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By Mr. Pooley—I have not any papers except what are here. I never heard that the minerals were reserved until I saw the patent. I have lived here twenty years. I heard that the lands were reserved, but did not understand that the minerals were reserved separate from the lands. At the time I purchased the improvements, I don't know what their value was. Garlick and Williams paid Ead \$70 for it. In the deed to me of 4th December, 1888, I paid \$200. Ead was a certificate of improvement on it for all the amount of legal improvements done. I understood that it was \$1 an acre. I did not think that it concerned me, as I had the certificate from the government agent in the title. All had all been complied with. It is a question if there is coal under the land. I did not place any value on the minerals at the time I bought it. I did not know then that I was not buying the land. The deed of 19th April, 1888, from J. Ead to Chas. Williams and L. Manson and a deed dated 4th December, 1888, from C. Williams to L. Manson were produced. I purchased Garlick's right for \$200, and in order to make the purchase simpler was made out for \$75, the amount that Garlick originally paid Ead for it, instead of paying \$270, the amount of consideration mentioned in the deed. I paid \$245 notwithstanding the two deeds. I believe that I occupy Ead's position as a settler, and am entitled to the minerals, although the deeds bear a later date. The arrangement was made prior. Ead sold his right in 1884. My title was registered. I still believe I am entitled to the coal and minerals.

By the Commissioner—John Ead did not sell me his interest in 1884. I did not purchase direct from Ead his interest in the land. I first purchased from L. Garlick. I paid him \$200 for his interest in the land in 1888, and I occupied the land with him when I purchased Williams' interest. I paid him \$225. Mr. Manson explained when the document to show the purchase from Garlick and the deed to Chas. Williams were drawn, we placed the consideration at \$400—\$200 each, instead of \$225. I cannot remember the difference of \$25, unless it was interest on expenses in connection with getting Ead to come and make the application, when the land was thrown open and to procure for us, as he had agreed, a patent from the Dominion government. I made a mistake in calling it \$25 instead of \$200. I mean to make the mistake now. I swear positively that when I bought Garlick's interest that I understood that the patent would contain the minerals, as well as the surface, from the assurance given by the Marquis of Dorne and what was believed by the settlers. I first learned that the railway deed did not convey the minerals when I saw it. I wrote to Mr. Haslam, member of parliament, regarding the title. I never wrote to Ottawa nor to any member of the government at Victoria. I have not made any personal protests to the E. & N. Railway Company or its officers. The company nor any of its officers have ever interfered with my rights to the land. It is not occupied. I pay taxes on it. In the assessment there is no reference to the minerals. I am a merchant. I never was a miner. I own other land near Nanaimo. Eighty acres in Cranberry district. I own the surface and mineral right to the land. I purchased it from A. B. Gray, of Victoria. Although I paid the money before the patent was issued the deeds to Williams and Manson have been found in some places, but nothing striking as to the portion between the upper Naas and the Stickeen would tempt me to respect. But I would not lose time else where. The deed to Ead strikes either Omineca or Passin proper, where gold was found in abundance, and in getting into Omineca by Stuart Lake, one gets out of the way, and it is a hard trip to reach the trail again. I have surveyed large tracts of land along that way on the Nechaco and the Bulkley valley. "I will be leaving the coast about the end of October of the beginning of November for the upper Yukon, but I will go by way of Telegraph Creek. As it will be too late to take the Stickeen by boat, I will strike a new road which I know from Kitimat, to Gardner's Inlet, to Telegraph Creek. The heavy part of my baggage will be sent by pack trail. "If one would care to go on the Polly, instead of the Lewis, the headwaters can be reached from Telegraph Creek with horses. "Hoping this will be of some use to you, I remain yours truly, "A. L. POUDRIER."

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(From the Spokane Review.)  
H. A. McClure, of this city, who is planning to go to the Clondyke by the overland route in the spring, wrote to A. L. Poudrier, the Canadian land surveyor, for fuller information as to the condition of the trail from Ashcroft to Teslin Lake and for his estimate of the difficulties to be met on the way. Following is the more important of Mr. Poudrier's reply:

Trail, B. C., Sept. 26.—H. A. McClure, Dear Sir: I have your letter asking for information about the trail to Teslin Lake. I have not the distances with me here, and I do not care to give them from memory. I have surveyed the whole way, and the actual map is made from my notes on Telegraph Creek and from those to Teslin by my brother's survey. About the middle of the week I will send you the exact figures. In the meantime I will give you the following information:

"At Quesnelle, on the Cariboo road, flour is milled, and can be bought more cheaply than at Ashcroft. Beans are grown there and may be bought for a small sum, thus saving the packing for a long distance. Horses can be got cheap at Ashcroft or Quesnelle. "You cross the Fraser river at Quesnelle in a scow, and the pack trail from there is very good to the Hudson Bay Company's post at Fort Fraser. After that do not follow the trail to Stuart Lake as I see proposed in the newspapers, but you go all the way to Hazelton by a good trail following the old telegraph line along the Endako valley and the Bulkley or Haggwilt creek.

At Hazelton you cross the Skeena river by swimming the horses and using canvas for the baggage. You then follow an old Indian trail, or "cuttle" trail, to the Indian village of Kulo, on the Skeena river. Then the trail strikes north, following a small stream falling into the Skeena, then two streams forming the head waters of the Naas river, further forming the headwaters of the Stickeen, the first south branch of the Stickeen to its mouth, and crossing the Stickeen at Telegraph Creek. "This trail is part way surveyed for the old telegraph line, and partly on an old Indian trail used by white men to drive cattle into Cassiar about 20 years ago. The latter portion is bad in the way of new growth and fallen trees, but that is all. For a big party, with men ahead with axes, it would be all right. I cannot tell what improvements have been made from Telegraph Creek to Teslin lake, but anyway, the old trail was fairly good.

"The difficulties are met with in many places from Quesnelle to Hazelton, on the Skeena; after that few are to be seen except at Telegraph Creek. You know probably that the bulk of heavy provisions can be sent by boat to Telegraph Creek from Victoria. This is what I would do myself. Indians are good men, ready to help and can be relied upon when properly treated, and may be of great help. Horses could be retained all the way to Hazelton, if any died, though costing more than the Ashcroft, where they are very cheap. "The great trouble in undertaking such a trip now is the lateness of the season. In a very short time the grass will be frozen, and in that state it has little nutriment, and the horses are apt to run away every night and hide, and they play out very soon. In the spring summer, it is a delightful trip. Fish, grouse, ducks and rabbits are very abundant; bears are plentiful and deer are scarce.

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BRIEF LOCALS.  
Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

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Sergt. Walker this morning received a dispatch from his brother, Constable R. H. Walker, who is at present at New Westminster, stating that his wife and son, who are visiting friends there, had met with an accident, the nature of which he did not state.

Frank Turner left for New Westminster this morning to attend the annual dog show of that city. Mr. Turner took with him several dogs from Victoria, including Dr. Duncan's Irish setter, Harry Wright's Beattie and Belle, and Lady's Duchess and Nellie, cocker spaniels.

At a meeting of the farmers and fruit growers of Salt Spring Island on Friday last, the following resolutions were adopted: That the movement started by the Vancouver Island Farmers' Co-operative Association. The farmers of Burgoyne Bay will hold a meeting for the same purpose in a few days.

The congregation of Colquitz mission, on the Carey road, will hold their services on Friday evening. The ladies have already begun the work of decorating the hall. The service, which for the most part will be a choral one, will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Plinton, assisted by Rev. J. B. Haslam.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, A.O.F., opens at New Westminster tomorrow afternoon. The delegates from Victoria leave for the mainland in the morning. They are: A. P. Johnson and W. McKay from Court Vancouver; W. F. Fullerton and Simon Bantley, of Court Northern Light; and P. Watson and E. J. Salmon, district officers.

The first-class gunboat Pheasant, on the Pacific station, is to be re-commissioned for another term of foreign service. The Pheasant was dispatched from England nine years ago, and has been continuously employed on the Pacific station, to which she will again be attached. Mr. H. G. Smith will succeed Commander Duffell in the command of the Pheasant, which will be refitted at Esquimalt at a cost of £1,800. A new crew for her will shortly be dispatched from England.—The Broad Arrow.

The inspector of fruit pests, R. M. Palmer, is still continuing his crusade against the San Jose scale, and to assist him in this work he is anxious to have the co-operation of all the fruit growers. Recently he discovered the San Jose scale in an orchard on Salt Spring Island and in one in Nanaimo district. The trees in both orchards were destroyed in order to prevent the spread of the pest. A bulletin has just been issued by the agricultural department, which can be secured on application, in which a full description is given of this and other pests.

The weekly meeting of the Natural History Society was held yesterday evening, when Dr. Newcombe, who has recently returned from an exploration tour to the Queen Charlotte Islands, gave an account of his season's work. Dr. Newcombe intended writing a series of papers on the results of his work, which when presented will be illustrated with charts, photographs, views, drawings and specimens. At the close of Dr. Newcombe's address a general discussion followed on ethnological and other topics relating to the West Coast Indians.

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