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Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V. assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,  
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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## Dry Farming Investigations in Lillooet and Nicola

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The results with field peas were very encouraging, while those with flax were simply of sufficient value to warrant a continuation of the experiment.

A new line of work undertaken at the station this year was the conducting of experiments on the "date of seeding" and also on the "rate of seeding" with wheat, barley and oats. These experiments have not been conducted for a sufficient length of time to justify drawing definite conclusions, but from last year's work it is very evident that wheat sown between April 20th and May 1st gave much better results than that sown on any other date. The oats sown on April 22nd gave the largest yield, and in the case of barley the plot seeded on May 7th gave the most satisfactory returns. One bushel of wheat and one and three-quarters bushels of oats proved to be the most profitable rates for the past season at 105 Mile House.

One of the problems confronting the dry farmer, as well as the rancher in the Lillooet country, is the obtaining of sufficient roughage to carry his live stock through the winter. With a view to meeting this need, experiments have been conducted with grasses, clovers, alfalfas, etc. Timothy seeded at the rate of six pounds per acre in the fall of 1914 came through the winter well, and yielded at the rate of one and one-third tons of cured hay per acre. Some attention has also been given to the growing of pasture crops for sheep. Green crops pastured off by sheep during the past year gave a return of \$16.51 per acre.

The report dealing with tests of garden vegetables corresponds very closely with that given for the previous year. Practically all vegetables experimented with gave most gratifying results, and, as the list included all those ordinarily grown in a garden, the tests clearly showed that there is no reason why any farmer or rancher in the Lillooet or Nicola valleys could not grow all the vegetables required for household use.

The results obtained at Quilchena correspond very closely with those obtained at 105 Mile House. The yields of wheat, oats, barley, peas, rye, grasses, clovers, alfalfas and vegetables were all very satisfactory. As there seems to be a great similarity in the conditions influencing the growth at the two stations, the results obtained do not differ widely in any particular essentials.

Fall rye has proved very valuable, both as a pasture and as a green crop. On the Commonage it is sometimes used as a fall pasture, but very satisfactory results are generally obtained when it is pastured off in early spring. At the Quilchena station spring rye has been very advantageously employed as a substitute for hay. During the past season an area of fifteen acres averaged over two tons of cured hay per acre.

With such a high average yield for all small grains at both stations, as Professor Elliott's report shows, coupled with the satisfactory returns obtained with forage crops, potatoes and vegetables, this report must be gratifying to those who for years have been of the opinion that large tracts of land in the so-called dry belt of British Columbia can be used to good advantage as soon as approved methods of dry farming were adopted.

It is announced that Hayden, Stone & Co., of Boston, have taken a bond on the Hudson Bay properties near Salmo. The price mentioned is \$1,250,000, and runs for eighteen months.

The City of Trail will submit to ratepayers by-laws calling for \$15,000 for fire protection and \$7,500 for school debentures.

The City of Prince Rupert sold \$1,620,000 15-20-30 year 6% serial debentures to Messrs. Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo.