

The climate from Lytton—which is east of the Cascades to Clinton, is dry and arid. This belt extends to the Columbia river which is the eastern boundary and therefore includes Okemagan, Kamloops and Nicola. The summers in this region are dry and hot, the winters cold with more or less snow. From Clinton to Cariboo the climate is moist, and in the latter place the winters are dry and severe.

I believe in my last letter I left my readers to find their way to Nicola, I shall now resume the "thread of my story."

The highest point on the road from Kamloops to Nicola is at Napier Lake, twenty miles from Kamloops where Messrs. Trapp and Macdonald own a sheep ranch containing 2,000 sheep. The bunch grass with which the hills are covered in this district forms very nutritious food for stock, and it is perfectly surprising what fattening qualities are contained in the thin wiry stalk. I have seen horses "as thin of substance as the air," turned out to grass and in a month brought in again rolling fat. Their work horses which are not required during the winter are turned out in the fall and are brought in again in the spring in splendid condition to resume work. As neither Messrs. Trapp nor Macdonald are married I had an opportunity of observing how man, driven by the force of circumstances can reconcile himself to cooking and other minutiae of housewife occupation. I believe when the first settlers came into the valley, such a thing as a "boiled shirt," which is another term for a white shirt, was considered a luxury—the more so as the *stove lids* formed a substitute for the *flat iron*. Still Messrs. Trapp and Macdonald make a stranger feel as comfortable and much at home as if he had known them for years and to tell the truth I would not have noticed the absence of the "female form divine" if my attention had not been called to it by Mr. Macdonald observing "You see the wife has not come yet." After resting a couple of hours we resumed our journey, and shortly reached Mr. P. Fraser's pre-emption situated about 25 miles from Kamloops. There, as at Messrs. Trapp and Macdonald's we received a hospitable reception and were invited to put up our horses and stay all night. Mr. Fraser is also a bachelor, but if all reports be true he is shortly going to enter the holy band of Martyrs, by taking unto himself a wife.

He commenced seven years ago with a band of four hundred sheep, which has now increased to 1,000 by careful management and undivided attention. Of course this is not the total increase as Mr. Fraser has disposed of a great number from time to time. Sheep are a paying investment—provided they receive proper attention—they require more care than cattle. A woolen mill is a great desideratum in this Province—as it is the wool is shipped to England, made into blankets and cloth, and re-shipped to British Columbia, where the blankets especially are sold with great profits—as a ready sale to the miners is always procurable—and as for the Indian's life to them would be devoid of all pleasures if they had no blanket wherein to roll their odoriferous bodies. I believe the local Government offered a bonus to anyone who would erect and carry on a woolen mill—but there was a dispute as to whether the mill should be erected on the island or main land so that the motion fell through. But this is another digression from my journey—so that I shall reserve the remainder of my remarks on the sheep question until I have arrived at my destination, and settled in Nicola.

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A STUDENTS' Guild has been formed at Cornell, which includes nearly all the college. The object of the society is to defray the expenses of the sick and poor, each student paying 75 cents per year.

COLLEGE WORLD.

VICTORIA COLLEGE, COBBOURG.

THIS building, which commands an extensive view of Lake Ontario and surrounding country, was erected in 1832, and known as the Upper Canada Academy. A charter was obtained from King William IV. by Rev. Dr. Ryerson, and in 1836 the institution was opened with Dr. Richey as principal. In 1841 full university powers were granted, and Dr. Ryerson became its first president. The present president, Dr. Nelles, has held that position worthily since 1850. Victoria has faculties of Arts, Law, Medicine and Divinity, also a Scientific Department. The Toronto School of Medicine, Wesleyan Theological College, and a School of Medicine in Montreal are affiliated to it. Four Societies are in active operation among the students, each having a separate hall. The students purpose giving a grand conversation at the end of the present session. The Alumni Association also purpose holding their annual dinner on the 18th May. A student who wishes to take books from the library to his room can do so—free—by paying a deposit of \$10 and an annual fee of one dollar, six of them clubbing together and paying \$5 each can use it for purpose of reference. We rather think we are better off in this respect at Queen's. The students of Victoria grumble a little at this and no wonder. The *Acta* suggests as a reason: "It is just possible that the Faculty has an idea that the donors of the books will feel flattered to hear that their gifts are so highly prized by the college authorities that no unholy eyes are permitted to gaze upon them before the costly votive offering has been paid." However, they are better off than at Trinity, Toronto, where, the *Rouge et Noir* complains, the books are for ornament, not for use. A prize is offered there for the best college song, they're fond of music, too, for the students who go early to church amuse themselves by singing the "Sweet by and bye," etc.

There are attending the College this year in Arts 150 students.

FROM the *White and Blue* of Toronto University we learn that at that place a memorial (which by the statute must contain twenty-five signatures) is in circulation, praying the Chairman of Convocation of the University of Toronto to call a meeting of that body to discuss the following questions:

(1) Compulsory attendance on lectures; (2) shortening the arts course by relegating the first year work to the collegiate institutes; (3) publicity of the proceedings of the Senate; (4) throwing open the local examinations to males as well as females. The memorial further asked that the meeting may be called as soon as possible, in view of the forthcoming elections to the Senate.

LORNE medals appear to be thick around the country.

OF all the words of youth or lass the saddest are these "you did not pass."

EDISON will next turn his attention to the invention of an electric pan-cake machine for the young maidens of Vassar.

THE great Mohammedan University in Egypt has 10,000 students and 300 professors teaching its theology, another its ethics, etc.

AT Asbury University the latest sensational novelty is a "Ladies' Cadet Company."

"SWEET are the uses of a University" said the girl when the senior asked her to go to a concert.

SPAIN has 10 great Universities.