









# A Very Strange Experience.

By Sarah Doudney.

"You don't look well, Henry; with a keen, eager face, and brilliant eyes, you'd better go for a sea-bath, or something of that movement, he seemed unconsciously to think. The words were compelling attention. Presently the man's eyes, as he turned away from the artist made a glass of strong grog his sole resource. "How have you got on lately?" Willingden asked. "It's a month or two ago, and I had hoped to win; and after since I saw you at the Mertons, isn't it? How could he expect Ella Morris to be dancing with a lady I met the other day?" His eyes were fixed on Henry. "I've promised to paint her portrait." The dark eyes looked Henry through and through, and he felt the hot blood mounting to his forehead. But he answered, "I've made some sketches of her face which I'll show you. Of course, you've known her for a long time; you know her face like the back of your hand." "Well, hardly. But I have seen a good deal of her." "It is my intention to see a good deal of her," he said, with a smile which did not please Henry. "Something is wrong with my head."

Henry was making for the door, when Willingden stopped him and spoke in a kinder tone. "Never notice my chair, I'll let you get out by my private door. It's home quicker if you go that way." In the next minute his hat and coat were brought to him, and then he was led again through the studio and a passage running along the back of the house. Opening a side entrance, the artist had him go down, and he found himself in an alley closed in with high walls. It was an unfamiliar spot, but he felt the relief of being in the open air, and started at once to the right, hurrying along to the end of the street. But if this were St. Luke's street, he could not realize that he was there. He was drinking his host's care and he guided home; but he staggered onward, getting more dazed with every step, and feeling as if his body shared the weakness of his brain. Again he paused, in miserable uncertainty how to act; but no one went to his assistance. And slowly—slowly a sense of disbelief came stealing over him, he could not believe that he was in the midst of a great town. A scent drifting from the unseen town below had become, in fact, a stranger to himself. He stood leaning wearily against a piece of blank wall, enclosing one of these gardens which sometimes survive in the midst of a great town. A scent drifting from the unseen town below had become, in fact, a stranger to himself. He stood leaning wearily against a piece of blank wall, enclosing one of these gardens which sometimes survive in the midst of a great town. A scent drifting from the unseen town below had become, in fact, a stranger to himself.

# Cowichan—Its Growth in Importance and Future

A trip along the line of the E. & N. railway at this season of the year is a very pleasant experience. The leaves are just beginning to take on the golden hues of autumn, frequent rains have freshened the verdure, the smoke caused by the forest fires has vanished, and on a clear, sunshiny day, with the mountains standing out boldly and clear-cut in an azure sky, and the limpid mountain lakes mirroring the woody surroundings, the pictures of Nature in one of her most charming moods are indeed very impressive.

It is apart from the beauty of the scene on such a trip, one will benefit by contact with the enterprising men who are along the line, and return with a firm faith in the certain and prosperous future of Vancouver Island.

An opportunity was thus afforded of conversing with men who are in a position to speak with knowledge of the progress of the district and the outlook for the future.

Duncans gives one the impression that one does not wonder at it when told that it lies in the centre of perhaps the most important agricultural area on the island, and bids fair to become the distributing point for the busy mining camps situated all around it. Duncans has a couple of pretentious hotels, which appear very prosperous, and general stores which are the equal of anything in the development of Vancouver Island. The district comprises the valleys of the Koksilah, Cowichan and Chemainus rivers, flowing into the Straits on the southeastern slope of the island. It contains several beautiful lakes—among them Cowichan Lake, 20

miles long, famous for its splendid trout-fishing. The northern half of the district, it is interesting to learn, is incorporated as a municipality, which occupies the unique position of having no debt.

Cowichan, particularly Duncans district, has other claims to fame than in the respects mentioned, inasmuch as it is the home of numerous wealthy Englishmen and their families, who, we are told, have made it, "the best of British Columbia."

Duncans can boast of possessing a co-operative cannery which has turned existence seven years and has turned out thousands of pounds of butter of the highest quality annually. "But what will of course tend more to make the district a populous one is not the development of its agricultural areas—which, by the way, are yet small in comparison with the unbroken forest which extends practically all over the island—but the exploitation of its great deposits of coal in a large scale of the great timber resources which it possesses."

Of the former, the progress made on Mount Sicker is recorded in the columns of the Colonist from day to day, but it may be mentioned that a rich body of splendid coaly ore was recently struck on the Koksilah, which is fair to eclipse in importance the one of the famous Mount Sicker province. On Cowichan Lake, the Duncans Mining & Development Company has a splendid showing of ore on their properties, carrying veins containing values in gold, silver and copper. Malahat mountain, too, which is situated near the Strathcona Hotel, bids fair to take a hand in the task of making the Island famous as a mining region, as rich bodies of ore, carrying good values in gold, silver and copper, have been discovered. There are said to be several outcrops of coal in the district of Cowichan, and experts such as Dr. Dawson reported favorably as to the probabilities of finding the black diamonds in marketable quantity.

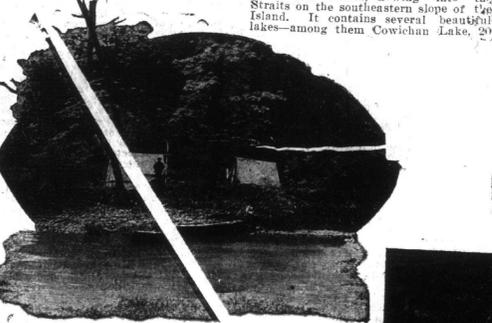
No less than four lumber companies are operating in the district. The principal mill at Chemainus employs upwards of 200 men, with a total monthly payroll of about \$20,000. It exports direct to Australia, the Orient and England. The Cowichan Lumber Company, which owns large timber limits at Cowichan Lake, send 10,000,000 feet of logs down the river each year, about 2,000,000 of which is the principal timber utilized. It is a magnificent tree, three, four and five feet through, averaging 100 feet or more, in some instances without a limb.

One cannot but be impressed, even in a hurried journey along the line of the E. & N. railway, with the conviction that Vancouver Island has in it that which is destined to make it one of the most populous and prosperous areas on the Pacific Coast, and that with the awakening will come a period of great activity in the beautiful and rich Cowichan district.



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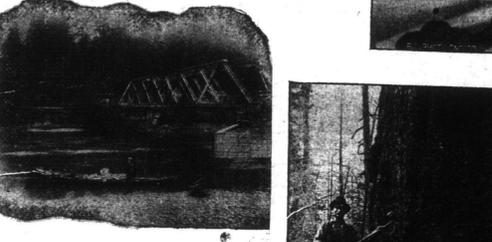
Henry was nettled, and showed it. "You may get to know her if she sits to you; but she is not easily known," he said. "I can generally read a woman at first sight," he answered, carelessly. "A little more off, Henry would have given much to have put himself into the little fellow's care and he guided home; but he staggered onward, getting more dazed with every step, and feeling as if his body shared the weakness of his brain. Again he paused, in miserable uncertainty how to act; but no one went to his assistance. And slowly—slowly a sense of disbelief came stealing over him, he could not believe that he was in the midst of a great town. A scent drifting from the unseen town below had become, in fact, a stranger to himself. He stood leaning wearily against a piece of blank wall, enclosing one of these gardens which sometimes survive in the midst of a great town. A scent drifting from the unseen town below had become, in fact, a stranger to himself.



CAMPING ON THE RIVER.



SCENE APPROACHING DUNCANS.

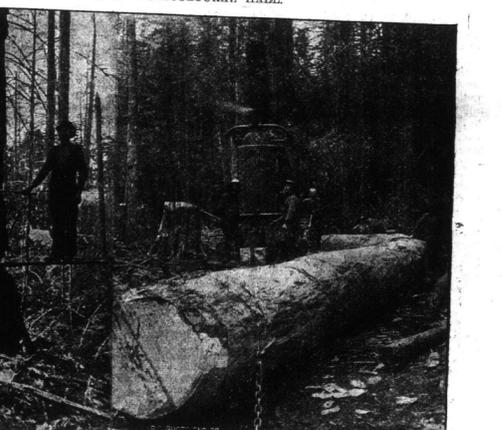


COWICHAN RIVER BRIDGE.

Island. One can meet no pessimists on such a trip. With the remarkable development of the mineral deposits of that Vancouver Island, which has given her a first place among the mineral-producing regions of the Pacific Coast. But faith in the future of the Island is not based alone on the conviction that it is possible to reap a very large harvest from the timber and agricultural resources now sufficiently discovered to warrant optimism which presages great development for the immediate future. It was the writer's privilege to visit in similar communities in the province. The Cowichan district, of which Duncans is the chief town, with its forests, minerals and fertile valleys, has every right to expect to reap a very large harvest from the timber and agricultural resources now sufficiently discovered to warrant optimism which presages great development for the immediate future.



FRUIT DISPLAY AT AGRICULTURAL HALL.



LUMBERING ON THE LAKE.



Flaming Bros. Photo. VICTORIA EXHIBITION—INTERIOR OF MAIN HALL.

Henry was a bachelor, some people called him handsome, and women were always flattered by his notice. His acquaintances were regarded as a proof of his success. He quipped his pace, and presently one, he was driven away from the break suburb and into the crowded streets, until he came to a stop at the artist's door. Inside the house there was a hush which seemed almost mysterious after the noise of the streets, but the walls were so massively built that they shut out all sound. He was shown at once into a small room, communicating with the studio, where Willingden usually spent most of his time, and the artist rose at once to give him a cordial welcome. "What do you see, Beeching?" he asked. "I have seen a good deal of her," he said, with a smile which did not please Henry. "Something is wrong with my head."

calmly. "We live a little way off, and John is at home with mother. Come back with me, Mr. Beeching, and all will be well; you do trust me, don't you?" The day was waning as the two walked away together through the streets. Henry with a strange, new protective instinct just developed. The Lintons lived in a modest house with a lot of front garden—a house which had, however, more rooms than one would have expected to find there. The girl opened the door with a latch-key, and led her new companion into a pretty little parlor warm with a bright fire. "She left him only for a minute, and John came in long before he realized that he was alone. It was 7 o'clock, just the time for the late dinner which Linton, a bank clerk, always found so pleasant. Linton, when they still told his story afterwards. So, for the first time, he sat down to the dinner-spread table with the three persons who were destined to influence his after-life. "So it was a practical joke which I up and told you, Linton, when they still together by the parlor fire. 'Yes, and a very nasty one; the man must be full of spite. Then, you see, you were a bit run down before you went to him—just in the worst state to receive a shock. Now, we are going to take you into our hands, old man; I'm off to your digging in a minute to tell your landlady that she need not expect you to-night.' Not until later did Henry fully realize how much he owed to the Lintons. He went to bed early in a small room, from which Lucy had not time to remove the girlish decorations; she had stood at the foot of the stairs offering him a candle, and had then, on the marblePsyche who held the lamp. Thinking of the pure young face, he sank into a profound slumber, and slept his trouble away. Late the next morning he awoke, a fresher man than he had been for weeks, and found Miss Linton waiting to give him breakfast. "He did not sleep under the roof of the short-tempered landlady again; from that day he became Mr. Linton's sitting guest, and through John's influence he got a berth in a merchant's office. Other changes came rapidly. Ella Morris paled and faded away; and little Lucy lit up his life with her softer light. Twelve months passed by, and one day he walked out into the suburbs to see his uncle. The old man received him not graciously than usual; Henry did not show much ambition, but he had become a quiet worker, winning respect all round. It was better than getting into debt and coming to borrow money. "Have you seen Ella Morris lately?" his uncle asked. "No, then I haven't; heard that she has got quite nervous and depressed. She was a girl who played with edged tools, and she was a fellow—Willingden—paid her out for trifling with him." "What did he do?" asked Henry, quickly. "She had been sitting for her portrait,

PAYING THE INDIANS. Commissioner Conroy Returns From An Adventurous Trip.

Mr. H. A. Conroy has returned to Ottawa from his summer's work of paying the Indian treaty money in the Athabaska district. There are about 5,000 scattered over an immense tract of country in the far Northwest, and the business of paying them involves an almost incredible amount of traveling in saddle and boat. Mr. Conroy and his party left Edmonton, April 25, and traveled by pack train past Lesser Slave and Sturgeon lakes, to Dunvegan, and thence on to Fort St. John on the Peace river, a distance of about 100 miles. From this point the superintendent went by boat to Vermillion, a thriving settlement about 350 miles north of Edmonton, where wheat and other cereals are grown to perfection. Vermillion now has a flour mill of 50 barrels per day. Vermillion is in latitude 58 degrees, 30 minutes. Continually going northward down the Peace river using northward on hunting caribou in the barren lands.



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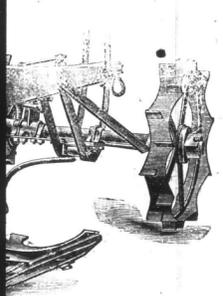
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Grand Jurymen Is Non Compos

Owing to Technicality the Indictment in Hayes Case Quashed.

Fine Point of Law May Result in New Trial for Indian Johnny.

Because Henry S. Fairall was not named as a juror in the indictment returned by the grand jury...

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The Court

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