

BROTHERS OF LATE SENATOR
KING IN GOLD HUNTING TRIP
IN THE WEST IN OLD DAYS

(The Messrs. King were brothers of Mrs. E. A. Coburn of this city.)

(M. S. Wilde in Vancouver Province)

The recent death of Senator G. G. G. King, father of Hon. J. H. King, minister of Health in the Mackenzie King cabinet, recalls the almost forgotten fact that his two brothers, William and James, attracted by the reports of the fabulous sums extracted from the gravels of Cariboo, came to this province to make their fortunes, when placer mining was in its prime. James King was already in the West, in California, when William left Saint John, N. B., on Oct. 19, 1863, by steamer for Boston, from there to Fall River by train, completing the journey to New York by steamboat. On Friday, Oct. 23, he left New York for the Isthmus of Panama on the S. S. Champion traveling steerage. The limited quarters were overcrowded and the fare provided wretched.

The ship arrived at Aspinwall on Nov. 3, and crossing by train the same day to Panama, William King embarked on the steamer Constitution for San Francisco.

The reunion of the brothers was a happy occasion and, after spending four weeks together in California, they decided to proceed to Cariboo, in British Columbia. With this end in view, they took passage on the steamer Pacific, which left San Francisco Jan 17, 1864, reaching Esquimalt after a voyage of three and a half days. The same day they arrived in Victoria, which William describes in these terms: "In the principal parts of the city there are some fine brick buildings and large drygoods and grocery stores, and I must say some of the most elegantly fitted up saloons I have ever seen. Here also may be seen curiously built and antique buildings of the Hudson's Bay Company."

Ice Was Running

Crossing to New Westminster in the steamboat Enterprise, they found ice running in the Fraser, and no river steamers operating on that account. They engaged some Indians to take them by canoe to Harrison River—it took them two and a half days—whence they proceeded to Port Douglas by the steamer Henrietta. They remained at Douglas until April 13, when in company with a William Robertson, they set out for Quesnel, with a pack horse and an Indian to look after the horse. Before reaching Lillooet, however, they lost the horse, and during the remainder of the journey they carried their outfit on their own backs.

On the morning of Monday, April 26, they left Lillooet, and on Pavilion Mountain they fell in the next day with a party of Canadians on their way to the mines. They were all just out from home, and you bet most of them were heartily sick of their bargain. Two of this company joined the King party and, records William King, while in camp, Sunday, May 2, "on a little level green lawn by the side of the brook about sundown, we saw two men coming along with their packs on their backs and we recognized them as New Brunswickers," old friends, weary and foot-sore. As they chatted together of far-away New Brunswick and their mutual acquaintances, they soon forgot their aches and pains. From there on to Soda Creek they tramped in company with the party, now seven in number.

From Soda Creek to Quesnel they traveled by steamboat, leaving on May 5 and reaching Quesnel on the 6th. William says of the latter place: "Two years ago Quesnel had but two houses in it, but has, at this time, ten times that number of stores alone. The main street is over a quarter of a mile long without a vacant lot, and fronts on the Fraser River. On the lower side of the town is the Canal (Quesnel) River, which empties into the Fraser just at the foot of the main street. This is the finest location for a town I have seen in the colony—But among all the beauties of the place we lack one thing, that is, the young lady."

William took charge of the store of E. T. Dodge & Co., at Quesnel on May 7, the day after his arrival and remained there until the next spring. On Sept. 21 he wrote: "The summer has passed away very pleasantly, and I have enjoyed the very best of health,

and, with a few exceptions, which as a general thing resulted from accidents, out of a population of some 200 persons, besides a continual crowd of miners to and from the mines, not one case of sickness has been known. Provision have been cheaper, both here and at the mines, this summer than they have ever been known to be.

One night some friendly natives reported having seen some Chilouts in the woods on the outskirts of Quesnel. "As soon as this became known, the whole town was up and armed," and after consultation it was decided "that we should march out and scour the woods in search of them, but we all returned home about 1 o'clock, not an Indian having been seen, nor a shot fired." That ended the alarm.

THE MOTORIST'S PLAINT

Oh, I would sing the open road
And chant its wondrous lure;
But mostly when I travel it
I find this sign: Detour.

The open road leads far away
But not when superimposed
Upon its rolling surface we
Espy this sign: Road Closed.

S. C. Wheeler of Bangor, Me, is in the city today.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT ISSUED
BY THE BANK OF MONTREAL

General

Consistently good weather, with absence of any important damage from pests or other causes, continue to make the crop outlook in the Prairie Provinces highly favorable. Growth is rapid, wheat in places is beginning to head out, and over large areas all grains are ahead of the average at this period. Satisfactory conditions also prevail in the other provinces. In Quebec warm weather and heavy rains are causing rapid growth in all crops and the outlook is encouraging. In Ontario ideal weather has prevailed during the past week and all crops are making excellent progress. Similar conditions prevail in the Maritime Provinces. In British Columbia rain has caused some damage to hay and fruit, but pasturage is excellent and roots and grains promise a yield above the average. Details follows:

Prairie Provinces

Alberta Western and Northeastern Areas—There has been abundant moisture and crops are doing very well. Warm weather is now required. Alberta Southeastern Area — Conditions are very favorable and there has been plenty of moisture. Saskatchewan Northern Area—Crops are growing rapidly. Wheat is mostly in shot blade and is commencing to head out. Saskatchewan Southern Area—Grains continue to make favorable progress in good growing weather. Some wheat is headed out. Local hail storms are reported in a few localities but the damage generally is not important.

Province of Quebec

Grain and root crops are promising, there is a heavy stand of hay and pastures are in good condition. Fruit prospects generally are good but development is late. Tobacco is making good progress.

Province of Ontario

Fall wheat is beginning to turn and a good average crop is expected. Spring grains have made rapid growth and are nearly all headed out. Heavy crops are expected. The recent warm weather has helped the corn crop. Cutting of hay is now general and the yield will be above the average. Root crops look promising, especially potatoes. Tobacco is making rapid growth with good prospects. Small fruits promise a good average crop. Cherries, apples and pears are making a good showing. Pastures are in excellent condition.

Maritime Provinces

Potatoes show splendid growth everywhere but especially New Brunswick, where their present condition is estimated at 95 p. c. of perfect. While there has been some winter

killing on hay lands, mainly in New Brunswick and western Nova Scotia, an above average crop of hay is nevertheless expected. Pasturage is very good. Indications point to an average apple crop.

Province of British Columbia

Recent rains have caused slight damage to the hay crop, but a good yield is expected. A large portion of the first cutting of alfalfa in the Okanagan District has been practically ruined through continuous rains. Provided there are no further rains, the loss from scab apples will probably not be as serious as it first anticipated. Rain have caused apples to size very rapidly; they should be larger than average. Apples are estimated to yield 110 p. c. of the average crop, cherries 50 p. c., pears 70 p. c., plums and prunes 90 p. c., hops 100 p. c., tomatoes 130 p. c., and small fruits 90 p. e.

SUMMER LUNCHEON SANDWICHES

Bread
Butter
Lettuce
Tomatoes
Green pepper
Cream cheese
Mayonnaise

Spread the bread upon the loaf, which should be of large size. Remove the crusts. Prepare a "double decker" sandwich, placing lettuce and mayonnaise between the first two slices and sliced tomatoes and mayonnaise between the second and third slices. Stuff the pepper with cream or cottage cheese slice thin and place on top of each sandwich.

THE NEW PORTER
TOOK THE TIP
TOO SERIOUSLY

(New York Sun)

"And," added the head porter to the new broom wielder, "don't forget that the boss is a stickler for work. Never let him see you loafing or you'll lose your job."

The new porter took the advice very much to heart.

After about two weeks of this a very angry boss called in the head porter.

"Where in thunder did you get that new porter from?" he demanded. "I can't stop a minute in any one place since he came here without getting dust down my throat, or my clothes and on my shoes. You can tell where I have been standing by the clean circle that always appears round me."

"That porter keeps on sweeping the same circle for half an hour at a time if I stay that long in any one spot. Then when I get back to my desk he appears again and goes through the same process. He interrupts my visitors by banging the broom against the chairs and I've had a larger bill for cleaning clothes where he has bumped up against me in two weeks than I would normally have in six months. Fire him and get one that is a little less obvious."

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