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## **Books**

**Crowston, Gena. The Ghosts of Tranquille Past. Summerland, British Columbia: New Horizon Printers, 2002.**

This book provides an overview of the history of Tranquille prior to the tuberculosis sanatorium being built. She also provides a quick history of when the Sanatorium operated up to its closure in the late 1950s; most of the details came from Wayne Norton's book. The author and her husband were both psychiatric nurses at the institution after it was reopened as a school and hospital for disabled people. She provides a unique and in-depth account of what daily life was like at Tranquille for the staff and patients. The closure of Tranquille is discussed from an insider's perspective including personal accounts and photographs from behind the picket lines and reactions to the government's decisions. This book is very useful for the topic of the Tranquille school and its closure.

**Norton, Wayne. A Whole Little City by Itself Tranquille and Tuberculosis. Kamloops, British Columbia: Plateau Press, 1999.**

This book focuses on Tranquille, how the Sanatorium came to be and why it closed. A few details are provided of how the facility was used up until the 1990's but the main value of this book is in the detail of the Sanatoriums creation and operation. The sources that Norton use come from all over Canada so he provided details that cannot be found in most other books. This book is very valuable for the amount of detail that it provides and can be used as a source of information for multiple different topics pertaining to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

**Norfolk, Eric. Cooney and His Clan. Prince George, British Columbia: Sunshine Press Ltd, 1979.**

The author of this book is a grandson of Charles Thomas Cooney and most of his sources are first hand accounts from family members who lived at the ranch. As a result of this the book provides more personal stories and accounts of the Cooney family rather than just basic facts that are found most books. For research pertaining to any topic which includes the Cooney family especially the controversial sale of the ranch then this book is useful. When using this as a source it must be kept in mind that the author as well as his sources have a bias towards the Cooney family.

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## **Primary Source Articles**

- 1) **\$13,500 Each Price Quoted For Cottages.” Daily Colonist, 27 November 1946, 3.**

This article lists the prices quoted for the construction of new buildings at Tranquille.

- 2) **100-Bed ‘T.B.’ Ward Nearing Completion at Tranquille.” Vancouver Sun, 12 January 1929, 4 (section 3).**

This article describes the new 100-bed addition at Tranquille, details as well as a photograph are provided in this article.

- 3) **“368 Patients Are Treated In Sanatorium.” Vancouver Sun, 23 February 1928, 3.**

This article was written after the sixth annual report on the Tranquille Sanatorium was presented to the legislature. Average population and marital status of the patients is discussed as are the upgrades made in that year.

- 4) **“A quiet wedding...” Inland Sentinel, 19 June 1906, 4.**

This is the announcement for the wedding of CT Cooney’s daughter Constance to Wyman Cole.

- 5) **“A Tranquille Tragedy,” Kamloops Inland Sentinel, 27 July 1897, 4.**

This article describes what occurred after human remains were discovered at Tranquille. Both Fortune and Cooney are mentioned in this article. The body belonged to a man from China who most likely panned for gold in the area and thus this article would be useful for any research on the Chinese panning for gold in the area especially as it mocks one of the dead mans friends, demonstrating the racism that existed.

- 6) **“A very pleasant...” Inland Sentinel, 11 February 1908, 6.**

This is a short blurb to describe a sleighing party that was held at the Sanatorium for the patients living there.

- 7) **Acheson, Miles. “Tranquille Transcript.” Kamloops Sentinel, 4 August 1954, 11.**

This is a short note to say that the junior teacher at Tranquille is leaving and that the senior teacher is on vacation

- 8) **“Administration Building.” Kamloops Standard, 17 March 1911, 1.**

This article describes the outcome of a meeting held at Tranquille by a number of important people. They decided that a new administration building, medical superintendents house, sleeping pavilion, powerhouse and laundry were all needed.

**9) "All Cattlemen to Get Opportunity Buy Cattle From Tranquille Herd." Kamloops Sentinel, 6 June 1940, 9.**

This article discusses the upcoming sale of a good amount of the Tranquille Sanatoriums beef herd. In this article useful information is provided about the operation and inventory of the farm.

**10) "Another Inquiry." Daily Colonist, 6 February 1934, 6.**

This article states that an inquiry into the administration and operation of Tranquille has been decided upon and will be announced in the next week.

**11) "Anti-Sanatorium League At Kamloops." Daily Colonist, 17 November 1904, 1.**

This is a response to a letter sent by the Anti-Sanatorium in Kamloops League. The Premier states that there is not need to fear as no promises have been made and there is no intention to thrust a sanatorium on Kamloops. This was written three year before the Sanatorium was opened.

**12) "Anti-Tuberculosis Annual Meeting." Inland Sentinel, 10 March 1908, 1, 6.**

This article describes the outcome of the annual meeting of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis society. W.W. Shaw, the manager of the ranch, provides a report on how he thinks that the ranch is operating. The opinion of Dr. Irving, the medical superintendent, is also provided in some detail. The financial state of the sanatorium is also provided. This article is a very good overview of how the Sanatorium was operating in its first year of operation from a variety of angles.

**13) "Anti-Tuberculosis Society Directors." Inland Sentinel, 3 April 1914, 1.**

A meeting was held to discuss financial matters and the details of this meeting are discussed in this article.

**14) "As the new building..." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 4 April 1919, 6.**

This article is a brief description of the modern new buildings being built at Tranquille. The expected costs of the new additions are also included.

**15) "At Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 9 February 1912, 1.**

This is the report given by the medical superintendent of the Sanatorium for the month of January 1912. This report includes the condition of new patients, the condition of all previous patients and the financial condition of the sanatorium.

**16) "Awards Contract For New Sanitarium." Daily Colonist, 1 August 1908, 6.**

This article states that the contract for the erection of new buildings at Tranquille was awarded to Mr. William O'Dell.

**17) Barc. "Victoria Determined to Eliminate Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 27 May 1958, 4.**

This is an opinion letter printed in the newspaper about a persons feelings on the closure of Tranquille.

**18) "B.C. Govt Names Merrick To Top Tranquille Post." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 20 February 1959, 1.**

This is a very blurry article about appointment of Mr. Merrick as superintended of the school at Tranquille.

**19) "B.C. Sanatorium Short of Nurses." Daily Colonist, 21 June 1946, 5.**

This article states that there is a huge shortage of nurses at Tranquille, normally 66 nurses are on staff but the Sanatorium was down to 23.

**20) "B.C. To Sell Interior Herd." Daily Colonist, 13 July 1940, 3.**

The Tranquille Sanatorium had been experimenting with breeding prize beef cattle. The cancellation of this program was announced in this article.

**21) "Big Hospital Job Finished." Vancouver Sun, 2 February 1929, 10.**

This article announces that the 100-bed addition built at Tranquille has been completed and will be turned over to the government from the contractor in one weeks time.

**22) "Big Question at Tranquille...What About the 90 Laid Off?" Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 1 November 1958, 1.**

This is a large photograph with a small blurry article about the closure of Tranquille and the fate of the ninety laid off employees.

**23) "Building Work at Tranquille." Kamloops Sentinel, 21 September 1934, 1.**

This is just a short note to state that a few updates will be taking place at Tranquille. The power plant will be receiving an additional boiler, automatic stoker, and an extra smoke stack. An extension was planned to the existing building as well as some painting.

**24) "Calling Tenders." Daily Colonist, 2 August 1941, 13.**

This article announces that tenders are called by the Provincial Department of Public Works for the erection of a pasteurization plant at the Sanatorium.

**25) "Call Tenders At Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 31 July 1940, 6.**

This article announces that a new auditorium will be built at Tranquille and that tenders have been accepted for the construction.

**26) "Call Tranquille Tenders." Daily Colonist, 14 June 1941, 15.**

This article states that the Provincial Government called for tenders for the construction of a pasteurization plant at the Sanatorium.

**27) "Challenges Coast T.B. Scheme." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 October 1933, 1-3.**

This article provides text of the speech that Dr. A.D. Lapp, superintendent of the Sanatorium, gave on Tuberculosis in British Columbia to the Rotary Club.

**28) "Changes are to be Made Without Delay." Daily Colonist, 1 September 1907, 3.**

This article states that changes are to quickly be made to the Sanatorium and those details are listed.

**29) "Charles T. Cooney Suddenly Expires," Kamloops Standard, 15 May 1917, 1-2.**

This article provides a nostalgic look at CT Cooney's life and paints him in the role of one of the last true adventurers in British Columbia. This article provides useful details of Cooney's life as well as his death and where he was buried. Personal details were mentioned as well including his religious and political views. This would be a useful article for any topic pertaining to the Cooney's.

**30) "City Board Fumes Over Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 28 June 1958, 1.**

This article describes the City Board discussing the closure of Tranquille.

**31) "City Board Hurls Charges At Govt." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 29 July 1958, 1.**

This article states that the Kamloops and District Board of Trade accused four members of the provincial government with not being straight with the people of Kamloops on the subject of the future of Tranquille.

**32) "C.N.R. Completion." Kamloops Standard, 21 March 1911, 1.**

This is a short article to indicate that the CNR has been completed; the CNR line runs through Tranquille.

**33) "College Urged At Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 19 June 1958, 3.**

This article describes the requests made to turn Tranquille into B.C. agricultural college, a college for arts or a chronic care hospital. These suggestions were made by opposition leader Robert Strachan to Premier Bennet.

**34) "Comedy Brings Delight to 'San'". Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 10 April 1923, 1.**

This article describes a comedy performance at the Sanatorium for the patients. It mainly describes the performance but some relevant information is provided such as the fact that many patients had to seek permission to leave there beds as bed rest is one of the stages of treatment.

**35) "Commission to Spend \$200,000." Daily Colonist, 20 September 1918, 5.**

Tuberculosis cases among soldiers was a huge issue and this article states that the Invalid Soldiers Commission will spend \$200,000 on construction and equipment at the Sanatorium.

**36) "Consumptive Sanatorium." Daily Colonist, 28 August 1903, 5.**

This article was written four years before the Sanatorium was opened and describes Dr. Fagan's reaction to fears of an increase in Tuberculosis cases in Kamloops if the Sanatorium were built there.

**37) "Consumptives Need More Accommodation." Daily Colonist, 23 April 1908, 7.**

This article discusses the need for expansion at the Sanatorium.

**38) "Contract Let For New Sanitorium." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 24 September 1918, 1.**

This article describes the details of the new building that is being planned at Tranquille. It further states that it was decided that military and non-military patients will be treated the same. Finally it mentions that Dr. Vrooman will be leaving and that the person who will succeed him has not yet been chosen.

39) "Cooney Deal Now Through." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 21 November 1922, 1.

This newspaper article is useful as price details as well as a breakdown of what was included in the sale are provided. A few details are also provided of what the land will be used for and how the Sanatorium was created. The article expresses that the Fortune and Cooney lands are reunited so the author was clearly biased.

40) "Cooney Homestead Deed Was Never Issued From Ottawa, It Is Learned." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 14 July 1922, 1.

This article discusses how the deed to a portion of the Cooney homestead was not obtained prior to CT Cooney's death and therefore the sale is being held up until it is issued. Details of the land sale are provided, however the date of CT Cooney's death is wrong in this article.

41) "Correspondence." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 21 April 1958, 4.

This is the opinion of an X patient on the closure of Tranquille.

42) "Country Court." Inland Sentinel, 4 June 1885, 3.

This is a short note to state that there are continuing issues over where the fence line between the Cooney and Fortune properties.

43) "Died." Inland Sentinel, 7 May 1885, 3.

This is the death announcement of William Fortunes mother in law. It briefly states the names of the family that she had in the Kamloops area.

44) "Dr. A.D. Lapp to Quit Tranquille." Kamloops Sentinel, 16 April 1937, 1.

This article describes that Dr. A.D. Lapp has left Tranquille after 15 and a half years as Medical Superintendent to be replaced by Dr. H.S. Stalker. A new matron, Gladys Currie, was also appointed.

45) "Dr. C.H. Vrooman..." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 27 December 1918, 5.

This short article states that Dr. Vrooman will leave Tranquille to take over the Rotary Club Tuberculosis Clinic in Vancouver as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Houle will take over the post of medical superintendent at Tranquille, he had previously been in charge of the Military Sanatorium in Regina.

46) "Dr. Garner to Take Post At Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 28 November 1951, 11.

This article describes that Dr. Garner will be transferred from Victoria Tuberculosis Unit to Tranquille to replace Dr. Stalker who was moved to Pearson Tuberculosis Hospital in Vancouver.

**47) "Dr. H.G. Chisholm Resigns From Staff of Tranquille "San"."** Kamloops Sentinel, 23 April 1937, 1.

This article is to state that the assistant medical superintendent Dr. H.G. Chisholm, who has worked at the Sanatorium for 16 years, has resigned. A brief summary of his past achievements are given as is a regret to lose him.

**48) "Dr. Vrooman Resigns As Medical Supt."** Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 24 September 1918, 1.

Dr. Vrooman's resignation as medical superintendent is described in this article. He had been the medical superintendent at Tranquille for eight years prior to this and he planned to become superintendent of the tuberculosis clinic built by the Rotarians of Vancouver. This article goes on to describe the creation of the tuberculosis clinic in Vancouver and the accomplishments of Dr. Vrooman.

**49) "Employees Seek Gaglardi Confab."** Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 22 September 1958, 1-2.

This article updates readers on many different issues surrounding the closure of Tranquille and the fate of the employees. One such issue is a meeting with PA Gaglardi who was the highways minister.

**50) "Epitome of Report."** Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 26 January 1917, 1.

This is the report on the status of the King Edward Sanatorium in the month of December 1916. Details that are described include the status of current patients and the conditions of new patients. The number of new donations and who donated them are also included.

**51) "Experimental Station at 'San' Farm."** Kamloops Sentinel, 26 April 1935, 1.

This article describes how research will be carried out on the Tranquille farm. Tranquille was chosen because it has a laboratory on site. The provincial government had not yet agreed to allow the research to take place.

**52) "Farm Manager."** Kamloops Sentinel, 15 July 1934, 1.

This is a very short article that states that R.L. Davis would be appointed as superintendent of the Tranquille Sanatorium farm and explains his qualifications.

**53) "Federal Grant Brings Pathology Department to Tranquille San." Kamloops Sentinel, 3 April 1950, 1.**

This article describes various grants that the provincial government has to give for the control of tuberculosis in British Columbia and how this money will be used at Tranquille.

**54) "Federal Pen Here Mixed Up Rumor; Citizens Opposed." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 31 October 1956, 1-2.**

This article was written when rumours were rampant that the Sanatorium would be turned into a prison. Peoples opinions on this matter are also expressed in this article.

**55) "Field Day at Tranquille Farm is Great Success." Kamloops Sentinel, 7 July 1950, 1.**

This article describes an event at Tranquille farm where junior farmers from all over BC came to be judged in competition. A large amount of detail is provided in this article for researchers looking at the Tranquille Farm.

**56) "Fifty New Beds and New X-Ray for Tranquille." Kamloops Sentinel, 20 February 1953, 1.**

This article simply states that new beds and a new X-Ray machine have been added to the sanatorium. These changes are part of an overall modernization program.

**57) "Fine Cattle Reach "San"." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 March 1931, 1.**

This is a short article that describes the amount and type of cattle that arrived at Tranquille. Some details about the rancher who the cattle was received from is provided.

**58) "First Nursing Course at "San"." Kamloops Sentinel, 3 February 1931, 1.**

This article discusses the new nurses training that will be offered at Tranquille. Many details are included in this article such as where the nurses were sent from and what exactly they will be taught.

**59) "First Patients For Tranquille Next Week." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 3 June 1959, 3.**

This is an article about the re-opening of Tranquille.

**60) "First Patients Moving Soon To Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 3 July 1959, 2.**

This article is to announce that the first group of patients will be transferred to Tranquille School.

- 61) Fisher, Mrs. A.L. Daily Colonist, 13 September 1946, 4.

This letter is a plea from a current nurse at Tranquille for more nurses. She describes many nice features of the Sanatorium to try to entice new nurses.

- 62) "For Sale." Inland Sentinel, 16 March 1882, 2.

This is an advertisement stating that William Fortune wishes to sell certain livestock. The printed version is fuzzy but it is clear on the microfilm machine.

- 63) "Fortune, WM." Inland Sentinel, 25 March 1886, 3.

This is a note placed in the paper by William Fortune to sell a jack. This is interesting as the description of the jack includes the height which is "fourteen and a half hands high".

- 64) Fortune, WM. "Mill Machinery For Sale." Kamloops Sentinel, 2 September 1893, 4.

This is an ad that William Fortune placed to sell his mill machinery and the conditions he is willing to accept. This sale was after the mill burned down in 1886 but it was reopened two years after this sale in 1895.

- 65) Fortune W. "For Sale." Inland Sentinel, 4 March 1886, 2.

This advertisement states that William Fortune has rough and dressed lumber for sale as well as flour and bacon.

- 66) Fortune, W. "Steamer Lady Dufferin." Inland Sentinel, 28 August 1884, 3.

This is a short note from William Fortune about his steam ship the Lady Dufferin to say what passages the ship takes and on what days.

- 67) Fortune, W. "Tranquille Saw Mill." Inland Sentinel, 28 August 1884, 3.

This is a small note from William Fortune about his mill and what cuts it creates.

- 68) "Freight Team for Sale!" Inland Sentinel, 29 May 1884, 2.

This is an advertisement placed by William Fortune to sell a team of horses.

- 69) "Gaglardi Hurls Counter Charges." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 1 August 1958, 1.

This article is Gaglardi's response to allegations by the Kamloops Board of Trade of not being straight with the people of Kamloops.

**70) "Gaglardi Okays Tranquille Meeting." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 24 September 1958, 1.**

This article states that PA Gaglardi, highways minister, has accepted a meeting with the representatives of the Tranquille Employees.

**71) "Gaglardi Replies To Employees." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 4 October 1958, 3.**

This is an article written about the Highways Ministers replies to the concerns of the Tranquille employees.

**72) "Gaglardi Says Board Chooses To Ignore Him." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 30 July 1958, 1.**

This article discusses Gaglardi's response to allegations from the Board of Trade of not being straight with the people of Kamloops.

**73) "Gov't Probe Of Tranquille." Vancouver Sun, 7 February 1934, 2.**

This article states that a committee will be assembled to enquire into the administration of Tranquille.

**74) "Government To Encourage New Coal Use." Daily Colonist, 8 January 1931, 1.**

This article states that pulverized fuel will be used in the new powerhouse at Tranquille.

**75) "Greaves Building Ready For Use." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 20 August 1963, 3.**

This article states that the Greaves building will accept patients as of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**76) "Handle 150 At Hospital." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 2 September 1958, 1.**

This article announces that Tranquille will be used as a hospital for people with mental deficiencies. The number of patients will begin at 150 and be gradually increased.

**77) "Health Board Protests Prison at Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 9 November 1956, 1.**

This article describes the reaction of the health board to the suggestion that Tranquille could be used as a prison when there is a lack of chronic care facilities in the province.

**78) Height H.C. "On Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 22 May 1958, 4.**

This is an opinion letter written about the closure of Tranquille.

**79) "His Excellency At Tranquille." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 21 July 1922, 1.**

This article briefly describes the Governor-General and his wife's visit to Tranquille. The focus of this article is on the Governor-General himself but Tranquille's operation is described as well.

**80) "His Majesty to be Sanitarium's Patron." Daily Colonist, 2 June 1908, 6.**

This article announces that King Edward has agreed to be the patron of the Sanatorium.

**81) "How About Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 13 May 1958, 4.**

This is an opinion letter sent to the newspaper about the closure of Tranquille.

**82) "Improvements at Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 25 April 1928, 6.**

This is a call for tenders for additions to the Sanatorium at Tranquille.

**83) "Improvements Being Carried Out At Tranquille." Inland Sentinel, 22 April 1912, 2.**

This report describes the details of the fifth annual report made by the directors of the BC Anti-Tuberculosis society. The first point it makes is that there is not enough room for all the people who require treatment. The separate buildings for advanced cases are described, as are the regular buildings in considerable detail. A large amount of information is also included about patient's health and the financial situation.

**84) "Indian Relic At Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 13 August 1935, 16.**

A large 3600-pound stone believing to be an aboriginal relic was moved to the Tranquille Sanatorium as it would be too costly to move to the BC Museum.

**85) "Indian Ward Will Be Built On to Tranquille Sanatorium." Kamloops Sentinel, 27 May 1927, 2.**

The issue of aboriginal people and tuberculosis is an interesting one as they were considered wards of the federal government and therefore the provincial government, who ran the sanatorium at this time, were not responsible for the health of aboriginal peoples. This article details the negotiations between the two governments to try to get a new ward built for aboriginal people. Financial details are provided and the status of aboriginal people in society is clear.

**86) "Investigate for Soldiers' Hospital." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 27 March 1917, 1.**

This article describes that there is a need for further facilities for returning soldiers who are ill or disabled in some way. Veterans had already filled Tranquille and Sunnyside to capacity. An interest is expressed to build a new hospital at Tranquille.

**87) "It was a..." Inland Sentinel, 21 August 1896, 6.**

This is a lengthy description of the marriage of CT Cooney's daughter Agnes to Charles J. Robinson. A huge amount of details are provided.

**88) "Jack Spearin..." Inland Sentinel, 14 July 1899, 4.**

This is the announcement of the wedding of CT Cooney's daughter Hattie to Jack Spearin.

**89) "J.D Campbell Dies at "San"." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 March 1931, 1.**

This is a short article to state that J.D. Campbell, who was a well known business man from Vancouver, died at the Sanatorium after two years as a patient there.

**90) "King Edward Sanitarium." Kamloops Standard, 14 February 1911, 1.**

This article outlines what was decided at the annual meeting of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis society. Decisions were made such as to name the Sanatorium after King Edward. Reports were mentioned such as one that stated that almost half of all patients admitted had advanced cases of tuberculosis. The breakdown of patients by age is an interesting addition, as is the financial information included.

**91) "Laid Corner Stone of New Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 13 November 1908, 1, 5, 7.**

This article explains that the cornerstone of the new building at the Sanatorium has been laid. Details of whom was in attendance is provided as is the text of the speech given by the president of the BC Anti-Tuberculosis society R. Marpole to welcome the lieutenant-governor and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmuir. Dr. Fagan also gave a speech and the text of which is provided in this article.

**92) Lambley, T. McK. "Liquor License Act 1883." Inland Sentinel, 27 November 1884, 2.**

This article is a list of people who have applied for liquor licenses under the Act of 1883. William Fortune of Tranquille was one such person and a few details of this are provided.

**93) "Large Donation For The New Sanitarium." Inland Sentinel, 31 July 1908, 3.**

This article is focused on the fact that the provincial government donated \$20,000 to the Sanatorium after already donating \$10,000. They also promised an additional \$20,000 later in the year. The basic financial history of the Sanatorium is also noted in this article.

**94) "Large Ranch Sale." Inland Sentinel, April 14, 1888, 4.**

This newspaper article details when the Fortunes sold their ranch in 1888 to the Troup brothers. It also explains the price that was paid and how the brothers intend on improving the land. It must be kept in mind when reading this article that the Fortunes repossessed this property later as the brothers did not pay the mortgage.

**95) "Last week the..." Inland Sentinel, 10 November 1908, 8.**

This is just a short little blurb about how high the river has risen based on comments by fifty year resident CT Cooney. This may be useful to anyone looking at the natural history of the area.

**96) "Local Tennis Club Defeats Tranquille." Kamloops Sentinel, 16 June 1931, 5.**

This is just a short blurb to state that the Kamloops club defeated Tranquille's tennis club. This article is interesting as it shows that Tranquille had organized sports. What is not clear is whether the players were patients, staff or residents.

**97) Lunger, A. "Rehabilitation." Vancouver Sun, 20 November 1933, 6.**

This is a letter written to the newspaper complaining about the papers portrayal of Dr. Lapp of the Tranquille Sanatorium.

**98) MacFarland, Sybil A (Nan). "Tranquille: Memories of the 1940s." British Columbia Historical News 25 (1991-2): 24-26.**

This article is a primary source as it is a woman recounting her own life when she was at Tranquille. This is a very interesting and rare find. She was 22 when she came to Tranquille as a patient after contracting Tuberculosis in her job as a nurse. She describes the process involved in being treated as a patient. As patients began to get well they were given jobs at the Sanatorium and therefore she provides details from this perspective as well. Any research that could benefit from an insiders view of the daily routines at Tranquille for patients in various stages of healing would benefit from reading this article.

**99) Mackenzie, Bruce Donald. "Says King Broadcast at Tranquille Was Not Made Clear." Vancouver Sun, 26 July 1930, 8.**

This is a letter written by a patient responding to the situation where patients were upset by there lack of proper access to a speech by Premier King.

**100) Magee, John Bruce. "Tranquille Patients, He Says, Listen to Premier." Vancouver Sun, 22 July 1930, 6.**

This is a letter written by a radio operator responding to accusations that patients were not allowed to listen to Premier King's speech.

**101) Mahon, E. "Tenders Wanted." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 9 August 1918, 3.**

This is a call for tenders for the construction of an infirmary and service building at Tranquille.

**102) "Martin Names Superintendent For Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 14 March 1963, 1.**

This article states that Health Minister Martin announced that Dr. A. John Bence as the medical superintendent.

**103) "May Erect Cottages Near Sanatorium." Daily Colonist, 29 December 1907, 6.**

This article stats that additional cottages may be erected at the Sanatorium in order to accommodate more patients.

**104) McBurnie, George. "Backwoods Artist Happy In Tranquille Creek Cabin." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 26 August 1959, 3.**

This article describes the life of Pierre Deneauve, one of the last gold miners in the Tranquille area in the 1950's. This article provides anecdotes on the history of gold in the area as well as what his life was like in 1959. The life and fate of this miner would be an interesting subject however this article is very blurry when printed so researchers should read this article on microfilm.

**105) McBurnie, George. "Gold Claim Hoax Brought Shorty To Tranquille Creek." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 4 September 1959, 3.**

This article describes the life of Fred "Shorty" Gilderdale, one of the last gold miners in the Tranquille area. His story provides some history of the earlier gold rush times as well as the situation in 1959. The life of this miner would be make an interesting project but this article is very blurry when printed so researchers should read the article on a microfilm machine.

**106) McBurnie, George. "Paddy Dockersted Has Lived At Tranquille Creek 35 Years." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 29 August 1959, 3.**

This article describes the life of Paddy Dockersted who is still mining at Tranquille Creek into the 1950's. This article provides interesting insight into the life of a miner including Paddy's advice of "Don't get married and don't take in your sleep". The life of this individual would make an interesting project however this article prints very blurry so researchers should read the article on the microfilm machine.

**107) McBurnie, George. "Prospector-Woodcutter Likes Life On The Creek." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 28 August 1959, 3.**

This article describes the life of John Matsen who still lived and mined for gold at Tranquille into the 1950's. Research into this miners life would make an interesting project however this article prints blurry so researchers should read this article directly off the microfilm machine.

**108) McBurnie, George. "Summer's Work At Mine Brings Pensioner \$60." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 27 August 1959, 3.**

This article describes the life of Ed Miron who was a gold miner who still worked Tranquille Creek into the 1950's. This would be an interesting subject to research but the article prints blurry so any researcher should read the article on the microfilm machine.

**109) "Members of Tuberculosis Society Visit Sanatorium." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 24 September 1918, 1.**

The president and secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis society visited the Sanatorium to ascertain the needs of the patients. The Kamloops Standard-Sentinel accompanied them and published this article to describe the visit.

**110) "Mental Deficients Could Find a Home at Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 27 June 1958, 4.**

This article was printed by the newspaper to defend itself. It seems that the newspaper was criticized for not protesting the closure of Tranquille strongly enough so this article was written in defence to that and to discuss the idea of using the area for housing people with mental disabilities.

**111) "Merrick Vague About Plans But Hopes For Local Help." Kamloops Sentinel, 20 July 1959, 3.**

**This is a very blurry article about the re-opening of Tranquille.**

**112) "Minister Rejects Second Tender." Daily Colonist, 7 December 1946, 4.**

This article states that the price proposed by a tender for construction at Tranquille was rejected as it was too expensive.

113) "More Money For Retarded School." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 28 April 1959, 3.

This is a short article about more money being allocated for the school at Tranquille.

114) "Most Residents Favor Tranquille as a Mental Home." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 16 July 1958, 1-5.

This article describes the opinion poll done by the newspaper to which concluded that the majority of residents who were polled wanted the area to be used as a home for disabled persons.

115) "Move is Made to Have Dominion Aid in Sanatorium Work." Daily Colonist, 21 May 1927, 8.

This article states that the Public Works Department will be working with the Indian Department to see if the Indian Department will help pay for an extension at Tranquille.

116) "Mrs. Charles T. Cooney, 96, Passed Away July 24." Kamloops Sentinel, 30 July 1942, 6.

This is a newspaper article that provides a brief account of Elizabeth Cooney's life. It is helpful as it provides details of her activities and personality in later life.

117) "Mr. W. Fortune's..." Kamloops Sentinel, 10 May 1895, 8.

This is an article written one week after the Tranquille saw mill was reopened. It describes how he will be preparing the timber for a steamer being built for a captain from New Westminster.

118) "Mr. Wm. Fortune." Inland Sentinel, 4 June 1885, 3.

This is a short note which states that William Fortune has opened a lumber yard at Eagle Pass.

119) Murie, James and James D. Birmingham. "Fortune, Murie and Co." Inland Sentinel, 6 November 1884, 3.

This notice was put in the paper by two of the three parties in a business partnership. James Murie and James D. Birmingham declared that money for the company was no longer to be paid to William Fortune but directly to the bank.

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120) "New Head of Sanitarium." Daily Colonist, 22 January 1910, 7.

This short article states that Dr. Irving resigned as superintendent of the Sanatorium and Dr. J.J. Thompson was appointed.

121) "New Hospital Coming Up at Tranquille." Kamloops Sentinel, 20 September 1927, 1.

This article describes that a new hospital building with 100 beds will be built in addition to a large staff residence, a new home for the medical superintendent and a large addition to the laundry building. Very few details are provided but it can be assumed that they are discussing the Greaves Building. This article did not print well and it is clearer on the machine.

122) "New Purpose Of Tranquille Explained to Lions Club." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 9 September 1959, 3.

Roy Merrick, the director of the Tranquille School, explained the purpose of the Tranquille Mental Home to the Lions Club as reported in this article.

123) "New Sanitarium at Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 12 November 1908, 1-2.

The laying of the corner stone for the new building at Tranquille is what this article was written to announce.

124) "New Sanitarium Formally Opened." Inland Sentinel, 16 September 1910, 1.

This is an article announcing the new building which was built for the Sanatorium has been opened. Details of which officials were present are also included.

125) "New 'San' Wing Most Modern Building." Kamloops Sentinel, 15 February 1929, 1-3.

A huge amount of detail is provided about his new addition in this article. Subsections of this article discuss the buildings pleasing lines, modern heating, well equipped kitchen, solarium and furniture.

126) "New Tranquille Lake Dam Will Supply Ample Water For Sanatorium's Needs." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 September 1952, 1.

The details of a new dam at Tranquille are supplied in this article including when each step will be completed and why the old dam needed to be upgraded.

127) "No Complaints Of 'San' Today In Courthouse." Kamloops Sentinel, 27 February 1934, 1-3.

This article describes the public hearing that was held with the city council stating that no one criticized the institution or its administration.

128) "Nurses Home Is Fine Structure." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 21 July 1922, 5.

This article was written when the nurses home was completed and a brief description is provided.

129) "One of the best..." Inland Sentinel, 23 December 1893, 8.

This is a short note stating that "[o]ne of the best carloads of cattle ever shipped..." from the area was shipped from the Cooney ranch. This is an important note for any researcher looking at the Cooney ranch and its reputation for quality.

130) "Open Building At Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 13 March 1941, 12.

This article announces the formal opening of a new building at Tranquille named Tranquille Hall.

131) "Open Bids On Generator Set." Daily Colonist, 31 October 1939, 13.

This article announces that tenders for construction of a new electrical generating system were opened and the it further describes what tenders were announced from various companies.

132) "Open Letter to Health Minister E. Martin." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 19 April 1958, 4.

This is a letter from the Adams Lake Women's Institute where its secretary suggests that any vacant space at Tranquille should be used for chronic care patients.

133) "Opens \$225,000 Hospital At Tranquille." Vancouver Sun, 9 February 1929, 14.

This article describes the 100-bed addition at Tranquille and provides a large photograph.

134) "Open Tenders On Milk Plant At Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 17 August 1941, 16.

This article lists the companies who have responded to the call for tenders for the construction and equipment of a new pasteurization plant at Tranquille Sanatorium.

135) "Parties Enjoy Same Privilege." Daily Colonist, 16 July 1930, 12.

This article is a response to reports that the Provincial Government refused to give permission for a radio hook-up so the patients could hear a particular speech.

- 136) "Patients Improve at the Sanitarium." Daily Colonist, 10 January 1908, 14.

This article describes a meeting about the progress of patients at the Sanatorium.

- 137) "Patients Improve at the Sanitarium." Daily Colonist, 28 January 1908, 3.

This article details the reports given about the Sanatorium.

- 138) "Placer Source Of Tranquille." Kamloops Standard, 3 March 1911, 1.

This article describes a group of men who apparently found a large amount of gold in Tranquille River in 1911. The gold rush at Tranquille ended long before this so this is an interesting discovery for anyone doing research on Tranquille gold.

- 139) "Plan Extension of Work at Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 20 March 1921, 32.

This article was written when the Provincial Government took control of the Sanatorium from the Anti-Tuberculosis society who was running low on funds.

- 140) "Plans for Tranquille Sanitarium Prepared." Daily Colonist, 30 April 1908, 7.

This article describes the proposed plans for a new main building at Tranquille.

- 141) "Police Court." Inland Sentinel, 29 January 1885, 3.

This is the complete transcript of a case where CT Cooney and WP Trouce accused William Fortune of slaughtering a four-year-old steer that belonged to Cooney.

- 142) "Proposal Given For Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 11 June 1958, 11.

This article briefly describes the suggestion that Tranquille be turned into a vocational school.

- 143) "Province Calls Tenders Again For Sanatorium." Daily Colonist, 4 February 1948, 3.

This article describes that tenders are again being called for the erection of several cottages and residences at Tranquille. All previous tenders had been rejected due to the high costs.

- 144) "Purebred Holstein Herd is Acquired." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 20 March 1923, 1.

This article describes a new herd of Holstein cattle that was acquired by manager D.W. Strachan, Tranquille farm manager, from a farm on the prairies.

**145) "Remodelling 'San' Power Plant." Kamloops Sentinel, 16 June 1931, 1.**

This is a short article to state that a \$40,000 update will be made to the power plant due to the high demand since the addition of the Greaves Building.

**146) "Re-Opening Of Tranquille Is Set For Month of June." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 20 May 1959, 3.**

This article with a large photograph states that Tranquille is scheduled to reopen in June.

**147) "Retarded Children to Move." Daily Colonist, 18 February 1962, 7.**

This article states that as soon as more staff can be hired there will be a transfer of 100 bed ridden children from Woodlands School for Retarded Children.

**148) "Revolutionary X-Ray Unit." Kamloops Sentinel, 28 April 1954, 1.**

This article describes the new x-ray machine at Tranquille. Details are provided about the machine and a picture is provided however it does not print.

**149) "Ryans Finish Big Contracts At Tranquille." Vancouver Sun, 19 December 1928, 18.**

This article describes what the situation was with the additions built at Tranquille by Col. E.J. Ryan and his contracting company.

**150) "Sanitarium Almost Ready for Patients." Daily Colonist, 20 November 1907, 7.**

This article describes the staff that have been hired for the Sanatorium and states that they already had five applications per bed available.

**151) "Sanatorium at Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 1 February 1928, 2.**

This article is about possible upgrades to be made at Tranquille.

**152) "Sanatorium Farm." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 July 1934, 2.**

This article is very blurry but it describes when R.L. Davis replaced William Jackson as superintendent of the Tranquille Sanatorium Farm.

**153) "Sanatorium Head Expresses Hope To Expand Work." Daily Colonist, 8 February 1935, 5.**

This article states that Dr. Lapp, the superintendent of the Sanatorium, expressed that the Sanatorium was full and he hoped to expand his work.

**154) "Sanatorium Is In Serious Straits." Inland Sentinel, 20 March 1914, 1.**

This article describes a meeting of the BC Anti-Tuberculosis society at which they conclude that they desperately need more government support. The increase of their debt is described as is their threat of not continuing to operate without further support.

**155) "Sanatorium is Now Overtaxed." Daily Colonist, 4 November 1919, 2.**

This article describes the situation at Tranquille as full with no space for civilian patients. The use of the word civilian insinuates that veteran patients were given preference.

**156) "Sanatorium Officials." Daily Colonist, 9 November 1907, 2.**

This short article states that Allan Dodds has been appointed assistant secretary to the Sanatorium and his duties are described.

**157) "Sanatorium Report." Inland Sentinel, 10 November 1911, 1.**

This is the report issued by Dr. Vrooman the medical superintendent at Tranquille on the operation of the Sanatorium for the month of October. In his report Dr. Vrooman includes the number of new patients admitted and their condition as well as the condition of old patients. The financial position of the sanatorium is also included.

**158) "Sanatorium Report, Nov." Inland Sentinel, 5 December 1911, 1.**

This is the monthly report issued by Dr. Vrooman for the month of November 1911. In this report he included details about new and established patients as well as the need for more space, as many patients who applied were rejected. The financial situation is also mentioned.

**159) "Sanatorium's Methods Most Modern Known." Kamloops Sentinel, 18 May 1934, 1-4.**

This article has two parts to it, one small section discusses that the Sanatorium has elected new directors, who they are and why they are qualified. The majority of the article focuses on Dr. A.D. Lapp's comments about how modern the Sanatorium's methods are. He examines the changes and improvements that have been made in the diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

**160) "Sanitarium Heads are in Victoria." Daily Colonist, 6 March 1908, 11.**

This article states that heads of the Sanatorium are to have a meeting to discuss the current situation at Tranquille.

161) "Sanitarium Opened at Tranquille, B.C." Daily Colonist, 29 November 1907, 7.

After the Sanatorium was opened this article was written to describe the situation as it stood.

162) "Sanitarium Ready in Two Weeks Time." Daily Colonist, 1 November 1907, 2.

This article describes the early reports detailing the status of the Sanatorium and predicted when it will open.

163) "Sanitarium Will Accept Patients." Daily Colonist, 23 October 1907, 7.

This article describes the situation on that date as the Sanatorium was getting ready to accept patients.

164) "'San' New Year Dance Enjoyed." Kamloops Sentinel, 4 January 1932, 1.

This is a short article to discuss the New Years dance held at the Sanatorium. This is a good example of the entertainment that is occasionally had at Tranquille.

165) "Says Sanitarium Should Be Enlarged." Daily Colonist, 8 March 1916, 7.

This article discusses a report from the Board of Health which stated that 300 beds were necessary to deal with the issue of Tuberculosis.

166) "Site For Sanatorium." Daily Colonist, 2 July 1905, 5.

This article announces that the Sanatorium will be opened for certain in Savona. This article was written two years before the Sanatorium actually opened at Tranquille.

167) "Splendid Domestic Water Supply Is Installed at 'San'." Kamloops Sentinel, 1 February 1927, 1-4.

This article provides details about the water situation at the Sanatorium and the upgrades that have been conducted. This article does not print well and is easier to read directly from the machine.

168) "Stabilization Pond Not Completely Satisfactory." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 7 May 1957, 10.

This article describes that a sewage lagoon was put in place at Tranquille to help to stop the pollution of the lake. This article states that the construction of this pond was faulty and not water tight and therefore not satisfactory.

**169) Stevens, Mrs. RL. "Correspondence." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 5 April 1958, 4.**

This is a letter written to the paper by a nurse at Tranquille who expresses her opinions on the closure of the institution.

**170) Stevens, Mrs. R.L. "Correspondence." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 12 November 1958, 4.**

This is a letter from a former nurse at Tranquille about the closure.

**171) Stevens, R.L. "On Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 30 May 1958, 4.**

This is an opinion letter written by a resident of North Kamloops about the closure of Tranquille.

**172) "Submitted Plans for Sanitarium." Daily Colonist, 7 April 1908, 3.**

This is a lengthy article that discusses additions that are to be made when the money can be collected.

**173) "Sullivan-Cooney." Inland Sentinel, 27 September 1907, 6.**

This is the marriage announcement for the marriage of Georgie Cooney, daughter of CT Cooney to John L. Sullivan.

**174) "Takes Over." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 July 1934, 1.**

This article briefly describes the appointment of R.L. Davis as Tranquille Sanatorium Farm superintendent as William Jackson leaves.

**175) "TB Not Problem It Formerly Was." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 9 October 1958, 2.**

This article summarizes the comments made by Premier W.A.C. Bennett about the reason why Tranquille Sanatorium was closed.

**176) "Tenders Called Third Time For Buildings." Daily Colonist, 17 May 1947, 7.**

This article describes that a call for tenders has been issues for a third time for the construction of four doctors residences, a nurses home, a library building, two farm

cottages and additions to the farm boarding house. Previous offers were rejected as being too high.

**177) "That Big, Black Mark Lingers At Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 3 November 1958, 1.**

This is a long article with a photograph about the closure of Tranquille and the fate of the employees.

**178) "The board of directors..." Inland Sentinel, 7 March 1912, 5.**

This note describes the creation of a new house committee to help better facilitate the administration of the Sanatorium. The duties of the committee are to investigate complaints, to recommend new furnishings, oversee repairs, smaller alterations, they must meet at least once a month and they shall appoint their own chairman and secretary.

**179) "The Christmas Stamp." Inland Sentinel, 24 November 1908, 4.**

This article describes that the Christmas stamps will be sold in order to raise funds for the Sanatorium and all Tuberculosis treatment centres in Canada.

**180) "The marriage of..." Inland Sentinel, 4 September 1896, 5.**

This is the announcement of the marriage of CT Cooney's daughter Mary to John Norfolk with a few details added.

**181) "The Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 26 July 1907, 1.**

This article mirrors "The Site Decided On" as it was written at the same time for the other Kamloops newspaper at the time. Much of the article is the exact same and thus provides information about the sale of the Fortune Ranch to be used as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Details provided include the people who orchestrated the sale, the costs as well as why they chose this site.

**182) "The Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 26 July 1907, 2.**

This article expresses a strong opinion that the creation of the Sanatorium at Tranquille is a negative thing for Kamloops. The writer expresses that the wishes of the people of Kamloops has been ignored and that the city will always be associated with tuberculosis. The author also discusses how the land could have been used better for other things and that the train station being located in Kamloops will lead to ill patients being brought into the city.

**183) "The Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 22 May 1908, 1.**

This article provides the details of the planned new building at Tranquille, which would replace the existing building. The proposed layout and other details including a picture are provided.

**184) "The Site Decided On." Kamloops Standard, 27 July 1907, 1-4.**

This article was written when the Fortune Ranch was purchased as the site of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. A large amount of detail is provided in this article as to who was involved in the sale and why the site was chosen over others. The printed version of this article is faded and difficult to read so researchers should view this article on microfilm.

**185) "The Story of Tranquille San Tells of Fight Against T.B." Kamloops Sentinel, 4 August 1954, 8.**

This article recounts the history of the Sanatorium in a nostalgic way. This was written only a few years before the Sanatorium is closed permanently.

**186) "The Tranquille Fire." Inland Sentinel, 10 June 1886, 2.**

This article was printed after the fire that destroyed William Fortunes saw mill at Tranquille. Details are included such as the time, where the fire originated as well as the fate of the Lady Dufferin which was anchored nearby.

**187) "The Tranquille Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 10 April 1908, 5.**

This article describes the plan to build a new building at Tranquille when the funds are obtained. The specifics of the plan for the size and layout of the building is mentioned as well.

**188) "The Tranquille saw mill..." Inland Sentinel, 11 January 1895, 8.**

This article is a small blurb to state that the Tranquille saw mill is being reopened by William Fortune after he is able to get a team of men together.

**189) "There are 232 patients at Tranquille..." Daily Colonist, 29 February 1928, 7.**

A tablet for the late Dr. Fagan and an expensive addition are the issues discussed in this article.

**190) Thomson, J.J. "Tranquille Sanatorium. Inland Sentinel, 16 December 1910, 3.**

Dr. Irving wrote a letter about the state of the Tranquille Sanatorium and it was published in the *Vancouver World* and the *Victoria Times* this article is a letter written in response to Dr. Irving's statements by J.J. Thomson who was a medical superintendent. Various topics are explored about how effectively the sanatorium is treating patients.

This source is interesting for anyone looking at the early years of the sanatoriums operation.

191) "To Seek Admission To The Sanitarium." Daily Colonist, 14 November 1907, 7.

This article describes the process involved in getting admitted to the new Sanatorium.

192) "Tory Axe Falls on New Victim." Vancouver Sun, 19 June 1929, 12.

This article cynically describes the dismissal by the provincial government of Tranquille farm superintendent D.W. Strachan.

193) "Tranquille." Kamloops Sentinel, <sup>6 May</sup> ~~4 February~~ 1927, 2.

This article provides a brief explanation of the Sanatorium currently and how it got to that point. This article does not print well but is clear if read directly from the machine.

194) "Tranquille Acquires Ambulance." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 March 1931, 1.

This article describes the new ambulance that Tranquille acquired and the reason why an ambulance was necessary for the Sanatorium.

195) "Tranquille Building Tenders Are Called." Daily Colonist, 10 August 1946, 16.

Tenders for the construction of several new buildings at Tranquille were called for one day prior to this article being published.

196) "Tranquille Capacity Increased." Daily Colonist, 21 July 1966, 19.

This article states that a 104-bed dormitory for handicapped children. This will bring the capacity of Tranquille to 690 beds.

197) "Tranquille Chosen As Sanatorium Site." Daily Colonist, 25 July 1907, 1.

This article announces the site of the new Sanatorium as well as describe why this site was chosen.

198) "Tranquille Conversion." Daily Colonist, 3 September 1958, 3.

This article states that the Tranquille Sanatorium will definitely be transformed into a home for "mental defectives" between 20 and 40 years of age. The aims of the new home are also mentioned.

**199) "Tranquille Cook Took Cockroach Powder and Died." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 14 March 1922, 1.**

This is a peculiar story where one of the chiefs at Tranquille took cockroach poison rather than baking soda, which he took for indigestion, and died.

**200) "Tranquille D.V.A. Patients to Vote Under Army Rules." Kamloops Sentinel, 27 May 1949, 1-2.**

This article describes one of many issues that the Sanatorium faced when treating military personnel. Who among the military patients could vote in local elections was clarified in this article. This article would be useful to anyone researching about the Sanatorium military population after World War 2.

**201) "Tranquille Employees Call Sunday Meeting." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 20 September 1958, 1.**

This article provides details of the concerns as to what will happen to the 121 employees at Tranquille.

**202) "Tranquille Enjoyed A Real Barn Dance." Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 7 March 1922, 1.**

A dance was held at Tranquille to celebrate the building of a new horse barn. Details of this dance are provided that may be interesting to researchers looking at either the life of patients or the Tranquille farm.

**203) "Tranquille Has Disastrous Fire." Daily Colonist, 11 December 1942, 1.**

This article states that the day before the article was published a fire of unknown origin had destroyed the fire hall and canteen at Tranquille.

**204) "Tranquille Investigation." Vancouver Sun, 14 February 1934, 11.**

This article describes the planned commission into the administration at Tranquille.

**205) "Tranquille Lake." Kamloops Sentinel, 20 July 1934, 5.**

This article was written to access the fishing in the area but it provides details about the location, elevation and history of the lake itself. How to get to this location and details about the local ecology could be useful for many types of research.

**206) "Tranquille-Memories And a Question Mark." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 4 October 1958, 1.**

This article describes the fact that it is Tranquille Sanatorium's fifty year anniversary and it is closing. Statements by many staff members are also included.

**207) "Tranquille Need More Funds." Daily Colonist, 5 October 1909, 7.**

This article describes the progress made on a new building at the Sanatorium.

**208) "Tranquille Out For Chronic Use." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 29 August 1958, 1.**

This article announced that the Tranquille Sanatorium would definitely not be used for the treatment of chronic cases of tuberculosis as had been suggested.

**209) "Tranquille Patient Wins \$100 Award." Kamloops Sentinel, 12 January 1953, 1.**

This article on the surface simply states that a patient won an award but some of the details provided are more interesting. The fact that the patient is of Chinese decent is interesting as in the early years Asian patients were not welcome at the Sanatorium. Additionally the patient, Henry Lee, is described as being in grade XI at the Sanatorium, demonstrating that education was present at the sanatorium and that Tuberculosis attacked young and old.

**210) "Tranquille Patients are Given Good Time." Daily Colonist, 1 January 1909, 3.**

This article contains the contents of Dr. Irving's report as well as details of the Christmas celebrations at Tranquille.

**211) "Tranquille Probe Commission Named." Vancouver Sun, 12 February 1934, 4.**

This article lists the people who were chosen to investigate the administration at Tranquille.

**212) "Tranquille Probers To Be Named Soon." Vancouver Sun, 6 February 1934, 10.**

This article states that a board will be assembled to inquire into the administration of Tranquille.

**213) "Tranquille Sanatorium." Inland Sentinel, 8 October 1909, 8.**

This article describes the progress of the new sanatorium building including how long until it should be completed and how much money was put into its creation.

**214) "Tranquille Sanatorium Has Cared for 4000 in 25 Years of Existence." Kamloops Sentinel, 16 November 1932, 1-6.**

This article was written on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tranquille Sanatorium. The basic history of the Sanatorium is provided with attention paid to the Medical Superintendents and the growing patient capacity.

215) "Tranquille Sanatorium Petitions Government." Inland Sentinel, 8 February 1913, 1.

This article describes when the Board of Management of the Kind Edward Sanatorium once again requested that the Provincial Government take over the operation of the Sanatorium due to financial difficulties. As a secondary request if a complete take over is not possible the Board of Management requested \$150,000.

216) "Tranquille San Budget Increased." Kamloops Sentinel, 9 April 1951, 1.

This is a short article that states that the budget for the Sanatorium has been increased and that extra money will be used for more staff and a change over of the electrical system.

217) "Tranquille 'San' Farm Carries off Milk Production Honors." Kamloops Sentinel, 27 October 1925, 1.

This article provides a large amount of detail about the output of the Tranquille Sanatorium farm. Anyone researching the farm would find this article useful.

218) "Tranquille School to Train Retarded." Daily Colonist, 17 May 1959, 32.

This article outlines the plan for the usage of the old Tranquille Sanatorium to relieve overcrowding at Woodlands School. Researchers should take note of the language used to describe the patients.

219) "Tranquille Situation Annoys Local Socreds." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 24 September 1957, 3.

The Social Credit Constituency was planning a meeting to discuss the use of Tranquille, details of this meeting are included in this article.

220) "Tranquille to Close in Year; Council Asks Use for Chronics." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 29 August 1957, 3.

This article details the situation as it stood in 1957 with the closure of Tranquille.

221) "Tranquille to Close Oct. 4." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 18 September 1958, 1.

This article describes that the Sanatorium will be emptied of tubercular patients by October 4<sup>th</sup> and then will be converted into a hospital for people with mental deficiencies. Details of where patients will be moved to are provided in this short article.

**222) "Tranquille to have Water System." Kamloops Sentinel, 31 August 1926, 1.**

This is just a short blurb about the new water system that is planned. The approximate cost of \$25,000 and a few other details are listed. This article did not print well but is clearer on the microfilm machine so researchers should view this article first hand if they cannot read the print out.

**223) "Tranquille Tops Martin Meeting." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 25 March 1958, 1.**

This article details a meeting where the provincial minister of health discusses the issue of Tranquille closure. He describes that there will be no patients left at the end of the year and then the property will be turned over to the Department of Public Works. He also discusses the options that will be given to the employees.

**224) "Tranquille Will Be Used." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 10 June 1958, 11.**

This is an article written about what the provincial government plans are for Tranquille as explained to the board of trade by P.A. Gaglardi.

**225) "Tranquille Wing." Daily Colonist, 26 March 1929, 6.**

This is a small update on the opening of a new wing at Tranquille.

**226) Tranquille X Patients. "RE Tranquille." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 15 April 1958, 4.**

This is a letter written by an ex-patient from Tranquille in which they express that Tranquille should not be closed.

**227) "Tranquillians all Ready for Traditional Christmas Festivities." Kamloops Sentinel, 24 December 1948, 3-5.**

This article describes in great detail the festivities that go on at Tranquille for Christmas. This article is interesting as it shows a more human side to the institution.

**228) "Tuberculosis." Kamloops Sentinel, 16 November 1932, 2.**

This article was written for the 25 year anniversary of the Sanatorium. It summarizes the disease and the cost and methods of treating it.

**229) "Two Dismissed." Daily Colonist, 20 June 1929, 13.**

David W. Strachan superintendent of Tranquille Farm and Hon. S.L. Howe were both relieved of service according to this article.

**230) "Two Managers are Displaced." Daily Colonist, 14 June 1934, 18.**

After two government inquiries W. Jackson was replaced by R.L. Davis according to this report.

**231) "Unavoidable Time Lapse In Tranquille Transition." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 29 September 1958, 3.**

All patients had been transmitted to other tuberculosis hospitals when this article was written but there would be a lapse until residents with mental deficiencies arrive.

**232) "Union Officer Asks – How Will They Live?" Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 3 October 1958, 1.**

This article states that as of that date ninety employees of Tranquille will no longer be employed with Tranquille and asks the question of what these people will do.

**233) "Use of Tranquille for Chronic Patients Has Been Suggested Here." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 16 February 1956, 1.**

This article was written after one hundred beds were closed at Tranquille and new suggestions were being put forth for the use of the wing that was closed. In this article the suggestion that is discussed is to use that wing to treat chronic patients.

**234) "Verbal Battle Dies Down But Question Mark Stays." Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 7 November 1958, 4.**

This is an article about the closure of Tranquille.

**235) Vernon, Forbes G. "In the Supreme Court of British Columbia." Inland Sentinel, 1 January 1885, 2.**

This is a notice that the partnership of all the men who owned the sawmill at Tranquille has been dissolved.

**236) "Visitors' Lodge Advocated At Tranquille." Daily Colonist, 26 May 1949, 7.**

This article states that a suggestion was made to erect a visitors lodge at Tranquille so visitors do not need to travel in from Kamloops.

**237) "'We Can't Do the Impossible.'" Kamloops Daily Sentinel, 4 November 1958, 1-2.**

This article is an interview conducted by Tony Robs to Highways Minister P.A. Gaglardi about the closure of Tranquille.

**238) "'Wedding Bells" Finely Presented at the "San".** Kamloops Sentinel, 9 December 1931, 1.

This article discusses a play that was presented at the Sanatorium. This is a good example of the entertainment that was occasionally brought for the patients.

**239) Whittaker, WM. H. "Mortgage Sale."** Inland Sentinel, 7 January 1893, 5.

This article contains a good description of what is contained on the Fortune property and how much it is approximately worth at the time when they attempted to resell. The approximate output of hay is also described.

**240) "Will Inaugurate Campaign For Funds."** Daily Colonist, 30 September 1908, 3.

This article states that in a recent meeting it was determined that more funds are needed for the continuing operation of the Sanatorium.

**241) "Will Superintend Sanatorium."** Daily Colonist, 10 September 1907, 8.

This article announces that W.W. Shaw has been chosen as the superintendent of the Fortune ranch for the Sanatorium.

**242) "William Jackson's Labors at Tranquille Farm Under Review."** Kamloops Sentinel, 24 July 1934, 1-3.

This article describes when William Jackson was removed as Tranquille Farm superintendent. This article reads like a eulogy and thus describes the life of William Jackson that could be useful for research focussing on the Sanatorium farm.

**243) "Work Done by the Sanitarium."** Daily Colonist, 22 June 1909, 7.

This article details a meeting held by the Victoria Ant-Tuberculosis society including statements by Dr. Fagan.

**244) "Wove Cord and Hanged Himself."** Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, 10 April 1923, 1.

This is an interesting article as it describes the suicide of a patient, which was something that did occur at the Sanatorium from time to time.

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**1) Balf, Mary. "Charles T. Cooney of Tranquille." Kamloops Museum and Archives 16.**

This article provides the basic background information on the Cooney family with a focus on the family patriarch Charles Thomas Cooney. This is an excellent source for background information on any topic pertaining to the Cooney's.

**2) Balf, Mary. "William Fortune," Kamloops Archives, N29.**

This article provides many interesting details about William Fortune's life including the fact that Fortune Drive was named after him. This ten page article spans information which could aid in multiple research initiatives including his early life, his wife's famous personality, the Tranquille Mill, the "Lady Dufferin", his legal issues, the sale of his Tranquille property and the end of his life.

**3) Duckworth, Elisabeth. "Tranquille Gold," Kamloops Museum and Archives, N738.**

This article is interesting as it is one of the only articles to state that the discovery of gold at Tranquille sparked the BC Gold Rush. Additionally this article states that a small steady amount of gold was found in the creek where most articles state that the original yield was quite high. This article discusses the Chinese miners who were the most persistent in making a living on Tranquille. Finally a group of miners who remained in the area until the late 1950's to early 1960's are discussed. This article is useful for any topic pertaining to the gold discovery at Tranquille and details some topics that most articles do not address in as much detail.

**4) Favrholt, Ken. "Gold at Tranquille Part 1 and 2," Kamloops Museum and Archives, N190.**

This article chronicles the history of gold at Tranquille starting with the first discoveries in British Columbia. Details including government actions, influx of American miners and the activities of local aboriginal people are all mentioned. This article is very useful as it ties Tranquille history to the larger history of British Columbia. William Fortune is mentioned in this article as well. The activities of the Chinese miners are discussed as is the coming of the CPR in the 1880's. The article continues on to cover the switch from placer mining to hydraulic mining in 1892 and the Tranquille Creek Hydraulic and Quartz Mining Company. The miners who came back to Tranquille during the depression and remained into the 1950's are discussed. This article covers a huge variety of topics and therefore would be useful for many different research topics.

**5) Favrholt, Ken. "Kamloops Place Names Revealed." Kamloops News, 20 July 1984, S6.**

This article discusses the history of Kamloops in general and focuses in on Tranquille. The aboriginal chief for whom the area is named is mentioned, as is the discovery of gold. The aboriginal myth that led to the name of Battle Bluff is also mentioned, as is the building of the CNR through Tranquille in 1911.

**6) Favrholdt, Ken. "The Tranquille Mills," Kamloops Museum and Archives, N286.**

This article provides details of the Mill that was built at Tranquille by William Fortune and James McIntosh. Specifics are noted on how the mill was built, what the lumber was used for and the break up of the partnership. The direction that each man took after the mill is also provided making this a useful article for research on the mill itself of either man involved.

**7) Favrholdt, Ken. "Tranquille has unique history." Kamloops News, 30 January 1987.**

This article is a brief background on the area's uses.

**8) "Gold is a mysterious metal but it draws men constantly." Kamloops Sentinel, 29 August 1984, 6B.**

This article describes gold discoveries in British Columbia including at Tranquille. A very brief history of gold is provided so this article would be useful for any research topic pertaining to gold at Tranquille.

**9) "In the Footsteps of William Fortune." Kamloops Daily News, 9 September 1988, S4.**

This is a secondary source article that details the life of William Fortune. This article provides details not only of Fortunes life but also of some of his business ventures that could be potential research topics including the mill he was a part of at Tranquille and the "Lady Dufferin" steam ship.

**10) Jones, Stan. "Tranquille Creek: A lesson in geology." Kamloops Museum and Archives, N502**

This article provides facts on a variety of topics including the aboriginal inhabitants of the area, how a few areas got their names, as well as mining and dam building activities on the creek itself.

**11) Larose, Don. "One Man's Empire." Kamloops Museum and Archives N68.**

Charles Thomas Cooney's life is detailed in this six-page article. This article is separated into multiple parts including Cooney's early life that brought him to British

Columbia, he and his wife's settlement at Tranquille and the Cooney family. This source is useful for any research that pertains to the Cooney family in any way.

**12) Stewart, John. "Tranquille named for chief." Kamloops News, 9 December 1983, S6.**

This article provides a quick background on multiple topics on the history of Tranquille. The aboriginal inhabitants are briefly mentioned and how the area was named after Chief Pacamoos. The article goes on to describe the gold rush from first discovery to the adoption of hydraulic mining to the miners who remained in the 1950's. The first non-aboriginal settlers (Fortune, McIntosh and Cooney) are also mentioned although some of the pre-emption dates differ from those found in other articles.

**13) Stewart, John. "Tranquille Part One and Two." Kamloops Museum and Archives, N249.**

This article chronicles the history of Tranquille. The topics covered include: aboriginal peoples, the history of gold in the area, the Fortune and Cooney families, the Tuberculosis Sanatorium and the Tranquille Centre (institution for disabled persons). This article was written before the closure of the Tranquille Centre so its closure is mentioned only as an inevitability in the future. This article is a great place to start or a source of background information for many different topics.

**14) "Tranquille: Farm, Mill Sanatorium...History Varied." Kamloops Sentinel, 29 August 1984, 6C.**

This article was written when the institution that was operating at Tranquille was being prepared to be closed and the question remained of what the land would be used for. How Tranquille was named is briefly mentioned and then William Fortune and James McIntosh's mill is discussed. The article follows the use of the land from when the Fortunes and Cooney's owned it, through the Tuberculosis Sanatorium days and up to the institution and its planned closure. This article provides background information on a variety of topics from the early uses of the land in the 1800's and through the 1900's up to the articles publication date in 1984.