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# GAZETTEER

AND

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

OF

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**Ashcroft, Yale District, P O**  
Cornwall H P, postmaster

**Barkerville, Cariboo District, P O**, is situated on the west bank of Williams Creek, and distant 560 miles northeast of Victoria, the capital of the colony. It is located in the center of the principal mining camp in the country, and is the most important of its interior towns. Almost all the mining camps embraced within a radius of 20 miles draw their supplies from it. On the 10th of September, 1868, it was totally destroyed by fire within the short space of one hour and twenty minutes, and about \$700,000 worth of property consumed. Buildings were immediately recommenced on the still smoldering ashes, and on the advent of the following spring it presented a finer appearance than ever. Many large and valuable buildings have been erected, among which are a Masonic Hall, a Cambrian Hall, two fine churches, a large theater, hook and ladder and engine house, and a number of fire and frost-proof warehouses. The number of residences is very limited, as the town consists chiefly of stores and saloons. Provision has been made for immediately subduing any future outbreak of fire, two large tanks having been constructed in excavations on the hillside, immediately above the town. These tanks are connected by means of strong iron pipes with double hydrants, placed in favorable positions on the main street to command the whole town. A constant supply of water is obtained from a neighboring stream. The present population numbers about 500 inhabitants, nearly half of the same being Chinese. The mines on Williams Creek, in its immediate vicinity, are now almost exhausted; but, inasmuch as it is the common center of the mountain passes communicating with the surrounding mining districts, it will evidently continue to maintain its present prestige for an indefinite period. The surroundings consist of lofty mountains, covered from base to summit with a dense growth of spruce and pine timber. The hills in close proximity to the town have been denuded, the timber having been consumed for domestic, mining and building purposes. The town was brought into direct telegraphic communication with the world in 1868. The great military road traversing the colony terminates at this place. Weekly stages run to and from Yale. The *Cariboo Sentinel*, a small but energetic paper, is published weekly.

Allen Richard, agent British Columbia Telegraph Co  
Bell Thomas, physician  
Bibby John, tinsmith  
Borrorstion J G, barrister at law  
Bowron John, postmaster, and provincial government agent  
Byrnes George, commission agent  
Cameron William, blacksmith  
CARIBOO SENTINEL, Robert Holloway, proprietor  
Chip J, drugs and medicines  
Cohen & Hoffman, dry goods and clothing  
Cunio N, liquor saloon  
Davie A E B, barrister at law  
Goodson —, restaurant  
Government Assay Office, W Hitchcock, superintendent  
HOLLOWAY ROBERT, proprietor Cariboo Sentinel

Hudson Bay Co, general merchandise  
Kelly Andrew, hotel  
Langdon W, liquor saloon, and tailor  
Lipsett Robert, liquor saloon  
Manetta P, general merchandise  
Mason & Daly, restaurant  
McDermott H, liquor saloon, and restaurant  
Meachem & Nason, lumber dealers  
Morris G M, agent Bank British North America  
Moses W D, barber  
Murray John, carpenter  
Nathan — Mrs, liquor saloon  
Newfelder & Co, general merchandise  
O'Neil C P, blacksmith  
Park Joseph, barrister  
Paulson Charles, general merchandise  
Pearson E & Bro, tinsmith  
Pendola A, general merchandise  
Kennie W, shoe maker  
Shepherd G L, shoe maker  
St. Lawrent Joseph, carpenter  
Thompson C L Rev, clergyman (Wesleyan)  
Tistser, I B, agent Bank British Columbia  
Todd J H, general merchandise  
Van Volkenburgh & Co, butchers  
Walker Samuel, restaurant

**Big Bend**, mining district, situated on the big bend of the Columbia River. The mines in this section were discovered in 1865, but they have always been of a limited and unimportant character. It is in the region of the Kootenay, as the mining region of the upper Columbia is usually termed, in the southeastern portion of the Province, and awaits the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway to bring population to the broad prairies, and to develop the mineral wealth.

**Boston Bar** is situated in the Big Cañon of the Fraser River, about midway between Yale and Lytton, and distant about 205 miles from Victoria. This village derived its origin from the discovery of gold in the Fraser River, the bar in its vicinity having proven exceedingly rich. It is now mainly supported by the traffic to and from the gold mines of Cariboo.

**Bridge Creek** is the center of a fine grazing district, distant about 366 miles from Victoria.

**Burrard Inlet, New Westminster District, P.O.**, is situated about nine miles from New Westminster, and about ninety miles from Victoria. Large and important lumber mills have been in active operation in this place for years, exporting large quantities of lumber and spars annually to Australia, New Zealand, England, and various other places. The Inlet is a safe and capacious harbor, and vies with Esquimaux for the supremacy. It is believed by many that it will be the Pacific terminus of the proposed New Dominion Transcontinental Railroad. Daily stages run to and from New Westminster.

Deighton John, hotel  
Fernandes G, dry goods, and groceries  
Hastings Saw Mill Co, lumber manufacturers  
Hughes J C, notary public