

tains. I found many others prospecting for minerals, and when we compared notes, found argentiferous galena and copper in paying quantities all the way from the summit of the Rockies to the junction of the Kicking Horse and Columbia rivers. The assays went from \$5 to \$40 silver to the ton, besides copper and lead. Gold we found in the beds of all the streams running from the eastern slope of the Selkirks into the Columbia River. On Canyon Creek, lying a few miles south of the junction of the Kicking Horse and Columbia rivers, we found several parties washing gold from the bed of the creek and making good wages. Farther down the Columbia River we found on Quartz Creek three mining camps, with two men in each, preparing new flumes for placer mining. I visited this creek and found the miners preparing for the summer's work. They state that the mineral prospects here, both placer and quartz, are superior to anything they have seen anywhere in their travels. I will now give you an idea of the timber from the summit of the Rockies to this place. It commences at that point and increases in size as you come westward, notably so as you reach the Columbia River. It is composed of white, red and Douglas pine, cedar and some white wood. The size of the trees would astonish your Ottawa lumbermen; pine and spruce five feet (diameter) on the stump, and 200 feet long, while many of the beams measured eight feet. I feel sanguine that the return to the Dominion Government from timber and minerals alone will, before many years, fully compensate for the expense incurred in opening up our great Northwest and the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

June.

- 1—Disastrous earthquakes in the Province of Cashmere, India; more than 8,000 lives lost.
- 2—Destructive cyclone in Aden, Persia.
- 3—More than 20 people drowned by bursting of a water spout in Northern Mexico.
- 7—Many fishing vessels wrecked and crews drowned by a severe storm off Banks of Newfoundland.
- 8—Insane Asylum at Williamsburg, Va., burned.... Suffolk, Va., nearly destroyed by fire; loss, \$24,000.
- 9—Gladstone's Cabinet resigned.... Treaty between France and China signed.
- 10—Forty people killed and 150 wounded by falling of court house stairs in Thiers, France.
- 12—Destructive cyclone in Iowa.
- 17—Death of General Von Manteuffel in Germany.
- 18—Explosion in a colliery near Manchester, England; 150 miners killed.
- 19—Formal reception in New York of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty.
- 23—Steamer *Italia* sunk off the coast of Peru; 70 lives lost.... Cholera increasing in Spain to a death rate of over 30 per day.
- 24—Fire at Brownsville, Or.... A conservative Cabinet formed for England by the Marquis of Salisbury.

Nearly every pioneer can talk more or less Chinook, that universal Indian tongue by means of which one can converse with the aborigines of every tribe from California to Alaska and from the great lakes to the Pacific, but few can be called accomplished linguists. It is easy to learn, however, being innocent of grammar, and consisting simply of a long vocabulary of nouns, with a few verbs and adjectives. Messrs. J. K. Gill & Co., Portland, Or., have issued a complete and reliable dictionary of the Chinook, which they sell for twenty-five cents, and from which a good knowledge of the jargon can easily be gained.

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