

### Eagle Pass Wagon Road.

A correspondent of the *Inland Sentinel*, writing from Camp No. 2, Eagle River, under date of the 8th ult., says: "The commissary department here is well supplied and I have yet to hear a single complaint about food. On starting the work we paid our graders \$2 per day and charged them \$4.50 per week for board. Some few thought that pay insufficient and left. We are now paying \$2.50 per day and charging them \$4.00 per week for board. We have instructions to raise our force, and Mr. Fairweather has gone to Yale to hire men and purchase additional outfit for their accommodation. Work on the wagon road is progressing favorably.

The road commences at a point on Shuswap Lake about one mile west of Sic-a-mouse Narrows, and about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the mouth of Eagle River. The landing is well sheltered, easy of access and has a depth of 4 or 5 feet of water within fifteen feet of the water's edge. From the landing the road runs in a direction varying from N. E. to N., and bordering base of hills and flat bottom land. The material is good, consisting principally of gravel. No steep grades or very sharp turns have yet been encountered. The country from the second mile in is heavily timbered. Groves of fine pine and cedar trees exist on the flat bottom land; between the wagon road and Eagle River the width of bottom land varies from 1,000 to 3,000 feet. The soil is of a light loamy nature and for agricultural purposes would, undoubtedly, prove very productive. Streams of good water come down from the hills at short intervals in the Spring and Summer, but could not be depended on for a constant supply the year round.

Eagle River has fallen two feet in the past week. The Lake is falling, but very slowly, the difference for the past week is scarcely perceptible; it may have fallen one foot in that time. Forest fires are raging in the hills on all sides of the Lake. The smoke is so dense that the sky is scarcely visible. This is a fine climate; it gives men good appetites; our men seem to be thriving. All of our party are well."

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### Chilliwack District.

Having occasion lately to visit the Chilliwack and Sumas settlements I was agreeably surprised at the rapid growth and improvement in the last few years. At the Chilliwack landing business is quite lively, and the store and hotels will compare favorably with the best in New Westminster or Yale. The municipality never allowed any liquor to be sold in the settlement, as a consequence there is neither a drone nor a drunkard to be seen anywhere; every one is busy, and every one is hopeful. Piles of hay and other farm produce are to be seen awaiting shipment to the various points on the river and the railroad where they are required. Going inland the country presents a pleasing appearance; the hay crop, which is very extensive, is nearly all saved, and the ripening fields of grain will soon be ready for the reaper, and promise an abundant harvest. The farm houses, which

are not only comfortable, but, in many instances elegant, are all surrounded by gardens and orchards, and if anything is lacking to add to the beauty of the place it is the neat trimmed quickset hedge in place of the rail fence. In many places the country is really divided by groves of maple and willow into natural parks, this is particularly noticeable



CAMPING ON THE OPEN MEADOW, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

on the bends of the Chilliwack and Luck-a-Kuek, and near the Sumas landing on the property of the Wilson Bros. The land for two or three miles back from the Fraser is about all occupied, but toward the foot hills there is a large extent of superior land still open to settlement, and to parties seeking a home in British Columbia, I know of no place where they would be more likely to succeed than in the thriving settlement of Chilliwack.—*Sentinel Correspondence.*

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**Mosquito Oil.**—The following is a very good mixture for anointing the face and hands while fishing: Oil of tar, 1 oz.; olive oil, 1 oz.; oil of pennyroyal,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.; spirits of camphor,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.; glycerine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.; carbolic acid, 2 drachms. Mix, and shake well before using.