

The Weekly British Colonist.

Tuesday, November 14, 1865.

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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for week ending Saturday, November 4th, 1865.—Duties (import) \$865 15s 4d; duties (export), \$172 15s 5d; harbor dues, \$38 12s; headmoney, \$15 8s; tonnage dues, \$74 0s 6d; fines and seizures, \$2 12s 11d; total \$1172 4s 2d.

LETTER FROM THE MOUTH OF QUESNELLE.

September 30th, 1865.

THE TELEGRAPH CO.'S EXCITEMENT.—An individual in the employ of the Telegraph Co. created a kind of excitement here in the early part of last week by reporting that he had struck a new gold bearing creek some fifteen miles from this place.

FARMING ALONG THE ROAD.—Judge Heat and Mr. John Boyd, who have bought the premises formerly occupied by James Way, on Cottonwood, have removed the buildings half a mile to the wagon road.

AROUND THE MOUTH OF QUESNELLE.—Farming is going on perhaps more briskly than in any other section of the colony owing to Cariboo affording a ready market for all the produce farmers can raise.

Mr. Pollock, who keeps a livery stable at the Quesnelle Mouth has a good ranch on the other side of Fraser river. He had this season 30 acres of land sown with oats and one fourth of an acre in wheat.

There are around the Mouth of Quesnelle no less than ten Chinese ranches where they grow barley, oats, potatoes, turnips, onions, salad, &c.

THE COUNTRY GENERALLY.—If I was disappointed in my late ramblings as far as gold is concerned, I was most highly pleased with the general appearance of the country.

Some people are led to think that it is rather too cold here to carry on farming operations on a large scale, although the Hudson Bay Company winter their animals at Fort Alexander without much inconvenience.

is built upon a most favorable location, at the angle formed by the Quesnel and Fraser rivers. There is but one main street, all the houses facing Fraser river, no buildings having been constructed on the western side.

DEATH.—I regret to state that a Frenchman by the name of Paed, once a baker at New Westminster, died on Tuesday last at Richfield from a neglected cold which settled on his lungs.

THE TELEGRAPH.—The writ for the election of the District of Cariboo West is now in the hands of Judge Cox. Within a month the electors of the District of Cariboo West will be called upon to elect a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Moberly.

CANON CREEK BED ROCK FLOODS CO.—20 miles from Beaver Pass have laid down 160 feet of Aumee. The reason of their not proceeding faster is that they have been obliged to blast the bed through a canon 60 feet long and from three to 18 feet deep.

PROSPECTING.—Seven or eight miles from Canon Creek there are two men working in a stream with the good results. Following the policy of the old Roman who used to say that he would burn (I beg pardon to American ladies) his shirt if it could guess his secret, they keep the thing very silent.

THE WAGON ROAD.—From Williams Creek to the Mouth of Quesnelle is in fine travelling condition and reflects the greatest credit on the Inspector of the British Columbia roads.

Of course, of course, Mr. Smith! Whatever difference of opinion may exist in regard to the political principles he lays down, one fact is certain that Mr. Smith is, at any rate, a humanitarian candidate and should he carry the day and do, as he says I would strongly urge that old bachelors in this colony and all old maidens at home would vote him a civic crown as a great benefactor of humanity.

Our Cariboo Letter.

[From our regular Correspondent.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST.—I started the day before yesterday from Williams Creek on my way down. The weather was dry and beautiful though rather cold, having frozen heavily during the night.

VAN WINKLE CITY.—There are at Van Winkle City three stores, two butchers' shops, and three bar-rooms, all doing a good business, though "on jawbone."

LIGHTNING CREEK.—The following companies were at work, the most part making preparations to wind up for the season, viz:—The DUTCH, CALIFORNIA, PAT KELLY, DISCOVERY (a hill claim), and the AYRESHIRE LASS, who were making wages.

CHISHOLM CREEK.—One single miner (an Italian) was mining on Chisholm Creek. He has been working there alone for the last two years, doing well.

BURNES CREEK.—I chanced to meet with a friend of mine at Van Winkle from this creek who supplied me with the following information:—The DISCOVERY CO. were making good wages; and the CANADIAN CO. were not doing quite so well.

NELSON CREEK.—From the same party I picked up the following respecting this creek:—Three companies were working, doing very little. One single company is to work during the winter.

LAST CHANCE CREEK.—All the companies but the AUSTRALIAN, composed of 16 members, have ceased work for the season, owing to a scarcity of water. About 30 men during the season mined on this once famous creek.

DAVIS CREEK.—A company of three men have been hydraulicking during the season, making good wages. Another company has just brought in a ditch from Chisholm Creek, for the purpose of hydraulicking next season.

PETERS CREEK.—Is located opposite Beaver Pass. There are two companies, the SMITH CO., which took out last week a nugget weighing \$61 50, and a company of Welshmen who are running a tunnel from their shaft and finding gold all along, but not in paying quantities.

ORO FINO.—There are three men engaged putting up a bed rock flume. Two men too are prospecting within four miles of Beaver Pass.

SPORBORG & RUEFF, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Importers and Wholesale Dealers.

Groceries Provisions, Boots and Shoes.

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ROAD SIDE HOUSES—SKINNER'S. From Williams Creek where meals are charged \$1 50 each, to Quesnelle Mouth, the miners are made to pay \$2 for every meal notwithstanding the low price of provisions and vegetables, except at the 13 mile house and at Judge Heat and John Boyd's, four miles the other side of Cottonwood, who preserve Williams Creek prices.

STILL POURING IN. I met on my way down several pack trains going up, all loaded with provisions and vegetables.

LOST HIS WAY. Mr. Gentile, with another gentleman, lost his way a few days ago on the top of Bald Mountain while engaged in taking photographic views.

TO RETIRE. Mr. John Woolsey, Clerk to the Magistrate here and acting Postmaster, is to retire from service I am sorry to say.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE FROM 28th OCTOBER, TO 4th NOVEMBER, 1865.

- Auchinvole, J S 2
Bowman, W G
Booth, S
Borthwick, R
Cameron, D
Carter, T
Clyde, A
Cohen, H M
Carroll, Dr N R
Chapman, O
Derham, B
Davison, W
Driard, M
Dunlop, S 2
Evans, Mrs
Ford, J
Foreman, J
Falshaw, R
Gibson, W
Gerow, Mr
Gatenby, S P
Gaudie, J
Heywood, Mr
Heyward, Mrs T
Johnston, A
Johnson, J D
Joyce, T F
Kwong Lee
Lange, G
London, W
Meeson, Mr
Mitchell, Mr
McNaughton, D
McGuire, C
McKinnon, H
Noanala, C K
Pike, C
Penny, T
Parker, J
Renwick, J
Reynolds, W
Schultz & Co
Smiths, Mrs
Spearmen, J
Sandrie, M
Stifford & Habart
Timmerman, J B
Trimble, Dr
Thomas, E R
Trutch, J W 2
Vance, W W
Warren, R
Warnes, J C
Warren, W
Welch, A
Burstow, H
Bartley, W A
Benne, Miss S
Clarke, Capt
Collens, J
Conklin, J H
Clark, Jas
Cotes, W
Dobbin, S T
Dickerson, Dr
Daly, F
Franklyn, Miss
Fraser, A
Fanning, J
Gilmore, A
Giffin, W
Giger, T
Holden, E C
Hickling, J L
Jenkinson, R
Jungerman, Mr
Johnson, T
Kennedy, R J
Lampough, Mr
Lacharme, M
McTiernan, A
McAuley, A 2
McGee, M
McIlmoyl, J
Peatt, A
Pleener, Mrs W
Roberts, W D
Randall, P
Stenhouse, R
Sudden, J
Smith, P
Smith, J R
Strong, A
Tharler, Miss
Thompson, J B
Weekes, T B
Warren, C T
Williams, T B
Wootton, H
Postmaster.