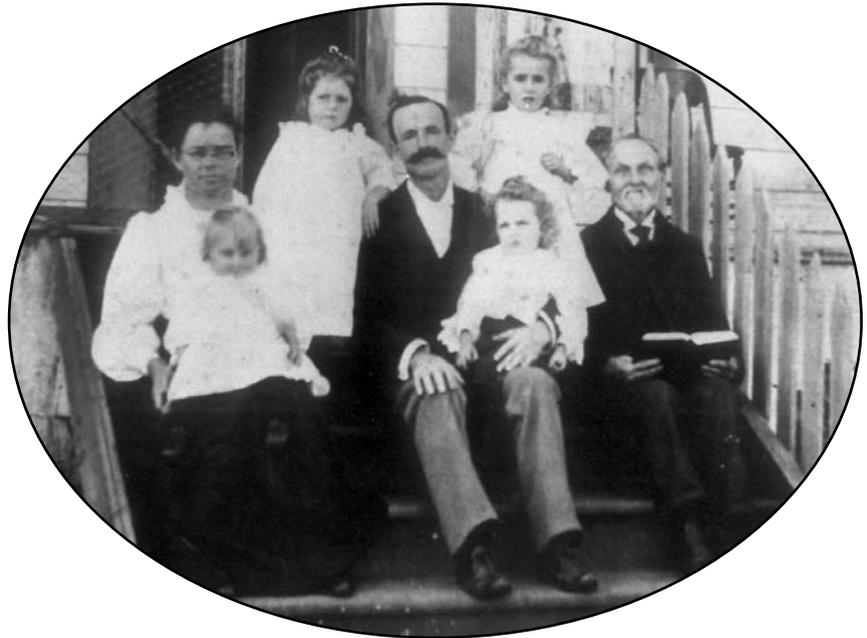


Williamson's Diary Revisited



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Introduction

FROM NOVEMBER 1896 until just before Christmas 1897 John Williamson, father in law of store keeper L. C. York, wrote a diary that gives us a unique insight in the lives of the settlers in Whonnock and the Stave River area.

In 1999, I published John Williamson's diary with commentary and background. That publication was based on a transcript from the original diary made by Albert E. York. I was grateful that Albert York, a son of L. C. York and a grandson of John Williamson, had taken the trouble to transcribe the diary particularly as it seemed that the original diary was lost. Although I had no doubt that Albert E. York produced a faithful transcript, I wished that I could have consulted the original diary, in particular since, as he admitted, "there are also diary entries covering events from November 12th 1896 to December 31st 1896." Those he did not copy out.

But the diary did survive. In September of this year Malcolm Wilcox contacted me, telling me that his family had the original diary in their possession. His brother had come across the *Whonnock Notes* about the diary on our Whonnock Web site and downloaded and printed a copy for his father, Keith Wilcox, who enjoyed it and agreed to send us a copy. Keith Wilcox is the oldest son of Walter Wilcox and Adele York, one of John Williamson's granddaughters and a daughter of L. C. York.

It was a sensation to receive, only a week or so after our first contact, a package from Malcolm Wilcox with the copies of the cover and the pages of the small *The Canadian Pocket Diary for 1896* where John Williamson had recorded the events in and around Whonnock's general store for a few months of 1896 and almost all of 1897. I can't thank Keith Wilcox and his sons enough for their kindness in sharing the diary with us all. In addition they send a small selection of family photographs reproduced with other images on the last pages of these Whonnock Notes.

A comparison confirmed that, with a few minor exceptions, Albert E. York had made a faithful transcript of the entries for 1897 and that the version in my 1999 publication is still valid. However, rather than only transcribing the entries for 1896 I decided to publish the complete text of John Williamson's diary again with a few amendments to the manuscript by Albert York. In this version I corrected spelling errors, including the spelling of surnames, but otherwise I left Mr. Williamson's writing untouched.

The diary speaks for itself. Anyone interested in the York and Williamson families and the many people mentioned in the diary and their industry in shop-keeping, mining, fishing, logging, and farming is advised to consult Whonnock Notes No. 5.

Fred Braches

Whonnock 1897: John Williamson's Diary.
Whonnock Notes No. 5, Winter 1999.

This issue of the Whonnock Notes is dedicated to Keith Wilcox, keeper of his great-grandfather's diary.

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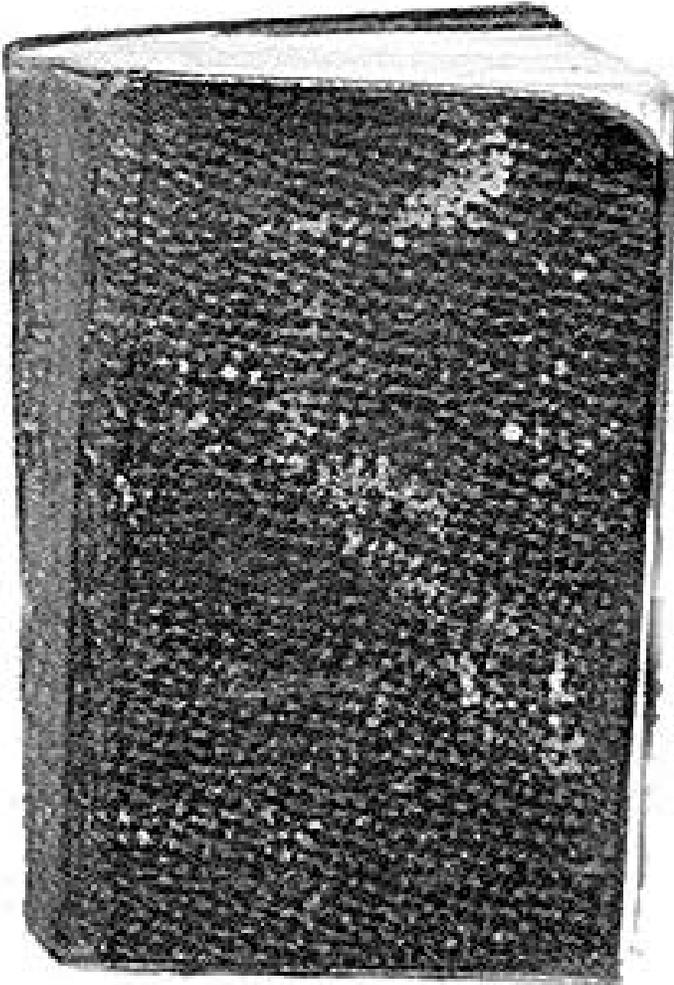
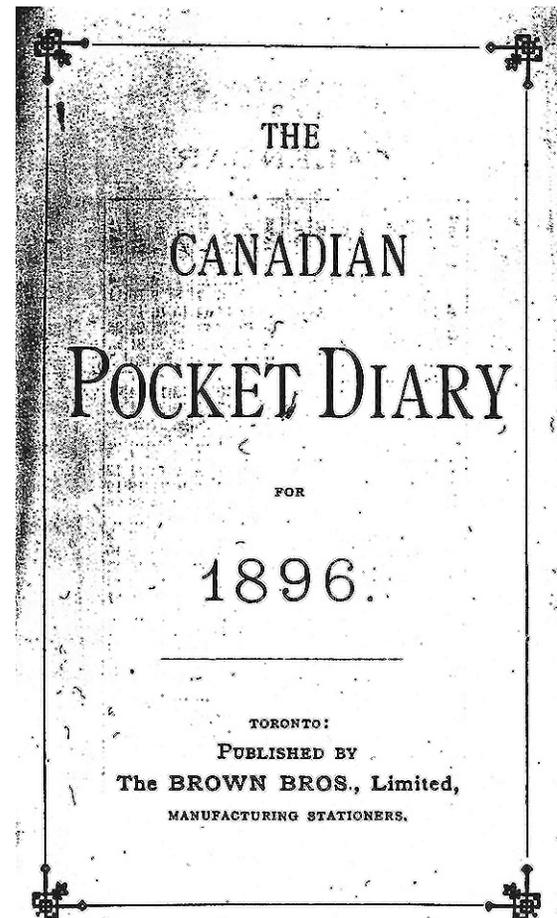


Photo courtesy Malcolm Wilcox.



A Happy New Year
 January FRIDAY 1 1896
 Rain 34

Raining this morning
 Mr Hendry went to Langley
 last night to celebrate
 the New year. Mr -
 York took care of the
 cow, Mr Langley did
 not send us a goose;
 the great goose not to
 send us Turkey

John Williamson started the entries in November of 1896 and adapted the earlier pages for the 1897 entries.

1896

November, Thursday 12. Rain.

A washout on the C.P.R. east of Ruby Creek. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ according as he has chosen us in him being the foundation of the world.

November, Friday 13.

Raining and blowing all night. Mr. John Layfield is on his way home disgusted. He and his brother were out prospecting. They had to come home—it was so wet. They met four men who were going prospecting to the place they had been going to now. They were mad. He says that he will send his brother an outfit. They would not “give me a smell.” Now they are out. No. 1 late. The wire is down. No. 2 late. Very wet and windy and disagreeable.

November, Saturday 14. Rain.

Hicks and party of prospectors went away in their tug. They could not prospect. The weather was so wet.

November, Sunday 15

Snow this morning. Mr. Cook borrowed my boat this morning to take the Revd. A. Dunn down the river and put Robt. Robertson out of the way of earning a dollar is very useful to a poor person, Fine all day. I walked as far as Whetham this afternoon; it was pleasant. Messrs. John A. & Hendry had a constitutional this afternoon. Not any trains from the East since Thursday 11th nor any eastern mail. Robt. Boyd came home Saturday.

November, Monday 16

Fine weather all day, frost last night Ther. 20? Messrs. Walden brothers were here today. They are not asking such a high figure for their mines. They offered to sell a half share of the GOLDEN DAWN for one hundred dollars to Stenger. Mr. Stenger did not want it. Messrs. John A. and Hendry were out trying to trace the BLUE BIRD ledge but failed to find it. They are going to try again when they get new boots. Our celery not out yet. If it stands this frost [I] will be glad, but it will be a hard pull. Mr.

York bought a quarter of beef and a half quart from John Balargo. R. Boyd borrowed the cross-cut saw today.

November, Tuesday 17

Snow. Cold. 16 degrees of frost. Boyd, G.L. was here. He said Mr. Stenger would not do anything with the Kanaka Mines till it was all right. He did not wish to be involved in a lawsuit. John A. split a little wood. Mr. Hendry fed the cows and pony, secured the steps of the warehouse, getting ready to store the hay.

November, Wednesday 18. Snow.

Very cold last night. A little snow this morning. No train coming from the East yet. Mr. York walked to the Mission today with a Toronto drummer, a Mr. Stewart. James Cromarty came home last night with some rich-looking ore. He got it at Stave Lake. Swede Johnson came home from the Neil Cameron fishing syndicate. They did not fish any. The weather was stormy and the ship sprung a leak. They had to run into Vancouver instead of going to Plumper Pass. [The waterway between Saturna and Pender Islands.]

November, Thursday 19. Snow, Ther. 10 above 0.

Bright sunshine. Freezing. No mail from the east. York came home from Mission on a work train. He has been chilly all day. He got chilled waiting for the steamer *Gladys*, and was glad to get home by rail. The only mail we get is by the Whatcom and that is only the Vancouver. The *Gladys* did not pass till after the Whatcom train had passed.

November. Friday 20. Frost. Ther. 8 above 0.

Sunshine. Cold and frosty. We got one of the nets carried upstairs by Messrs. York, John A., Hendry, F[rank] Owen and McDonough. Mr. Hendry has been watching it for some time to put it into the house whenever it was dry. John A. and Mr. Hendry rowed down the river to get the net Hugh Cameron had. It was all in knots of snow. They brought it home in the small boat. They will try to dry it and put it into the house. Mr. G.L. Boyd came home from New Westminster today all right.

November, Saturday 21. Ther. 20 above 0.

Little warmer. Business quiet. Mills Johnson and James

Boyd have staked placer claims south of Mr. Heafy's on the other side of the river. Weldon brothers went to Vancouver today. They are going to spend the winter there. Mr. Hendry, John A., and Mr. York hanging up the net today. Vancouver mail and passenger went east, the first since Thursday 12th November

November, Sunday 22. Ther. Snow. 18 above 0.

The snow falling fast, Very soft and large flakes. The Whatcom train passed at 11:55 with a lot of coaches attached. We have a cannery on the brain. Mr. York expects to get 12 boats and nets. Besides the two boats he has not 13 boats. If Mr. York lets Cameron's Hughy have the nets to fish with, the nets will not be worth carting home. Dear me.

November, Monday 23. Ther. 22 above.

Cold and chilly. The thermometer [4] degrees higher and the weather 4 degrees chillier. Rod McKay was here today. He said he put \$20 into the Johnson Cameron fishing expedition and was nearly wrecked. Came away and rowed Mr. York's long boat all the way from Vancouver to Whonnock and lost his \$20. Mrs. Bella Boyd went home on a visit Sunday, yesterday. Got headache and could not come back last night. She came this morning. Robt. Boyd bought some hay from Mr. Oliver today. Eight dollars per to was the price he charged G.L. Boyd.

November, Tuesday 24. Frost. Ther. 8 above.

Cranky, very. I wish I could get doing something of use for myself. Business quiet. The net is drying fast. Bright sun. Ther. 14 at noon, 8 above at night. Mr. Delorne says the placer diggings are no good at the other side of the river. G.L. Boyd had some fine rock from the YELLOW JACKET today. He says, that he showed it in Vancouver and was offered and could have taken five hundred dollars for a half share in the YELLOW JACKET but could not do it. Trains are running very well now. Not 7 hours late. Our mail pretty regular now.

November, Wednesday 25. Frost. 10 above.

Cold. Frosty wind. South-west wind. Business poor. Mr. Edwards brought his horses and a chinaman to haul hay from Mr. Oliver's to Mr. York's. He had not any rack. John A. had to make one. Mr. Edwards got here at 9:00. They did not get started till after 10 o'clock. Ross from

the Mission was here today. He is appointed boss of the men who are going to build the road from Parkers to Wharnock. Ross told us the steamer *Gladys* was laid up for the winter. The steamer *Transfer* today would not stop to take on 2 passengers. Mr. Edwards would not give the horses to haul any more hay. Giving us the horses was a scheme for us to get bad and he would get the best.

November, Thursday 26. Frost. 8 above.

Fine weather all day. John A. said to G.L. Boyd we could not get our hay home. Mr. York ought to ask Mr. Boyd for his horses to haul the hay. Mr. Boyd never said a word. If Mr. York has luck, he will get his hay home. No. 1 seven hours late. Mr. Robert Boyd was to meet his two friends to go hunting and trapping. Miss Bella Boyd went home today to stay till she gets better. Miss Jeannie Boyd is here till Miss Bella is better.

November, Friday 27. Frost. 1 degree below.

Colder. The river frozen halfway across this morning. Not any steamboats running nor likely to be till it thaws. Hooter [?] G.L. Boyd. John A., and Mr. Hendry brought a load of hay from Mr. Oliver's before dinner and two loads after dinner. Mr. Oliver gave only 2¼ tons of hay. Mr. York was to get three tons on account. But Mr. Oliver would only give 2¼. Mr. York got all the bad hay. Mr. Carmichael went home to Victoria today.

November,

Saturday 28. Frost. 1 degree below.

Very fine, frosty north-west weather. We are not getting any goods by the boats. The ice on the river prevents the running of the steamboats. Mr. Lee borrowed our sleigh today and he was to return it next day.

November. Sunday 29. 4 above.

Not very cold, but chilly. One boy skating on the edge of the river near the scows not far east of Mr. York's warehouse. The river is frozen on both sides. A small channel on this side, about 40 ft. from the shore. John A., Mr. Hendry and I went to hear Revd. A. Dunn preach in the schoolhouse. Text part of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Chapter of Exodus. Weather warmer; it feels as if it was going to thaw. We are short of water. We have been carrying water from the river about five or six days. We are wishing for rain.

Mr. York has nor commenced to cut wood yet.

November. Monday 30. Snow and hail. 20 above.

Snow early this morning. Hail at 11 o'clock. Not cold but very mean weather. Business quiet. I wish something would be turned up. I am wishing every day for something.

December. Tuesday 1. Little rain. 25 above.

The weather milder. Cloudy. Mr. Lee borrowed Mr. York's sleigh. He was to return it the next day. It is three days since. He borrowed it and it is not brought home yet. Verily all men are fibbers. Messrs, John A and Mr. Hendry were in the bush today looking for sleigh crooks and fir to cut into cordwood. Mr. York received two very good letters from Slokan, one from Mr. Andrew York and one from Mr. Parris, urging him to pickup stakes and go to Slokan. There is room for himself, but not another person but himself. The country must be very small.

December. Wednesday 2. Rain and hail. 32 above.

It rained yesterday all day and all night. John A. and Mr. Hendry were in the woods near.

December. Thursday 3. Rain. Ther. 36 above.

It rained all night and all day. John A. and Mr. Hendry are preparing to make a sleigh. They got a crook home today. If it is only large enough. The snow is melting fast and the frost nearly all out of the ground. The river is nearby clear of ice.

December. Friday 4. Rain. 40.

Another rainy day. John A. and Mr. Hendry are busy making a sleigh. We shipped by Express to Mr. Langley, Vancouver, 3 quarters of beef we bought from R. Robertson on account, and some trout and seven mallard ducks, one widgeon, and three grouse.

December. Saturday 5, Rain. 38.

Raining every day more or less. Business quiet. Ducks, wild plentiful, very cheap. Mallards 5¢ a pair, widgeon and teal 10¢ per pair. Trout 5¢ per pound [?]. Mr. Hendry and John A. are building a sleigh and every person who sees it finds fault with some part of the sleigh. Some persons are going around with petition to do away with this municipality and go back to the government. I think the

party who favour of no municipality will have a majority.

December. Sunday 8. Rain. 38.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. A little rain, not cold, rather pleasant. Two tramps built a fire near the warehouse. It was raining hard but they built a good fire, cooked their breakfast, and ate it in the open air. We are all resting and have much to be thankful for. We are all well. Mrs. And Mrs. York, Cecil Kenneth, Miss York, Miss Gwendolin York, John A. and Mr. Hendry. Very heavy rain.

December. Monday 7. Rain. 40

It has rained all night. Business quiet, not plentiful, rather scarce. Two men out fishing all morning. At noon they had caught only three steelheads. The rain poured down on the two fishermen from A.M. till 12 A.M. Mr. Hendry has been trying to get a three-inch auger but cannot find one. Suppose he will have to make a three-inch hole with a small bit.

December. Tuesday 8. Rain. 45.

The clouds cleared as from this morning: fine all day. The settlers are all out of flour. It will be hard for Mr. York to supply them. He has given so much credit. There is not any cash coming. The people have no money and have not any way to make it. If they get a little they spend it in town and get credit from Mr. York. And never pay if they can get out of paying by hook or by crook. Rain at night, very dark at night. The Downies snubbed a raft at the rock here last night.

December. Wednesday 9. Bright. 40.

Bright and clear this morning. Cloudy noon and heavy rain at night. The thermometer 40 nearly all day. A tug took away Downies's raft last night about 12 o'clock or early this morning. Mr. Edwards told Mr. Hendry that he would like to get a sleigh, but he never said how much he was willing to give for a sleigh.

December. Thursday 10. Rain 40.

It rained all night: all rain. The weather is not cold but very trying, very wet. Disagreeable and so are the people. Mr. Hendry rowed over the river to get Mrs. McCrae to come and wash for Mrs. York. Mrs. McCrae said it

was too wet to come now. If it was dry this evening she would come over.

December. Friday 11. Little rain. 36.

Fine weather. Not any rain last night. Fair all day. Ole Lee got a lot of supplies from town by steamer *Gladys* today. Those settlers who got credit from Mr. York when they were hard up, but when they are getting in better circumstances they pass his door. We are very apt to forget past benefits. Mrs. McCrae came over the river last night. She has been washing since five o'clock this morning. She slept here all night.

December. Saturday 12. Rain. 36.

Raining all night. Mrs. McCrae washed all day. John A. rowed Mrs. L. C. [York] over the river to visit Miss Parkinson. Miss Parkinson asked John A. to help her with some theatrical on Christmas. Mr. Hendry rowed Mrs. McCrae over the river to the other side at 4 o'clock. They met sweet Mrs. McDonald and Mr. D. McCrae, coming to take Mrs. McCrae home. Mrs. C. Garner [Mrs. Charles Garner née Andrina Robertson] is not expected to live. Messrs. L. C. York, Hendry, and John A. plucked six grouse this evening. It is raining tonight. Our cow was bellowing all day. 21 days from today she will be bellowing.

December. Sunday 13. Rain. 36.

Storm of wind all night. Raining at intervals. Day calm, not cold, rather pleasant when it is not raining. Mr. York received a letter from Mr. Des Brisay today telling him that he was going to the Kootenays the middle of January, '97. Wishing that Mr. York would go with him.

December. Monday 14. Fine. 26.

A white frost last night. Fine weather all day. A young man was her serving papers on people who are in debt to the *Gladys* steamboat for freight charges. Business quiet. Very little cash coming. The children set fire to a box of matches in Mrs. York's bedroom. They did not do any harm. It is a wonder how they got off so easy.

December. Tuesday 15. Fine. 23.

White frost last night. Fine weather but rather cold for

the BC people. Business quiet. Mr. York bought a fat hog from Mr. Heafey. Mr. Heafey said it was fed on pea meal and perhaps it was. Pea meal in BC makes soft pork. Mr. Hendry and John A. finished the sleigh this evening. Mr. Speller said he would have wood for Mr. York tomorrow. I hope he may not forget. People this town often forget. Mrs. McCrae is here this evening; John A. rowed over the river. Mr. Hendry hurted his finger and John A. had to fetch Mrs. McCrae.

December. Wednesday 16. Fine. 16.

A white frost. A little colder last night, but very pleasant. Miss Parkinson's mother died in Toronto this week. Mrs. Dell is here in Wharnock. She came here to sell her late husband's land. John Speller came here with his oxen to haul firewood for Mr. York. He took the sleigh made by Mr. Hendry and John A.. The oxen broke the tongue of the sleigh. They hauled half a cord a card and quit. Mr. York went to the Mission on No. 2. We expect him to come back on No. 1 tomorrow. Mrs. Dell called to see Mr. York. I told her he was in Mission. She said, she would see him tomorrow.

December. Thursday 17. Rain. 30

A little snow, then a little hail, then it turned to rain. It has been a drizzle of rain all day. Mr. Percy requested Mr. York to write Mrs. Dell that he wished to buy her late husband's land. Mrs. Dell came to see Mr. York who was at Mission. Mrs. Dell stayed all night with the Owen's family. Mr. York came home with No. 1. Mrs. Dell went away without seeing Mr. York, not trying to see him. She went away without calling. "O, o. what an Owen you are." Haircut by Mr. Hendry today. Messrs. York and J.A. went to Vancouver today. Mr. Cook borrowed my boat and gave me 50¢ and wants my boat for 25¢ each Sunday. Puts Roby out of a job.

December. Friday 18. Rain. 38

It rained all night and all day. The rain slows as if it were going to stop, but it is only a rain shadow. It slowed down to get a fresh start. Mr. York and John A. arrived home with No. 1. J. Cromarty's last find assays \$7.50 silver to the ton with traces of gold. Mr. Cook paid me 50¢ for hire of my little boat.

December. Saturday 19. Rain. 36.

More rain. The ground completely saturated with water. Mr. Hendry has been working two days making a photo frame. When finished it will be worth 30¢ or perhaps 40¢. Very small wages.

December. Sunday 20. Fine. 36.

Revd. A. Dunn preached on 32 Psalm.

Fine all day. Mrs. and Miss York, John A., and I attended Devine Service in the school house today. 23 of a congregation. The fire would not burn, so we were all right without any fire or light. Revd. A. Dunn preached a good practical sermon. Mr. Hendry went and visited Mr. Mendell. He would have been better in church. We very soon forget those great mercies which we receive every day. Mr. Cook got my boat this morning.

December. Monday 21. 36

Lovely weather. The thermometer to 46. Mrs. C. Garner is to be buried today. She died of consumption on Thursday evening, December 17th, 1896. The funeral to take place at 2 o'clock from her father's, Robert Robertson's, house. Mr. Carter rented Mr. York's wagon today. The Misses Hendersons, Edith and Ella, went downtown today to buy goods for Christmas. Mr. Carter signed the bill of sale making over the bolts to Mr. York. Mrs. McCrae is here. John A brought her over in the small boat. Mr. Tillie brought a goose to sell to Mr. York. Did not buy; too dear.

December. Tuesday 22. Rain. 38 above zero.

It rained all night and all morning. Mr. Hendry is footering [messing around] with that old sleigh that he built. Time is nothing with [him], Well such is life. O, that I had wings like a dove then would fly away and be at rest. O, how he tries to make everything I do look bad, find fault where no fault can be found. Look at those people who blame others [so] that they may appear blameless. Such apple soon loses the gloss.

December. Wednesday 23. Rain, 29.

Rain this morning. Business quiet. G. Mills Johnson sold me a crock of butter when Mr. York was away. I got John A. to charge an axe and a bottle of butter colour.

Mr. Johnson told about it to Mr. York said if Mr. Johnson had not been honest we should have lost it. I don't see how we could have lost it when it was charged in the day book. But anything that they may have the great pleasure of finding fault.

December, Thursday 24. Rain. 36.

It rained nearly all night. John A, Alfred and Olaf Nelson went to Langley to a concert gotten up the Knights of Pythias but when they got there the concert was postponed owing to the sickness of the secretary. [The Order of Knights of Pythias is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established in 1864 in Washington, DC.] Olaf rowed all the way to below best's mill. Business quiet. I wish we had something to work at. That there was any money to be made. John A. went by rail to a concert at Haney. Alfred and Olaf Nelson borrowed my boat to row to Haney to the concert. They returned the oars this morning.

December. Friday 25. Rain. 36.

If it were not for the wet, very pleasant; we are all very happy.

It rained last night and it is raining a little this morning. John has not come home from Haney by the Whatcom. Perhaps he will come by No. 2. Mr. and Mrs. York had a splendid Christmas tree. The children got balls and banks, nuts, raisins, chocolate, and oranges. Mr. Hendry a shaving cup. John A. a shaving cup and brush. Mrs. York a pair of boots and slippers. I got a very nice neck [tie]. Mrs. York made a large grey cotton doll and painted a good face on it. It looks very natural, the first glimpse you get of its face.

December. Saturday 26. Rain. 30.

Fine all day, thermometer 30 this morning, 60 at noon, 42 at 4 o'clock. John A came home from Vancouver today with No. 2. Business quiet. Cash is scarce. There will be a Norwegian service in the English church Sunday 27th Miss Nelson is home from the Mission on a visit. She will go back on Thursday. Mr. [York] is very snubby. Sometimes I wish they had some other scapegoat. It is a long lane that has no turning. Mr. Hendry was telling that Carver was fore [?] last night.

December. Sunday 27. Rain. 38.

Rain this morning, not cold, very damp under the foot. Mr. York found a dead rat under the house. He buried it in the garden. Mr. Hendry got a tongue for Mr. Edward's sleigh. He fitted it in ready, waiting for Mr. Edwards to return from Vancouver with the irons. We have six hens we get 3 eggs a day. Four of the hens are last year's chickens. Eggs 45¢ to 50¢ per dozen in Vancouver. We could not get a goose at a fair price, so we had to eat one of our own ducks. John Owen sent for ½ gallon of rum. McDonough was here this evening. He said if he got the grub he'd pay it with a coupon.

December. Monday 28. Rain. 35.

It rained all night. Sunday was a very quiet day. I was at home all day. If I had gone for a walk perhaps it would [not finished]. Mr. Hendry told me to call him when I got [up] in the morning. I called him this morning at 6 o'clock. He looked as if it was too early.

December. Tuesday 29. Rain. 30.

A little rain, a little colder. Mr. York went to the Mission yesterday. He was installed Master. He came home on No. 2. Mr. Robert Fletcher went to New Westminster today. Mr. G.L. Boyd went to town today to work on the new foundry. His brother has the contract. The more honours, the more snub, snub, snub.

December. Wednesday 30. Fine. 38.

Fine all day, a little drizzle of rain, not cold. The thermometer 42. Mr. L.C York and John A. began to take stock this morning. Mr. Hendry finished Mr. Edward's sleigh [this] afternoon. Mr. Hendry charged two dollars. Business quiet. Cash scarce.

December. Thursday 31.

Fine all day. A little rain before daylight. They have finished stock making. Mr. Calder brought a quarter of veal today; weighed 18½ lbs. He charged 9¢ per pound. Unco dear. They wish to sell very dear and buy very cheap. We shipped 1 dozen chicks and 10 dozen eggs by the steamer *Gladys* and shipped two hides by steamer *Transfer*.

1897

January. Friday 1. Rain. 34.

Happy New Year, A dance at Nelson's last night. Rain this morning. Mr. Hendry went to Langley last night to celebrate the New Year. Mr. York took care of the cow. Mr. Langley did not send us a goose. The great goose not to send us turkey.

January. Saturday 2. Fine 30.

Fine weather, not cold. The thermometer at 7 A.M. 30 and 50 at noon. Very pleasant. Mr. Hendry not home yet; I do not care when he comes home. If he would only send home my boat; when a man is old, and don't belong to any Society, all is fair. Everything goes. He ought to be head of all the fishermen. Nelson's had a dance last night. John Andrew was at the dance, and had two dances. I asked Mr. Croy [York] if he had seen Miss Hays [Hairsine]. He said "yes, do you want her?" I said "no." Miss Hairsine said she was coming.

January. Sunday 3. Fair, 29.

We forget that there is a higher law than that by which others judge us.

A with frost last night, only 3 degrees of frost. Not cold. The south-east very red this morning. Mr. Ferguson is here buying something: one dollar's worth tobacco. Cloudy. No. 1 was two hours late today. A little colder, but we are having very fine weather.

January. Monday 4. Rain. 34.

It rained nearly all night and all day. Business quiet. Mr. Cook asked John A. if he would go hunting and prospecting with him for a fortnight. John A. declined, because he expected to go another place, but was not sure yet.

January. Tuesday 5. Rain. 35.

A steady rain, 48 hours. Steady. The ground is full of water. Mr. York went to New Westminster to see if he could get Mr. Scott to give some money on Downie's logs. Mr. Downie is not willing to pay his account. He wants to pay a little and let nearly all the account run on without

installments. Joe, the Chinese sold a hog to Mr. York on account and charged 8¢ cents a pound. Said he would sell for 6¢ cents per pound for cash. He has been in Mr. York's debt for three years. After he sold he wanted more credit. We could not see the point.

January. Wednesday 6. Rain 42.

We were going to the Kootenays.

A very steady rain. The creeks are all filled with water. Mr. Rolley was going to put in a blast or two in his mine, but the creek was too full of water. Mr. G.L. Boyd is going to Douglas [at] the head of Harrison Lake to look after a mine for Doctor Fagan. He has some men working there. He Mr. York returned from New Westminster by the *Gladys*. Mr. Downie was too good an "R" for Mr. York. He got all the cash Mr. Scott would give before Mr. York got there.

January. Thursday 7. Rain. 40.

Fort Douglas is expected to have a mining boom this spring.

It rained nearly all night and [it] is raining today. Mr. York has changed his mind about the Kootenay. He thinks Fort Douglas at the head of Harrison Lake will be as good as the Slokan country.

January. Friday 8. Fine. 29.

Messrs G.L. Boyd and son-in-law went east today.

Three degrees of frost last night. Very fine. I wish I could get away from this. It is very quiet, not any work going on, no cash to pay workmen if you can get them to work. Mr. Hendry came back at 10 o'clock, just one week of an outing.

January. Saturday 9. Fine. 28.

J. Speller is hauling wood from Mr. Cook's.

Lovely weather. Four degrees of frost this morning. A thick frost lifted and we have bright warm sunshine. Ole Nelson and H[enry] Garner got some supplies by the steamer *Transfer* today. Mr. York got 1½ tons hay by the steamer *Gladys* for the Percy brothers. I was taking in some tobacco, Mr. Hendry said it was no good, the best that I could do with it would be to pitch or throw it into the S... H... Some of the tobacco blew down. Mr. Hendry pitched cordwood on it.

January. Sunday 10. Fine. 24.

Train detained. Landslide west.

No service in the school house. Revd. Mr. Dunn could not get there. White frost last night. Quite a fog in the morning. John A. went visiting last night. Trust in the Lord. Quite a number of people at the school house waiting for the service. Revd. Mr. Dunn was a passenger but the train did not get through.

January. Monday 11. Fine 24

The train did not get through till 3 o'clock. Strained relations.

Another white frost which makes the third white frost. Some wishing it may rain. Mr. R. Fletcher was going to run for councillor but this morning he sent Mr. York word that he declined to be nominated. Mr. York wrote him a letter and sent it by Olaf Lee. Mr. Fletcher came here but there was neither boat nor train. They took my boat, rowed to Haney in one hour and fifteen minutes; it took two hours to row back. They nominated Mr. R. Fletcher and got home in good time. Messrs. Peterson and Ball were astonished to see Messrs. York, Fletcher and Lee. They thought Mr. Fletcher was not in it.

January. Tuesday 12. Rain and snow. 30.

It snowed a little last night. Raining today, not cold. John A. and Mr. Cook were going to see the *GOLDEN DAWN* today, but they thought it was too wet and postponed their excursion. Mr. Hendry is going to work for a farmer at Langley for \$18.00 per month to make money to pay his fare to Kootenay. Mr. York is fitting him out like a prince. At the same time some people are used.

January. Wednesday 13. Fine, 28

Fine this morning, the thermometer 28 at 7:50 A.M., 64 at noon. Relations strained. We shall soon have a change I hope. Business quiet, Mr. L. C. York went to Mission on No. 2. Mr. Des Brisay was a passenger.

January. Thursday 14. Fine. 20.

Mr. York brought over Mrs. McCrae this evening about 5 o'clock.

Mr. John Speller and oxen here hauling firewood this morning.

A very fine morning 14 degrees of frost. Bright and clear.

Mount Baker showing to advantage. The Downies joined the Ruskinites' election today. For councillor two candidates in the field: Messrs. Ball and Fletcher. Mr. Ball is Mr. Wetham's favourite because of his being a willing tool. Mr. Fletcher is Mr. York's choice because he is honest. Ball elected as counselor by two of a majority. They don't want an honest man. No pass yet. [Note by A.E. York: Presumably this was a pass on the C.P. Railroad. L. C. York had a telegraph instrument connected to C.P.R. wires in the store, sent and received telegrams, and must have applied for a pass for John Williamson, on the basis that he was a dependent.]

January. Friday 15. Snow 22.

Speller hauling today. Snow today, very fine snow, perhaps it will turn to rain. John A. and Mr. Cook went to see the GOLDEN DAWN today. They started about half past 7 this morning. John A. took Jesse [the horse]. Mr. Cook got Mr. Dunn's grey. They expected to get back home this evening. C. Philips brought some ore here and sent it via Express to get it assayed. John A. and Mr. Cook got home after 5 o'clock. John A. says it is hard to get through over and under logs. Not any pass yet.

January. Saturday 16. Fog. 28.

Foggy this morning, not cold. The snow which fell yesterday is melting. It feels as if we were going to have a soft spell. John A. and Mr. Cook home early last night. Mr. [Noble] Oliver Jr. wanted two dollars for taking them out. They thought it was too much. Master Oliver would not tell them anything about the road or anything. No pass yet.

January. Sunday 17. Rain. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Calder and Mr. Derrinberg were here to help us eat a turkey today. Revd. A. Dunn had service in the school house at 4 o'clock P.M. 17 of a congregation. Subject "Faith" Hebrew Chapter 11 Verses 7, 8, 9. Cloudy all day, it rained. Mr. Derrinberg went away shortly after dinner. John A. went with him. Mrs. and Mr. Calder stayed till after No. 2 came in with the mail. Mrs. and Mr. Calder went to the schoolhouse Mrs Calder went on home because it rained. Mr. York, Mr. Calder and I went into the school and heard a good sermon. Revd. Mr. Dunn said "no collection, service two weeks from today." Mrs. Dunn has LaGrip [influenza]. Not any pass yet.

January. Monday 18. Rain. 28.

It rained all night, a cold rain. John A. waited with Derrinberg till he fed the stock. They had tea at Mr. Calder's, than they came as far as Axel Lee's, Carmichael's old farm, stayed there and had lunch. John A. came home about 11 P.M. Not any pass yet.

January. Tuesday 19. Rain. 32.

Raining. This afternoon there will be a lecture in the Glenn Valley schoolhouse. Subject, the Upper Country. John A. got one of the fishing boats hauled upon the wharf and washed it out. Messrs. Boyd and Black came home today from the Harrison Lake country with a lot of samples. Mr. Black had staked seven claims.

January. Wednesday 20. Rain 35.

It rained all night, not cold. Business quiet. Mr. Robinson [Revd. Hugh Robertson] gave a lecture on the Upper Country, about 30 people present. Mills Johnson sang a song. Miss Magar and two others. Messrs. York, Carver, Harrison and John A. rowed over in the big fishing boat. Mr. Edwards was to go with them they thought he was not going and left without him. But he came here 12½ minutes too late. I offered him the little boat. He said he would go home and improve his mind reading. Our people got home at 12 o'clock, neither early nor late.

January. Thursday 21. Fair. 31.

Walden brothers came up prospecting. Tomy took the cows out.

Stormy all night, fair this morning. Messrs. York, Carver, Matheson, John A. and I pulled two fishing boats on to the wharf. I washed the white boat today. Messrs. Black and Boyd went on the *Gladys* today to New Westminster. The Walden bothers came from Vancouver going to their ranch to prospect.

January. Friday 22. Fair. 28.

Dr. Drew came to visit Tilly.

A fine morning. Walden Brothers speaking of making a road to their mines, and ours. They said if we worked making a road, it would count in our assessment, the same as developing. But every man working on the road must have a miner's licence, or the work would not count. Mr. Rolley got the white boat to go to Langley. All benefits are mine.

January. Saturday 23. Rain. 34.

Raining this morning, not cold. It cleared up before noon. Business quiet. Rod McKay got home from Vancouver on No. 2. He is looking well. Misses McGarr and Elwood were here this afternoon. Miss McGarr bought a few items for Mr. Blake. She was hard to please with onions. She was right. Like a spring day, the wind blowing hard from the northeast. Mr. Tilly is a little better.

January. Sunday 24. Fair. 34.

Fine weather, quite a storm of wind all night, not so stormy this morning. Mr. Rolley was here this morning. He got one of the kittens to kill the rats. He could not talk about anything but his ledge. Gwendoline was very costive for two days. They gave her an injection yesterday, but it had no effect. Mr. and Mrs. York gave her another this morning which had a good effect. She is all right now. Mr. Dunn is not much better.

January. Monday 25. Fine. 24.

Clear and bright. Master Nelson got John A. to help him push out Odin Lee's boat. He was going over the river to Mrs. McCrae, but the wind was blowing so hard that he was nearly blown away. John A. had to help him to take the boat up from the rock. The wind is blowing hard and cold from the northeast. This is the third day we are likely to have a change tomorrow. Every man for himself now. I wish I were free.

January. Tuesday 26. Frost 12.

New. Every Man for Himself.

20 degrees of frost this morning. Very fine at noon. Lovely weather. 90 degrees of A.F.M. [?] Spite. A little frosty but nice. A lovely cloven foot. Business quiet but hope tells a pattering tale. Mr. Dunn is some better. Mr. McGinn came here this evening. He tells that he has a rich mine, and willing to sell a share. The *Bon Accord* is frozen at Boyd's slough. Young Dawson, James Cromarty's nephew is here on a visit to his uncle.

January. Wednesday 27. Fine. 12. A white frost.

Frosty clear and bright. Mr. McGinn says he is going to Vancouver to sell, but he is in the habit of talking fibby. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. We think we are better than other people. "O wad some

power the giftie gie us / To see oursels as others see us / It would frae monie a blunder free us / And foolish notion. / What airs in dress and gait wad lea'e us /and e'en devotion." [Burns: To a Louse]. John A. is cleaning up the chicken yard. He raked and burned all afternoon.

January. Thursday 28. Snow. 12

Snowing a little this morning, very fine snow. Things are changing. The people are changed for the better. We cannot tell how long it will last; every little [change] helps to make life sweeter. John is cleaning the chicken yard this morning. Young Dawson is visiting Hairsine's. He is going to help his uncle J. Cromarty to develop his claim on Stave Lake. Mr. York is to get the dynamite and pay his share of the work and get an interest in the mine. Rain. The *Bon Accord* steamed out of the slough about 4 o'clock.

January. Friday 29. Rain. 29.

Outlook foggy.

Rain this morning, not cold. Mr. Peterson is hauling ties with two yoke of oxen. Some of the fishermen are taking stock in a cannery and they are getting ties out to pay for shares. The Captain of the *Bon Accord* telegraphed to Mr. York to find out where was the *Bon Accord*. Mr. York answered the *Bon Accord* steamed out last evening.

January. Saturday 30. Fine. 30.

Fine this morning, two degrees of frost, Mr. Dawson is here. I expect he has come after his son John. Mr. J. Cromarty, Rod McKay and John Dawson are going to Stave Lake prospecting. Mr. Dawson doesn't think much of James Cromarty's specimens of ore. John A. is working cleaning, up the chicken yard.

January. Sunday 31. Rain. 34.

It rained nearly all night, the weather feels much like spring. Mrs. and Mr Rolley are invited to dine here. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are getting over LeGripp [sic]. Revd. Mr. Dunn is to preach in the school house today. Quite a lot from the [Ruskin] mill, 40 of a congregation. Revd. A Dunn preached Proverbs 14-23. Mr. and Mrs. Rolley and Ruth, their daughter, dined with Mr. York. Not any rain since morning. The three Rolleys went to hear Revd. A Dunn.

February. Monday 1. Dry. 35.

Rain before daylight, none since morning. John A. and Mr. York were going with Mr. Rolley to see his mine. Mr. York could not go today. John A. went without Mr. York. He went from here at half past seven. The *Gladys* steamer brought Miss Bella Boyd this morning. Mr. Boyd is not home yet. Mr. Pete McMillan came home last night from Seattle. He looks well.

February. Tuesday 2. Rain. 36.

A little rain today. John A. has a high opinion of Mr. Rolley's ledge, but he thinks Mr. Rolley is against any person but himself staking a claim. He was selfish but is growing worse. Castile the prospector was here this morning. Gilchrist the fisherman was drowned last night at Hairsine's Canyon. John A. is sending samples of ore to A.E.W. Midland.

February. Wednesday 3. Rain. 36.

Showers of rain all day. Mr. Stenger and two young men came here this afternoon with quite an outfit to develop the GOLDEN DAWN and YELLOW JACKET etc. gold mines. John A. got Jesse [the horse] and took their outfit to Walden's and brought back the pony. Messrs. York and J.A. went to the Mission today on No. 1 to see Messrs. A. York and Des Brisay about going to the Kootenay. A. York told L. C. York to go as soon as he could get away. A little boy came from the Mission today looking for his deaf and dumb brother. He did not find him. He had no money. He was put off the train.

February. Thursday 4. Rain. 36.

It rained all night. The wind is blowing hard. Mr. York and John A. got home yesterday evening by the Whatcom. They saw Messrs. A. York and Des Brisay. Mr. A. York advised John A. to go by all means and wait for a job. I wanted John A., Rod McKay and James Cromarty to take me into the company they had formed to prospect near Harrison Lake. Rod McKay said: "We have too many already." Mr. Turner was here today. He is looking well.

February. Friday 5. Fine this morning, I think the boys have fine weather. Mr. Havelock coveted our black cock. Mr. York gave it in exchange for a mongrel Brahma. The mongrel Brahma has nearly killed our full bred Minorca.

The credit business is still going on. I hope the boys may have good luck, but this is not the place for an Old Man. The people have not room in their hearts for anything but spite.

February. Saturday 6. Fair. 34.

Fine weather. Business slow. Mr. Stenger and his two friends came back from the mines today. Mr. Stenger said the water was too high to work the mines. He promised to come back when the flowers were blooming. They give a very poor account of the GOLDEN DAWN. George Walden is not well yet. Mr. Wm. Walden has been cutting a road through the slashing.

February. Sunday 7. Rain. 36.

Rain this morning, a chilly east wind. The weather is very disagreeable. John A. and his fellow prospectors must have a very unpleasant time. Our Minorca cock is very sick, I think it will be a hard pull to pull through. An Englishman can get anything he asks from Mr. York. Some people don't get their rights, while others get more than their rights. When men will snub and take and sneer sideways behind people's backs it is low and mean. A. told me I would storm.

February. Monday 8. Clear. 36.

Clear and bright this morning. We, who are old, have to put up with a great deal of snubs. If I unfortunately stay here much longer it will be hard to put up with so much spite that is in some people's heart [and] will crop up in spite of anything they do to hide their hard hearts.

February. Tuesday 9. Clear 32.

L. C. York is giving 15¢ for eggs, trade.

Clear and bright. Business quiet. Mr. York ordered wheat chop, bran and shorts today. The Minorca bad yet, it can scarcely hold up its head. We picked our potatoes today, we have nearly a barrel. Our prospectors are not home yet. I hope they may strike it rich, although they would not give me a ghost of a chance. Such is brotherly love. Gold digging dispels all friendship, kindness and love, and leaves, in its stead, fraud, envy, hatred, and malice.

February. Wednesday 10. Rain. 36.

It rained all night and it rains as if it were going to rain

all day. Mr. York got some chop, H. Graham flour, wheat, bran, etc. Business poor. The chop is for John Speller who says he is going to haul Mendell's cordwood. I wish he may haul the wood. Everything they do and every thing they say is very unsatisfactory. They don't wish to pay if they possibly get out of paying.

February. Thursday 11. Fair. 32

Foggy. Mr. Castile was here last night. He had put in a few shots near Bradin's. It don't please him. He gave J. Boyd: 1 pair socks, flour, rice, etc. He is coming back. Mr. Castile said he was broke. He stayed all night and had supper, bed and breakfast. He went home on the *Bon Accord*. McDonough wished to borrow my boat. I refused to lend. I am too old.

February. Friday 12. Clear. 28.

Charles Peterson's house burned today.

Clear and bright. Cash scarce, very little cash coming in. We are hard up, no tobacco for nearly a month. I make a great many mistakes. When a man or professor comes in I speak, say good day or something, never thinking that the person addressed is puffed up so much pride that he don't want me to speak to his high and mightiness. Speaking when not wanted. Mrs. McCrae is washing for Mrs. York today. Mr. Bell is getting butter. The *Samson* took up a snag not far from the warehouse today. I got quite a snub today when Miss Parkinson was in the store about charging Miss Hairsine's boots. I don't know how he will on without somebody to snub.

February. Saturday 13. Clear. 25.

Mount Baker looking bright.

Clear and bright, the clouds in the east very red this morning. We have too much [rain] already. Prospectors not home yet. Mr. York is desirous of selling all the mines he has near Wharnock. He has written to a person asking him to buy. Of course he never consulted me. I am nobody. It is all too bad now. When he has got all my money, they must use me like a dog. A little snow this evening.

February. Sunday 14. Snow. 30.

Snowing, not cold. Mr. York expects to be able to get away to the Slocan the first of March. Mr. James Boyd

called here last night to see if Mr. Castile had sent a letter containing money for him, there was no letter, nor money for James Boyd. He said that he had worked 9 days for Mr. Castile at two dollars a day, and all that he got was 50¢ and some grub, that was not worth the carrying down to the river. Verily, some men are liars.

February. Monday 15. Bright. 34.

Quite a windstorm from southwest. Mrs. Henderson is getting better. Not one kind word, nothing but snubs. Everything is allowed to take its course, except when I speak. Then it is snub. When I say good day Miss Edith then, o then, I get a lecture and a snubbing. I cannot do anything to please some people. Well, all come right. Hasten the time. I got a great surprise this evening when Mr. York told me that the Williamsons owed Hill a bill for goods and Will owed Mr. York \$90. Sometimes, come times. Hatred is oozing out of every pore and boiling over. Deliver me.

February. Tuesday 16. Bright 32,

G.L. Boyd signed note today.

Clear and cloudy, the sun very white, clouds and blue sky all around except the northeast very foggy. We are likely to have a fall of snow before night. John Speller is in the store talking to Mr. York. I do not believe there is any honesty about any of those people. Business quiet. Mr. John Speller took the five bags of chop in my boat and was to return the boat this evening.

February. Wednesday 17. Cloudy. 32.

Cloudy, very much like a fall of snow, very calm, after a calm comes a storm. Mr. York is going to the Mission today. Mr. Speller did not return my boat last night. All men are liars. Mr. Mendal home; the boat all right. I was too premature in finding fault. I make an apology.

February. Thursday 18. Cloudy 28.

Cloudy till four o'clock. The clouds spitting rain. The Walden brothers called at the store on their way to Vancouver. They are not coming back till April. Messrs. Black and Boyd yesterday staked a claim on the Kenneka [Kanaka] Creek, a continuation of the Walden's ledge. Mr. York returned from the Mission by the *Gladys* today. The Walden Brothers said Mr. Boyd told them there was not anything above the claim they had staked.

February. Friday 19. Frost 24.

A white frost; 8 degrees of frost. Mr. York received a letter from the man who is going to buy out the establishment. He has promised to be at Wharnock about the last of February. Mr. York don't know what is the best to do. He would like to go to Slocan the 1st of March but he must wait and meet the buyer. Messrs. Cromarty, Rod McKay and John A. returned home from Harrison Lake today.

February. Saturday 20. Clear. 24.

Clear and bright this morning and it is very likely to be fine all day. Our prospectors are all right, they staked three claims, the BLUE BELL the 8th of February, the MORNING GLORY and DOUGLAS STAR the 13th February, but I am not in it. We have too many already they said. Get behind dog. Well I am left behind, perhaps the time may come.

February. Sunday 21. Clear. 28

A fine morning, very calm and beautiful everything fine. There will be divine service in the schoolhouse today. Revd. A. Dunn is expected to preach at 4 o'clock P.M. The Revd. A. Dunn preached a very fine sermon today, part of the 17th and 18th Chapters of Genesis, Abraham's Faith. 21 present.

February. Monday 22. Cloudy. 28.

Cloudy, not very cold. John A. and L. C. York sent by *Bon Accord* samples of ore of the BLUE BELL, DOUGLAS STAR and MORNING GLORY mine, to Mr. McIntosh of the Caledonia Hotel, New Westminster. Business very quiet. John A. is very anxious to get something to do, in the shape of work. I fondly hope we will shortly get a change.

February. Tuesday 23. Snow. 30.

Snow and rain last night, sloppy this morning. Mr. Rolley is in the store, talking about his mine, and nothing but my mine and ledge. It is tiresome to listen and not have any interest in that, in it, and to know and feel that if you were in the way of getting anything they would try to put a stumbling block in your way. The snow and rain cleared away about 9 o'clock and we had fine weather all day.

February. Wednesday 24. Rain. 30.

A little rain in the morning, clearing up near noon. Mr. Rolley in the shop talking about his ledge. Business quite slow, not much cash. A man and his son called on Mr. York to see if Mr. York would learn his son to telegraph. Mr. York said he would write him if it would answer for him to come.

February. Thursday 25. Fine. 28.

Lovely, the thermometer up to 60 at 10 A.M. Very pleasant, almost like summer. Business quiet. Mr. Heafy will not sell his potatoes for less than twenty dollars per ton on river bank. Mr. Carver was here this morning to see if Mr. Edwards had been here yesterday because Mr. Carver was to shoe Mr. Edward's horses. Mr. E. asked him to shoe them in the field. Mr. Carver said no, he could not shoe the horses in the field. Mr. Edwards took them home without being shod.

February. Friday 26. 1897. Very fine, like summer with one exception, we have not any mosquitoes. Mr. York wrote to Mr. Des Brisay to see if he could give John A. Williamson a place in his store. Mr. Des Brisay answered that he was too late. He had engaged a clerk up there. Mr. and Mrs. York had a card party last night, all were Norwegians except Messrs. Fletcher, Derrinberg and John A. Mrs. York did not tell me till it was late. Well I did not go to the party.

February. Saturday 27. Rain. 84.

It has been raining all night and there is every likelihood that it will rain all day. John A., James Cromarty, Roderick McKay, and L. C. York got an assay of the MORNING GLORY gold mine. It assayed \$16.00 gold and three dollars and twenty five cents silver making \$19.25. A good showing for the surface. Mr. Charles Cook is thinking of going to Alaska. I would rather try Harrison Lake.

February. Sunday 28. Fine. 34.

Rain this morning, fine all afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Whetham and three children (two girls and one boy) were here for dinner. Mr. Whetham sang and played the piano, Mrs. York, John A., Mrs. Whetham sang alto, I sang bass. She plays nicely, and sings sweetly.

March. Monday 1. Fine. 34.

Very fine, lovely weather. Mr. York went to New Westminster on the *Bon Accord* to buy some goods and buy a miners licence for John A. and record the MORNING GLORY gold mine on Douglas Lake. Mr. Rod McKay is going to send five dollars with Mr. York to buy a miners licence for him, but he was too late. They all keep me out. They take all a man's money and then they keep him from getting a chance.

March. Tuesday 2. Fine. 22.

Fine, almost like summer. Mr. York could not get the MORNING GLORY mine registered, the locater is Mr. James Cromarty, and he is the only person who can register the mine. I wish that I could get away; it appears to me that all the people who come here have a spite.

March. Wednesday 3. Cloudy. 26.

Cloudy, a chilly west wind from the sea. Mr. York is trying to get some person to go with Rod McKay to restake the MORNING GLORY mine in the name of the company, and put in two or three blasts in the DOUGLAS STAR. Mr. C. Cook was going with Rod, but he was afraid he would be fined for prospecting without a licence and he declined. Mr. York interviewed N. Nelson but he said he was too busy. Mr. York offered a dollar a day and board.

March. Thursday 4. Rain. 36.

Rain. Messrs. Rod McKay and C. Cook started for Harrison Lake this morning about 9 o'clock to restake the MORNING GLORY and fetch 200 lbs. ore, and cut a few shots into the DOUGLAS STAR and prospect for more claims. Mr. Hicks and two men were here for two days; they went home this afternoon, Messrs. Lister and Captain Neucam, Messrs. Boyd and Black left here today to stake claims and prospect at Lake Harrison.

March. Friday 5. Snow. 26.

A very cold east wind. I set one hen today, 13 eggs from Mr. John Owen's hennery. Mr. Rolley was here today. The talk all about his ledge. Messrs. C. Cook and R. McKay must be storm stead today. Mrs. McCrae is washing today for Mrs. L. C. York. Mr. Sutton came down the river today; his scow is filled with water. Our prospectors

must feel cold, they don't know what it is if they were in my shoes.

March. Saturday 6. Clear. 26.

Clear and bright and cold east wind. Messrs. C. Cook and R. McKay are having a rather unpleasant trip. It will be hard rowing to get up the river with that fishing boat. But they don't need to care, Mr. R.[Rod McKay] had nothing to do and this was a good scheme for him. Such is life. Mrs. Dell is here trying to sell her husband's land to the Perceys. Mr. Sutton is going to try to float his scow today.

March. Sunday 7. Fine. 22.

Very fine today. A party at P. Calder's this afternoon. Mr. Derrinberg took Miss Edith Henderson. The Messrs. Boyd returned home today, they went from here to go to Harrison Lake but I think the weather was too cold for them. Mr. Rod McKay and Mr. Cook are not home yet, they left Wharnock the same day Messrs. Boyd and Black weighed anchor.

March. Monday 8. Snow. 28.

Snow this morning. A cold northeast wind. Business fair. We hope our prospectors will push on and get the claim re-staked. The limit for registration will expire in a short time. Messrs. Lee and John Matheson were looking at the nets. John Matheson said the spring nets were very bad, they had not been taken care of.

March. Tuesday March 9. Snow. 30.

The snow is falling fast in large soft flakes, the weather is not cold. Mr. Hicks and Lord Douglass were here this morning. Mr. Hicks is going to the Mission and Lord Douglass is going to Vancouver. Mr. Hicks had two heavy overcoats and he said to his Lordship, I wish I had that waterproof, then I would be all right. His Lordship said, you may have it, but I have no other. Hicks did not take it. He put in one shot, he said they got very good indications.

March. Wednesday 10. Snow. 28.

Snow, very soft, about 2 inches. Two young Englishmen arrived by rail last night, they are going on to Col. War-

ren's ranch, they are leasing with the option of buying the ranch. Kroy [L. C. York] is on his high horse, we are all liable to get off our level when we think we own all we see. O, Robert Burns: "O wad some power the giftie gie us."

March. Thursday 11. Frost. 10.

Frost 22 degrees last night. The Englishmen are boarding at R. McDonald's, sweet Mrs. A D lanod McDonald will take care of the strangers and take them in. Our friends who are prospecting on Harrison Lake are having a cold time. But it is all right, not a sigh. We have not any butter to eat in the house. When we have butter it is given away on credit. Mr. Parker was here today. He had a pair of ponies and sleigh and how big feeling he was. Lord Douglas was not in it, he was away behind. O, Burns, if your spirit is permitted to see us, you suffer.

March. Friday 12. Frost. 10

A frost last night. 22 degrees of frost. Frank Haney is getting along all right, in the office. He appears to be very anxious to learn, he attends to his business. We have not any butter. Mr. Derrinberg was to fetch a few rolls of butter but he failed to connect. A. Grunt, Miss Parkinson and Miss Moss crossed over the river in a small boat this afternoon. When they were half way over, going back, the ice floating down the river closed around them and John A., Frank Haney and Mr. Harrison, the school teacher got my boat and rescued the Dear Creatures, the three must draw cuts to see.

March. Saturday 13. Snow. Ther. 22.

Ten degrees of frost last night, a fall of snow this morning, a little warmer. Business quiet, cash scarce. Messrs. Cook and Rod McKay are not home yet, they must have a very cold prospecting. Grab all. When men are so greedy they are sure to receive the fruits of their labour.

March. Sunday 14. Ther 28.

Four degrees of frost, the snow melting. It has the appearance of a thaw. Fourteen hearers in the school house, Revd. A. Dunn preached a good sermon. 1st Kings 19th chapter. Those present Revd. and Mrs. Dunn, John A., Mr. Carver, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Tilly, Roby [Robertson] and I, Messrs.

Borland and A. Nelson, Miss Edith Henderson and Miss [Ella or Mary] Henderson.

March. Monday 15. Ther. 28

A thaw, it rained nearly all night, the snow is melting fast. Our prospectors are not home yet. Revd. A. Dunn told John A. yesterday that Mr. Allen was in Victoria, we don't know how long he has been in BC. I hope he is not going to stay long in Victoria, it is expensive.

March. Tuesday 16. Ther 36.

Snow nearly all melted. Mr. Rolley was here this morning. Mr. York paid him 17¢ per dozen for eggs and giving some persons 15¢ per dozen. Mr. Rolley is more reasonable in his talk; he can talk about some other things beside his ledge now. Mrs. McCrae is washing for Mrs. York. Mr. McCrae brought her over.

March. Wednesday 17. Ther. 36.

It rained all night; the ground is fairly soaked with water like a wet sponge. Mr. Rolley is here this morning. Mr. Rolley and Mr. York were speaking of Mr. R. Fletcher. Mr. Rolley said Mr. Fletcher was not much. He had a lot of conceit, all little fellows had a lot of conceit. I wonder if he thinks he is a giant. Well if any man has more conceit than his nobbs, it is all right. Mr. York went to the Mission today. When we throw over friends, what can we expect. Verily, we have our reward.

March. Thursday 18. Ther. 28.

Very unpleasant weather, rain, hail, snow, and sleet. Our prospectors are not home yet, they are having a hard time. The weather has been very unfavourable. Mrs. York is always listening to see if she can get a chance to snub me. John A. and I were in the bedroom today, I told him to lock my trunk because the children were a nuisance and she was mad. Mr. York came home from the Mission this morning. John A. killed the gander today.

March. Friday 19. 28 Ther.

Rain, a cold east wind, a little snow on the ground, it is melting fast; the weather is not very settled. Our prospectors are not home yet. Mr. Haney is getting along first class. He is learning fast. Mr. Rod McKay and Mr. Cook arrived home in time for the concert. Mr. McKay

brought home wall rock from the MORNING GLORY, instead of quartz rock.

March. Saturday 20. Ther. 28 Ther.

Mr. Haney went home on the Whatcom.

Wind southwest, weather clear and bright. Business quiet. There was a concert and dance at the other side of the river last night. Concert in the school house, the house was crowded; the pieces were taken by our local talent, John A., Harrison, Johnson, Magar, Mrs. Magar, Elwain Hay, Edith and Ella Henderson. The singing was good. Supper and dance at Gilbert McKay's was better, Mrs. York and Mr. Haney were there, they got home at 12 P.M. Mr. York and I took care of the baby. Mr. York talks nothing but rock all day. Never can see any injustice. As we to others mercy show, we merely beg from heaven.

March. Sunday 21. Ther. 28.

Wind east. Lovely bright weather, the sun shining brightly. There is to be a Norwegian Baptism in the English Church [St. Paul's Anglican Church] today. Mrs. Anna Nelson Lee's Baby [Gudrun Lee] is to be christened today. I was looking at the boat today that Dorme [Delorne?] had prospecting and it is in a very dirty state. The rule in this country is to get all you can, by hook or by crook.

March. Monday 22. Ther. 30.

It rained all night, very unpleasant and cold. Mr. James Cromarty and his nephew Mr. Dawson, arrived home from Stave Lake yesterday. The weather was too stormy to trap beaver. They came home without trapping any fur. The snow was three feet deep in some places.

March. Tuesday 23. Ther. 32.

Mr. Haney came up today.

It rained all night. The No. 2 Express, two hours late. John Layfield, Boyd, and Mr. Black went by Str. *Transfer* with some quartz rock ore to Vancouver to get it assayed. It is an extension of the BLUE BIRD mine. Mr. G.L. Boyd brought some of the same rock intending to boom the BLUE BIRD extension in New Westminster. But he was too late to go by rail and the *Gladys* Steamer was not up the river. So he had to go home. Mr. Moses Ball and Mr. C. Peterson, the dwarf, to negotiate with Mr. York about

taking Ball's horses and cattle on account. Mr. York was going to town, but he was too late.

March. Wednesday 24. Cloudy. Ther. 34.

A very fine morning. Mr. L. C. York went on the *Bon Accord* steamer to New Westminster to see the records. Messrs. G.L. Boyd and C. Petersen were passengers, Boyd to boom the extension to the BLUE BIRD, and C. Peterson to see about his mortgage. Business quiet, the sun shining, this day feels like a spring day.

March. Thursday 25. Rain. Ther. 34.

The wind southwest, Rain before 11 P.M. and it rained all night. Mr. Boyd was in New Westminster yesterday. He got \$25.00 from a Mr. [blank] to stake a claim on extension of the BLUE BIRD. He was on his high horse. He said he would be up at 5 o'clock, stake the claim and go down town tomorrow, see if I don't. It must have been the high horse that was blowing. Mr. G.L. Boyd staked the claim and went to town yesterday all right.

March. Friday 26. Ther. 30.

Cloudy and very cold. Wind northeast. Quite a storm of wind and rain yesterday. Half our fence was blown down. Mr. York and John A. were repairing the fence. Mr. York had to come into the shop. Mr. Haney went out and helped John A. Mrs. McCrae had to go home today. Mr. Haney rowed her over in my boat. Mr. John A. and Mr. York were going to stake a claim today but the weather was too cold. Mr. York is talking about staking claims. Snow at 11 o'clock.

March. Saturday 1897. Rain and wind. Ther. 36.

A very heavy rain this morning. Mr. York and John A. staked a claim near the BLUE BIRD today, they are going to put a shot in next week. A very strong wind from south all day. Nelly [Mrs. York] on her high horse. Some people can be very disagreeable. Pride pulls, pulls all the country down. Everything, everybody changes. O that I had wings like a dove, then [I] would fly away.

March. Sunday 28. Snow and sleet. Ther. 30.

The plum tree buds are showing a little white at the tips. They are late this season.

Snow and sleet, a chilly wind. Mr. and Mrs. York have an invitation to dinner at Mr. Rolley's. A select party, I am not in. They think they are on their high horses. They must watch lest they fall. We have a man here from Vancouver, asking Mr. York to get him some bolts of dogwood, 6½ feet long 6 x 4 inches. He sent John A. to row him over the river and row him back. Mr. York gets all the honour, J.A. all the work. Mr. Rodger was speaking to Mr. Cromarty about bolts.

March. Monday 29. Dry. Ther. 30

A cold wind from the west. L. C. York got a spring salmon from O. Lee, the first this spring. Messrs. Cromarty, Dawson, and H. Garner paid ten dollars on his note, and renewed it. Mr. Black and Mr. Boyd are going to put a few shots in the extension this afternoon. S. Cromarty and H. Garner have promised to get out the two cords of cottonwood for Mr. Rodger, and leave it on the bank ready for shipping. Mr. York went over the river and got J. Cromarty's 8 lb. sledge. Messrs. York and John A. are going tomorrow to put in a few shots in their new find. George Walden came here today, on his way home.

March. Tuesday 30. Ther. 24.

They got a good shot in the GREY EAGLE mine today. Eight degrees of frost this morning, very fine weather all day. Messrs. York, John A. and the two young Englishmen brothers went by boat to Mr. McDonough, they left their boat and walked up to the GREY EAGLE mine, put in a good blast and got a lot of good quartz and were home before 6 o'clock P.M. Mr. Allen was here today. He wished to see Mr. York, but I told him Mr. York was not home, but that this afternoon. He went to see Mr. Dunn. But he passed the store about 4 o'clock and never called.

March. Wednesday 31. Cloudy. Ther. 38.

Free Miners Certificate No. 94780, valid for one year.

Warm and dry. Our prospectors were very tired last night, we all overslept ourselves. Kroy [York] said I took charge of it myself and it was splendid. Our prospectors brought home a lot of good rock, but very little in it. They must get down more. It is unfortunate for me that only one man in the world is the man who will not allow [that] any other man gets credit for anything. Take all the sinews first, then you have a free hand. Mr. York paid for my Free Miners Certificate, \$5.00.

April. Thursday 1. Fine. Ther. 40.

Very dry and warm, 40 degrees. Mr. York went to Mission. Mr. Des Brisay is to go east to Nelson Tuesday first. He wants Mr. York [to] go with him to get a job on the C.P.R. and look around and choose a place to start business.

April. Friday 2. Cloudy. Ther. 36.

Cloudy, not cold. Business quiet. Mr. York and John A. went to see Mr. Preston and to get the drill and prospecting pick sharpened by Mr. Carver. Mr. H. Garner shipped the cottonwood today via Str. *Transfer*. G.L. Boyd went to New Westminster with some rock from the GOLDEN CURRY mine to get an assay. I wish that it may be good.

April. Saturday 3. Fine. Ther. 38.

Very fine weather. Mr. John Owen and Mr. John Johnson got a fishing boat by Str. *Gladys* yesterday. Mr. York was told to collect one dollar. He said he had no money. Of course he could not get the boat till he paid. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Owen are caulking the boat today. John A. was at a party last night. Rain this evening. It began to rain 20 minutes to 8 o'clock P.M., a fine warm rain. Six men came to Wharnock this afternoon to look at the mines before buying. I think Mr. G.L. Boyd got them to come. The six men went to stay all night at Mr. Sutherland's.

April. Sunday 4. Rain. 35.

Revd. A. Dunn preached in the school house today. Text Luke Chap. 10, 25th and following verses.

It rained nearly all night. Mr. John Carver sharpened the drill and the prospectors pick. John A. brought home the drill Friday. Mr. Carver brought the pick Saturday night. He declined to take pay. He said he would not take pay for that small job. 30 of a congregation.

April. Monday 5. Fine. Ther. 38.

Messrs. York and John A.W. said they were going to stake a claim for me, today. I got up this morning, 25 minutes past 5 o'clock. They went and put a shot into the GREY EAGLE, looked around and could not find anything worth staking. They got home about 5:30 P.M. with a few rocks. I am not in it and they don't want me to be into it.

April. Tuesday 6. Rain. Ther. 40

Rain this morning, it rained nearly all night. Messrs. Boyd, Black and Oliver did not make a deal with those men, who were charged 50¢ a meal by Mrs. Sutherland. I expect they will not forget the overcharge. Mr. O'Kosh borrowed a boat from me yesterday. He wanted to buy chop, Mr. York was away and I did not [do] anything about it. Mr. O'Kosh told me he wanted to go to Langley to buy hay. He bought supplies and brought them home in Mr. York's boat, that man is nearly gone past all that is honest.

April. Wednesday 7. Rain. Ther. 38.

Showers of rain all day. Business quiet. Messrs. G.L. Boyd and Black not home yet. We expect them home by the Str. *Bon Accord* this evening. We hope they may be successful. Young Hairsine was here today for supplies for Mr. Ferguson. He brought some rock from two ledges found by Thomson brothers. We could not tell what it was, it was too near the surface, zero into it.

April. Thursday 8. Rain. Ther. 40.

Mr. York is talking of going with Mr. Black prospecting at Harrison Lake tomorrow. Messrs. Boyd brothers and Black have sold their mine at Stave River [GOLDEN CURRY?] for five hundred dollars; the buyers are going to begin to develop soon. Business is quiet. John A. is going to get C. Cook to help him put in some shots into the GREY EAGLE next week.

April. Friday 9. Rain. Ther. 42.

A fine morning, rain at half past three o'clock. O, when will I get away from that, S? Messrs. L. C. York and John A. went away at 8:15 o'clock this morning to see a quartz ledge Peter Fidell, an Indian, had seen three years ago, but it was nothing but a blanket ledge and worthless. Things are getting too hard for me here, I wish I could get away from this place.

April. Saturday 10. Ther. 43.

Rain this morning, it cleared up about 9 o'clock A.M. John A. and Mr. Black [went to New Westminster]. John A. to register the GREY EAGLE, and Mr. Black to try secure his share of the three claims on Stave River.

It appears that Mr. Boyd signed Mr. Black's name to an agreement of bargain and sale of the mines, without Mr. Black's knowledge. Some persons never forget their spite. Mr. SIRRAP [Parris] offered to sell me a pair of old boots. Mr. Kroy [York] gave them away for nothing today. Well, what of it.

April. Sunday 11. Fine. Ther. 40.

Fine a little cloudy, pleasant. Two miners arrived last night, they had a good outfit, one of the packs weighed 84 lbs. the other pack weighed 78 lbs. The man with the light pack carried the gun, they are going to see the YELLOW JACKET [Walden's claim]. They are old Cariboo miners. Mr. Tilly knew one of them up there long ago. John A. did not come home last night. [On the lower half of the page: "1906 Whonnock April 11th Wednesday. I am getting ready to go to the Oilery, and see John A. and his wife and family, to see if I can sell the brickyard and get the deed to my quarter section. I shall see John A. tomorrow and get back to the northwest."]

April. Monday 12. Fine, a white frost. Ther. 32

A white frost this morning. Mr. Sutton and Delorne arrived at Wharnock today. Mr. Sutton is going to fish here at Wharnock. Mr. Delorne is going prospecting with John A. I said they could have my boat if they would give me a share. They did not take the offer.

April. Tuesday 13. Fine. 36.

Fine weather, warm and pleasant. Mrs. George Black [née Boyd] had a baby boy [William Edward Black]. John A. and Mr. Delorne went west today on a prospecting trip. George Black and James Boyd went east to Harrison Lake to put a few shots into the BLACK DIAMOND and some other claims, and prospect a little. Mr. Stewart, who bought the half of Black and Boyd's claim, was here today. He asked Mr. L. C. York what he asked for the GREY EAGLE. Mr. York said one thousand dollars.

April. Wednesday 14. Fine. Ther. 40.

Lovely weather, very few spring salmon. John Matheson borrowed a boat from Mr. York. He said something about Nils Nelson going to send him a boat, but he did not know when he would get it. Fraud. Not anything

done in the garden yet. Everybody getting their crops in, but our wisdom is of superior order and our garden must lay waste, because not any being, human or divine, can tell us anything.

April. Thursday 15. Hot. The Fraser is rising. 38.

Mr. York came home from Mission City on the Str. *Gladys*; he was very reticent about the affairs of the Mission people and had nothing to say about the Slocan or anything about how the Mission men are getting along with business ventures. I think they are not doing so well as they expected, or somebody would be certain to blow hard.

April. Good Friday 16. Fine. 40.

Fine summer weather. A tug with ten men came up the river today to inspect the mines. Mr. York went with the swells. Mr. Costello called when Mr. York was away. Mr. Costello wanted wood.

April. Saturday 17. Warm, the river rising. 38.

Lovely warm weather. Business quiet. Not many salmon. Mr. Black came home from Harrison Lake today. James [Boyd] stayed at the Lake by himself till Mr. Black would go back.

April. Sunday 18. Warm. 40.

Very warm weather. Nils Nelson, Alfred Nelson and Swara Nelson went down the river on the Str. *Transfer*. John A. and Mr. Delorne came home from the Lillooet [now known as Alouette or Yennadon area]. Report snow too deep for prospecting.

April. Monday 19. Rain, the Fraser rising. 38.

Quite cool and cloudy this morning. Mr. G. Black went to Vancouver today with a small sack of ore on the Steamer *Transfer*. John A. and Mr. De Lorn left our wharf at 9:30 with my boat to go prospecting on the Fraser River. The Str. *Bon Accord* ran on a snag and sank in three minutes at Mission City.

April. Tuesday 20. Rain. 40.

It rained all yesterday afternoon, all last night, and is still raining. Not any salmon, every boat a skunk. Mr. Rolley

was in the store last night. He was not blowing so much about his ledge. Mr. George Walden was here yesterday. He had been to Mr. Whetham's to make a declaration to send to New Westminster to get a claim recorded. Mr. Whetham had no forms. He said he would come down today and get it all right.

April. Wednesday 21. Rain. 42.

Showers of rain all night. Business quiet. No news from John A. and Mr. Delorne. Mr. Tilly has moved today bag and baggage on Str. *Transfer*. He is going to try his fortune near Haney. George Layfield Boyd came home from New Westminster. Jim Kip was on board the *Gladys* steamer. Kip said to Boyd: "Good bye, you old devil." Boyd got mad, pulled two hands full of bills out of his pockets and said: "Never mind, I have got the money, and you have got nothing."

April. Thursday 22. Fine. 42,

Morning fine, pleasant all day. Mr. York went to Mr. Carter's and got a note to help him along. Mr. York has notes coming due and must do something or he will get in the hole. We got a quarter of beef today from Mr. Spilsbury. He weighed it 134 lbs., our scales made it only 132 lbs., two lbs. less. Hindquarters 9¢ a lb., forequarters 8¢ lb. Mr. York got home about 7:50 o'clock.

April. Friday 23. Fair. 42.

A fine morning. Our girl, Miss May McKibbon, is very tired of Wharnock. She says it is very lonesome. Business is quiet. Mr. Percy left a box of chickens to be shipped today. We forgot all about the chickens till the steamer passed down. We are getting something to do for the farmers and nothing in it. They look at me as if they were conferring a favour, when they let us do something for zero.

April. Saturday 24. Fair. 42.

Lovely weather. The Walden brothers were here this morning; they have staked two more claims. I asked how much they would charge to stake a claim for me. George said fifty dollars; their charge to any other man would be one hundred dollars. Mr. Havelock brought some ore here last night. Mr. Boyd saw it and went away bright and early this morning to stake out claims. Sold again by somebody.

April. Sunday 25. Fine. 44.

Revd. A. Dunn held service in School house. Lesson Mark 12. Text 3rd chapter Proverbs. 30 persons attended. Very warm in the school.

Fine weather. A large flock of wild geese flew over the rancheree [Indian Reserve] going north. Mr. Cook came to borrow my boat; John A. and Delorne have it away prospecting. John A. and Mrs. L. C. York went to Vancouver by the Whatcom today, they promised to come home on Tuesday.

April. Monday 26. Fine. 40.

Fine weather. Mrs. L. C. York writes to Mr. L. C. York that the people she is visiting wish her to stay till Monday. Mr. L. C. Y. telegraphs her to stay. Very windy, but pleasant. Mr. Rolley is going to stake a claim for Mr. L. C. and one for me, we pay him one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, he boards himself and gets half a share in every claim. Mr. York set 13 eggs in a nest for a grey hen to hatch.

April. Tuesday 27. 31

A fine morning. A white frost. A Mr. Cox, a [half]breed, was here this morning to see Mr. L. C. York, to find out how to stake a claim. He is going to the Hope mountains hunting. If he finds anything worthwhile he will stake a claim or two for L. C. York and I.

April. Wednesday 28. Cloudy. 36

Cloudy, cool weather. Mr. Costello came up the river with a tug and scow to get cordwood from Mr. York, Mr. York has not any wood here. He sent Mr. Costello to John Mandell. Mandell has been getting wood out for Mr. York, and Mr. York has been giving him supplies all winter, and now Mr. Mandell is going to sell his wood to some other man. Rain this evening.

April. Thursday 29. Rain. 34.

It rained all night. Messrs. S. Cromarty and Mr. Garner were out prospecting, near Mr. Rolley's. They staked a claim on a small creek. A big ledge crossing the creek, they traced the ledge from No. 1 post to another creek running parallel with discovery creek.

April. Friday 30. Cloudy. 44.

I set black hen today, 13 eggs. Dry but cloudy. Mr. George Walden was here today. He registered two claims last week and got the documents today. Two feet of snow at the YELLOW JACKET. Boyds, Stenger working at the YELLOW JACKET. Mr. Morrison the dentist is boarding with Mr. York and working in Mr. Parris's bedroom. He is like the tailor who made a great fuss. He wanted thread, Boss, wax, Boss and I want breakfast, Boss. At last the Boss said: "Your wants are great, young man."

May. Saturday May 1. Dry. 40.

A fine day. Mr. York went prospecting today. He made his own breakfast and started a few minutes after 6 o'clock. He got home before dark, he staked two claims with Rolley. Our fine fat girl [May McKibbon?] went home today, Mrs. York and I kept store.

May. Sunday 2, 42.

Warm and dry. Mr. and Mrs. York, the children and I are going to Mr. Whetham's today. John A. came home today. He is going to Vancouver this afternoon. Charles Cook is going to make up the mail. We went to Mr. Whetham's today. Mr. York carried Cecil. Mrs. York changed and carried Cecil and Mr. York carried Gwendolin. Miss York [Adele] walked with me, she complained of having a sore foot. That had no effect, then she said she was tired. We had a good time. When we came away Mr. Whetham carried Gwendolin to the rancheree.

May. Monday 3. Rain. 44.

A little rain this morning. Mr. Knudtson is working for Mr. York and Master Thomas Malcolm Hairsine. Mr. L. C. York thinks that he has more mines than enough. Kroy [York] is not likely to change when he takes a spite at any person. He never changes, and he has lots to spare. Some person is shooting the legs of cows.

May. Tuesday 4. 48.

We sowed onion, carrot, parsnip, beet, turnip, lettuce, parsley, marjoram.

Fine. John A. came home and went on after reporting good progress. Mr. Morrison [the dentist] is getting a lot of work. Mrs. York got a washing machine. Mrs. Rolley worked here all day.

May. Wednesday 5. Fine. 46.

A fine day. Master Hairsine planted a bag of potatoes today. He is digging now. Mrs. McCrae is working here this afternoon. Mr. L. C. York is going to make a deal with a Mr. McLean, with Mr. Ball's horses.

May. Thursday 6. Rain. 44.

Rain all night and raining this morning. Bombast annexes everything that suits him. I expect that is the rule with all the pupils who have taken a year's education in an American college.

May. Friday 7. Rain. 40.

Rain day and night. Mr. L. C. York bought Mr. Ball's horses, harness, wagon, cow harrows, and mower. He has sold the horses, harness and wagon to an A.M. McLean, and is going to ship them without any security. I hope it is not a mistake; it may be out of the frying pan into the fire. John A. home today, he is going to prospect tomorrow. It is very unfortunate that I came here because of his selfishness.

May. Saturday 8. Rain. 42.

Raining a little, all day. Mr. Knudtson is digging the garden. It rains so hard, I think he will get wet. John A. away on the Str. *Transfer* to prospect. The Walden brothers were here for supplies today.

May. Sunday 9. Rain. 46.

It rains every day. Business is quiet and people are selfish. Well, such is life, and what is life without philosophy. A Mr. Morisson is here as a dentist. He was a school teacher at Wharnock. He sold twenty acres of land to Mr. York. A man they call Mandell came here to Mr. York, very sweet and nice, and bought the land from Mr. York. After he had bought the land and got the deed he was indebted to Mr. York and he promised to cut and haul a hundred cords of wood. He got supplies from Mr. York, then he sold the wood to Mr. Costello and kept the cash, and is off to the Kootenays. Fraud.

May. Monday 10. Fine. 42.

A fine dry day. Fishing is very poor, 20 fish to 8 boats. Messrs. York and Cook went to Mr. Mandell's to see how

much cordwood there was, there was only ten cords. We expected more wood because Mr. Mandell said he had about 100 cords. He sold 25 cords to Mr. Costello. Sweet Speller has about 8 cords.

May. Tuesday May 11. Fair. 48.

Another fine day. Mr. Knudtson and Thomas Malcolm Hairsine are working in the garden. Hairsine worked well the first three days. Some of the boys from the Rancheree talked with him and he has not been worth his grub ever since. Mr. York went up the river on the Str. *Transfer* to see Mr. Cardotte about cordwood. Mr. Jones was on board the *Transfer*. Mr. Stewart, the commercial agent went away on the *Transfer*. Messrs. Stenger and [blank] arrived by the Whatcom train today. They are going out to the YELLOW JACKET tomorrow.

May. Wednesday 12. Fair. 50.

Fine, everything lovely the trees in full bloom. There is every prospect of a good crop of fruit. Mr. Knudtson is working in the garden; he is always here on time. Mr. Thomas Malcolm Hairsine is putting in the time pretending to work. He gets fifty cents and board per day. Mr. York says he lifts the hoe and lets it fall. Mr. Stenger and his friend were to start early this morning but they have not started till after dinner. Master T.M. Hairsine took a load on the pony and got home at 5 o'clock.

May. Thursday 13. Warm. 50.

Warm and dry, the river is rising fast. Fish scarce. John A. and Mr. Delorne got home today, they are going to rest a while. I wonder if those people sent for me to rob me. I am a scapegoat but they will have to give an account of all those little things.

May. Friday 14. Warm. 50.

Hot today. Mr. Knudtson is working for Mr. York today planting corn. Young Hairsine went home today. He said the Dan boys saw his father and he told them he wanted Y[oung].M[alcolm]. to come home. Dan's boys do not like work and they don't want any person who has any black blood to work. John A. and H. Garner sailed in Mr. Robertson's boat upriver to Mr. Wetham's today. I expect it is about mines.

May. Saturday 15. Warm. 50.

Very fine, warm, dry weather. Business quiet. Havelock has staked another extension of Layfield and his. The mine he staked because Mr. Layfield bought a licence for Havelock. How does it happen that these people get every advantage? Mr. Havelock got credit from Mr. York, and now when there is anything, the stranger gets it. I walked to Mr. Fanchers this evening to get him fix the hands of my watch, they had been touching since he cleaned the watch. He made it all right for nothing.

May. Sunday 16. Warm, 56.

Warm, but a fine cool wind from the west. Revd. A. Dunn preached. About 30 hearers in the schoolhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn both looking well.

May. Monday 17. Rain. 48.

A little rain this morning. It cleared up before noon. John A. and Mr. Delorne went this afternoon to work at the BLUE BIRD [three miles north-east from the store] Mr. York went on horseback to show them where to work. He did not get home till near dark.

May. Tuesday 18. Fine. 54.

Fine weather. Business quiet. Mr. York went up the river today to see Mr. McLean about getting cordwood. We got 2 tons of hay today by Str. *Transfer* shipped by Mr. Hargraff. Some must do everything, they know more than any other person, if they die, the world will collapse.

May. Wednesday 19. Fine. 60.

Dry weather. Mr. York came home this morning by the steamer *Transfer*. Mrs. Hargraff, Miss Hargraff and a grandson, a Yankee, were waiting to get the cash and goods for the hay.

May. Thursday 20. Rain. 60.

A little rain at noon, fine all afternoon. I planted some Winningstadt cabbage and a few cauliflower today. John A. and Mr. Delorne came in from the BLUE BIRD at noon today, they finished the assessment. John A. is going to town tomorrow.

May. Friday 21. Fair. 54.

Pleasant weather. John A. went to Vancouver today. He expects some cash for staking two claims. Mr. Munn is going to start on Monday to develop the GOLDEN CURRIE. Rod McKay is engaged to go on at two dollars and fifty cents a day.

May. Saturday 22. Fair. 46.

Fine. Mr. York went to New Westminster on the *Bon Accord* this morning, we expect him to return this evening. Business is very quiet. The spring salmon catch at Wharnock has been very limited, not many fishermen and not many fish. Mr. P. Heafy was going to the Kootenay, he had paid his fare and got his ticket. He told his lawyer that he was going. The lawyer sent Mr. Heafy a summons to appear as a witness June 3rd 1897.

May. Sunday 23. Warm. 56.

Dry and warm, good summer weather. Miss [Margery] Hairsine is here yet and is pleasing Mrs. York, she is very good with the children. Business quiet, the river is still rising. R. Boyd and Noble Oliver are working at the YELLOW JACKET.

May. Monday 24. Cloudy, 60.

Cloudy, pleasant. Mr. Spencer from Whatcom came in this morning from north of Walden's, where he has been prospecting with Mr. Boyd, prospecting Sumas Mountain. John A. and Mr. Delorne are going up today, they expect to be back on Friday. Everything and everybody black except, black.

May. Tuesday 25. Cloudy, 46.

Cloudy, colder, not any fish. Business quiet. Mr. York is very anxious to get away to the Slocan District. Everything is "grab." Some persons are grab and some are grabbers, but some will grab all. I think prospectors grow very selfish, when a person mentions gold, then the greed of gold eats up and digests all other good qualities a man ever possessed. I suppose this will be the case till we are nearing the end of our journey.

May. Wednesday 26. Bright. 48.

Bright and clear this morning. Mr. Wm. Walden came in from the ranch to meet his brother Mr. George Walden.

He is in Vancouver buying supplies to go on with till he sells another claim. Mr. William W[alden] has found ruby silver in the Kanaka claim. I expect he will go on developing and make some money. Mr. Mitchell of Vancouver came up today; John A. had just got home. He had sold the WARRIOR mine to Spencer, Boyd, Sinclair and another man for two hundred dollars, one hundred to be paid today, the balance to be paid in 15 days. Mr. G.L. Boyd paid twenty-five, Mr. Sinclair is to send fifty dollars by the *Transfer* tomorrow.

May. Thursday 27. Warm. 50.

Very warm, the river is falling fast. John A. and Mr. Mitchell are not back from the mines yet. Mr. Spencer went home today, Mr. Sinclair failed to send the [money] today. Mr. G.L. Boyd telegraphed to Mr. Sinclair, but has not got an answer yet. Two friends of Mr. Spencer came from Whatcom today. They are going at prospecting.

May. Friday 28. Warm. 50.

Very dry, the river falling. G.L. Boyd went on Str. *Bon Accord* to Westminster this morning to see Mr. Sinclair about the WARRIOR. They were to pay yesterday but failed to connect. Our two friends from Whatcom left their traps here, and are gone prospecting. They expect to be back home at 4 P.M.

May. Saturday 29. Dry and warm. 52 morning 88 noon.

Very warm. Business quiet. Mr. Boyd said he could take the claim and pay the cash in full. But he failed. Rain this evening. Our two prospectors from Whatcom are camped on the children's playhouse, got their things all wet. They brought their packs in upstairs and dried them.

May. Sunday, 30. Rain. 50.

Rain this morning. It rained nearly all night. Fair afternoon. Messrs. Fletcher and Ole Lee are going to develop their claims, they have bought a case of dynamite and are going to begin tomorrow. Mr. Rash and his partner from Whatcom are going to Wade's Landing [at foot of Sumas Mountain] to prospect tomorrow.

May. Monday 31. Fine. 48.

A fine day. Everything lovely after the rain. Mr. G.L.

Boyd said Sunday night that he would go to Wade's Landing on Monday, but he failed to connect. John A., Mr. Delorne, Mr. Rock and Mr. Woods all four went off on the Str. *Gladys* to prospect near Wade's Landing. Every man had a pack. Somebody is like a sticking stirk [Young bull or cow].

June. Tuesday 1. Fine. 50.

Fine all day. Mr. York went to Vancouver today. It is very secret; they wish to do all the business themselves. Their actions say plainly, we know everything, you know nothing. We put up with you because we are superior. Kroy [York] can not see anything but the top.

June. Wednesday 2. Fair. 54.

Very pleasant weather, the river is rising again, it had fallen two feet. Mr. York is not home yet. Business quiet. Not any word from John A. or Mr. Delorne. She [Mrs. L. C. York] is running everything nicely. Kroy [York] is head and tail; nothing can be done except [by] us.

June. Thursday 3. Fair. 50.

Fine weather. Business quiet. Mr. York returned from Vancouver on Str. *Transfer*. He reports everything booming there. He saw Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell had some of the BLIZZARD mine assayed and they found only traces, and they refused to buy. He said they thought you were asking too much, if you would put 3 in a group you would have a better chance to sell.

June. Friday 4. Fair. 52.

A little cloudy, dry weather. Our garden is not growing very fast, the people are against it. Mr. Jas. Boyd was here this morning. He said he will work for Mr. York on Monday. He has sold the hay on the island to Messrs. Boyd and Black; they cut the hay and put it in the barn. Boyd and Black get 2/3, James Boyd gets 1/3. Every time Mr. York had any dealings with J. Boyd, he has been disappointed. But Rod McKay is not here.

June. Saturday 5. Cloudy. 54.

Cloudy. Mr. Knudtson came this morning to hoe the garden. He hoed some potatoes and hoed out some of my pet pumpkin plants. Mr. York shipped Mr. Kent's boat by rail. John A. and Mr. Delorne came home today

on Str. *Transfer*, they are all well. Mr. Van Zant's father sent an expert to report on the mines. He was favourably impressed with the situation. He said neither Mr. Rock nor Mr. Wood knew anything about prospecting.

June. Sunday 6. Warm. 56.

Very warm, a shower of rain last night. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the school house today from 1st Corinthians 12th chap. and 3rd verse. 40 of a congregation. Mr. Hodgson and the children were in the school house. Revd. A. Dunn read an article on the movement to get up a subscription to assist in training nurses in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. I shared my hymn Book with Miss Parkinson.

June. Monday 7. Warm. 56.

A fine morning, rain before seven, it has cleared up before eleven, the sun is very hot. Somebody is as black as black can be. Some men and some women would risk their eternal welfare to do an old man an injury. How happy they are when they filch a man's good name. Verily, they have their reward.

June. Tuesday 8. Cool and cloudy. 52

Cool, cloudy, and windy. John A. and Mr. York were going to put a shot in the BLUE BIRD and the GOLDEN EAGLE, but the current in the Fraser was so strong and the wind so weak, they could not sail up and gave it up and came back. Business quiet, they intend getting out some ore and test it.

June. Wednesday 9. Cloudy. 47.

Cool and cloudy. We are expecting Mr. Boyd will pay up the balance on the WARRIOR. Mr. York is going to Mission today to attend the Mason Lodge at night. John A. is waiting anxiously for cash or a letter from Mr. Van Zant. The time of the last is up on Friday 15th; the payment on the GOLDEN CURRIE is due about the same time. Mr. G.L. Boyd took some of the ore of the WARRIOR to Sinclair.

June. Thursday 10. Warm. 54.

Warm and cloudy. Mr. L. C. York came home on the Str. *Gladys*. John A. shipped the wool, furs and hides and hay by Str. *Transfer*. Mr. Preston was here this forenoon

getting supplies and looking for two men to hire to go into logging camp, wages thirty five dollars per month and board.

June. Friday 11. Rain. 50.

It rained nearly all night. Kroy [L. C. York] has had a tantrum, and Kroy is not very loving, of course we must follow. When a man has no money, he is of no earthly use. When we got all he has got and not any prospect of the moneyless man getting any more, he is a nuisance. Kick him out. Mr. Stenger and another man came here today from Whatcom. John A. went with them and carried their traps on the pony. John A. came home before dark.

June. Saturday 12. Rain. 50.

A very warm, gentle rain. The crops are growing luxuriantly, garden vegetables of all descriptions are growing rapidly. Mr. Stenger and his man are going to work at the YELLOW JACKET and if it turns out well Mr. Stenger will get a smelter. Some people there are here who cannot speak to me without showing the hatred that there is in their black hearts. When any person is present they snarl like a mongrel cur dog, when any person is present.

June. Sunday 13. Clear and bright. 52.

A fine morning. Everything is queer and everybody out of sorts. We are always late in the mornings and that puts everything behind. The man going to the fair who got his boots filled with milk was all right, but we are all wrong because I cannot get the big end of the stick. So long as a man can be lower, other men rise higher in the eyes of people. He ought to be happy, even if he don't get his boots flowing over with milk and honey.

June. Monday 14. Clear 50.

A fine morning. Mount Baker very pretty. The river lower. Not any mines changing hands. The same feeling all over the mining country, keep every man out if he is poor, and if he has a little, take money, even all that he has, and use him worse than a dog.

June. Tuesday 15. Rain. 50.

It rained nearly all night. Mr. Ross the surveyor and his men are waiting at Wharnock to go to Kamloops to sur-

vey for the Government. Charles Cook and young Parker are engaged to go with the party. Mr. York is going to Victoria to attend the Masonic Grand Lodge. The Lodge pays expenses. John A. cut my hair today, it is a good cut. He did not cut a bit out of my ear.

June. Wednesday 16. Rain. 52.

Very wet. It is raining every day and every night. Mr. York is in Victoria. Mr. Chris Engen is not any better, the Doctor came up yesterday, he gave Chris some pills, Chris slept some. The Doctor wanted Chris to go to the hospital, but he cannot be moved. A young man was here this morning and wanted us to telegraph. Mr. York, the operator, is away to Grand Lodge, so they will have to wait. Mr. York changed his mind, and did not go to Victoria. He came home this evening. Mr. Gilchrist's body was found floating in the Stave River today near the mill.

June. Thursday 17. Cloudy. 48.

Cloudy, the wind blowing from the southwest. Mr. Stenger went home by the Whatcom today; he left his men to work. Mr. York is going to put a man on to work cutting a road into the GOLDEN DAWN. Mr. Delorne is going prospecting along the Yale Road. Mr. James Cromarty is going to Silverdale to prospect.

June. Friday 18. Rain. 48.

More Rain, John A. is going to the road to the YELLOW JACKET to work making a pony trail. \$ 3.00 per day. Mr. Stenger's man is working there now and John A. is going to help him. The weather a little warmer. Business quiet. The river falling. School examinations on both sides of the river. Mrs. Margery Hairsine and Miss McCrae got my boat to go over the river to see the examination. John A. had hauled it up to dry for painting, but I had to let it go.

June. Saturday 19. Fair. 44.

Warm and dry. A tug came here last night and tied up at the Rock till 3 o'clock. They left here about ½ past 3 o'clock A.M. Mr. York went with the tug as far as Mr. Manzer's. Mr. York helped to load and came home before dinner. Now the Captain came here and says they will not get loaded today. There is a tug not far from Mr. Neil Cameron's that come up today, some part of the engine is broken, the Captain telegraphed for help.

June. Sunday 20. Fair. 50.

Hot, a little cloudy, a red rainbow about 8 P.M. Mr. Black called to get the number of my mining licence. I gave him the envelope and certificate enclosed. I forgot to give him the money to pay for the recording of the OLD MAN mining claim, an extension of the BLACK DIAMOND mine on Harrison Lake. Mr. Godfrey borrowed my boat to take him to New Westminster. He said he would send it up tomorrow on the Str. *Gladys*.

June. Monday 21. Very pleasant this morning. John A got up before five o'clock this morning, he cooked and ate his breakfast, saddled the pony and was off before 6 o'clock A.M. York got up before 6, wrote a note for Mr. Nils Nelson to sign and gave it to John A. to take to Nils Nelson and get his signature. Mr. Black went to New Westminster. I gave him the \$2.50 cash to pay for recording the OLD MAN claim on Harrison Lake.

June. Tuesday 22. Rain. 50.

Raining. Mrs. York and the two Misses York went to Haney to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They get to Haney and return for one fare on the *Bon Accord*. Mr. Rolley is here repairing the water pipe. When he put in the pipes last year, he had to make a thread on the end of one pipe with a file, and that part gave out and now he is repairing it. I think the filed thread broke the thread of the coupling. It was a split pipe that had been burst by the frost.

June. Wednesday 23. Cloudy

Mr. Black recorded the OLD MAN

Cloudy. John A. got home this morning, half past 6. He started for the mine [YELLOW JACKET] at half past 7 am. The river is lower. The fishermen are getting more spring salmon. Mr. Oliver was telling Mr. Rolley that the GOLDEN DAWN was liable to be jumped, because Mr. York had not time to do the work before the year was up. Success to the men. A friend said, I suppose you will sell your claim. I said I would sell cheap. Mr. Black came home today, I asked him if was all right to record it down there. He said it was recorded all right.

June. Thursday 24. Fair.

Clear and bright. Mr. H. Garner paid Mr. York a small

account today. He wishes to know if Mr. L. C. York will give him credit till after the sockeye run. Mr. York is halting between two opinions. Mr. Garner is in debt to Mr. York nearly \$200. Very warm, the fish are not plentiful yet.

June. Friday 25. Hot.

Very warm. Black's brother washed out one of the boats today, they are going to fish for Mr. York. The boats are all turned up on the wharf ready for caulking and painting. I wish that I could get away. Mr. York and I went to Gilbert McKay's last night to help choose a cow he is getting from McKay in exchange for a cow [?]. Well, he chose the cow first, then asked my opinion. Quite a thunder, lightning and rain about 5 P.M., it was very refreshing.

June. Saturday 26. Fair. 58.

Fifty-eight degrees this morning 6 A.M. Mr. York sold his 156 fathom net to Mr. Fletcher. Harry [Sanders] has cleaned caulked and painted the boat. He is getting ready for fishing with Mr. Black's brother. Business is very quiet. Mr. McKay (Dan McKay's brother) and Mr. Black are going to Stave Lake to prospect for Hall's mine, it appears that it is very rich. They have taken Mr. York's pony and are to send it home this evening.

June. Sunday 27. Cloudy. 58.

Mr. [Hugh] Robertson preached in the School house. Matthew 16 C 24 V. Collection \$2.05.

A warm glow of heat, very pleasant. John A. came in from the mine last evening. The road is made to the YELLOW JACKET. Mr. Grigory is a good worker. They will blast out some of the GOLDEN DAWN and see what is in it.

June. Monday 28. Fair. 56.

Cloudy. Pleasant. John A. went to the GOLDEN DAWN this morning on Jesse. He left here at 7 A.M. The Walden brothers went to Vancouver on the *Bon Accord*. They are going to celebrate the 1st of July (Dominion Day). Mr. Sanders is painting the boat getting ready to fish with Black's brother. I wonder when we may expect a change.

June. Tuesday 29. Cloudy. 60.

Cloudy, a light shower this evening. I went to Mr. Spilsbury's and got some cow cabbage plants from Major Bland. Mr. Spilsbury was not at home. I had lunch with the Major. I got home about 3:15. Business a little better today, it is a pity that we are so high and mighty. I wish they would come down to this earth.

June. Wednesday 30. Rain. 56.

Rain. A gentle rain all day. I have been planting cabbage plants this forenoon. It is very pleasant to have a dinner of fine salmon, and not a word spoken from the start to the finish. O, how nice it is to live on the Fraser River. Young Oliver jumped his own claim in his father's name, to save them from doing the assessment.

July. Thursday 1. Rain. 60. Raining all night. Some of the farmers have a lot of hay cut, this wet weather is not good for saving hay. Everything is growing rapidly. We had some red raspberries for dessert, the first for this season. Our strawberries are all done for this season. Business is better today, the fishermen are getting ready to go fishing. John A. and Mr. Grigory came home from the GOLDEN DAWN this evening.

July. Friday 2. Rain. 62.

It rained before seven and was fair before eleven. Young William Hairsine and young [Sam?] Garner were working for Mr. York today 75¢ per day and board, they wheeled all the firewood that Mr. [Robert] Robertson had sawed out of the piles. Mr. Grigory went home to Whatcom today. He slept here last night. Mrs. York and the Misses York went to the Mission today to visit Mrs. A[rchie] York, they are all well.

July. Saturday 3. Rain. 60.

Rain this morning. Frank Owens got away his net this morning. Sanders said Owens got the longest net, let them fight it out. Sanders is a born kicker, a man void of all reason. I expect Mr. York may expect trouble with him. Mrs. L. C. York returned home today.

July. Sunday 4. Fair. 56.

Clear and bright, the fishermen are all getting ready

for fishing. F. Owens's partner is on the wharf now 12 o'clock. John A. helped him to turn over his boat. It is needless to think of the leopard changing his spots or a wolf his [blank]. When a man gets into a bad position, he must ask for help in every time of trouble. This was the first night for the fishermen to fish for sockeyes.

July. Monday 5. Rain. 60.

Rain last night. Cloudy. Sam Cromarty and M.W. Hairsine: 8 sockeyes, 3 spring, 1 sturgeon. F. Owen[s] and [blank]: 1 sockeye, Sanders and Black: 1 sockeye, Sutherland and R. Robertson: 0. Henry Garner: 4 sockeyes. Business quiet, I think the fishermen are trying to stick any man who furnishes nets and boats, and the men who know nothing, [are] only pretenders.

July. Tuesday 6. Fair. 60.

Cloudy. The fishermen are doing better. Mr. Sam Cromarty: 43 sockeyes and 1 spring salmon. John Owen: 39 and 1 spring. H. Garner: 29 and 1. Mr. Garner's boys: 9. Messrs. Sanders and Black too sweet to go out. Mrs. York came into the store in a great passion and began to scold me as she always does. When anything is wrong or the baby is crying, I am the only one she thinks of scolding. John A. is going to prospect on Vancouver Island with G.L. Boyd and Mr. Thomas about the end of this week.

July. Wednesday 7. Rain. 58.

It rained all night. The cross look is there. I wish I was away. G.W. [G.L.] Boyd went away on the *Bon Accord* to see a Mr. Thompson, an old friend of Mr. Boyd's who can tell him where the creek is, that contains gold. It appears that the schoolmaster near Mr. Thomson is going to pay Mr. Thompson's fare to Victoria for a share in the find.

July. Thursday 8. Cloudy. 58.

Cloudy, not any rain. The ranchers have a lot of hay cut. It has been cut more than two weeks and wet nearly all the time. Kiterly [Mrs. York?] has been off very much this week. Well, it is a pity that we are made that way. Mr. James Cromarty is home from his prospecting tour with August Baker. He said they have found Mr. Hall's claim, and staked it, and four more claims. Mr. G.L. B[oyd] is home with a C[ock]-and-B[ull] story (that the

man was just starting and could not take any person with him. I think Boyd's friend will stake for Boyd and shut out John A. and Thomson.

July. Friday 9. Fair. 60.

Warm, very pleasant. Mr. G.L. Boyd has got another object in view; we don't know where he is going. I expect that Mr. Black has told him about some other place, and they are not willing that any person should know? The same stiffness all around kiterly [Mrs. York?] yet. They are cross because they have not cheated me out of everything.

July. Saturday 10. Hot and dry. 60 morning, 86 noon.

Very warm, the river is falling slowly. The fish scarce. Sam Cromarty shipped 156 fish this week, High boat. Henry Garner next highest boat. Mr. York telegraphed to Mr. Thomas that Mr. Boyd was away. Mr. Thomas answered that Mr. Thomas had not gone yet, and to come right along. I made a mistake. H. Garner highest 163, Sam Cromarty 155, Joe Garner and brothers 150. John A. went on the Whatcom west this afternoon, to prospect Vancouver Island.

July. Sunday 11. Fine. 82.

A very fine morning. Messrs. Delorne and Currie went down the river this morning in their canoes, they are going to try fishing. Mr. McDonald, Mr. Thomas's friend is here and Mr. J. Mills Johnson is his boat puller. They fished this evening.

July. Monday 12. Fine. Lovely this morning. Joe Garner and brothers 90 fish, F. Owen[s] and Pine [Pyne] 47. Mr. Sanders and Black got snagged 20. Seven hundred fish from Wharnock today. Miss Hairsine went to Westminster today to consult a dentist.

July. Tuesday 13. Fine.

Very pleasant weather. Not very many fish. One boat 2 men fished all night and only 25 fish. Henry Garner and Tom have shipped 305 salmon, Sam Cromarty 300, Garner boys nearly 300, Sanders and Black 45, F. Owen[s] and Pine 150. Mr. Sanders is wanting Mr. York to give him a hundred and fifty fathom net. Mr. York thinks it will not pay. Sanders got Mr. York to buy the licence, and

then he kicked till Mr. York got new oars and now he kicks to get a big net.

July. Wednesday 14. Fair

Cloudy. Not any fish. Business is a little better. Mr. Sanders was in to see Mr. York about getting a new net. I think he will make so many promises about what great things he is going to do and how many immense things he has done; perhaps Mr. York will be simple enough to buy a new net. I am painting my boat, a fine wind blowing up the river. Mr. Thomas came here this evening. He is going to fish with Mr. McDonald.

July. Thursday 15. Cloudy.

Pleasant weather. I wish everything was as pleasant as the weather. Messrs. Black brothers and Sanders (foul mouth) are going to work at the GOLDEN CURRIE today. Mr. Sharp is going today to take possession of the ranch which he bought near Mission City. Not any fish running last night. Mr. Heafy is working \$3.50 per day, he pays \$1.00 per day board.

July. Friday 16. Rain.

A very quiet pleasant rain. The fishermen have their nets on the racks waiting for Sunday night, when they expect a big haul. Mr. Black could not do much at the GOLDEN CURRIE, the drills he bought from Mr. York were too soft. It appears the rock is very hard. John A. came home from the BLIZZARD mine. He shipped about 40 lbs. ore to Mr. Campbell, Vancouver today. Mr. Sanders sewed the sine around the sail today.

July. Saturday 17. Cloudy.

Cloudy. They have a lot of hay cut, and it rained on it all yesterday. A Mr. Lothian is here waiting for the steamer *Transfer*. He is going up to the Leckey & Brown mine, to put in the stamp machinery and build an engine and saw mill. Mr. Thomas and Mr. McDonald caught 45 sockeyes and one spring salmon yesterday, Mr. Sanders is nagging me all day, he is like Mr. Percy. He nags me because I am old.

July. Sunday 18. Fair.

A fine day. Revd. A. Dunn preached in the schoolhouse, about 30 of a congregation, Genesis 39 and 40, Joseph,

Joseph's temptation and imprisonment.

The fishermen are in luck tonight. Joe Garner and brother got 45 the first drift. Messrs. Sanders and Black got fifty in one drift from the point of the island [Crescent Island] down the middle of the river to Mr. York's wharf.

July. Monday 19.

Fine weather. The sockeye fishing good. Sam Cromarty and his nephew Malcolm Wm. Hairsine, high boat, 225; Black and Sanders 190; Joe Garner and brother 185. F. Owens & Pyne 100 snagged. I have been repairing my boat, it was leaking. I gave it to John A. and Delorne. They lent it to a fisherman and he let a bank of ore fall on it.

July. Tuesday 20. Cloudy.

Cloudy. Business quiet. Only a few boats drifting. Mr. Thomas and Mr. McDonald were out last night. Mr. Thomas said they got a few 7, 8, and 9 at a drift. When morning came they got only 2 and 4 at a drift. Mr. York has gone to Mr. John Owen's to see some new fishing net web, if Mr. Owen can disappoint Mr. York, he is sure to do it and feel happy all the day.

July. Wednesday 21. Thunder.

A shower of rain. Thunder this afternoon. I painted the inside of my boat today, the sun was very hot. The thunder cooled the air. Mr. York bought 100 fathom of sockeye net, it cost \$65. He gave it to Messrs. Sanders and Black. Sanders said he would take the new net and let Owens and Pyne get both old nets and put them together and make one good net.

July. Thursday 22. Cloudy.

Cloudy. Crosses, o how cross, hidden. Mr. Garner is hanging the new net for Messrs. Sanders and Black. Not a salmon caught since yesterday, very few fish in the river. It is reported there are thousands in the Gulf, the fishermen expect a big run of fish Sunday night. Some of the fellows here get a boat and net from Mr. York, and they try to beat him out of everything. This evening at 4 o'clock he shouted, Mr. Williamson, I am going to town. All is hidden from me.

July. Friday 23. Rain

It rained nearly all night and is raining this morning. John A. shipped Mr. Percy's chickens today. Sanders and Black were here this morning and hauled up the boat on the wharf to give Roby [Robertson] a chance to repair it. When any person is in the store and Miss (Adele? is) in, she will talk till you cannot hear what a person is saying, and they think it very smart.

July. Saturday 24. Showery

Occasional showers all forenoon. Mr. [Isaac R.] Parker was riding from home to Wharnock, his horse fell and threw him and hurt him. He is at Mr. York's. John A. rode out and told his son. His son came here on horse back and said he would come for his father tomorrow. John A. walked home. Margery Hairsine went home on a visit today.

July. Sunday 25. Fair.

Bright and clear. H[enry]. Parker telegraphed for the Doctor. He came up on the 3:26 Express. The doctor examined Mr. Parker. He says Mr. Parker will soon get well, no bones broken, no rupture, no danger, plenty of rest. Mr. Derrinberg was here today. He and John A. went down to Henderson's. J.A. went out walking with a Dear Creature. [John Williamson married Mary Henderson a year later]. Mr. Garner wanted J.A. to go fishing tonight. I went down and told him. He said he would be on time.

July. Monday 26.

Bright and clear. 74 in the shade. Good fishing. Joe Garner and brother: 513. Fish 10¢ each. Tom Garner: 410. He would have had more if he had not snagged, as it was, he was high boat at Silverdale. Just the same yesterday, today, and forever. Mr. Owen got such a lot of fish that he refused to take any more. John A. and Mr. Garner caught 277, they had to leave them in the piano box on the wharf.

July. Tuesday 27. Fine.

The weather very good, cool nights and pleasant days. The *Bon Accord* took all the fish all right. When John A.'s fish were counted this morning, they were short 37 fish. A man they call Sanders who is fishing for Mr. York said he lost 50 fish. Some person said he was the thief and

said that to screen himself. The fishermen blame Owen for not taking the fish; they say he did that to get favour with the cannery men.

July. Wednesday 28. Fine.

Fine weather. Very few fish. The fishermen get 1 to 5 each drift. I have got my boat nearly finished. Mr. York has faith in the BLUE BIRD claim. He is going to develop it and put in the assessment. Things are not changed. Every cent is fastened in the business.

July. Thursday 29. Fine.

Fine. Business better. John A. is going to fish with Mr. Garner. Fish are 6¢ each. The Klondike gold craze has struck Wharnock.

July. Friday 30 Rain.

A few showers of rain. Mr. York and John A. went to the BLUE BIRD mine and put in 2 shots, the seam of quartz is very narrow and is not getting any wider. Messrs. Black and Sanders put in a few shots in the GOLDEN CURRIE. Sanders asked me to give him a sack and before I had time to get him a sack, he dumped Mr. York's ore out of his sack and took the sack without leave. Mr. Sanders is the kind of man he would encourage.

July. Saturday 31. Rain.

It rained all night. Clouds and sunshine, the sun very hot. John A. and Mr. Black were going to put a few shots into the BLUE BIRD today, but it was too wet.

August. Sunday 1. 76 in the shade.

A very fine day, the salmon are very plentiful, Joseph and Sam Garner get 253 salmon the first drift and 200 the second drift. The drift is from the Rancheree Creek [York Creek?] to the buoy at Cook's Creek, the creek between Mr. Robertson's and Mr. Sutherland's. Mr. John Owen sent a request to Mr. York to fire a shot of a gun at 6 o'clock. Mr. York kindly complied with the request. Mr. John Owen told the fishermen that he would only take 200 fish. I went out for a stroll and met Mr. Fancher. He said if I would go with him he would give me my watch. I went with him, Mr. and Mrs. Farrington and three children and Ruth Rolley they were all singing family piano.

August. Monday 2. 78.

Fine weather. Sanders and Black are going to salt 300 salmon for Mr. York. John A. and Mr. G. Black went in my boat to put in some shots in the BLUE BIRD. Mr. August Baker went prospecting the Blue Mountain. He thinks there is good mineral in the Blue Mountain. Mr. Henderson and four men putting in a catching post [for mail bags to and from the passing trains] opposite the store door. John Owen got a telegram this evening telling him to buy no more fish and send all the boats down. He got orders to limit the men to 200, he told the men 150, so that he could sell all his fish.

August. Tuesday 3. Fair. 86 in the shade.

The weather splendid. The Garners went down the river this morning to fish, Sanders and Black went down the river to fish. Owen[s] and Pyne have not gone down yet. Kroy [York] is just the same. John A. and G. Black have gone to the BLUE BIRD to develop a quartz ledge near the canyon.

August. Wednesday 4. Hot. 89.

Very warm weather. Mr. and Mrs. York have taken the two children on the *Bon Accord* for an outing to Langley by invitation from Revd. and Mrs. Dunn, I am left out in the cold. Well it is a long lane that has not a turning. I wish it would come soon. John A. is cutting down the long oars shorter to fit the small boat. Mr. John Owen was here this morning. He said that he could show by his books that he put in less fish than the other boats, that is, the high boats and that Gilchrist is fully satisfied that Mr. John Owen could not do better, because I had no chance, John Owen got the letter and made it all right. John Owen gave Pyne an order for ten dollars.

August. Thursday 5. Hot. 84

Warm. Business quiet. Sam Cromarty and Wm. Hairsine went to the BLUE BIRD mine in my boat this morning. They intend to develop the quartz ledge near the canyon. Mills Johnson went out to see Walden's Kanaka claim; the mine is richer now when they are lower down. They told Johnson about a little creek. Johnson went and found Walden's lead and staked a claim.

August. Friday 6. Hot. 88.

Warm. The salmon were very plentiful but very few fishermen. Mr. Owen has got the limit down to one hundred. Mrs. A. York from Mission City is here on a visit, she is buying a few goods. She expects to go to the Slocan in a fortnight; three of the boys are going next week. Mrs. A. York will start the week following. Young [Hugh] Sutherland and Mr. [Robert] Robertson caught 112 salmon in two hours, Derrinberg and little Swanoi got 120 in two hours.

August. Saturday 7. Hot. 88.

Hot all day. Thunder, lightning, and rain at night. Not any change. The Kroys [Yorks] are very busy doing nothing, happy only when visiting. Mrs. Frank Owens [née Charlotte Robertson] cleaned some salmon, carried them up the big hill where they live [at Whonnock Lake]. She took sick that night and had a stillborn baby. Charlie Garner, Thomas, and Henry came home on the *Bon Accord* this evening.

August. Sunday 8. Hot. 84.

Revd. A. Dunn preached in the schoolhouse today, Genesis 4, 7, 8. 15 of a congregation. The fishermen are all out fishing, they expect quite a catch, but they are limited to 100 each boat. The thunder is rolling but not any rain. Mr. Black called to see John A. to tell him he would rather not go with him tomorrow. Mr. Boyd was with Black, So, ho, there is something in the wind. So be it. O, that I had wings like a dove.

August. Monday 9. Cloudy. 78.

A little cloudy. Mr. Edwards is loading a scow with cordwood. John A. is helping to load. Sam Cromarty and Malcolm W. Hairsine went down to see if he wanted any more men. Mr. Edwards said no. He has only seven men. Mr. Edwards is a man who feels too big for anything. But to lower people in the eyes of others he will get the tenth of his leather.

August. Tuesday 10. Rain 76.

It rained before seven o'clock. John A. got up at half past four o'clock this morning. He cooked his breakfast and went to Mr. Edwards to help finish loading the scow. Yesterday Mr. Cromarty and young Hairsine wanted Mr.

Edwards to take them on to help. Mr. Edwards refused to take them. Mr. Edwards and nagging Percey were looking for Sam Cromarty. Everything is the same. Archibald Beggam was right, he had more wisdom than me.

August. Wednesday 11. 70.

Cloudy. John A. and Mr. Black went to the BLUE BIRD to work at the quartz ledge. Mr. L. C. York is going to the Mission to build up a name without charity. O, that I could get away, it is a great pity that I was such a great fool, put not your trust in princes, nor King Salomons. Mr. Boyd has been prospecting on Wharnock Creek. He says that he has got it, pure native silver, and quite a ledge. Mr. York returned from the Mission tonight, of course we are on our high horse.

August. Thursday 12. 74.

Cloudy. John A. rode out to Walden's mine to examine the road to see if he could pack ore on ponies and make it pay. I think it is a chance about whether a person can buy ponies and get enough to pay for the outfits and a profit. I am fitting up my boat. It capsized in the Stave River Canyon and caught on a rock and split one of the boards from stem to stern. John A. and Mr. Geo Black were pitched in the water. Mr. Blake's man came for the mail, he asked for Miss Magar. I looked in the M. box and never thought of looking in the B. box. He got no mail for Mr. Blake. I feel sorry.

August. Friday 13. Hot. 82.

Warm. The salmon are very scarce; the fishermen are coming back to Wharnock. Some of the canneries have got all they want for this year, Black came home yesterday, Sanders is not home yet. I was making a knee for my boat, it was nearly made. Walter Thomson and John A. and I went down to the boat. Thomson said this is the way to make it. He cut it nearly all away. I made another knee.

August. Saturday 14. Hot. 89.

Very hot. Messrs. Fletcher and Bland came home last night. The canneries will take all the fish they can get at the mouth of the river, Mr. Bland said tonight, and John Owen's limit is 200 fish. Mr. York went to Vancou-

ver today. He took some rock with him to get it tested. Things are worse than ever; I expect a lot of fishermen will pay up after the fishing. Miss Parkinson was here this evening, she looked very glum.

August. Sunday 15. 88.

Another hot day. We had breakfast at 9:25. Mrs. York gave children a bath before breakfast. John A. milks the cows. The fishermen are going out to try their luck tonight. Fish only 5 cents each. Business quiet. I do not see where the business is to come from. The fishermen get nearly all their supplies in New Westminster except when they get credit.

August. Monday 16. 91

Hot. Very warm and close. Business quiet. John A. lost his watch today. I think it must have been lost near the warehouse. He thinks it was lost in the potato patch. Thomas Garner wanted John A. to fish in his place, now, when the run is nearly over. That is too, too, kind, altogether too fine. The *Gladys* brought a lot of freight for Mr. York today.

August. Tuesday 17. Smokey. 78.

Very smoky. The fires are burning on the south side of the river. Business quiet. John A. went away on the *Bon Accord* this evening to Mount Lehman to get Mr. York's horses. Messrs. Carver and H. Garner came home from New Westminster pretty happy tonight. John A. and I painted the inside of my boat and nailed the bottom. Mr. John Owen, the fisherman's friend, received a telegram to buy no more fish.

August. Wednesday 18. Hot. 89.

Very warm. John A. got home with the horses this morning on the *Bon Accord*. The fishermen are to be paid off on Saturday.

August. Thursday 19. Hot, 88.

Mr. York and John Layfield went to New Westminster today. Mr. York is going to Vancouver before he comes back. John A. borrowed Mr. Gilbert McKay's mower and mowed part of the hay. Mr. Knudtson came home from fishing and took fever and is very ill.

August. Friday 20. 90.

Very close and warm this morning, hot at noon. Mrs. York feels the heat very much. Frank Owens was very indignant because Mrs. York refused to give him a pair of pants and a sack of chop. He was very saucy. Business quiet. John A. finished mowing the hay with the machine and took it home to Mr. McKay's. He said John A. could get the loan of it any time. Every thing is very so, so.

August. Saturday 21. Hot. 90.

Very dry and hot. The fishermen are getting paid today. We expect some good drinking. Fishing is dry work, the water is so wet. John A. hauled two loads of hay this evening. William Malcolm [William Gowan] Hairsine helped to load.

August. Sunday 22. Hot. 86.

The weather is very hot with only a few drops of rain. The fishermen were paid up on Saturday. Mr. Pyne played a fishy trick on Mr. York. He collected all the cash and gave F. Owens twenty dollars. Mr. York threatened him with the police, then he gave up the money, Mr. F. Owens gave up ten dollars.

August. Monday 23. Hot. 90.

The hot, dry weather continues. John A. hauled the balance of the hay into Cromarty's barn this morning. He took the rake home and brought the horses and wagon over the river on the Str. *Gladys*. Business is very good, some of the fishermen paying and some will not pay. John Matheson (Norwegian), John Speller (Sweden). In fact speller was Belgian].

August. Tuesday 24. Cloudy. 86.

Cloudy. It is gathering the clouds together to rain in earnest. John A. took a jag load of goods to Mr. G.L. Boyd, 1 barrel of lime, one of flour Lake of the Woods, 1 sack Japan rice. He is to bring back a scraper to do road work with the horses. He worked all day on the road leading to the station. He borrowed a plough from Mr. G.L. Boyd. John A. hauled the new goods from the station for Mr. York today.

August. Wednesday 25. Hot. 78

The sun was hot, but the thermometer was 78 only, in the shade. The Str. *Gladys* brought two lumps of ice for Mr. Knudtson today. He was a little better this morning. John A. took the ice to Mr. Knudtson. He worked the horses on the road today.

August. Thursday 26. Hot. 80.

Very warm. John A. got the horses shod today by Mr. Carver at the Ruskin mill forge. He is making a rack for hauling cordwood. Business is fair. Mr. Fletcher, the post office inspector, was here today, everything about the post office was all right. No. 2 missed the mailbag today. John Matheson refused to pay anything on his note today. He said Mr. York could not collect anything off him.

August. Friday 27. Hot. 80.

Very dry. John A. brought one load of cordwood today, he said it was enough for the horses, they have not been fed. Frank Owens is sneaking after Mr. York, I think he will stick Mr. York for six months grub or more. Mr. York is getting more goods. I wonder who is going to buy the goods. I expect he will sell on credit and be hard up again. Mr. York has a Chinaman weeding the garden.

August. Saturday 28. Hot. 78.

Warm dry weather. John A. took two Chinamen with him this morning to help make a road to get out the cordwood. John A. brought the third load today. Mr. Black came home from New Westminster today. Mr. Munn told him to put three hundred dollars work on the GOLDEN CURRIE.

August. Sunday 29. Hot. 80.

A Mr. Reid preached in the school house 55th chap 5,6 verses Isiah. Mr. D[unn] preached at Mount Lehman. It was very warm in the church, or school house today. Mrs. Hodgson complained of the heat. 18 of a congregation. Collection \$1.75. Mrs. Hodgson liked Mr. Reid's preaching. She said he spoke so loud and so full toned and sang so nice. She said that she would like if we could meet once and practice the tunes. Mr. Reid stayed all night. Mrs. York played the piano and sang. Mr. Reid and John A. sang with Mrs. York. I went to bed and to sleep.

August. Monday 30. Cloudy. 76.

Fine weather, a little smoky. John A. broke the tongue of the wagon. He is going tomorrow to Mr. Parker's to get him to put in a new tongue. Mr. [Robert] Fletcher signed the contract to take ore from the Kanaka mine and ship it. The Heathen Chinaman mowed the strawberries today. Mr. Reid went away on the 10:20 Whatcom today. Mrs. York, Mr. Reid and I had a little sing together before he left.

August. Tuesday 31. Rain. 60.

It rained all night. Mr. Fletcher left his net on the rack. Mr. Sanders also. The boys say that Messrs. Owens and Pyne purposely snagged Mr. York's net and left the balance on the rack. O ye gentlemen of England, who guard our fisheries, whose schemes will carry you through another six months with ease, if the supplies are not stopped short.

September. Wednesday 1. 55.

It rained this morning for two hours. John A. started with the team and two Chinamen. John A. to go to Mr. Parker's to get him to put a tongue in the wagon. The Chinamen to make roads and chop 25 cords of cordwood. John A. got the tongue put in and hauled one cordwood, and was home at half past six o'clock. Mr. Fletcher and some of those who are to pack out the ore were here this afternoon. Mr. York gave up the packing of ore to Mr. Fletcher, they get their supplies from Mr. York. If the thing is a failure, who suffers?

September. Thursday 2. Fine.

Fine weather. John A. took some supplies for R. Fletcher to use at the Kanaka claim. Mr. Black has taken a contract to sink 15 feet for \$10 per foot. Messrs. Fletcher, Lee and Neilson are to freight and ship it for \$20 per ton. John A. brought a load of cordwood at half past 11 o'clock.

September. Friday 3. Rain. 55.

We had rain nearly all day. John A. finished building the stairway at the warehouse. Nils Nelson is getting up a dance and house warming in honour of his wife, here. His wife is the daughter of a man called Dunn, part English and part Italian. Her mother is part Kanaka.

They expected a number on the *Bon Accord*. But the only one was Alfred Nelson. John A. and Mr. Derrinberg have gone with a lantern. Doctor Drew came here to see Mr. Knudtson, who is sick of Typhoid fever. The Doctor said Knudtson was at worst. He ordered brandy, sent medicine. He is getting better. The Doctor stayed all night here.

September. Saturday 4. Rain. 60.

It is raining and has rained all night. John A. and Thomas Garner moved the stoves and put up the stove pipes. Tom Garner and J.A. worked two hours. Mr. York told Tom he would give him all the plums he could eat. Mr. Thomas [Garner] will get fat on that kind of work! The Doctor went and saw Mr. Allen. He said Mr. Allen had no fever.

September. Sunday 5. Rain. 50.

Thunder, lightening, and rain. The weather is very cool, we feel it the more because the weather has been so hot. Mr. Allen is getting better. Sometimes it is very unpleasant. Such is life on the Fraser River. Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. I often wonder when the other party will show their hand. If I was a party, I would get everything ready for the move.

September. Monday 6. Rain and thunder. 60.

Showers all morning, very heavy rain after dinner. A Grand Excursion from Vancouver to [Agassiz] to visit the Experimental Farm and places of interest, 21 coaches and two locomotives. Every passenger coach was filled with excursionists dressed in their best and some borrowed, perhaps. A Mr. McIntosh came with the crowd to visit Mr. York on business to get up a company. John A. brought goods from the station for Mr. York, brought home a load of cordwood, got a load at the station for the Percy Brothers, and hauled it up after dinner.

September. Tuesday 7. Rain. 60.

A fine morning, a little cloudy, it rained about 3 o'clock. John A. and I brought about 300 lbs. of hay from S. Cromarty's before dinner. He went for a load of cordwood after dinner, the rain kept off till 3 o'clock. Mr. Allen is not any better. His [blank] was affected by stooping so much taking the fish out of the net. Business is

very fair. Nills Nilson and wife are living in a scow on the River near Mr. York's land at the foot of Mr. Cook's creek.

September. Wednesday 8. Cloudy. 55.

Very pleasant. H. Garner and S. Cromarty are getting a lot of big sturgeon, they have a deep net. John A's horses went through the bridge yesterday with their feet only. He got the horses and wagon and load over all right. Mr. Ball is Gilchrist's councillor for Wharnock. When we spoke to Mr. Ball about the bridge he said if any man wanted to use the bridge to haul anything over the bridge with a team he might fix the bridge if he liked, he would have nothing to do with it. Mr. York went to Mission City to attend the Masonic Lodge. When he went away he said that he would go to Chilliwack to buy hay and would not be home till Friday. He got home today all right.

September. Thursday 9. Fine. 70

A very fine day. Business quiet. John A. took the lines off the new net and brought it in today and put it upstairs all right. The Messrs. Garners and Sam Cromarty caught a 500-pound sturgeon today. R. Fletcher went to New Westminster with rock from the Kanaka to get it assayed. I have not heard the result yet. A Mr. Grant, a collector for a hardware firm in New Westminster called when Mr. York was away. He had accounts against Mr. York of \$70. He wanted five dollars only to pay his expenses. I spoke to Mrs. York. She would scarcely give it because I asked her. Mr. York came home after I gave him the cash, it was all right.

September. Friday 10. Cloudy. 62.

Cloudy this morning, fine weather. John A. got up this morning at half past 5 o'clock. He went for a load of cordwood and was home at 1020. He repaired the tongue of the wagon and took a few kegs and some other sundries for Percy brothers. Mr. McClayies', stoves, tinware etc. Commercial traveller is here looking for orders. He has been through the Kootenay country. He says they have very little rain there.

September. Saturday 11th. Bright. 68.

Mount Baker showing up beautifully. August Baker got

home today. James Cromarty will be home on Monday, they are all to meet at Port Haney on Monday to sign the papers and complete the sale. John A. hauled two loads of lumber to Perceys brothers before dinner. Business is fair. Mr. Harrison and Miss Parkinson went down the river on the *Bon Accord* this morning. I fondly hope if they get married that they will be happy.

September. Sunday 12. Lovely. 72.

Fine weather. Mr. Gardner of the steamer *Transfer* received a letter from the C.P.R. to get Sam Cromarty, Henry Garner and himself ready to go to the head of the Stikine River to help in the preliminary survey of the railroad from the Stikine River to the Clondyke. The three men are to meet at Vancouver to see what the C.P.R. will pay them for their services. Mr. Gardner has passed his examination as Captain. He expects to get his papers shortly.

September. Monday 13. Rain. 58.

A little rain this morning before 7 o'clock. John A. is hauling lumber for Percey brothers. Mrs. Ole Nelson and Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson's mother on the *Bon Accord* this morning to get their teeth fitted. They had loaned Mr. Black ten dollars. He said that he would pay it on Monday. But he had no money; they borrowed ten dollars from Mr. York.

September. Tuesday 14. Cloudy. 68.

Cloudy this morning. The wind began to blow from southwest and dispersed all the clouds. John A. took two loads to Perceys and got home at 11:10, fed his horses, and is waiting for dinner. Messrs. Black and Sanders wanted to borrow a boat. Mr. York told Mr. Black if he would walk down to Mr. Spilsbury's he could get one of his fishing boats and sail up. When Mr. Black got there was neither sail nor oars and they walked back. Messrs. Garner, Gardner and Cromarty are to get \$2.00 per day and found they leave Vancouver tonight. They are under wages from tonight.

September. Wednesday 15. Bright and clear.

A fine day. Revd. Mr. Dunn is here. He and Mr. York had a long talk about an accusation brought against Mr. Dunn by Mrs. Sutherland about him selling that place

and representing the place to be better than it is, and that she, in a very short time, would do all the business. It was expected that Mr. York would fail, and then she would have the business and all to herself. Mr. Boyd got Mr. Oliver to haul his M. ft. lumber. I am getting a boil on the back of my neck.

September. Thursday 16. Very fine. 68.

John A. is getting on with the hauling [of] the lumber, the Percey brothers are unloading the scow, they expect to finish today. John A. will finish hauling lumber tomorrow. Tom and Joe Garner caught a fine sturgeon today. Mr. Allen is not any better today. The Doctor visited him this forenoon. He is very low. I have not heard what the Doctor said. The boil on my neck is worse.

September. Friday 17. Warm. 78.

Mr. Allen is sinking fast, the Doctor told them to telegraph how Mr. Allen was. Mr. Alec telegraphed that he was not any better. Mr. Allen died today at 20 minutes after 10 o'clock. John A. finished hauling the lumber today. We think that he will finish on Saturday, bricks and sand. Mr. Knocory [York] is always tired. My boil is worse.

September. Saturday 18. Hot. 80.

The sun is very hot. Mr. York went to Sapperton to help bury Mr. Allen, they buried him at Sapperton. Mr. York came home this evening on the *Bon Accord*. John A. hauled the balance of the bricks and some lumber for Sticaweg, and a load of sand for Percey Brothers He got home 12:45. He was tired. Mrs. York told him to saw wood. My neck is very stiff with that boil.

September. Sunday 19. Hot. 80.

Revd. A. Dunn preached in the schoolhouse today from 1st Corinth. I went to the service, my neck was very sore.

September. Monday 20. Hot. 78.

John A. is getting the wood home, my boil is bad. The oats did not come.

September. Tuesday 21. Cloudy. 76.

John A. brought a load of wood for L. C. York and a load

of apples and peaches before dinner for Mrs. Sutherland. The oats did not come.

September. Wednesday 22. Cloudy. 78.

It looks very like rain. Two young men stayed here last night. They were in Slocan District prospecting. My boil is very sore. I took a powder. The oats did not come.

September. Thursday 23. Fine. 76.

Very foggy but it was a fine day after the fog cleared away. The poll tax collector is around. My boil is getting better, it is very sore yet. Two Chinamen are sawing and splitting wood. The oats did not come yet.

September. Friday 24. Fine. 74.

John A. is busy hauling wood, the weather is fine. Two Chinamen are sawing and splitting wood. The oats came today.

September. Saturday 25. Hot. 78.

A fine day. John A. hauling two cords of wood every day. I take three glasses eggnog every day, 1 egg, a little milk, two tablespoonfuls of Hennessy's best brandy, a little lemon and nutmeg.

September. Sunday 26. Rain. 66.

Rain. It began to rain shortly after noon. Mrs. York makes eggnog, poultices my neck very often every day. She has been doing so for a week.

September. Monday 27. Cloudy. 66.

John A. brought two loads of cordwood today, 2 cords or over, the roads are very bad where they have been doing road work.

September. Tuesday 28. Fine. 68.

A pleasant day. Mr. York went to Steveston today to look at a bankrupt stock. Mr. Delorne was here today. He is fishing for sturgeon at Silverdale with Mr. Innes. John A. had to change clothes and go into the store till Mr. York comes back. We don't expect him home before tomorrow night.

September. Wednesday 29. Fine. 60.

John A. is keeping store till Mr. York comes home. Mr. York came home on the *Bon Accord*. He bought some goods at Steveston.

September. Thursday 30. Rain. 66.

It rained last night and it is very cloudy.

October. Friday 1. Cloudy.

Friday kept up the record. What Friday gets, it keeps. John A. hauled all day.

October. Saturday 2. Fine. 70.

Very fine weather. Mr. Black has sold a mine for five hundred dollars near Vancouver.

October. Sunday 3. Rain. 70

A little rain, a drizzle of rain all day. Margery Hairsine left Mrs. York's today and went to Miss Parkinson.

October. Monday 4. Fine. 76.

Very fine weather today. John A. has hauled something for Mr. York's customers every day and made his trip in good [time?]. Mrs. Nelson's springs and tick today.

October. Tuesday 5. Fine. 74. Another fine day. John A. is ploughing Mr. Black's garden. He hauled fish, rotten, at the same time, lumber, shingles etc. My carbuncle is getting better it is painful yet.

October. Wednesday 6. Fine. 70.

Foggy mornings, fine days, 70. Mr. York went to Mission today. Business fair. John A. finished Black's ploughing and hauled one cordwood, and kept the store all evening. Odin Lee is digging the potatoes.

October. Thursday 7. Fine. 66

Fine weather. The roads are good. John A. is hauling two cords every day, Sunday excepted. Mr. Rolley is putting a zinc gutter on the roof of the house. Odin Lee is helping Mr. Rolley. Mr. York came home on the steamer today. He says the Mission is very dull, business away down.

October. Friday 8. Cloudy. 60.

Cloudy all day. John A. worked for Mr. Black hauling rotten humpback salmon, and a wolf's load of pickets, ploughing his garden, and hauling a load of manure, and some other little load. John A. said it was worth ten dollars, Black paid \$8, and said it was enough. John A. hauled three cords of wood today.

October. Saturday 9. Cloudy. 64.

Another cloudy day. Messrs. Rolley and Fancher finished putting in the gutter of zinc, where the two roofs join. John A. hauled two cords.

October. Sunday 10. Cloudy. 56.

Revd. A. Dunn preached. My carbuncle kept me at home. Mrs. York and the two children and John A. went. They had a large congregation. This is a great country when a man and a woman can take every cent of cash an old man has, and if he speaks, snap off his nose.

October. Monday 11. Rain. 60.

It rained early this morning, and a little rain all day. John A. got Mr. Carver to shoe the horses today. If I speak a word in the house, either Mr. York or Mrs. York contradicts with a snap and a sneer, if any person is present. He did it very harshly this morning when John Owen was in the store. Percy Brothers ordered two boxes one of fire clay and the other box of sundries. The *Bon Accord* brought them and the *Bon Accord* left them on some lumber near Mr. York's warehouse and some person stole the two boxes.

October. Tuesday 12. Rain. 56.

Thunder, lightning, rain, and hail. It cleared up after noon and was fine. John A. is making a box stall for the horses. Mr. Fletcher and Oli Neilson are salting and barrelling and putting brine on the balance of the salmon.

October. Wednesday 13. Fine. 60.

Fine all day. John A. hauled one cord of cordwood today. He is fitting up a double stall for the two horses. Business is fair. My carbuncle is getting better slowly. We are dressing it with Vaseline. I think it would be better to poultice more with linseed meal.

October. Thursday 14. Fine. 58.

A lovely day. Mr. York went to Westminster today to meet a boot and shoe man from the east. John A. brought some wood for the store and some shakes before dinner, and he brought a big load of cordwood from Lee's.

October. Friday 15. Cloudy. 56.

John A. brought 2 cords today. John A., Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Carver went on the *Bon Accord* to a party at Mount Lehman. Mr. York returned on No. 2 all right.

October. Saturday 16. Fine. 78.

Fine all day. John A. came home from the concert before 6 o'clock this morning. Messrs. Carver and Harrison did not get home till near noon. John A. hauled 2 cords of wood before noon. Mr. York brought home some oranges and the children ate nine this morning, and they never offered me a taste. They did better with the bananas, I got one inch of a banana.

October. Sunday 17.

Cool morning and evening, warm and lovely all day. Mount Baker very pretty, all covered with snow. John A. has his new suit on; it is a good loose fit.

October. Monday 18. Fine. 66.

Lovely weather, cool mornings and evenings. Business quiet. John A. is hauling cordwood every day. I wish that I could get away.

October. Tuesday 19. Rain. 56.

A little rain this morning before 7 o'clock. It cleared up before 11 o'clock. John A. hauled 3 loads today, carried up 150 bricks from the river, went to the station and got a parcel for Percy Brothers, and hauled the bricks up to Percy brothers Eight loads of wood measured 11¾ cords. Quite a windstorm today.

October. Wednesday 20. Rain. 54.

Very wet weather. Business very dull. The cash in and around Wharnock is scarce. Messrs. Walden are not making much out of their mine. They said they would make money before Christmas, they must hurry or X-mas will be here [before] they know what they are about.

October. 21. Thursday 21. Rain. 50.

I think the rainy season has set in. John A. is fitting up the horses' stable comfortably; they will have a nice warm stable this winter. Our red cow had a fine heifer calf today. Her time was not up till the 23rd of this month.

October. Friday 22. Cloudy. 54.

Cloudy all day. Business a little better. John A. brought three loads of cordwood today. The flour arrived today. Charles Neilson helped me to clean the flour house and a room upstairs to hold the flour. There is to be a grand dance at the Stave River to celebrate the opening of a new school house this evening.

October. Saturday 23. Rain. 50.

It rained nearly all night and the greater part of the day. It was favourable when John A., Charles Neilson, and Nils Nelson were unloading the half car of flour. They cleared the car out in three hours. Nils Nelson worked only two hours. Walden brothers have quit work on the Kanaka claim till spring.

October. Sunday 24. Cloudy. 56. Cloudy a little sunshine lasting half an hour. It began to rain at half past 2 o'clock. At 12:30 Mr. Preston was here on business. Mr. Lock was here on mail matter, Mr. Whetham was here for mail and Miss Edith Henderson for mail. Mr. Preston said John A.'s stable was too hot. He said, if you could only see mine, you can run your hand through the cracks between the boards.

October. Monday 25. Cloudy 54.

Cloudy. Mr. York is selling flour, chop, bran, and wheat, the ranchers are taking it in wagon loads, but very little cash about 1/8 cash. Mr. Manzer and an Italian are here trying to get Mr. York to log on Mr. Ferguson's Ranch. Messrs. York, Manzer and the Italian went up to Mr. Hairsine's to meet Mr. Ferguson, but Mr. Ferguson failed to connect.

October. Tuesday 26. Cloudy. 56.

Clouds and sunshine. Mr. Manzer and the Italian are here on their way to town, they expect to get the thing fixed up with Mr. Ferguson.

October. Wednesday 27. Fine. 62.

Very fine weather. John A. brought three cords today. He took a load for Nils Neilson, and got thank you from Nils. Thanks is very poor feed for horses. He brought a box of chickens for Mr. Oliver. John A. put the box on the wagon and young George Boyd wanted to look in at the chickens. He moved a loose board and they all flew out. Two young men from Dakota are sleeping in the barn among the hay. Her Ladyship would not take them in.

October. Thursday 28. Fine. 66.

A little rain, it cleared up before 7 o'clock. John A. brought home four cords and a half today. My carbuncle is mending.

October. Friday 29. Fine. 68.

A little rain about 5 o'clock, fine at 6 o'clock. John hauled two loads of wood this forenoon; he brought a load of hay from Mr. Oliver's. Messrs. Ferguson and C. Neilson took a lot of supplies to the logging camp on Ferguson's today. Messrs. Manzer and the Italian bought a load of supplies on the strength of the logging.

October. Saturday 30. Fine. 64.

Fine weather. John A. is hauling hay from Mr. Oliver's, very good hay, better hay than S. Cromarty's. Apples are coming in some very good, others not very good. They are selling at Wharnock from two to three cents per pound. Mrs. York and Adele, and Gwendoline are visiting Mrs. Whetham where they have a birthday party. O Dear Me to think what it is to get down to everyday life.

October. Sunday 31. Fine. 60.

Lovely weather. "Every tub must stand on its own bottom," from whence cometh my aid. O that I had the wings like a dove then would I flee away and be at rest. Mr. Manzer was here today. He told Mrs. York that he had got a situation as foreman on the dike.

November. Monday 1. Fine.

Fine weather. There was quite a rush of business for about two hours. Ball bought \$5.25 worth of goods. Mr. Ball was kicking for a job in the logging camp. Ferguson was here talking to Mr. York. An Indian bought some

goods and told Mr. York he would pay him in bolts but Mr. York said he would get the goods when the bolts were cut. Mr. Knudtson is fiddling in the garden.

November. Tuesday 2. Fine.

Lovely weather. John A. four loads today. Revd. Turner is here today. He was passing through to Chilliwack. He stopped off to see us and wait for the train. We had some music, which was nice, and Mrs. York prevailed on him to stop with us all night and have some music.

November. Wednesday 3. Rain. 46.

A little rain and a little colder. Business quiet. Mr. York is preparing to log on Mr. Ferguson's ranch. He gave Ferguson a lot of supplies for the logging camp. The sheriff is here to see if Ferguson will give security for a debt, if he don't give security, the sheriff will seize Ferguson's logs. He wants Mr. York as security. Mrs. York told me that Mr. York wanted his dog fed. I said that I wanted the hens fed, I said, who was boss? She said Mr. York was boss.

November. Thursday 4. Rain. 45.

It rained all day and it is likely to rain all night. Mr. York went to Vancouver by rail this afternoon. John A. is shoeing the sleigh with vine maple getting ready to haul cordwood from Mr. Cook's, the roads are very bad in some parts, the rain has made [them] so soft.

November. Friday 5. Rain. 44.

Raining all day. Business quiet. Mr. York returned home. He went to a banquet given to Mr. Sifton, it was a great affair, cost only three dollars. Black brothers came in from the GOLDEN CURRIE, they are down five feet the lead getting wider, good samples. Cecil, the boy, was crying, I was striking a plate with my knife to please the boy. She said wickedly to Grandpa, stop that it makes me so nervous.

November. Saturday 6.

A fine day. 50. Mr. York went to see Mr. Cadotte if he could get some piles. Mr. Cadotte can get the piles if it pays. The piles have to be delivered at Pitt River bridge. Black brothers came home from the GOLDEN CURRIE on Friday and they are going out on Sunday. William

Walden was here for supplies, they are working at the Kanaka every fine day. Mr. York bought a quarter of beef from Mr. Preston today for 5¢ per lb. It weighed 125 lbs.

November. Sunday 7. Fine. 52.

Fine all day. Revd. Deitchem preached in the church near Oliver's [St. Paul's Anglican Church] brought out 19 of a congregation today. Mr. and Mrs. York and two daughters, Misses Adele and Gwendoline. John A. stayed at home to attend to the mail. White frost last night. Mrs. York had on her swell dress that she got from Toronto.

November. Monday 8. Rain.

Rain all day, it quit about 8 o'clock. Business quiet. John A. made his horse a blanket today. Mr. Farmer was here today waiting for the sheriff to come and sell Mr. Ferguson's logs.

November. Tuesday 9. Rain. 52.

A very heavy rain till afternoon, when it abated some. But it rained a fine rain till night. John A. went to Mr. Rolley's to see the land Mrs. Smith wanted Mr. York to plough, and get Mrs. Rolley to turn his coat. Mr. York was cross about John A. being away, when he should have been taking a load to Percy's, through the rain.

November. Wednesday 10.

Cloudy but no rain yet. John A. brought two cords from Mr. Cook today on the sleigh.

Rain all day. Business quiet. John A. made his horse blankets today. Mr. Farmer is here today waiting for the sheriff to come and sell Mr. Ferguson's logs.

November. Thursday 11.

Rained all night, and it is raining now very hard and it is too wet for horses to be working outside. John A. brought a load of wood from Mr. Cook's.

November. Friday Nov 12.

Cloudy this morning rain afternoon. John A. hauled some lumber for Mr. Rolley and [blank] Mr. York shipped 1½ dozen chickens by the *Bon Accord* this morning.

November. Saturday Nov 13. Rain 42.

Rain off and on all day. Two rainbows northeast about 60 feet apart, it rained before, and it rained after. John A. is hauling cordwood from Mr. Cook's on a sleigh. Mr. Hairsine was here this forenoon. He went by the Stikine River when going to the Cariboo.

November. Sunday Nov 14. 28 at night. 4 degrees of frost 40 at noon.

It began to snow about 10 o'clock last night, and snowed some this morning. The snow is very soft and the ground is very sloppy. Lowest the thermometer reached 34, two degrees above freezing. The Sunday school has been going for three Sundays, the attendance was very limited today. Mr. Carver said that there were only enough to open and close the school.

November. Monday Nov 15. 38 at noon, 32 at night.

The sun shining and the snow melting. John A. is hauling furniture for Perceys. He put the shoeing on one runner this morning and hauled a load and brought a load of wood from Mr. McCarty's, had dinner, fed the horses, and left here with another load for Perceys at 2 o'clock. No 1 late. Not any changes here everything is very unpleasant now. Miss Magar was here today, she was very jolly. She told us she had received a letter from Miss Elwain [Gertrude Elwin?] and that Miss Elwain is learning to write short hand and typewriting and it is like playing the piano. She is six pounds heavier and she had to let her skirt down four inches.

November. Tuesday Nov 16. 32 in morning same at noon.

Rain, a cold rain, cloudy all around. Business quiet. Three Lees, Oli Nelson and Fletcher are talking of going to the Klondike in March 98. They are speaking about forming a company of five. Two will work for wages, three will go mining. When they finish the season they are to divide up evenly, share, and share, alike. John A. is hauling furniture from the station to Perceys on the wagon, the roads are very soft and muddy. Alex Allen is at home with his mother. He came home to butcher a pig, and save the apples before the frost comes. It is very disagreeable to live in this house with people who treat a person as if he was inferior. Even the servant maid

must have her scornful sneer. And the children see how things are going and act accordingly.

November. Wednesday 17. 34.

It rained all day yesterday, all night and has rained all day. Today the snow is all gone. The wet weather makes business quieter, the roads are very soft. The river is muddy. John A. is fitting up the windows preparing for winter, not any mail; a washout east—a bridge washed out.

November. Thursday 18. 48.

It rained all night and till noon today. The wind veered round from nor east to south west. The southwest wind scattered the clouds and we have fine weather. Axel Lee bought some goods today to make up for the Klondike. John A. put a vine maple shoeing on one of the runners today. I think it will wear out before he hauls four cords of wood. The faster we travel, the sooner will we get to the end of our journey. Mr. Carver came home on the Str. *Bon Accord* this evening pretty well primed, whenever he gets a little he talks to Mr. York about a four dollar bill.

November. Friday 19. 48 at noon 28 at night.

Lovely weather. John A. made two slides today. Gillie Brothers are expected to send up a scow to take three cords of wood they bought from Mr. York. They did not come. Mr. York had engaged the men to load the scow, the men were here waiting but they had to go home. It is very unpleasant, there is always some humbug with tugs.

November. Saturday 20. 34 near noon

A white frost last night, the sky very red this morning. A little drizzle of rain after dinner. John A. hauled a load of furniture this forenoon for Percey. The sky clouded over with black heavy clouds. Mr. Knudtson is working around the raspberry bushes; they are not worth the labour. A through train this evening. We are not getting any coal oil. Mr. York ordered five cases, but the dealers have not any cans in stock, they have plenty in barrels. They expect to be able to send some on Monday or Tuesday. Mr. York borrowed half a gallon from Mr. Robertson.

November. Sunday 21. 32 morning, 34 noon, 32 evening. A cloudy morning, rain, snow in large soft flakes, sleet. A through train today. No. 1 on time. Mr. Ferguson here trading on Sunday as usual.

Monday Nov 22. 22 morning, 51 at noon.

A little frost last night. Bright and clear this morning, a little cloudy at noon. Not any coal oil, we had to borrow from Mr. Robert Robertson this evening.

November. Tuesday 23. Fine. 32 morning, 48 noon.

Wind, cloudy, wind southwest. John A. went for wood, the hames broke, and he had to bring the horses home without the wood today. Mr. York made an offer to me today to collect one dollar per week till I had collected what I put into the business.

November. Wednesday 24. Dry. 22 morning.

Lovely weather, the sun shining brightly. Gilly Brothers' scow got here at 9 o'clock. Mr. York got men enough to load 32 cords in three hours. One of the Indians got [the] third finger of his right hand jammed between two sticks. We think the first joint is broken. Mr. York sent him down to the Doctor in New Westminster. Mr. Farmer is here watching the [Canadian] Co-operative Society. He is waiting till they settle the poll tax and some other little debt. What awful spite.

November. Thursday 25. Rain. Ther. 34 morning.

Thanksgiving Day 1897. The weather warm. The Indian got back this morning. He says the Doctor set his set his finger crooked.

November. Friday 26.

Rain this morning. John A. is fitting his harness. Mr. Boyd is in the store. He says he will go to the Clondyke. John A. has got the harness all fitted up. He is going for the wagon today.

November. Saturday 27. Frost. 20 deg. 12 degrees of frost last night.

Mr. York went to see the horses today. They are to bring them on Monday. Mr. Carver could not iron the sleighs,

nor shoe the horses till Monday. John A. is going to logging camp on Tuesday.

November. Sunday 28. Frost. Ther. 18 this morning, 22 at night.

A white frost this morning. Mr. Ferguson was here today buying goods as usual. No. 1 six hours late. That party lives to insult.

November. Monday 29. Snow. Ther. 22.

Snow. About 4 inches fell. Rain about 10 o'clock. John A. went this morning to Mr. Carver's to get the horses shod and get hooks made for the logging. The *Gladys* went up the river as far as McDonald's Landing, and had to turn back. The river is full of drifting snow. She took up a pair of horses.

November. Tuesday 30.

Not cold. It rained today; the snow is melting making walking very unpleasant. John A. went to Mr. Carver's and got the horses shod.

December. Wednesday 1. Cloudy. 30.

Cloudy. It has the look of rain. John A. got the horses, sleigh and outfit started for the logging camp at 8:30 A.M. Somebody is on their high horse. I begin to think, the change will come.

December. Thursday 2

Fine all day. Klondike is all the talk. They appear to have forgotten our local mines. A young man came in from logging camp to get new traces. The horses broke the harness. Mr. York's are all right.

December. Friday 3.

Cloudy, the sky was a dark red this morning. A miner from Rossland called at the store when passing. He said Rossland was broke, the work very scarce, the store keepers are not doing much business. He sold a claim for 12,000, sunk it in a mine, and is broke.

December. Saturday 4.

Rain. Mr Calder has bought another [blank]. John A. is in the logging camp. Mr York (got) 16 boxes of apples from Mrs. Smith; 70¢ per box. Mr. York is to haul them from the farm. P. Calder offered her 70¢ per box. Very unpleasant weather. Business quiet.

December. Sunday 5.

It rained hard all morning. It cleared up until afternoon, then it began to rain about 4 o'clock and rained all night. John A. and Big Jim, the Chinaman, took the shop stove and some supplies to the logging camp. Mr. York and I had to put up an air tight stove and new pipes today.

December. Monday 6.

It has been raining all morning. It stopped about noon. It is very cloudy yet. Mr Fletcher is working a scheme to get Mr. York to give him supplies on credit till he returns from the Clondyke.

December. Tuesday 7. Ther. 44.

Very wet. We have rain every night and every day. They are all laying schemes to get to the Clondyke, and they are all so hidden about it. They want to keep me out of it. We shall see how it turns out. Others tried to keep (me) out, now they are out. They use me bad now when they have got all my money.

December. Wednesday 8. Ther 42.

Mr. York went to the Mission. Very wet. Business quiet. Very bad weather for logging. Too much credit. The end will come. Mr. Boyd is going to the Clondyke, Percey put up the funds. They don't want me to go, no room for me. John A. and Mr. Ferguson. Ferguson went home, John A. stayed all night.

December. Thursday 9. Ther 34.

It rains every day, but it is not cold. John A. went to Stave River after breakfast. Charles Nelson and John A. brought over the hay to the Landing on two scows. Mr. York got home from Mission on the Str. *Gladys* on High Horse. Mr. York always wishes me bad luck when I speak of the Clondyke.

December. Friday 10. Ther 36.

Raining every day, every hour. John A. is at the logging camp. We are experiencing very wet weather. It is a steady downpour. George Walden went to Vancouver today. He says, if his samples of rock assay as much as he expects, he will be able to sell or bond.

December. Saturday 11.

Very wet weather. All the people who come into the store are not willing to give me a chance in any enterprise. There is some sneers, which I am beginning to notice. Home, sweet home.

December. Sunday 12.

Rev A. Dunn preached in the school house today; 19 of a congregation. He took for a text part of tenth chapter of Mark. It is cloudy, the school house was very gloomy. Mrs. York and her two daughters went to Sunday school and stayed till after the service.

December. Monday 13.

It rained nearly all night. John A. went to Mission today to look at a pair of horses Mr. York thinks of buying. Robert [Robertson] was here this morning. There were several persons in. Mr. York took out one of the drawers. Mr. R.R. picked all through it and got some pieces of tape. He said, I may have these? I gave him 5 pieces. He gets something nearly every time he comes in, how very covetous we are.

December. Tuesday 14.

Very fine. The sun is shining. Mount Baker very pretty, not a cloud to mar the new covering of white snow. John A. put a plaster on his shoulder today. Our friend will give some men unlimited credit, and keep my money.

December. Wednesday 15.

A lovely day. Ella Henderson was married today to Mr. McKenzie by Revd. A. Dunn at the home of her parents. John A. and John Carver supported the groom. Everything was lovely. The happy ones left after breakfast to spend the honeymoon with Uncle Sam and Brother Jonathan. After the couple departed John A. went to the logging camp.

December. Thursday 16. Ther. 26.

A little snow. It is very fine. Business is fair, not much push. John A. is working in the logging camp. Mr. York never speaks of giving me any cash. I shall give him a hint. Our scornful sneerer is well pleased since yesterdays wedding because J.C. [John Carver?] paid her a little attention.

December. Friday 17. Ther 26.

Very fine. Mount Baker clear and unclouded. Mr. Fancher 12 shelves for the low price of \$1.75. Mrs. Lee and [Mrs.?] Nelson came here last night. Mrs. York has the Family complaint.

December. Saturday 18. Ther 16.

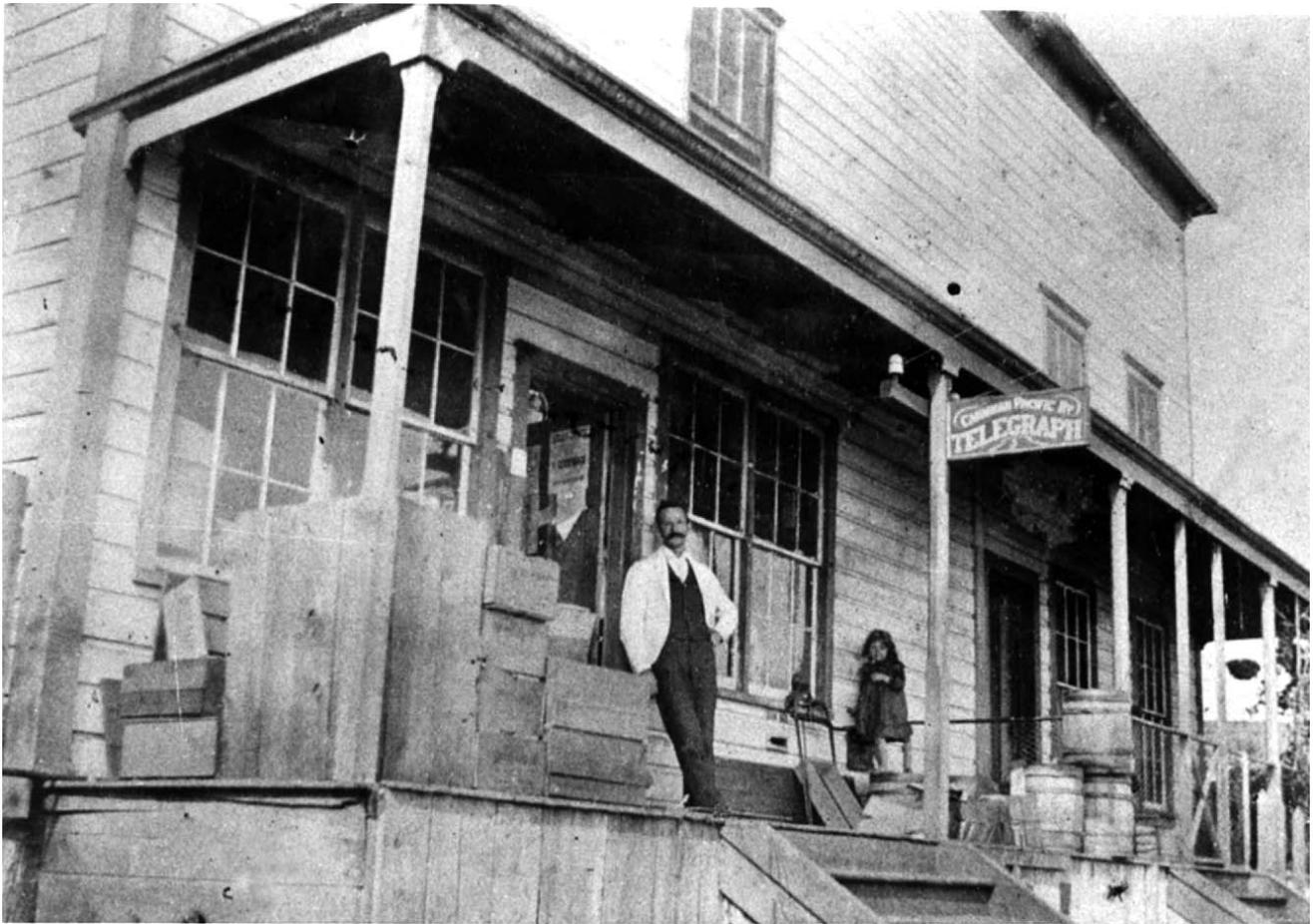
A very fine, frosty morning. Cloudy at noon. Mr. Fletcher is in the store speaking of going to the Clondyke. Mr. York will supply him. Mr. Hairsine is going to the Stick-eeen. Mr York paid me first instalment today: one dollar \$1.00. He said he would pay me one dollar per day until I was paid up what money I had put into the business.

December. Sunday 19. Ther 21.

Cloudy, 11 degrees of frost. Sam, Lock, and Jim, Chinaman, are here buying in the store and Armstrong from the logging camp came to get Mr. York to get him a pair of hames.

December. Monday 20.

Cloudy. Mount [Baker] covered in clouds, a red streak all around the horizon. The old settlers say, when Mount Baker is covered [with] dark clouds, look for a storm.



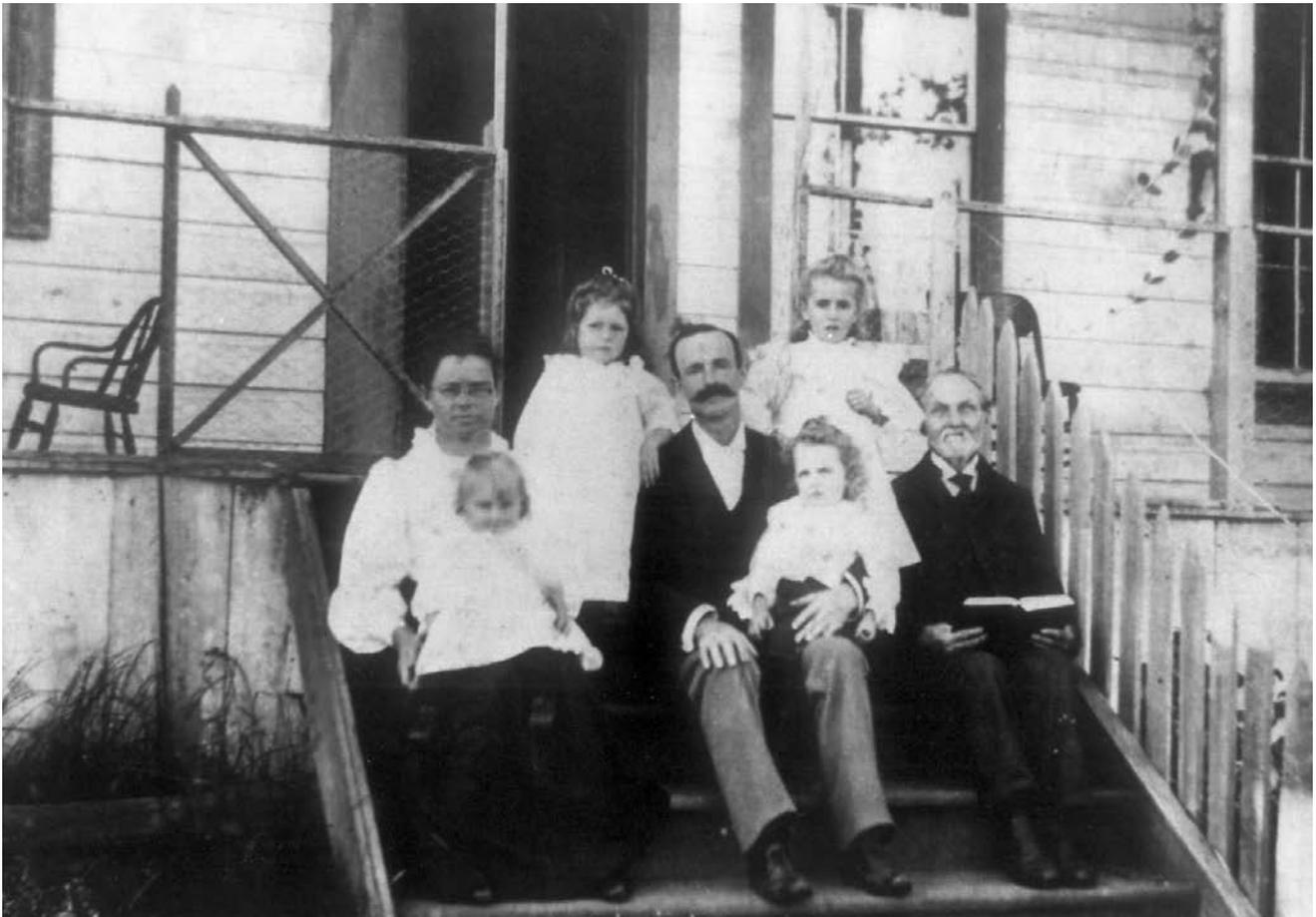
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L. C. York and his daughter Gwendoline in front of the Whonnock Store, ca. 1900



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The entrance to the store, post office, and telegraph office was on the left side of the building and the entrance to the residence of the Yorks is on the right.



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Standing in back row: Gwendolin (Cook) and Adele (Wilcox). Seated Mrs. (Williamson) York with Kathleen (Fadden) on her knee; L. C. York with Cecil on his knee, and John Williamson with probably the Bible in his hands. Lionel Charles (b. 1899) is missing. Albert was born in 1901, and the youngest child, David, in 1907. Photo taken before 1900?



Delta Museum

"John A.", the active son of John Williamson, became the manager of a fish oil and fertilizer plant at Ladner, on what is still called Williamson Island. This energetic man served as Delta's reeve between 1920 and 1922.

Right: Ellen Elizabeth (Williamson) York and her husband L. C. York many years after they left Whonnock.



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L. C. York's parents Henry York and his second wife Elisabeth née Prentice, Alice, Thomas, Lydia Maude, Mary Ann, William. L. C. is not in the picture so perhaps he was not yet born.



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Gladys Adele York, the oldest child of L. C. and Ellen Elixabeth, She married Walter Wilcox, a widower with three children. They had two sons: Keith and Dennis Wilcox.

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Albert York at age 5 and at age 16. On the back of the second photo it says: Charles York and Albert York, about 1917 rowed from Hollyburn, West Vancouver to Horseshoe Bay.

Walter Wilcox, holding his son Keith in his arms and next to him Gwen (York) Cooke with her son Norman and daughter Sheila.

Opposite page:

Above: Walter Wilcox's three daughters, Ethel, Clara, and Freda with infant Keith Wilcox.

Below: Ellen Elizabeth York, her daughter Adele and son-in-law Walter Wilcox with their two sons Keith and Dennis.

