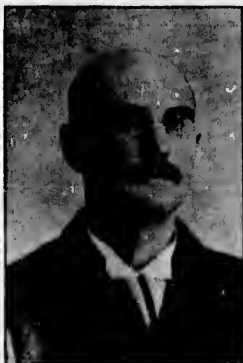


Victor Guillaume, one of British Columbia's pioneer ranchers. Mr. Guillaume came from California in '58 and has been very successful, now owning three large ranches with great bands of cattle and horses near Kamloops, numerous mineral claims on the North Thompson and much town property. Mr. Guillaume was one of the first men to introduce breeding cattle in the North-West Territories, taking a band there through Yellow Head Pass more than twenty years ago. He resides in one of his ranches with his step-son, who superintends the ranching and running operations.

Young Mr. Bennett bears the honor of being one of the first discoverers of mineral wealth near Yellow Head Pass, he himself locating the big mica mines near "Tete Jaune Cache," situated respectively on the Canoe and Fraser rivers. He has already spent over twenty-five thousand dollars in pushing his mining interests and will doubtless soon be rewarded, as all mineral experts who have visited that portion of the country declare there is a vast fortune in the great deposits of mica owned by Mr. Bennett. The mica mines are about two hundred miles from the Canadian Pacific railway. The ledges are one hundred feet thick, each and the vein is yellow crystallized quartz with mica all through it. Blocks of the metal from ten to twelve inches square are taken out easily. Mr. Bennett has also discovered several gold and silver leads which give promise but on which no development work has been done. With Mr. Guillaume, Mr. Bennett is interested in newly discovered coal fields and other mining interests, besides owning a well stocked ranch. Louis Victor Bennett is very popular wherever he is known and his keen business instincts learn him a successful future.

An Excellent Host.

Directly opposite the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Kamloops, B.C., is an hotel familiar to all who travel over the great international highway. The doors of the Grand Pacific are open to the public day and night and competent and obliging clerks are always on duty. The house contains forty excellent



MR. W. J. UNWIN,
the popular landlord of the Grand Pacific,
Kamloops.

rooms and is well heated and furnished throughout. The Grand Pacific has first-class livery connections and for years has been the popular resort of tourists and sportsmen while on their way to and from the hunting grounds on the North Thompson. The excellent table service, cheerful rooms, and hospitality of the host, Mr. W. J. Unwin, also commend the hotel to the commercial public. In fact the atmosphere of the Grand Pacific is permeated with the mirth of the irrepressible drummer.

Landlord Unwin is well known to the public,

having for several years filled the position of passenger conductor on the main line of the C.P.R. He came originally from Montreal and has been in the West fourteen years. For eight years past he has lived in Kamloops but it was only eighteen months ago that he assumed charge of the Grand Pacific. Mr. Unwin has an interesting family, and Mrs. Unwin's capacity for good housekeeping is very noticeable. Few hotels in the West offer such homelike attractions at such moderate prices as the Grand Pacific.

A Man of Many Parts.

Perhaps no man on record serves his city in so many capacities as does Mardock J. McIver. Born at Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, twenty-eight years ago, he moved west in early life, eventually casting his fortunes with Kamloops, B.C. When the town became incorporated in July, 1893, Mr. McIver received the appointment of city clerk. To-day, besides being clerk of the Municipal Council and of all the committees, he officiates as clerk of the licensing board, Court of Revision and Police Court. But that is not all. Mr. McIver is collector, treasurer and assessor of the city of Kamloops. In the way of unofficial business he fills the position of secretary and is director of the Electric Light Company as well as secretary of the Inland Agricultural Association. As a matter of private enterprise he carries on a fire and life insurance business, and being an expert accountant keeps several sets of books for local companies. Mr. McIver is one of the hardest working young men in British Columbia, and his enterprise and integrity has won him a warm place in the hearts of the Kamloopites.

Ashcroft House.

Ashcroft, although but a small speck on the map of British Columbia, commands a very important position, being the distributing point on the C.P.R. for the Cariboo, the land of gold, and other important districts. The Ashcroft Hotel, located in this commercial center directly opposite the C.P.R. station, is the point of arrival and departure for all the stage coaches which traverse the interior. The house is finely equipped, large and centrally located, and makes an agreeable home for the business man, tourist and all classes. Mr.



ASHCROFT HOUSE, ASHCROFT, B.C.

William Lyne, the proprietor, is an old British Columbia pioneer, and widely known throughout the province. Mr. Lyne's trusted manager is Mr. A. S. Vanaletyne, the pioneer of the oil business in Lambton County, Ontario. Mr. Vanaletyne came West in 1881, and after residing in Winnipeg for some time removed to this province. Mr. Vanaletyne has had a wide experience in dealing with the public and enjoys the acquaintance of a large circle of

business men. His strong individuality and skill in the management of the hotel has assisted largely in bringing the house into such good repute with the public. Mr. A. H. Walters, an experienced man, presides as night clerk. The doors of the Ashcroft House are never closed.

Mr. Casper Phair.

A gentleman who is doing much for the welfare of the interior of British Columbia is Mr. Casper Phair, stipendiary magistrate for the counties of Yale and Cariboo. Mr. Phair is a native of Castlerose, Ireland, and has been in this country since 1875. Mr. Phair was sheriff and government agent for several years at



MR. CASPER PHAIR,
Lillooet.

Lillooet, and has a thorough knowledge of the country and firm faith in its future prosperity.

Mrs. Phair is a daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Eyre of Eyre Court Castle, Ireland, and a most estimable lady. Mr. and Mrs. Phair have a pleasant home at Lillooet. Parties wishing for information regarding the Yale and Lillooet districts could not do better than address Mr. Phair, who is always willing to give the same to intending settlers.

F. W. Foster's Store at Ashcroft.

Large, well stocked and faithfully representative of the increasing business interests of British Columbia is the store conducted by Mr. F. W. Foster at Ashcroft, B.C. Mr. Foster is a pioneer, having been engaged in business in the province for thirty-two years. Besides his big Ashcroft store, Mr. Foster conducts another at Clinton on the Cariboo road, it