until the 1st day of May, 1910.

E. T. W. PEARSE,
Kamloops, B. C. Gold Commissione
January 17th, 2910.

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Standing of candidates will be published in two weeks.

Get out and work for your favorite --Every vote will count.

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The territory will extend throughout the electoral constituency of West Yale and the city of Kamloops will also be included. You will be at liberty to take subscriptions anywhere, however, for in that respect you are not limited.

Conditions:

Each paid up yearly subscription to The Nicola Valley News will represent 1000 votes for your candidate, but you can subscribe for a longer time that if you desire. A six months' subscription will get you 500 votes. The young lady who gets the largest number of votes wins. So Get Your Friends Busy. Any young lady is eligible.

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Now that the big race is on there will be an ever increasing interest. Enquiries recieved at the office alr ady confirm our contention that the popularity contest inaugurated by the management of the News will be one of the best of its kind ever conducted by a paper in the interior of British Columbia.

Confined as it is to West Yale candidates have been given a fair chance and it was only at the solicitation of friends of the candidates that the ci y of Kamloops was withdrawn from the field.

In Hope Miss Hope Wardle has a large following and her friends say that she is a sure winner but equal confidence is found amongst the supporters of Miss Mary McKay at Lytton and no stone will be left unturned to effect her success. At Yale Miss Sophie Revesbeck will make a splendid run and many believe she will win In North Bend Miss Logie has so many active supporters at work that it looks like a win for her.

At Ashcroft Mrs. Maxwell ls working hard and will be backed strong. Of the candidates in the Nicola Valley it is a difficult problem to pick a winner. Miss Ethel Woodward will poll a big vote in the lower part of the valley while out at Aspen Grove and Otter Flat way Miss F. Hunter and Miss Ethel Thynne will score high.

The Merritt candidates, Miss Marjorie Seaton and Miss Helen Hyland will have followings while at Nicola Miss Agnes Vair and Miss C. Murray will be in the running from the first.

The standing of the candidates will not be published for a couple of weeks so as to give the contestants an opportunity to get thier campaign well organized. There are three month in which to gather votes and the fight will go on with ever increasing interest and enthusiasm.

VICTORIA DAY CELEBRATION

Committees Meeting With Great Success in Their Work.

The committee in charge of the Victoria Day celebration reported progress at the meeting of the Merritt Athletic Association Tuesday night. Plans are being carefully and fully matured and from preasent indications the celebration will not only eclipse previous one but will be the greatest of its kind ever given in the upper country.

The finance committee reported splendid success so far. Many valuable prizes have been secured including several from outside parties and the subscription list is being liberally singed nearly six hundred dollars already being subsribed.

The Conklin Estate has kindly granted the grounds again for the use of the association on the celebration days. The programme of sports will be prepared at next Tuesday's meeting A silver cup was donated for a football tournament and it is not unlikely that a cash prize will be given as well.

Dan Munro and J. C. Conklin retired from the grounds committee and thier places were filled by A. Wilson and Fred Hyland. In the absence of the president and secretary G. B. Armstrong occupied the chair and W. H. Richardson acted aa secretary until Mr. Gemmill's arrval.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders are called for the construction of a presbyterian church at Merritt and they must be in by April 30th.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Nicola Valley Meat Market in Merritt in charge of I. Eastwood.

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LAND ACT NOTICE

KAMLOOPS DIVISION — NICOLA DISTRICT.

District of Yale.

Take notice that Edith Mabel Anthony of Canford, B. C., occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about one mile North of Lot 1639, thence running East 40 chains: thence North 80 chains: thence West 40 chains: thence South 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 320 acres more or less.

EDITH MABEL ANTHONY.
R. G. Stanley Anthony, Agent.

Dated April 9th, 1910. 9-17

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Ashcroft, B. C.

Edward Stout

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in '58 he left with a party in a sailing vessel for Bellingham Bay. In that party was the late Archie Macdonald, one of British Columbia's best known pioneers. There they built a boat and started for the Fraser river, reaching Yale on May 20, 1858.

Leaving Yale in June they tramped on foot through the canyon en route to the upper country and a few days later they reached The Forks, now known as Lytton, where the Fraser and Thompson rivers join. They prospected through the hills back of Nicomen and more than once came out to the Nicola river. Panning gold along the rivers was a profitable trade.

In July the savages started on the rampage and they had skirmishes at Hell's Gate, Rocky Bar, Chapman's Bar and Short Bend—points still well known to prospectors along the Fraser between Yale and North Bend. Captain Snider with two hundred men followed the north shore, and Captain Graham with men skirmished along the south shore and in that way the disturbances were quelled. The Indians were mostly from the Reneyad tribe, though they were joined by warriors from neighboring tribes. They had Hudson's Bay muskets as well as the poisoned arrows.

Stout was with the earliest miners in the Cariboo going there in '61 and living through the days of greatest excitement in the gold fields. For ten years he sought the yellow metal before going into service of the Hudson's Bay Co. as trusted boatman. Well he remembers in '64 when Governor Douglas built the wagon road from Yale to Cariboo and a few years later completed it to the coast.

With a memory that is notable for its retentiveness he can recall every incident of historical value in the life of this province and appreciation of his usefulness in this regard was found in the act of the provincial government a few years ago when his life story was taken for preservation in the archives at Victoria. William Voght was an early friend of Edward Stout, their acquaintance dating back to Yankee Bar in '59.

For fifty-two years this noted man has served his country well. It mattered not where danger lurked if duty called him he would go. Still hale and hearty he is a pleasing and interesting personality and one could not spend a few hours more profitably than to commune with him and look back into a past that is as remarkable for its tragedy as it was for its history making qualities.

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Local Representative: F. G. Moore, Lytton, B. C.

Mr. Moore will be in Nicola valley in a few days.

GRAND TRUNK PLANS

It begins to look as though the Grand Trunk Pacific railway would come down from Fort George to Lilloett ans thence across Pembert Meadows to Howe Sound and thus secure a western outline. They have acquired the interest of the Howe, Sound, Pemberton and Nothern railway which holds a charter from Howe Sound to Lilloett and from Newport to Fort George. Plans are now being negotiated for the use of the Second Narrows bridge by this comyany. This will give the Grand Trunk entrance to Vancouver.

MINES WORKING HARD

Conditions at the mines in Middlesboro are improving all the time. The C. P. R. is bringing in more empties with the result that more coal can be shipped. About three hundred men are at work and the payroll last month reached over $21,000. This does not include the official or members of the staff and provides only about two thirds time the mines being closed several days last month because of a scarcity of cars.

QUILCHENA

There were quite a number of Merritt and Nicola people here last Sunday. Mine Host Guichon was a pretty busy man.

Jack Murray came down from Douglas lake on Sunday bringing with him R. H. Winny's thoroughbred hackney stallion.

George Kripps and wife of Vancouver Sundayed here. They will return some time in May for a few weeks. Mr. Kripps engineered the excursion of a Vancouver party to the valley last year and he says he is going to bring up a still larger party in the course of a few weeks.

John N. Moore with Mrs. Moore leaves at the end of the month for Victoria.

Reports reaching here are to the effect that road gang is now working its way out from Kamloops repairing the road as they come.

E. V. Shaw of Kamloops came through with his automobile last Sunday.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Sarah E. Roberts, of Nicola, widow, intends to appl for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencin at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post o William E. Green's application t purchase, thence running South 8 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more o less.

Dated 28th. December 1909.
SARAH E. ROBERTS.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Ethel M. King, of Montreal, Quebec, spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following describe lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile West from the North-east corner post of Hilda M. King' application to purchase, thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point o commencement, and containing 64 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
ETHEL M. KING.
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Mildred Green wife of William E. Green, of Vancouver, contractor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencin at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post o Ethel M. King's application to purchase; thence running South 8 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
MILDRED GREEN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT

Take notice that Edward Morgan of Toronto, Ontario, doctor of medicine, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile North from the South-west corner post of Kate Morgan's application to purchase, thence running 80 chains East, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated 30th. December, 1909.
EDWARD MORGAN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Kate Morgan, wife of James C. Morgan, of Toronto, Ontario, inspector of schools, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the North bank of Tulie Lake, and being about 80 chains East of the One-mile Trail from Aspen Grove to Princeton; thence running 80 chains East, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated 30th. December, 1909.
KATE MORGAN
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SCHEDULE "A" SESSION 1909 (CHAPTER 13)

List of names objected to and will be removed from the Voters List of the Yale Electoral District on Monday the 2nd May, 1910.

No.	Christian and surname of Voter	Address.	Prof. trade or calling.	Nature of objection.
2	Adams, John William	Spemces Bridge,	Fireman C. P. R.	Absent from District for 1 year.
8	Alliston, John	Spences Bridge	Prospector.	Absent from District for 1 year.
10	Allan, David K.	Nicola,	Clergyman.	Absent from District for 6 months.
14	Allen, Henry	Ashcroft,	Roadman	Absent from District for 1 year.
36	Baillie, Melville,	Lower Nicola,	Laborer.	Absent from District for 6 months.
45	Banford, Frederick	Merritt,	Laborer.	Absent from District for 6 months.
50	Barrick, John Boyes,	Thompson Siding,	Store Keeper.	That he is Dead.
55	Baty, Matthew	Ashcroft,	Rancher	Absent from District for 1 year.
77	Blott, Robert Orpwood	Lytton,	School Teacher	Absent from District for 1 year.
82	BoRers, Thomas	Ashcroft,	Rancher	Absent from District for 1 year.
83	Boyd, Robert	Merritt,	Miner.	Absent from District for 6 months.
90	Bristol, Jeremiah Gilbert	Hope,	Farmer.	That he is Dead.
91	Brooks, Thomas Charles	Merritt,	Carpenter.	Absent from District for 6 months.
102	Burwell, John	Ashcroft,	Stableman,	Absent from District for 6 months.
111	Campbell, Donald	Black Canyon, Ashcroft,	Laborer.	Absent from District for 1 year.
112	Campbell, James A.	North Bend,	Laborer	Absent from District for 1 year.
113	Campbell, Thomas Davench	North Bend,	Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.
120	Carrington, John Beresford	Nicola Lake,	Clerk	Absent from District for 6 months.
122	Carter, William Thomas	Ashcroft,	Jeweller	Absent from District for 6 months.
134	Chetwynd, Arthur Henry T.	Ashcroft,	Rancher.	Absent from District for 6 months.
135	Chisholm, William,	Aspen Grove,	Miner	That he is Dead.
156	Colouquchoun, Allen	Black Canyon, Ashcroft;	C.P.R.	Absent from District for 1 year.
157	Cookson, William	Merritt,	Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months
177	Craighead, John Wilson	Ashcroft,	Bridgeman	Absent from District for 6 months.
181	Croft, William	Coutlie,	Laborer.	Absent from District for 6 months.
187	Curtin, Chas. John	Middlesboro,	Engineer	Absent from District for 6 months.
205	Dixon, George A,	Nicola,	Clerk	Absent from District for 6 months.
210	Dodds, William Alexander	Aspen Grove,	Rancher.	Absent from District for 6, months.
211	Dodge, James Pauline,	Ashcroft,	Bridge Carpenter.	Absent from District for 1 year.
215	Draney, Robert	Spences Bridge,	Bar Tender.	Absent from District for 1 year.
225	Dwyer, Thomas	Lytton,	Gentleman.	Absent from District for 1 year.
235	Elliott, Charles Arthur	Harrison Hot Springs,	Physician	That he is Dead.
238	Ender, Enrico,	Cisco,	Mason Foreman	That he is Dead.
249	Faulds, John Alexander Main	Middlesboro, Coutlie,	Accountant.	Absent from District for 1 year.
250	Faulds, Alexander	Middlesboro, Coutlie,	Mine Supt.	Absent from District for 1 year.
253	Farquhar, James	Ashcroft,	Bridgeman	Absent from District for 1 year.
258	Ferguson, Archibald James	Pennieston,	Farmer	Absent from District for 1 year.
277	Frank, Emil	Ashcroft,	Bridgeman	Absent from District for 1 year.
280	Fraser, Richard A.	Nicola Lake,	Publisher	That he is Dead.
306	Gibson, Arthur Ernest,	Middlesboro,	Engineer	Absent from District for 6 months.
307	Gilbert, Merrick,	Cache Creek,	Farmer	Absent from District for 1 year.
322	Goss, James	Ashcroft,	Farmer.	That he is Dead.
329	Graves, Henry Ralph	Keefers,	Farmer	Absent from District for 1 year.
334	Grey, James	Merritt,	Miner	Duplicate of 333
345	Hagg, Eric,	Merritt,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
346	Haggblad, Nick,	Merritt,	Miner.	Absent from District for 6 months.
347	Haggblad, John	Merritt,	Miner.	Absent from District for 6 months.
348	Hagglund, Pete	Merritt,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
353	Halliman, John	Middlesboro,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
360	Hamilton, Guy	Ashcroft,	Stage Driver	Absent from District for 1 year.
366	Hardman, James	Middlesboro,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
373	Harvey, Oliver	Ashcroft	Merchant	Absent from District for 6 months.
392	Hill, Charles Edward	Nicola,	Hotel Manager.	Absent from District for 6 months.
413	Hunter, Henry	Huntersville,	Rancher	That he is Dead.
416	Hurley, Cornelius	Ashcroft,	Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.
437	Johnson, Peter	North Bend,	C.P.R. Employee.	Absent from District for 6 months.
447	Johnston, Perry	Lower Nicola,	Laborer	Duplicate of 446
448	Jones, Thomas	Black Canon, Ash.	C.P.R. Employee.	Absent from District for 1 year.
456	Keeley, John Thomas	Spences Bridge,	Railway Conducto	Absent from District for 6 months.
457	Kenderick, John	Black Canyon,	Laborer,	Absent from District for 6 months.
471	Korne, William H.	North Bend,	Laborer	That he is Dead.
501	Lindsay, Alexander	Ashcroft,	Laborer	Absent from District for 1 year.
510	London, Michell	Merritt,	Miner.	Absent from District for 6 months.
534	Marchant, Isaac	Agassiz,	Farmer.	Absent from District for 6 months.
538	Warshall, William	Merritt,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
546	Matthews, Thomas	Middlesboro,	Miner.	Absent from District for 6 months.
557	Milne, William Kerr	Ashcroft,	Stableman	Absent from District for 1 year.
568	Mooney, Hugh	North Bend,	Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.
577	Morrison, Archie A.	Merritt,	Engineer	Absent from District for 6 months.
594	Murray, John W.	Coldwater,	Rancher	Absent from District for 6 months.
595	Murray, John William	Ashcroft,	Bridgeman	Absent from District for 1 year.
598	Macauley, Albert George	Ashcroft,	C.P.R. Employee	Absent from District for 1 year.
599	McBride, Malcolm	Lytton,	Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.
607	McArdle, Maurice Mcardle	Merritt,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
609	McArthur, Neil M.	Quilchena,	Rancher	That he is Dead.
610	McClymont, William	Middlesboro,	Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
613	McCready, James	Merritt,	Bar Tender	Absent from District for 6 months.
617	McDoc, John	Lytton,	Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.

624	McDonald, John	Aspen Grove Prospector.	Absent from District for 6 months.
634	McGillivray, Duncan	Cache Creek, Hotel Keeper	Absent from District for 6 months.
637	McGrath, James	Spences Bridge, Fireman, C.P.R.	Absent from District for 6 months.
642	McIntosh, Ebenezer	Ashcroft, Trackman	Absent from District for 1 year.
648	McKay, John, jr.	Lytton, Farmer	That he is Dead.
654	McLaren, William	Black Canyon, Laborer	Absent from District for 1 year.
657	McLean, John Franklin	Thompson s Siding, Bridge Carpt.	Absent from District for 6 months.
665	McLeod, Samuel Nehrmiah	Ashcroft, Bridge Carpenter.	Absent from District for 6 months.
668	McMaster, Paul	Midd,esboro, Carpenter	Absent from District for 1 year.
689	Nelson, Robert,	North Bend, Carpenter	Absent from District for 6 months.
691	Neratine, Beasillie	Black Canyon, Ash. C.P.R. Emp.	Absent from District for 6 months.
701	O'Brian, Charles	Mamett Lake, Farmer	That he is Dead.
704	Oppenheim, Philip	Aspen Grove, Rancher	Absent from District for 6 months.
706	O'Reilly, John	Ashcroft, Farmer.	Absent from District for 1 year.
709	Ovington, Matthew D.	Merritt, Miner	Duplicate of 711
710	Ovington, John	Middlesboro, Mine Foreman	Absent from District for 6 months.
715	Pallister, Matthew John	Ashcroft, Clerk	Absent from District for 6 months.
720	Patrick, William Hudson	Ashcroft, Stage Driver	Absent from District for 6 months.
738	Price, Horace Hyland	Aspen Grove, Rancher	Absent from District for 6 months.
759	Reid, John	Middlesboro, Carpenter	Absent from District for 6 months.
784	Robertson, George	Spatsum, Section Foreman	Absent from District for 6 months.
785	Robertson, Alexander,	Ashcroft, Rancher	Absent from District for 6 months.
790	Robson, Robert	Lower Nicola, Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.
792	Rodger, Harry	Merritt, Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
793	Rogers, Fremont	Hat Creek, Hotel Keeper	Absent from District for 6 months.
819	Shea, Francis Herbert,	Ashcroft, Tinsmith	Absent from District for 6 months.
821	Shields, Fred	Middlesboro, Barber	Absent from District for 6 months.
825	Simpson, John	Ashcroft, Watchman C.P.R.	Absent from District for 1 year.
829	Skinner, John Alexander	Ashcroft, Freighter	Absent from District for 6 months.
832	Small, William	Nicola Lake, Stage Driver	Absent from District for 6 months.
851	Smith, Frederick	Black Canyon, C.P.R. Employee	Absent from District for 6 months.
861	Stephenson, Neil	Spences Bridge, Rancher	Absent from District for 6 months.
866	Stewart, Matthew Prust	Nicola Lake, Stage Proprietor	Absent from District for 6 months.
879	Stutch, Benjamin	Ashcroft, Carpenter	Absent from District for 6 months.
880	Sullivan, Jeremiah	Spences Bridge, Farmhand	Absent from District for 1 year.
898	Thomas, Sidney, W.	Merritt, Carpenter	Absent from District for 6 months.
916.	Trotman, Venn,	Coutlie, Carpenter	Absent from District for 6 months.
924	Vance, Arthur,	Lower Nicola, Laborer	Absent from District for 6 months.
937	Wallace, Duncan,	Lower Nicola, Laborer	Absent from District for 1 year.
938	Waller, James	Camp 16 Ex. Foreman, C.P.R.	Absent from District for 1 year.
947	Ward, William	Merritt, Miner	Absent from District for 6 months.
958	Watt, John	Yale, Dredgeman	Absent from District for 1 year.
996	Woodward, James Malcolm	Lower Nicola, Farmer	Absent from District for 6 months.
998	Woodward, Ernest Marshall	Nicola Lake, Farmer	Absent from District for 1 year.
1001	Woodward, Harvey Logan	Lower Nicola, Farmer	Absent from District for 1 year.

H. P. CHRISTIE,
Registrar of Votes, Yale Electoral District.

Ashcroft, 2nd April, 1910.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

George Murray went over to Ashcroft on Wednesday's train returning last night.

William G. Murray came up from the coast Wednesday night and will return tomorrow.

Charles Barton left yesterday morning for the coast where he will undergo treatment for cancer.

The C. N. R. line petween Kamloops and Lytton is now being located.

C. W. Hallamore, for many years manager of the Bank of Commerce at Kamloops has been transferred to the management of the bank at Port Arthur, Ont.

The C. P. R. will electrify its Crows Nest Pass line and a power company has already been incorporated and will secure power from Pend O'Reille river at junction with the Salmon river.

The big irrigation convention which will be held in Kamloops this year is slated for the last Wednesday of July and four days following.

The funeral of the late James Williamson which took place on Monday afternoon last marked the first burial of a miner in the local camp. The mines closed down temporarily and the miners attended the funeral in a body. Rev. J. W. Hedley conducted the services at the grave and they were of an impressive order.

Miss Bartha Lauder, sister of William Lauder who has a ranch near the head of Nicola lake, was married in Kamloops Tuesday morning to William J. Kerr, a jeweller of that city. The happy couple have gone to Vancouver and coast cities on a honeymoon trip. They will enjoy the best wishes of their many Nicola friends.

The Scottish conncert company which gave a performance in Menzies' hall Wednesday evening failed to give satisfaction. So many of these counterfeit organizations have visited Merritt of late that when a real good show does come it will have a difficult time in securing a respectable patronage. The Scottish company was farcical in the extreme but it was only in keeping with others that have swindled the local public recently.

I. Eastwood during his absence from Merritt will spend a few days at Harriston Hot Springs.

METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Hedley M. A., Pastor. Services for Sunday April 24th. Nicola, 11 a. m., Lower Nicola, 3 p. m., Merritt 7.30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. W. J. Kidd pastor--Services Sunday April 24th, Merritt 3 p. m. and Middlesboro 7 p. m. Merritt service in the Methodist church.

The mayor of Kamloops and the city clerk interviewed Mr. Lanigan, general freight agent of the C. P. R. Winnipeg with a view to obtaining a better rate on coal for the city's use.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 3. Commencing at a point two miles North of E. Todd's No. 3 location post, being "M.L.G., S.W. corner"; thence East 80 chains, North 80 chains, West 80 chains, South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.

M. L. GRIMMETT.

Land Act Notice

Take notict that Emily L. McVittie wife of A. W. McVittie, of Victoria B. C., land surveyor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commence at a post planted on the South bank of Bates Creek, 40 chains from the Nicola-Princeton Waggon Road thence running South 80 chains thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.

EMILY L. McVITTIE
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence t prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 2. Commencing at a point two miles west of E. Todd's No. 2 location post, being "G.R.B.' S.E. corner;" thence West 80 chains, North 80 chains, East 80 chains, South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.

G. R. BATES
Emmett Todd, Agent.

and Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT

Take notice that I, Stanley Kirby, of Nicola, hotel-keeper, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:— Commencing at the South-east corner of Lot 1,484; thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 10th. December, 1909.

STANLEY KIRBY
W. E. Green, Agent.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 1. Commencing at a point one mile West of E. Todd's No. 1 location post, being "A.B.R., N.E. corner"; thence West 80 chains, South 80 chains, East 80 chains, North 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.

A. B. ROBERTS, Locator

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