

with a five dollar gold piece in his pocket—all the money he had in the world. He earned his first few dollars by carrying cordwood to the town on his back; and then sawing and splitting it. Subsequently he staked-off a claim, made a few dollars out of it, and then sold it. During the summer he secured the position of constable of Yale, and while in the discharge of his duties it fell to his lot to take two prisoners to New Westminster, going down the river in a canoe. He remained at Hope over night and while there one of the prisoners succeeded in slipping his hand-cuffs and attempted to murder his guard. Mr. Barnard was aroused by the prisoner trying to take the pistol out of his holster for the purpose of shooting him. He grappled with the fellow and succeeded in recapturing him. In 1860 Mr. Barnard was engaged as purser on the steamer Yale. This vessel was built by the merchants of Yale to navigate the Fraser river to that point; steamboats to that date not having attempted to stem the current above Hope. Having also made some money during the summer building, in conjunction with Captain Powers, (now of Moodyville), the trail up the Fraser river to Boston bar, Mr. Barnard sent to Toronto for his wife and two young children, who arrived in Victoria in December and crossed the gulf on the steamboat Yale. The same steamer was blown up during her next trip, just below Hope, and the captain, fireman and others killed. The purser, Mr. Barnard, who was sitting at the dining table, was thrown out and fell on the guards of the steamer and was rescued by Indians. After this Mr. Barnard took a contract from the government for clearing, grading and stumping Douglas street in Yale, a work which he satisfactorily completed. In the autumn of 1860 he first began the express business, laying the foundation for Barnard's Express, now the British Columbia Express Co., by carrying letters and papers on his back, and travelling on foot from Yale to Cariboo, a distance of 380 miles, or 760 the round trip, which he did entirely on foot. He received two dollars for every letter he carried and sold newspapers in the Cariboo mines at one dollar a piece. During the winter of 1861-2 he made trips between New Westminster and Yale, a distance of 200 miles. In 1862 Mr. Barnard established a pony express, which meant that he led a horse, with the express goods packed on the animals back, between Yale and Barkerville, connecting at Yale with Messrs. Dietz and Nelson, (now Governor Nelson), who carried on the