

SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION INTO BC INTERIOR

16-20 May 2001



Left to right, front, Wayne Wilson (director of Kelowna Museum), Bruce Miller, Wendy Wickwire, Mary-Ellen Kelm, Pat Roy; back, Bruce Braun, Cole Harris, Jean Wilson, Richard Mackie, Pat Shaw, Jean Barman, John O'Brian (editors and members of the editorial board of *BC Studies*).

OBJECTIVE: *Data gathering*

ITINERARY:

16 May

8:30 a.m. Leave UBC for Merritt via the Coquihalla highway
12:30 p.m. Lunch at the Coldwater Hotel, Merritt, with Shirley
and Austin Sterling and Tim Voght
Early afternoon. Visit sweat lodge, Coldwater River
Late afternoon. Tea with Sterling family, Joeyaska Reserve.
Stop at Murray Church, Nicola Lake
Dinner at the Quilchena Hotel (with Lynne Jorgeson)
Overnight at the Quilchena Hotel

17 May

9:00 a.m. Visit Spaxomin village, Upper Nicola (meet with
Scotty Holmes)
12:00 noon. Lunch, Spaxomin school



Bruce Braun presenting Lynne Jorgeson with prize for the most accurate election forecast, Upper Nicola Band Office, May 17, 2001.

Afternoon. Stop at Home Ranch, Douglas Lake Cattle Company; Lake House on Kalamalka Lake; and site of the Vernon Preparatory School

5:00 p.m. Tea at the Coldstream Valley home of Peter Tassie
Dinner and overnight at the Mackie family cabin on Sugar Lake (where expedition met by Wayne Wilson, director, Kelowna Museum)

[NB Senior female expedition members very tough. One slept on porch in plastic raincoat, another on bare metal springs]

18 May

9:00 a.m. Depart Sugar Lake, cross Manashee Mountains to Fauquier and Nakusp

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Inspect (and eat in) Nakusp

1:30 p.m. Inspect Chantry Farm, B. James proprietor, Summit Lake



B. James of the Chantry Farm talking with Wendy Wickwire, Mary-Ellen Kelm, and John O'Brian.

4:00-7:00 p.m. Arrive at Bosun ranch on Slovan Lake between New Denver and Silverton; inspect ranch, including abandoned mine, former Japanese internment camp, and cabin constructed for film "Snow Falling On Cedars"

Dinner, preliminary consideration of research results, and overnight at Bosun Ranch

19 May

9:00 a.m. Drive to and inspect Sandon

11:00 a.m. Consider remains of Noble Five concentrating mill at Cody

1:00 p.m. Party divides at Three Forks. One team walks to New Denver on abandoned CPR grade via Alamo mill; other team goes directly to Nikkei museum, New Denver

4:30 p.m. Teams reassemble at home of John Norris and Will Castleton, consider gardens and turkeys

7:00 p.m. Dinner and penultimate discussion of research findings at Bosun Ranch, and of new directions for *BC Studies*

20 May

Return to Vancouver

RESULT: The *quid pro quo* for participation in this scientific investigation was a research report. They follow (after Shirley Sterling's invitation).