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The Canadian Pocket Diary for 1885  
Toronto  
Brown Bros. Manufacturing Stationers

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**JANUARY**

Thursday 22.

Beaver Creek.

Weather Fine. Buildings not yet completed. Issued warrant for search of Tardevilles house which is situated halfway between the Moberly Crossing of the Columbia and \_\_\_\_\_ at Golden.

Liquor (of Tardeville of Brown?) on account of the statement that it is Johnston's which was stolen.

Sheriff here tonight. I spoke to him of the \_\_\_\_\_ of issuing too many licences as all the liquor is sold in the belt.

We agreed on the (judgment?) of Dr. Sproat and Spragge to refuse all further applications.

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Friday 23

Beaver Creek

Weather fine and above zero

signed warrant to search several saloons in town as soon as I leave for Third Siding Also took Geo Hope Johnstons information for detention of Brown \_\_\_\_\_ Frank and Louis Tardeville for Homebreaking and robbery of 110 gallons of whiskey which Johnston had stored in his house under a wholesale licence to sell outside the Railway belt. Told Sgt Fury to keep the vagrants shadowed during my absence

Sent Robinson up the Columbia to search Tardevilles house for whiskey. He started this morning

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Saturday 24

Third Siding C.P.R. BC

Up at 6AM breakfasted and started by train from Beaver at 7:30 AM. Dr. Sproat came along Saw Anderson on train he got off at Golden. Dined at the Moberly Houses had not much time to do so as the train started before we were quite through. Saw Copl Gould at Golden told him to hold Pitts until I Johnston had withdrawn the charge for Burglary. Reached here at 1.35 Sgt Grogan came in at 430 with Callahan charged with vagrancy and petty theft at 1<sup>st</sup> Siding. Jackson had escaped

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Arrest him and send Craig.

Summoned Scott at 1<sup>st</sup> Siding to appear as witness here on Saturday night

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Sunday 25

Third Siding C.P.R. BC

Did not rise until 1130 as I thought I would try and enjoy one comfortable sleep after weeks of broken rest. Telegram from Gould asking if Brown could take his liquor back to Johnston outside the belt ans. No.

Directed Grogan to go up tomorrow to 1<sup>st</sup> and arrest Jackson if there Wired Fury to send Fane up also Kerr by tomorrow morning train and see that the \_\_\_\_\_ had any quarters finished. Fane to bring up papers re Pitts

Wired Gould to bring Pitts up here in the morning.

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Monday 26

Third Siding

Weather fine scarcely freezing.

Examined Pitts tonight Johnston in case. Pitts is alias Dey alias Dr Coster late of Calgary and Winnipeg

Sentenced him as a vag. 4-6 months imprisonment with hard labor.

Sgt Grogan did not get off.

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Tuesday 27

Third Siding BC

Weather fine. Grogan got off in the morning for 1<sup>st</sup> Siding wired me that he had got Jackson.

Did nothing all day but wait.

Wired Col. Herchmer to send warrant for Anderson & Lanigan the latter as

\_\_\_\_\_ charged importing whiskey through the I W \_\_\_\_\_ in proclaimed District R.C.

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Wednesday 28

Third Siding BC

Mail by dogs came in today at 330 AM no train from East yet. Wired Eddy Hammond c/o \_\_\_\_\_ Walker Johnston Sherbrooke \_\_\_ Demers

Frenchtown Idaho that Sgt Kelly was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Baird and had gone to Spokane Falls via Ft. Colville from West Crossing Columbia

Wrote Eddy Hammond the full particulars re Pitts, Kerr \_\_\_\_\_. Wrote W.R. Johnston Spokane Falls IR Railroad enclosing a letter to Eddy Hammond etc. recommending him, Telegram from Sgt. Grogan 1<sup>st</sup> siding saying that train tonight doubtful.

Read several officials from Col. Herchmer.

Sentenced Jackson to 6 mo imp with H.L. for vagrancy and living by petty theft. Gave Callahan 1 mo do. do. for same offence.

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Thursday 29

Beaver Siding

Weather fine started from 3<sup>rd</sup> Siding at 8.40 for Beaver with prisoners Pitts alias Dey alias Dr Coster & Albert Jackson both sentenced to 6 mo. H.L. & Callahan 1 mo do do. Constable (Dandon?) in charge of them. Snow falling pretty fast Dined at Moberly House saw Constable Percival he reports all quiet and place uncomfortable spoke to Mr Cunningham at once about accommodation for the man there.

Reached here in good time. Const McCrae met us at the station with team.

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Friday 30

Beaver Creek

Inspected cells stables rooms . fined four men for selling liquor illegally they pleaded guilty \$20 and costs each, dismissed charge against Larson for having in possession for sale. Fined four drunks and one \_\_\_\_\_ and improper language on street. Issued warrant for Irish Nell and inmates of her house. Also one to Constable Bell for all \_\_\_\_\_ selling. \_\_\_\_\_ here and summit of the Selkirks. Directed Sgt. Fury to give them another horse which he did.

McCarra gave himself up to us.

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Saturday 31

Beaver Creek

Sergt Fury brought Nell Swift and two inmates up before me at 10.00 AM for keeping frequenting bawdy house etc. fined the girls \$50.00 each and costs. Belanger charged with frequenting dismissed with caution. Const. Walker admonished for entering house of ill fame when on duty in town. Fined Const Duburn (?) ten dollars and 2 mo.s C.B. for being absent from watch station until 1245, using insolent language to Sergts Fury & King found in a house of ill fame when not there on duty. Directed Fane to get plenty of rations and forage in so that McCrae can accompany them tomorrow

Mail in from East at 12.30.

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## **FEBRUARY**

Beaver Creek B.C.

Sunday 1

Weather fine but damp and sloppy under foot

Dickey came in today from Warm Springs \_\_\_\_\_

Played cards by mistake will not do so any more if I can help it. McCrae went up to summit this morning with Mr Forrest along with him.

McCrae seized some liquor in the morning.

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Monday 2

Beaver Creek B.C.

Weather very damp all early morning, raining hard after ten A.M. Two cases of drunk and disorderly fined ten and costs. 1 can of alcohol claimed by a Swede took his statement and adjourned the case until 2 PM.

Issued a warrant for the arrest of \_\_\_\_\_ for by false pretences obtaining for one \_\_\_\_\_ xpoliceman M.P. a silver watch value \$45.00 and a coat valued \$8.00 handed warrant to a J.P. from West Lynn Man who is going back there and knows the accused.

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Tuesday 3

Beaver Creek B.C.

Weather sloppy and rainy. Fined five men (saloon keepers) \$20.00 for selling liquor inside the belt (Ry) they keep places between here and summit of Selkirks & all pleaded guilty. Fined Frank Kelly ten dollars and costs or one mo. H.L. for being drunk. Took information of Annie Rosser against said Kelly for committing and aggravated assault upon her and stealing a watch value \$15.00 dollars from her.

Issued warrant for arrest of one \_\_\_\_\_ . Our wood contrs on compt of Larson. McT chg obtaining money under false pretences.

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Wednesday 4

Beaver Creek B.C.

William Brown brought up charged with drunkenness fined ten dollars. He chg Constable Walters with ill-treating and striking him the charge was not proved. Mc Callison (?) brought up his man for stealing coal oil. I remanded it for three days. Last off all \_\_\_\_\_ and u/c except annual report. Forget went on today. Provided on constable to take charge of the mail to Laggan. McCrae \_\_\_\_\_ today.

Snow slide came down at Summit of Selkirks and sent \$45000.00 worth of H.S. Hill's (?) provisions and outfit down the mountain and I presume destroyed. It also covered up Hill's store. Hill had a narrow escape the corner of the house was driven in.

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Thursday 5

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather very wet and slushy. Forrest went off at 6 AM with Constable McCrae. Nothing doing today. Inspected all the barracks, cells, stables etc.

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Friday 6

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine slight frost last night sun bright today. Nothing of importance going on. Heard the case of Annie Rosser versus Frank Kelly. prosecutor did not appear so dismissed charge against accused.

Snow slide killed a man on Ross McDermott's work on 4<sup>th</sup> inst. Body not recovered yet unlikely to be.

Wrote \_\_\_\_\_ re the case of Reg vs McCallum also excuses re dinner at 1<sup>st</sup> Crossing. All the trail to Second Crossing of Columbia are blocked by snow slides. A sub contr's whole outfit swept away by the slides near \_\_\_\_\_

work. Mail caught train at Laggan all right. Hope we shall get return mail tomorrow. Arranged for wood at 3.50 per cord.

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Saturday 7

Beaver Creek B.C

Nothing doing today. Dickey arrived at 4:30 and pushed on to Armstrong's \_\_\_\_\_ camp saying he would wait for me there. After he had gone I heard that the trail to second crossing of the Columbia was not open therefore it was useless to start. I telegraphed Dickey to that effect and countermanded the order re going. I signed all the papers for Victoria tonight and got everything in right shape. Received the mail all right.

Andersons liquor seized a whole sleigh load.

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Sunday 8

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine freezing a little. Nothing doing got all of the mail today and forwarded officials to Fane. \_\_\_\_\_ from Mr. Todd the Commissioner (?) for the west end of the line under public works act, he says he has formed a high opinion of our men. \_\_\_\_\_ mentions having fined men for selling liquor without a licence from the province.

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Monday 9

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine. Anderson came and claimed his liquor. Took evidence on oath & found that there was good reason to suspect him of bringing it through the Northwest Territories so adjourned it until I should hear from them what the result should be.

Went to Martins with \_\_\_\_\_ at 8.30 got tired of her party there so returned and played whist with \_\_\_\_\_ Fay.

Had \_\_\_\_\_ as a witness in Reg vs Anderson issued warrant for the latter not to be executed until ready to go.

Corpl McDonnell came in with Wright. reports all correct at Crossing.

Handed Kerr ten dollars for himself.

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Tuesday 10

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather very fine. Corpl McDonnell came in from 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing with Mr. Wright nephew to the contractor of that name. the Corpl reports all correct at Crossing. he came out to look after some stuff stolen from Wright he found all but a half a sack of flour and some trifles. the tote road will be open tomorrow.

Weather fine. Directed McDonnell to see about his supplies and ordered him to \_\_\_\_\_ from Fane.

Fined Taylor and \_\_\_\_\_ for liquor. Issued search warrant for Tardeville's shack. The men found two kegs, but Tardeville and Faust are away.

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Wednesday 11

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather very fine.

Anderson McCallum arrested for bringing liquor through NWTerritories. Oliver warned as a witness told him that the women would be looked after all right and no one permitted to frighten them. Directed McDonnell to take the prisoner and appear at Calgary by PM train as witness against Anderson. he prepared to do so. Ordered Fane to send 3 mos provisions forage etc to 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing together with tents for Spring. Used 6 Cooking and 1 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Wrote to \_\_\_\_\_ and Herchmer and may send the latter thirty five dollars to pay board and purchase books.

Registered the letter.

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Thursday 12

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine. Cracker Box Bill surrendered by his bonds men. Jagger up for refusing to leave the house of one \_\_\_\_\_ when ordered. remanded.

McCrae and Lee two Daywards up for having liquor for sale. remanded until tomorrow morning.

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Friday 13

Beaver Creek B.C

Tried charge against one Jagers brought up on remand and dismissed the charge on account of there being a question of \_\_\_\_\_ in the matter.

\_\_\_\_\_ imposed charge against Dayward McCrae & \_\_\_\_\_ Dayward (blacksmith) for having liquor in possession of sale on account of another man claiming that it was his. I fined him \$20 costs or three months, fine paid.

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Saturday 14

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather very fine. Train from east with mail and at 1.30 PM got a number of letters. Patton (?) came at the same time to \_\_\_\_\_ me for a while. Tried charge against Fanny Lewis for being drunk in the street and incapable. Fined her five dollars and costs.

Took recognizance of Manning and Taylor for Cracker Box Jones who has them for bonds men on condition that he leave the town.

Saw McCrimmon last night went to bed at 9.00 PM

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Sunday 15

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine nothing of importance in the forenoon. Corpl McDonnell returned with his party at 7.30 brought letters from Herchmer one stating that he had fined Anderson. I ordered the destruction of the liquor at once. Two prisoners escaped at 6 AM. The men were sent out and they were captured. Names 'Big Kid' and McMann – the former was committed for trial some months ago before Geo Hope Johnston and me under Act for Summary Justice in Certain Cases.

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Monday 16

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine one \_\_\_\_\_ of snow fell last night.

Anderson came along and asked for his whiskey and stated that Supt Herchmer authorized him to pass it out of the the Ry Belt. I showed him the letter which was authority for destruction of the same. He said it was strange for Supt Herchmer had most distinctly promised him that he could pass it out. After he had gone I rummaged among my correspondence and found a note from Supt Herchmer ordering me to permit the liquor to pass out. I am not sorry I could not find it at first as the man would most undoubtedly have sold it in the belt.



Tried case of assault Rosser vs Kelly six mos. also Oleson liquor for sale \$20 and costs.

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Tuesday 17

Beaver Creek B.C

Corporal Gould came down with the liquor seized up at Golden. Anderson claimed it and I in accordance with Supt Herchmers desire told him to let me know what he had in the Belt and he might pass it out as I had been ordered to permit him to do so.

Weather fine. Corpl Macdonnell started for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing and at \_\_\_\_\_ work the horse got into a drift and put his shoulder out \_\_\_\_\_ stated that it could not recover so I ordered it to be shot on night of McDonnell's report. Anderson sent me a list of the liquor hed had in stock. It is a large quantity.

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Wednesday 18

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine. Tried \_\_\_\_\_ and Glenn \$20.00 costs each for selling liquor contrary to statute made and provided.

Heard from Constable A.L. Davidson that Gordon the Postmaster at the end of track advised Anderson to refuse arrest. Corpl McDonald had \_\_\_\_\_ for him. Sent off report re administration of justice here during the present fiscal year. recommended a gaol and transportation for prisoners to Kamloops. Wrote Herchmer re Andersons liquor and explained to him the necessity of destroying it. also stated that Anderson had stated what quantity he had in the Belt which I told him to take out.

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Thursday 19

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine no cases today. Snowing heavily it has fallen at least one foot in depth since last night inspected everything twice.

Mail went east this morning at 6.30. McCrae did not go. 17 prisoners in cells. walked a little and am the better of it. played a rubber of whist in Spragges and retired to rest at 11.00 PM. Hatton came in at 2.30 I did not sleep well on account of contrary to custom have some supper at \_\_\_\_\_ before retiring to rest. Night \_\_\_\_\_ warm. Heard of death of death of Genl.

Gordon by a sword in the back from an Arab \_\_\_\_\_ the Government has much to answer for.

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Friday 20

Beaver Creek B.C

Up at 8.15 Breakfast at 8.30. Went around cells barracks stables etc at 10.15. prisoners shoveling snow and cutting wood. Walked down and inspected \_\_\_\_ room at end of track and walked around a good deal. No cases at \_\_\_\_\_. Might have some snow slides now I think as it is so deep and soft.

Took information of Glass (?) vs Irvine & McKenzie Contrs for illegal seizure of property issued warrant for the arrest of \_\_\_\_\_ for theft from the person of one Hall of 95 dollars – the arrest was made, ordered the restoration of the goods of the \_\_\_\_\_ seized by I.G. Baker \_\_\_\_ under a chattel mortgage which is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ up.

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Saturday 21

Beaver Creek B.C

Preliminary investigation in Reg vs \_\_\_\_\_ who is accused of stealing Halls money in his saloon. After hearing evidence dismissed the charge. Heard Glass vs McKenzie and ordered the restitution of the goods and chattels at once.

Walked to siding and all around. Saw Taylor and heard that some of his men had go liquor from \_\_\_\_ in the Golden City and that Constable Hall (?) had left his post without permission. \_\_\_\_ summons to appear under the Police Act and wrote Cunningham (?) re the payment of contractors for the building at 2<sup>nd</sup> Xing and \_\_\_\_\_ for buildings at the First Crossing. ordered \_\_\_\_\_ of Davidson McCrae and \_\_\_\_\_ to be ready to go with pay master tomorrow.

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Sunday 22

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine. One prisoner brought in today. Walked out as far as the siding and did no go in anyones place there Went up to \_\_\_\_\_ and saw \_\_\_\_\_ and had a pleasant chat. Asked him to come down in the evening.

Spent part of evening at \_\_\_\_\_ very pleasant and quiet retired at 11.30. Hatton came in at a late or rather early hr in the morning. light cold

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Monday 23

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine nothing of importance. Inquired into chg against Gould and Const Hall for letting some navies have whiskey to make them drunk. found the charges false all the railway men insisting that they were not drunk and that they only had one bottle between eight. Re Gould giving a bottle to the section boss, he says he did because the man wanted it for his wife who is enceinte The section man corroborates the statement upon oath and says that none of the liquor has been drunk yet.

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ went up the line today. Went to bed at 12.30. Hatton \_\_\_\_\_ unwell.

Geo. H. Johnston back from 1<sup>st</sup> Crossing where he went to \_\_\_\_\_ in town \_\_\_\_\_ several arrests made.

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Tuesday 24

Beaver Creek B.C

Tried 8 drunks and disorderlies at 10.00 AM. fined all of them ten dollars and costs each.

Captain Ross(?), Jas Ross & Holt were here re a strike among the teamsters could do nothing our laws are too \_\_\_\_\_ on that score. Hatton still unwell.

Remanded the man charged with the theft of time checks. Until three days hence sent a message to Constable Hall at the summit ordering him to proceed at once to second Crossing or else \_\_\_\_\_ and find the man Aiken(?) also charged with the theft of time checks, and to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ also and \_\_\_\_\_ assistance from Corporal Macdonald if necessary to go further than the Crossing for these men.

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Wednesday 25

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine \_\_\_\_\_ but soft. no court business today. Sent Const Hetherington to summit of Selkirks with note to Hunt(?) who is to go on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing of the Columbia if necessary and arrest \_\_\_\_\_ Murphy for stealing a case of liquor that was in our charge and selling it to one Bender (?) a pimp and saloon keeper in town here. Visited all the prisoners etc etc no complaints.

Murphy brought in a prisoner at 4.00 PM and identified by Bender(?)  
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Thursday 26

Beaver Creek B.C

Mail east today. Murphy arrested and brought before Geo. Hope Johnston and me at 7.00 PM, heard witnesses for prosecution. Whist party and music at my rooms after Court no liquor allowed. Went to bed at 1.45 A.M.

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Friday 27

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine but too soft

finished Murphys case & sentenced him to twelve months imp with HL case a very clear one. Tried one of \_\_\_\_\_ teamsters five dollars and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

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Saturday 28

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine nothing of importance today.

Hanson up again for drunkenness dismissed with a caution. Sent a search warrant up to Mckenzie's camp with Hethrington have not had it returned yet. Mail came in at 12.00 last night – got it at 10.00 AM this morning Handed over to Spragge the papers and business in connection with J.J. Demers horses etc etc. Fines for this month amount to four hundred dollars – got \$300 besides from Anderson for Bleeker.

Played whist in my place with Demers Griffin and Spragge with \_\_\_\_\_ Johnston on the side.

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**MARCH**

Sunday 1

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather dull but mild

Commenced snowing at noon. Dickey in here from \_\_\_\_\_ Creek also Ramsay called upon me in the morning.

Spragge went fishing at 10.30 but got nothing

Snow fall at Armstrongs camp to date 13 feet and twenty six at summit of Selkirks.

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Monday 2

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine nothing of importance.

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Tuesday 3

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine permitted Alex Anderson to get his liquor out of the Belt as instructed by Supt Herchmer.

Heard chg against Dyre (?) for \_\_\_\_ of Orders he proved that he did not hear the order given him as he was \_\_\_\_ dismissed the charge

Arranged with Dr. \_\_\_\_ to start for the summit of the Selkirks and 2<sup>nd</sup> tomorrow night.

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Wednesday 4

Beaver Creek B.C

Weather fine - busy all day with a/c (?) and monthly returns. had a charge made out against Corpl Gould for using Andersons liquor and substituting water instead of it.

Decided to start for the summit of the Selkirks and Columbia 2<sup>nd</sup> Xing.

Met Mr. Wright today for first time he gave me a letter to his wife and manager at 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing.

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Thursday 5

2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing Col. R. B.C.

Weather fine did not go to bed last night. Started at 1.30 with Consts. Kelly (?) Kerr & Dr. \_\_\_\_ for the place the Dr. rode a small cayuse Moonlight. Started this early so as to avoid meeting teams and getting into the deep snow. Reached the summit and Hills store at 6.00 AM. 24 miles it is called but it is good thirty as the measurement taken by the RR line. had breakfast and started at 7.30 reached Muir Bros. camp at 12.30 and was received by Garner with his usual hospitality Dr. \_\_\_\_ stayed behind at the Brooks \_\_\_\_\_. Rested the horses until a little after four o'clock and started \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ here at 9.00 much delayed by the darkness and the limbs on the trees. 24 mi to Muir Bros. 24 to here. \_\_\_ distance 90 m. \_\_\_ 72.

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Friday 6

(Farewell) 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing Col. R. B.C.

Weather fine enough but snowing a little all forenoon felt all right in the morning much better than I expected after an 80 mile ride done after an interval of six weeks without throwing a leg over a horse. two months and a half I should say. The longest interval in twelve years service.

Issued search warrant for twelve houses selling liquor. Warrant executed on two and liquor found in one of them.

Went Wrights in the afternoon Mrs W very pleasant but is strong minded enough for anything is a New England lady. I was very hospitably received by both because one of \_\_\_ \_\_\_ (crossed out).

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Saturday 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing Col. R. B.C (Farewell)

Held court at 10.30 Fined one Andrew Alden & Nelson Hanson \$20.00 each and costs ten \$10.00 three (\$3.00) of which were for the horse and sled to haul the liquor up to \_\_\_\_. All the liquor destroyed in the presence of Benson. total 34.00 and 1 qt. 30 Benson, 4 Alden 1 qt. Hanson.

Had two saloons searched up the road after luncheon, nothing found. A very drunken and disorderly fellow brought up and confined in the cells, he had to be dragged up of French \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sunday 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing Columbia River (Farewell)

Weather very fine. Pd Corpl Macdonnell four dollars each for the cases tried yesterday and the case of Pearson tried

\_\_\_\_\_ for being drunk and disorderly resisting the Police. I fined him fifteen dollars and costs or two months.

Dined at Mrs Wrights at the invitation of the nephew (?) had a pleasant evening until 8.00 PM when the Dr. (\_\_\_\_) came home on account of the dangerous state of the ice on the river.

Gave order to Corpl Macdonnell to start ahead of me tomorrow and search the different places on the road east (?) of here and to have Shaw (?) fly up before me.

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Monday 9

Muir's Camp B.C.

Weather very fine and bright snow falling very soft started from the Second Crossing Columbia after trying a couple of cases at 10.30 AM

Constables Morton and Richardson preceded us to search all saloons for whiskey

We reached here at 3.30 and had luncheon Morton and Richardson were here they found nothing up to date. We decided to accept Mr. Garners hospitality and stay all night and start at 8.00 tomorrow morning. Retired at ten. Rained hard all night.

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Tuesday 10

Beaver Creek , BC.

Weather fine left Muir's camp at 7.45AM and after four miles met so many teams that we did not reach the store 8 pm Muir's until 10.15. Dr. \_\_\_\_ pony going too slow Ken and I pushed on and reached the summit at 1.00 PM.

One mile from summit we found a snow slide (small) in our way twenty feet deep and fifty feet wide we had to climb over. The horses did it very well It was composed of large boulders snow and logs & was started by a couple of rock blasts

\_\_\_\_\_ came up to 3.00

We started for here at 3.15 and \_\_\_\_\_ here at 7.45 PM fifty four miles (crossed out) with \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ delay only teams need ten hrs (?) rest.

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Wednesday 11

Beaver Creek , BC.

Held investigation re the substitution of water for liquor by Corpl Gould & Constable Phipps (?), the liquor being Andersons against which there was no charge for illegality. Wrote a letter to Herchmer requesting a permit from the Lieutenant Governor of the NW Territory.

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Thursday 12

Beaver Creek , BC.

Mail went out today at ten AM. ordered Const Craig down here and Constable Phipps (?) up there to Laggan.

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Friday 13

Beaver Creek , BC.

Nothing of importance going on today.

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Saturday 14

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather very fine. Up at 8.00 AM. Herchmer and \_\_\_\_\_ called at 8.30.

Showed the latter all around the barracks and other places – and he visited the prisoners, no complaints.

Tried five men for vagrancy, let them go to work and told them I would keep the charge hanging over until they went to work and stayed at work.

Higginson (?) came in by train invited him to stay with me until he went to \_\_\_\_\_ he accepted the invitation all night. Played whist until a late hour.

Const \_\_\_\_\_ arrived from Laggan.

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Sunday 15

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather delightful. nothing of importance going on.

Fined two men “by consent” for drunkenness – last night.

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Monday 16

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather delightful. telegraphed Ross re payment of \_\_\_\_\_ Browns (?) balance.

Issued search warrant for several saloons in town.

Higginson went away to 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing with Jack Johnston.

Wrote \_\_\_\_\_ Herchmer AR McDonnell, Dowling, Mr. Bowen (?) and others.

Postponed trial of Phipps.

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Tuesday 17

Beaver Creek , BC



Weather delightful snow going rapidly. Consts Forrest Richardson came in with the prisoners charged with the theft of some blankets and \_\_\_\_ sheets \_\_\_\_ on McDonald. \_\_\_\_ up case at seven. remanded until ten tomorrow. fined Reilly \$20.00 & costs for having liquor in possession intended for sale. Fined one Rufus Kempton (?) for same. he gave notice of appeal against decision. Got letter from Mrs Todd who says that McKay Bros have not any right to packers licences

Const Jones (?) says that the Mackay Bros escaped from the Const who was to accompany them outside the belt and cached the liquor they then reported to Corporal Macdonnell that the liquor had been stolen

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Wednesday 18

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine, snow going rapidly. Tried the two cases of Larceny sentenced one man to 12 mos HL and dismissed the other case. ordered arrest of Morse a negro at 2<sup>nd</sup> Siding issued search warrants for all saloons east of summit of Selkirks. also warrant for McKay Bros and a summons for the Constable (Todd) at 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing.

Played whist in \_\_\_\_ until a late hour. sent off \_\_\_\_ vouchers for \$60 & \$40 each ordered Phipps (?) to Golden and Gould to \_\_\_\_ Store.

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Thursday 19

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather very fine snow going fast. Nothing of importance on had.

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Friday 20

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine, nothing of importance mail came in at 6.30 A.M. Lukes (?) arrived with the rest except Suckling. They were summoned for taking the whiskey of Kane and \_\_\_\_\_. Man found murdered at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing supposed to be for spite

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Saturday 21

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine, but a sharp frost last night. Luke Duggan and Fitzpatrick \_\_\_\_ on a charge of stealing liquor from Mr. Day (?)

GH Johnston sat on the bench with me, heard all \_\_\_\_\_ and dismissed all but Luke who was committed with bail on \_\_\_\_\_ five hundred dollars each and be in the same.

Mail came to hand all right nothing of importance.

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Sunday 22

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather very fine nothing of importance except the pulling (?) of all the whores and pimps in town.

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Monday 23

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine – disposed of 28 fine cases between 10 and twelve \_\_\_\_\_ Larceny, vagrancy, bawds, drunkenness, selling liquor illegally. fines amounted to four hundred dollars.

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Tuesday 24

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine nothing of importance. tried two cases only.

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Wednesday 25

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine nothing of importance. Mail closed tonight fined one Austin the sum of \$25 and costs and bound him over to keep the peace for \_\_\_\_\_ months for continually annoying and threatening one Ritchie of 1<sup>st</sup> Crossing of the Columbia.

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Thursday 26

Beaver Creek , BC

Weather fine. Sentenced one Brown to a fine of \$20.00 and costs and the confiscation of his liquor for having liquor in his possession intended for sale. the solicitor gave notice of an appeal.

Fined Duncan McCallum ten dollars and costs for being a frequenter of a house of ill fame or common bawdy house. Goldman appeared for the prisoner and pleaded guilty.

Mail went out today in charge of the ('prisoner' crossed out) police. Heard a rumour from 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing that an Indian was arrested by Corporal Macdonnell for the murder of ('one' crossed out) a man Gatsby (?) in Wright's employ.

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Wednesday 2

Donald BC

Weather fine but cool recd telegram from Herchmer to purchase horses and borrow saddles from Johnston for Kootenay trip. wired to Johnston about it. 8 men came in at 8.30 from Calgary put them in Corpl Goulds barracks and to ration in kitchen.

Spent evening in J Dickey's car with Madigan, Spragge, Dr. Cotton & "Kelly" Taylor.

Wrote letters to Cotton, Kennedy Dowling (re uniform)

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Friday 4

Donald BC

Weather cool but fine. Wrote to Griesbach, Alfred Seniors (?) \_\_\_ Asst Supt Shields \_\_\_ and Sgt Fury J. Barker James Ross, Geo Hope Johnston telegrams to Herchmer Lafferty Smith re \$28.00 on horse vouchers

John Ross re horse for Courier (?)

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Saturday 5

Donald BC

Weather fine. GH Johnston est arrive hier au soir.

Wrote to Oswald telling him Minister of M. had written. I also directed him to stay at Calgary in my place. Sent Gould with eight Consts up to summit also sent Fane to Beaver for paper re the Baird murder also purchased three horses from Johnston and directed Gould to bring them down here at once (except one)

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Tuesday 8

Summit of Selkirks

Weather fine Started from Donald to 1<sup>st</sup> Crossing with Col. Herchmer Doc  
\_\_\_ Geo H Johnston , Spragge

Arrived here on Mr Shields car and found everything all right, put up in Mr.  
Jas Ross car.

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Wednesday 9

West Crossing Columbia

Started from Summit in Mr. Ross car. arrived at end of track at 10- and  
went to Muirs tunnel at one dined. ordered Sergt R\_\_\_ to send up for all  
\_\_\_ men at Summit but four. I then started 2.00 PM and overtook Mr. Ross  
Dickey \_\_\_ and Herchmer rode with them to Petersons where they  
concluded to stay for the night (crossed out) Johnston Fane Spragge and I  
went on and arrived here at 8.00 thoroughly covered with mud and soaked  
clean through. put up at the Columbia hotel . found the town much grown  
since last month. 36 miles since two o'clock, horses quite fresh.

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Thursday 10

West Crossing Columbia R

Weather wet inquiry held by Herchmer re charges against Dominion Police  
all evidence went to show that the behaviour of our men was what it ought to  
be. gave orders for the \_\_\_ up of my quarters and office

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Friday 11

Farewell (2<sup>nd</sup> Xing Col.)

Weather wet visited the barracks at 7.30 gave order to Fury to \_\_\_ horses up  
to the end of track with horses for seven men en route here and other places  
west

Devil of a rumpus in a whore house kept by Irish Nell. Met Macaulay  
and Maloney they have very valuable evidence to give in Bairds murder.  
arranged for them to be subpoenaed at once and get board and expenses paid  
from today. Told Spragge to see Herchmer and get the money and tickets  
for himself and witnesses.

Had a late supper with Herchmer Wright Johnston Spragge \_\_\_\_ and Jack(?) \_\_\_\_\_.

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Saturday 12

Farewell B.C.

Wet again. Got \_\_\_\_ and Herchmer persuaded to go off at once – they did so. Recd telegram from Deane telling me that Colonel Macleod is coming to investigate re Lee recent \_\_\_\_\_ Johnston and Sproat. \_\_\_\_\_ to Donald for my baggage got Herchmer to arrange for expenses of Spragge and witnesses.

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Sunday 13

Farewell

Wet again all day. Nothing of importance going on went up to barracks and looked around. Got some important evidence in the Asley(?) case.

Sent telegram to \_\_ Kent to come along at once from Donald also to Sergt Richard (?) to give Col. Macleod a horse and orderly when he requires to come from end of track here.

Sergt Fury warned all the people selling that they would be proceeded against whether they had licences from BC authorities or not. also got from the Government Agent \_\_\_\_\_ (BC) a list of all licences issued here under the BC ordinance.

Sgt Richard reports 2 men arrested for having liquor for sale also a Const for permitting prisoners to escape.

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Monday 14

Farewell

Wet again all day made out information against several \_\_\_\_\_ for keeping a common bawdy house and directed Sergt Fury to get information against all saloon keepers selling inside belt whether in possession of B.C. licences or not.

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Tuesday 15

Farewell B.C.

Wet early but fine afternoon

Walked to H.S. Holts headquarter camp with Mr. Johnston and saw Kavanaugh he is the same jolly old chap. Roads very muddy indeed we got splashed with mud up to the boot tops.

Some of the men from the end of track came in I directed that they be in readiness to go west.

Sentenced Constable Moore(?) 4-6 mos imp with H.L. for permitting two prisoners to escape using insubordinate language to Sergeant Richards and refusing to obey \_\_\_\_ order given by the same N.C.O.

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Wednesday 16

Muir's Camp

Wet part of the day. Inspected the men at 2.30 and found their equipment very imperfect. Ordered one to parade when I return from this trip.

Started with Jack \_\_\_\_ & George Johnston for the west end of the line I made an arrangement with Muir's \_\_\_\_ Wrights agent to the effect that our men pass free from one end of the line to the other until end work. I took supper at \_\_\_\_ Camp and (crossed out) arrived here at 8.00.

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Thursday 17

Crook Bros Cp

Wet as possible poured in torrents all day and night.

Left Muir's camp at 2.40 meeting Messrs Muir & Mann(?) on the road

Came on here and arranged with Mr. Maloney the \_\_\_\_\_ for accommodation for two men here. Spent a pleasant evening with Crook, Maloney & Bob Griffin

Went to bed at 11.30.

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**MEMORANDA**

29<sup>TH</sup> Jan \_\_\_\_ paid to Maloney (?) hotel keeper 3<sup>rd</sup> Siding the bill owed by me as directed.

!st Siding gang of thieves broken up. Pitts of Duncan(?) outfit disposed of for six mos.

### Mess extras

Beaver

Doc ____ Spragge and P. Cummins dined with me on Thursday evening	3
P. Cummins another time	1
Doc ____ another time	1
Mr. Forrest	9
Mr. _____	6
Kavanaugh	1
Bowen _____ 17 <sup>th</sup>	1
Hatton 14 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> _____	31
_____ evening of 24 <sup>th</sup>	1
Higginson	<u>5</u>
	28

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Xing

Candles running about \_\_\_\_ must have two months supply from end of month

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7<sup>th</sup> Mch tried Peter Olson \$5 and costs for drunk and disorderly.

Donald Macleod Jeffrey(?)

Time checks to \$56.30 \_\_\_\_ Mr. Spragge for collection \_\_\_\_

Requd NW Territory to be looked after by \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Owe G.H.J. \$80.00

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**Cash Account**

**March**

11<sup>th</sup> Geo. Hope Johnston  
for board Paid 56.00

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**Bills Payable**

**January**

To A.R. McDonnell	75.00
__ Hardisty	43.32
J.B. Steele (?)	40.00
pd May (?) _____	80.00

pd May  
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**February**

Paid May Feby	35.00
pd Kerr	10.00
pd Fane to fine fund	20.00
18 p Chas Mclean (?)	3.50
“ _____ and Norris	6.50
“ _____	4.00
Geo. Hope Johnston	39.30
24 <sup>th</sup> _____ Bros.	20.00
“ pd saddler for martingale	3.00

**Receivable**

11 <sup>th</sup> From costs 11 <sup>th</sup>	45.00
From Herchmer pay	83.33
____ Dr. _____	62.00

Ask Fane for \_\_\_\_\_ given by Corp Macleod also returned \_\_\_\_ troop  
\_\_\_\_.  
F\_\_\_\_\_ get all a/c(?) at Donald

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Fane to send stores and my uniform blankets and \_\_\_\_\_.  
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**December**

6 saloons

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Higby

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6<sup>th</sup> Tried \_\_\_\_\_.

7<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup>

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**Endpaper**

**left**

Men

3 at Donald

3 at end of Track

9 W. Crossing

4 at Summit

1 at Golden

4 at Griffen Lake

2 at McDermott and Ross

2 Beaver

Horses

15

2 gone up Columbia

1 at Golden City

7 at Farewell

2 at end of Track

2 at Summit

1 Sick across Columbia at Farewell

15

**Right**

9 Farewell

3 Donald

3 End of Track

4 at Beaver

2 –

11

6 horses & saddles

\_\_\_\_\_ Morton (?)

### **Comments**

Diary starts January 22 and has daily entries until March 26. Resumes September 2-17.

Late January – Steele having problems keeping his men out of local houses of ill fame.

1<sup>st</sup> Crossing – Donald Station

2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing – Revelstoke

40 years – chapter 11 exaggerates petty crime