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You will find this issue of the newsletter different from what we have done before. The outer fold has current news, interspersed with reproductions of ads from the Lytton Leader in the early 1960s. The centre spread contains a number of articles about Lytton from the 1800s and a number of pictures of early

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The intention is to show the many different opinions people had about Lytton during the 19th century. The photos show Lytton and its businesses and people during the late 19th century and the early 20th century.

The changes are remarkable.



VALENTINE CARDS AND BOOKS

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Economics and the Small Town

Lytton is a small community, and as such is able to provide only a few recreational services for the area. There is no community hall, no ice rink, no theatre, but there is a swimming pool. The swimming pool is a treasured resource for hundreds of area residents as well as a refreshing event for visitors.

So, why write about the swimming pool in an article supposedly about economics and why in the Museum Newsletter?

Well, thereby hangs a tale...

To understand this, we go back to the summer of 2002, when a couple entered the museum while on a visit to the husband's home town - Lytton. The couple was Dr. and Mrs. Ian Strang. Dr. Strang grew up in the house on the corner of Fraser and Sixth that now belongs to Lawrence Haugen.

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The Strangs were so impressed with the museum and the helpful volunteer that showed them around that they later donated one thousand dollars to help it along.

The significance of this donation alone is enormous. The money has allowed the museum to plan for new displays and resource materials that would have been many months, if not years, away with-

out the support. However, we have not connected this to the pool yet.

The Strang's generous donation was acknowledged with a letter of thanks, and a copy of the Rivers Review, where the donation was publicly acknowledged. Also in this issue of the Rivers Review was an article on the pool and the major repairs needed to it this past summer. This article also detailed the Recreation Commission's commitment to raise ten thousand dollars from the public to aid in the repairs.

It seems that the Strang's generosity knows no bounds. Upon receiving the letter and Rivers Review, they sent the museum two further donations.

One was another five hundred dollars for the museum and the second was a cheque for two thousand dollars, made out to the museum but directed to the pool repair fund! These are no less than incredible donations to our small community.

What does this have to do with economics and Lytton?

Well, the donations the Strangs made to the Museum are about the equal of all of our other fund raisers for the year, and the donation they made to the pool is over fifteen percent of the total raised to date. Fifty percent and fifteen per-

cent are pretty strong economic numbers. We should take notice of this example to understand how volunteers affect the economics of our community.

First, we should smile at the tourists we see around town. You never know which ones will help us out.

Second, we should support our volunteers. Who could have known that a volunteer making a good impression to a couple of tourists in 2002 would set the wheels in motion to help solve a problem at the swimming pool a year later?

Not only are the volunteers giving their valuable time and experience to our community for free, but they are making it easier for others to support us as well.

We may not see too many donations like the ones the Strangs have blessed us with, but the volunteers running the Museum, the Caboose, the Info Centre, cleaning up, planting flowers, keeping up the cemeteries and playgrounds, organizing sports events and the Mayday weekend, keeping Girl Guiding in our community or any of the hundreds of other jobs they do, are making our community a better place and best of all, they are doing it for free.

There are people who notice such things. Lets give them every opportunity to help and no excuse not to.

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Lytton & District Centennial Society Fonds

The Globe Hotel beer parlour. Left to right: Albert Hautier, Fred McNeil, Alphonse Hautier. Note the pewter jug in front of the crock on counter - used to fill shot glasses. We have this jug in the Museum.

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Lytton & District Centennial Society Fonds

Anglican Mission Complex. Recently Aquired ORIGINAL photograph has inscription on verso:

"Church of England Mission Compound

1. Building Old White Church
2. Mission House
3. Hospital built in 1885

Picture taken in 1887"

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Lytton Sports Day 1913

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Village of Lytton Collection

The Globe Hotel [ca 1890?] group of men standing on front porch of hotel. According to Tom Baillie, this building was used to temporarily while the last Globe Hotel was being built.

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Chute Family Fonds

Freight teams parked on Main Street outside Lytton Hotel.

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Chute Family Fonds

View of CPR station, Lytton, B.C., looking north with 3 steam trains at station [ca 1900]

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Art Kent Fonds

John George - 1921. He owned property at the end of George Road. Father of Bert George (Marion). Grandfather to Bert George, Patsy (George) Rigetti, and Johnny George.

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Art Kent Fonds

Dogs on chairs, wearing hats, in front of old Globe Hotel [ca 1880], Lytton, B.C.

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Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton Fonds

#20 Lytton, 1865. Note "Collin's Telegraph". From presentation album sent to Sir Bulwer-Lytton in 1865.

Copies must credit Knebworth House Archives.

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Art Kent Fonds

Pioneer family seated outside cabin made of lumber. Log cabin in background. Note clothing. Woman seated in wicker chair. Names unknown.

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Lytton Archives Photograph Collection
Lytton, B.C. [ca 1890s] not long after the CPR was built. Fraser River on left. Road to Lillooet on distant hillside traceable. City Archives, Vancouver stamped on verso.

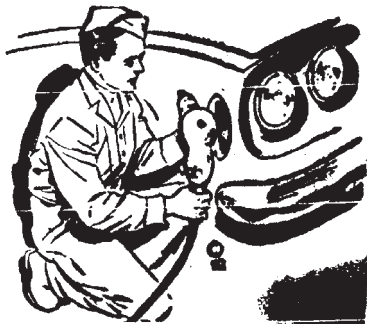
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Lytton Archives Photograph Collection
Globe Hotel, the second one, 1898



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Lytton Highway Cemetery

Have you noticed something new at the entrance to the cemetery? The Village is having a cairn built, as a place to display plaques in memory of loved ones whom we know are buried in the cemetery, but we do not know where.

This has been suggested many times over the years by families who want their ancestors recognized. Proper records and maps for the cemetery were never kept until about the 1980's, so there are many unknown grave sites, and this is one way of rectifying the situation.

If you know of any family who would be interested in this program, please have them contact the Village Office (455-2355) for particulars.

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MUSEUM SITE INSPECTION

Mrs. Linda Wills, Curator of the Vernon Museum and an AABC Contractor for the Archival Education and Advisory Service, was in Lytton on October 8th, to conduct a Museum and Archives site inspection.

It was a very exciting and satisfying experience for this Curator, as Mrs. Wills was very impressed with the work done here and was certainly free with her compliments. These visits are always very positive learning experiences, and many ideas and materials are shared from a variety of sources.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Visitors: We had several interesting visitors this summer and Fall, including "Yukon Dan", whose expertise is in gold panning and teaching same. He was returning from a session in Barkerville, and is willing to give sessions in our schools - at a price.

Also, friends of Kelly Lambright were here, and one of his relatives was very excited when she spotted her school pictures in our "School Classes" display. She even helped identify others in her classes.

Then there was the 'Friesen Yearbook Man', who will be returning in January to discuss the possibility of a Lytton History Book - anyone willing to help with this project? We also had a couple come all the way from Vancouver, specifically on the basis of the article in the Vancouver Sun concerning our museum, to learn about Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

It really is amazing the number of countries listed in our visitor book, from all over the U.S.A., Europe, Asia and South America.

Artifacts donated:

These include a gas iron with all the attachments [ca1940's] from Mrs. I. Glasgow; a miner's lamp from Mr. Nordheimer, who has been very generous to our museum; several pioneer photographs; two sets of slides of historical significance to our area, and one day a tourist walked in and donated a Kodak 'Holiday' camera to our collection because he thought it belonged here! We are now the proud owners of a pair of rollerskates, too.



BOOK SALE!!!

The museum has just had eleven boxes of books donated! We hope to use them as a fund-raiser. There are several hard cover books on sports, movie stars, and Royalty, and many other misc. subjects. There are also several boxes of pocket books. So watch for the posters - there will be many excellent deals!

Purchases:

We purchased 10 photographs of the area from B.C. Archives, including images of the Lytton Grist Mill (where the heck was that?), the partly finished cantilever bridge that was built at Siska, the original Lytton Courthouse and jail, and several others. Come to the museum and see them.

Monetary Donations:

We have had a few very welcome donations from people who have dropped by or have in some way been connected with Lytton in the past, and one large donation from Dr. and Mrs. Strang. Dr. Ian Strang lived here as a boy and Mrs. Strang has many ancestors in our cemetery. They also donated generously to the Lytton Swim Pool fund, after reading about the pool problems in the Rivers Review, the paper being sent to them by our museum.



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Lytton, 1865. Note "Collin's Telegraph" A1999.02.020 © Knebworth House Archives.

THE FATAL RIOT NEAR LYTTON MAY 13, 1883

THE SLAYERS OF THE CHINAMAN NOT IDENTIFIED

A Verdict of Death from Violence

(Special to the Colonist)

LYTTON, May 10 -

An inquest is being held here today on the body of the Chinaman, Ah Fook who died from the effects of the assault made on the Chinese camp by white men last Tuesday night.

Great difficulty was met in obtaining the requisite number of disinterested jurymen. The inquest opened at 4 p.m. and a few witnesses were examined.

From the evidence it appears that a number of the Chinamen belonging to camp 37 assaulted their foreman Tuesday morning and that at about 10 o'clock the same night a body of about 20 white men marched down to the Chinese camp armed with clubs and

as the frightened Chinese left their houses (they) brutally assaulted them. One man died from the wounds received and some seven or eight others are seriously injured. The house(s) were then set fire to and the white men left. It is expected that some assailants will be identified by the wounded Chinamen; but so far no clue has been found as every effort has been made by white laborers along the line to screen their guilty comrades.

Supt. Todd, who is conducting the inquest, is using every endeavor to discover the perpetrators of this the most unmanly and cowardly affair that has yet occurred in the country.

The inquest will probably be brought to a close tomorrow morning.

LATER

LYTTON-May, 11-

The inquest on the body of the Chinaman referred to in yesterday's dispatch was resumed this morning and a verdict rendered at 2:30 p.m. that the deceased came to his death by violence at the hands of parties unknown to the jury. Five out of the seven

Chinamen are seriously wounded about the head and their condition is extremely critical. None of these Chinamen were, owing to the darkness, able to identify any of the murderers.

LYTTON CITY AS THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED COLONIES

Victoria Colonist October 13, 1866.

A petition is being circulated for signatures in the interior of British Columbia praying that Her majesty's government to establish the capital of the united colonies of British Columbia at the town of Lytton, which is located at the confluence of the Fraser & Thompson Rivers. Reports state that the document was being numerously signed.... The argument that can be advanced in favor of Lytton as the capital, is that it's location is central. For fully four months of the year the town is almost unapproachable from the lower country, and until a railroad has taken the place of the Cariboo wagon road, and the iron horse has been superceded by the patient mule, it is folly to imagine that the prayer has any chance of success, besides, supposing that Lytton be an excellent location for the capital, there are no government buildings for the accommodation of the officials, and the financial state of the country is such that it cannot afford to erect the necessary buildings. — it seems we have heard that argument just recently.

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The Globe Hotel 1890

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Freight teams on Main Street outside Lytton Hotel

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Lytton "City."

The "City" of Lytton is beautifully situated on a high plat of green sward, as level and smooth as a carpeted floor. There are four fine plateaus before reaching the foot-hills, which here are much lower and more open than further down the river. The town numbers twenty-six houses, built mostly of logs, one or two being nicely furnished. The Government House, which has been erected for the reception and occupation of His Excellency Gov. Moody, who is expected to visit this point soon is a substantial building, 51 by 22 feet, and 14 in the clear high, made of sawed and planed logs, eight inches thick, at a cost of \$2,500, and is an ornament to the place [but in our opinion an extravagant and unnecessary outlay. – EDS. GAZETTE]. Just above the level on which the town is located, Thompson River empties its clear cold flood into the murky Fraser, presenting a singular contrast as the two streams flow side by side along the front of the town. The street (there being but one at present) is laid out North and South, wide, and I think eventually will become a thorough business street, as residences are built for families, of which there are several, away from the traders on the nice grass plot. Most of the heavy stock of goods which during the low

stage of water this spring above, mostly packed on mules, and they must be replenished by mule trains from below almost immediately.

[*Victoria Gazette*, May 14, 1859.]

Judge Matthew Baillie Begbie visited the community in May, 1859 and did not consider it a "well chosen site for any town" but his opinion may have been colored by the high cost of living – "They were high enough at Lytton, where we were charged three dollars a head for each meal, consisting mainly of bacon and hearth-made bread." But he admitted a great "mass of miners" was forcing its way up the river.

When the Cariboo Road was built up the Fraser Canyon Thomas Spence built the road from Boston Bar to Lytton for \$38,000.

1876. Bridge across Thompson River completed.

There was a boom during the building of the C.P.R., 1882-86. Andrew Onderdonk had the contract to build the 29 ½ miles from Boston Bar to Lytton for \$2,573,640. In the course of this he took the steamer Skuzzy in 1882 through Hells' Gate Canyon, the first steamboat to arrive at Lytton.



Anglican Mission Complex A1997.06.026

Again in 1912 there was a boom with the building of the Canadian Northern Railway when the population rose to 4-5000, many living in tents and shacks.

There have been several disastrous fires, particularly in 1931 and 1949. The village was incorporated in 1945.

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The first recorded white man to visit the area where Lytton is now located was Simon Fraser. In the course of the famous expedition down the river that now bears his name Fraser arrived at the junction of the two rivers on June 19, 1808, and remained there until the morning of the 20th. He noted:

"These forks [the junction of the Fraser and Thompson rivers] the natives call Camchin, and are formed by a large river which is the same spoken of so often by our friend the old chief. From an idea that our friends of the Fort des Prairies department are established upon the sources of it, among the mountains, we gave it the name of Thomson's [Thompson's] River."

Fraser was in error for David Thompson at that time carrying on his explorations in the Kootenay country, never was on the headwaters of the river named in his honor.

The first settlement in the area really arose because of the gold rush to Fraser river in 1858. Late in 1857 James Douglas wrote to W.F. Tolmie:

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CPR Station at Lytton about 1900

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"We have just now received very favourable accounts from Thompsons River. About 209 oz of gold have been traded from the Indians since the 6th of last October. I am forming a transport corps for the purpose of pouring supplies into the interior by Frasers River ... and we shall probably form a Depot at the junction of Thompsons River with Frasers River."

As a result plans were made to establish Fort Dallas, named after Alexander Grant Dallas, Douglas' son-in-law. About \$35,000 were spent on buildings at a site "on the east bank of the river, and three miles below the mouth of Thompson's Fork." But the Hudson's Bay Company never occupied the buildings nor were they ever really completed for the establishment of the mainland colony of British Columbia in 1858 altered the whole situation. Eventually the buildings were turned over to the government and used by O.T. Travaillot, a Frenchman who had been mining and trading in the vicinity who was appointed by Douglas as Revenue Officer for "the District of Fort Dallas or Fork of Thompson's River" in June, 1858.

In these early days of the gold rush the

community was often referred to as "The Forks" and so appears on maps but the name Lytton was selected in November, 1858, by James Douglas "as a merited compliment and mark of respect" for Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, then Colonial Secretary in London, who sponsored the Act creating the Colony of British Columbia.

Actually the first mention of the new name is given by Douglas when writing to Lytton, November 9, 1858:

"Mr. Commissioner Travaillot, whose district extends from the Forks of Thompsons River to the Fountain, had time to do little more than report his safe arrival at the Forks, where the town site of "Lytton" was laid out, and now contains fifty houses and a population of 900 persons."

The following extracts give some further information on the growth of the community:

LYTTON CITY.

This place, called I suppose, after the present Colonial Secretary, is situated on an elevated flat at the junction of

Thompson's Fork and the Fraser, and about one-fourth of a mile from each. It consists of some 25 houses, built of pitch pine logs, the only timber to be found in this neighborhood. One-third of these are stores or other public places, the rest miner's cabins. Trade was quite active here through the fall, there being numerous miners in the vicinity, and many traders from above coming here for supplies. There is not much doing at present, except supplying the local wants of the surrounding population."

[Victoria Gazette, February 5, 1859.]

"Lytton is a lively little "Camp", situated in the angle formed by the confluence of Thompson and Fraser. Here are 22 cabins – style, California primitive – two excellent frame houses also a Government house, intended, I am informed, for the residence of the Lieut. Governor."

[Victoria Colonist, May 16, 1859.]

"Lytton, at the time I saw it, [1859] consisted of an irregular row of some dozen wooden huts, a drinking saloon, an express office, a large courthouse – as yet unfinished – and two little buildings near the river, which had once belonged to the Hudson Bay Company but which were now inhabited by the district magistrate."

[R.C. Mayne, Four Years in British Columbia and Vancouver Island, London, 1862, p.109.]

Lytton

Extract from B.C. Year Book 1882-3.

Descending a long winding hill by the high road which skirts a creek beautifully diversified with shrubs and evergreens and evading a prominent bluff overhanging the way, the picturesque and rapidly growing town of Lytton bursts upon the view with a charming peep at the Fraser Valley beyond at the junction of the Thompson and Fraser Rivers fifty-seven miles from Yale.

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Dogs on chairs in front of the Globe Hotel about 1880

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The town named after Lord Lytton formerly Colonial Secretary is built upon a flat, a succession of which rise like so many terraces from the river and is indebted for much of its prosperity and importance to its central position at the meeting of the rivers so named.

The annual sale of flour and dry goods owing mainly to the concentration of Indians here is simply enormous and since the commencement of the railway construction which crosses the heights overlooking the town, the businesses of the place has been largely increased.

As we enter we pass through the Chinese locality where the numerous Celestials employed on the railway found their wants abundantly met within the unique establishments that are being constantly multiplied by enterprising firms within the area, for the sale of goods and for catering to the questionable tastes of their acquisitive countrymen.

thriving prosperity. Mr. Guaghetti-Romane's dry goods store recently erected upon the site of the former one destroyed by fire is filled with choicest stock and is doing a flourishing trade.

On the opposite side of the street Dr.

Tunstall the Railway Medical assistant has his office and drug store and is one of the busiest officials of the neighborhood.

A fruit store near by is doing well and also the two old established business houses of Messrs. Benchero and McIntyre whose sales each year cannot be ????

The butcher shop of P. Kilroy is remarkable for presenting the finest bunch grass fed beef of the Interior, many weighing up to 1200 lbs. And are brought down from the Douglas Lake Country, the finest grazing section of the Province.

A very neat telegraph office and post office has lately been erected at this point.

Three hotels with restaurants attached afford comfortable means accommodation for the constant traveller and for persons congregating here for business or amusement and all seem to enjoy a fair share of public patronage.

They are owned by Messrs. Hautier, Sproat and Baillie respectively.

The commodious livery stables of Messrs. McKay, McIntyre can scarcely meet the demands made for accommodation, where so many are constantly coming and going



Overview of Lytton about 1890

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The European portion has also the look of

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from all parts of the district. Messrs. Barnard & Co. have also excellent stables for stage convenience and Nelson and others have barns and store horses for supplying the numerous freight teams that are constantly passing through town. There are two blacksmith shops, a saw and gristmill, Court House, government school and agency. Whilst the Railway Contractor is adding to the buildings in the shape of warehouses and offices which with the private residences have well nigh covered the entire townsite.

Tons of melons frown in the surrounding neighborhood are sold at Lytton during the summer. The garden especially of T. Earl across the Fraser is famous for melons, and also for the perfection of its apples, pears and plums, the fame of which is known far and wide.

Not less remarkable is the way of vegetable production is Park Farm owned by T. Seward on the opposite side of the river.

Although the suburbs of Lytton have at times a dry and arid aspect, the plentiful supply of water of purest quality supplied by the mountain creeks is a great boon to the inhabitants and affords also a sufficiency for irrigation purposes.

The Fraser has proved to be navigable from Boston Bar to this point.

Should the owners of the Skuzzy succeed in taking their little steamer to Lillooet, Lytton may look forward for years to maintain successfully her present prosperous trade since the produce of the Upper Fraser will be sent down there to Railway depot.

Letter From Rip Van Winkle Bar

RIP VAN WINKLE BAR, April, 1860.

EDITOR COLONIST:- After a lapse of some thirty days, I have at length arrived in my frail bark at the town of Lytton, situated at



The second Globe Hotel in 1898

A2002.29

the confluence of Fraser and Thompson River, which place is becoming quite a rival to the towns located further down stream, including the mighty capital which bears the imported name of New Westminster. I stopped only a few hours at the latter place and consequently gleaned little worthy of commentation. New Langley a little further up is abandoned entirely to the rats, and

the only marks of civilization left is an old sign of the enterprising firm of Huntoon & Co., who have got it all their own way at Old Langley, being the only firm there in their own line with the exception of that dilapidated old structure on top of the hill which remains as yet an emblem of savage oppression and barbarism. I proceeded on the even tenor of my way over shallow bars,



The Globe Hotel beer parlour

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Lytton Sports Day on Main Street in 1913

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John George in 1921

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swift running ripples, and around snaggy bends till I arrived at Hope where I found nothing very striking, as the inhabitants are at present in "status quo", not wishing to take immediate flight, daily expecting something better than promises will be meted out to them, believing that they have lived in and on Hope long enough and are now desirous of something more substantial.

Yale struck me as the only town on the river where the inhabitants intended to reside; being neatly laid out and dotted with a number of substantial buildings. The many canoes plying between it and Lytton during the low stage of water, and pack animals during the high, give quite a stimulus to its business appearance. While I remained there I had an introduction to your resident correspondent Jonah, who is every inch a gentleman, and whose graceful commentations will be no discredit to the editorial columns during a sick headache or important absence.

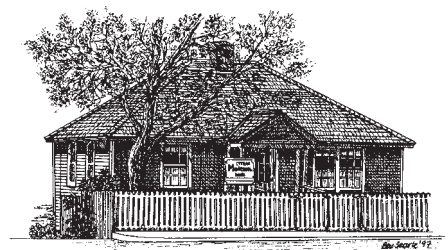
Upon my arrival at Lytton I had an introduction to Dr. Chisholm, who was on a tour through the colony with a petition which is to be forwarded to the Duke of Newcastle, praying for a representative government and the removal of James

Douglas and the absentee officials. The doctor informed me that the petition received unanimous approval with one exception only, who being a flunky of the old school, he made no effort to persuade, but treated him with contempt and left him to ruminate in his thralldom.

The people have at length awakened from their (supineness) and the day is not far distant when the cloud of (depotism) which overhangs the young colony will be dispersed, as every act yet issued by James Douglas, whether for the biped or the quadruped, seems to receive universal execration.

Although the floating population are upward bound for the present, yet the pioneers of Rip Van Winkle still remaining, believing in the old adage that a dollar in the purse is worth two in the bank, consequently prefer stopping here for moderate wages than to hunt for the untold wealth supposed to be deposited on the Horsefly Creek and other unexplored regions.

Yours, etc., JUVERNA



Pioneer family

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