

ing scarcity of game of all sorts, but especially deer. The Indians are therefore following more steady pursuits for a livelihood. In this connection, it might be mentioned that the dusky brethren have been doing most of the freighting between Spence's Bridge and Princeton, having had forty teams employed during most of the past season."

"Many of the chiefs took the occasion of Mr. Irwin's visit to their reserves to complain of the scoundrelly white men and half breeds who are engaged selling whiskey to Indians. This most damnable traffic among the Indians is said to be on the increase. And credit is due to the Indians themselves that they are not mostly all drunkards, as they have every opportunity of obtaining whiskey. It is one of the hardest things the police have to deal with, as it is well nigh impossible in most cases to convict. The chiefs made a request to Mr. Irwin that Indian police be appointed to help bring the whiskey peddlers to justice. This is an ever growing evil, and certainly more drastic steps are necessary to stamp it out."

"The Indians, especially in Nicola, have very fine horses, owning some of the best stallions in the country, and apparently the horse thieves are fully aware of this, as the Indians state that they are losing very fine animals continually. White men in the same district are also suffering this way."

Mr. Irwin states that this horse stealing grievance is greatly on the increase; last summer, many horses having disappeared from the ranges. It is always the best horses that are missing. It is supposed the lost animals are disposed of south of the line. The Indians are anxious for more protection from these horse thieves. It is just possible that whiskey peddling and horse lifting are carried on by the same gang."

"It would appear to be the duty of the City of Kamloops to have the law enforced within the city limits, and this, it is thought, can be accomplished by punishing, not only the Indians guilty of disorderly conduct, but also those persons who supply them with intoxicants."

"Both Mr. Vowell, the Indian Superintendent at Victoria, and Mr. Irwin, the Indian Agent at Kamloops, are aware of the necessity for using the utmost diligence to prevent the sale of intoxicants to Indians, and the department is confident that both these gentlemen can be relied upon to assist the provincial and civic authorities in any action that they may decide to take to bring about a better condition of affairs in connection with the sale of intoxicants to Indians."

The above is an extract of a letter from the secretary of the Indian Department, Ottawa, to the City Clerk, Kamloops, published in the "Inland Sentinel" of December 14, 1900.