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**J.B. Brown fonds**

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**Title:** J.B. Brown fonds

**Dates of Creation:** [ca. 1910-1914]

**Physical Description:** 178 b&w photographs and 87 b&w nitrate negatives

### Biographical Sketch:

**James Black Brown** was born in 1874. He worked as a surveyor and explorer, and was contracted with the Canadian National Railway to plan and build the line through British Columbia. He died at age 75 on August 20, 1969.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of photographs, negatives, and postcards from the collection of J.B. Brown, which depict the central interior of British Columbia during the surveying and building of the Canadian National Railway line through the province. Some of the photographs and negatives were taken by Bert Leaning, who was a rodman on the surveying crew.

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### Notes:

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of fonds.

**Arrangement:** Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist. Nitrate negatives from collection have been removed and stored separately from photographs and albums.

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**Finding aids:** File list is available for this collection.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1988.034.001	Kodak Negative Album [see Appendix 1 for full listing]	[ca. 1910-1914]	1/1 & Nitrate storage
1988.034.002	Negatives [includes images of surveying and landscapes]	[ca. 1910-1914]	Nitrate storage
1988.034.003	Negatives [includes images of surveying and landscapes]	[ca. 1910-1914]	Nitrate storage
1988.034.004	Photographs (album) [see Appendix 2 for full listing]	[ca. 1910-1914]	1/2
1988.034.005	Bert Leaning Photograph Album [see Appendix 3 for full listing]	[ca. 1910-1914]	1/3
1988.034.006	Bert Leaning Photographs [see Appendix 4 for full listing]	[ca. 1910-1914]	1/4
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## Appendix 1: Kodak Negative Album

1. Shirett's house
2. Bedroom at Res #3
3. Benson's cut
4. Benson's cut
5. Alberta Mountains from Aparago Landing
6. Swanson's Camp
7. Tete Jaune Cache
8. Above the falls at Pyramid Creek
9. Black bear shot at Stirrett's
10. Black bear cubs, Thompson Crossing
11. Trestle at Moonbeam Creek
12. Panorama from top of Glie Nelson's
13. Panorama from top of Glie Nelson's
14. Panorama from top of Glie Nelson's
15. Panorama from top of Glie Nelson's
16. Lunch on Lune Stirrett's party
17. Grizzlie bear cub
18. Pyramid Creek
19. Lacruer Cut
20. Tunnel tangent from Glie Nelson's
21. Glie Nelson's But
22. Pyramid Mountain from Hogan's
23. View from Res #4
24. Looking through finished tunnel
25. View from top of Johnson's cut
26. Tete Jaune Cache
27. Looking up river from Hogan's
28. Parson's Seow on rock
29. Mike Lovitch's tangent
30. Rainbow Falls
31. View from side of tunnel, east
32. View from top of tunnel, east
33. West end of tunnel
34. Stirrett's camp from across river
35. War news Aug 1914
36. Pyramid Falls (horizontal)
37. Res #4
38. Interior of tunnel showing heading
39. East portal
40. Pyramid Falls (vertical)
41. Pile driver on See #6
42. Malohenney's pile driver on Res #5
43. Pile drivers at Smiley's
44. Panorama at Smiley's
45. Panorama at Smiley's
46. Pete's drivers at Smiley's
47. Snow at east end of big tunnel
48. Snow at east end of big tunnel
49. Moore's tunnel looking east
50. Moore's tunnel looking west
51. Moore's tunnel looking west
52. Cloud effect from Crossing
53. Pile drivers in big gulch
54. Moore's tunnel east end after collapsing
55. Moore's tunnel east end after collapsing
56. Moore's tunnel west end after collapsing
57. Moore's tunnel portal east end
58. Mountain views from top of Pyramid Mt.
59. Big trestle 123 CMP
60. Wreck, Mile 101, CMP
61. Bone Mountain
62. View to snow scene, Mile 107, west Lucerne
63. Murphy's trestle, Mile 80, west Lucerne
64. Rancherie Kamloops
65. High gravel cut
66. Self and gas car
67. Kamloops
68. Shootley, fifth crossing
69. Camp, fifth crossing
70. Thunder River bridge
71. Steam shovel Shoo Fly
72. Junction North and South Thompson
73. Bridge Black Canyon
74. Falls Mud Lake

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## Appendix 2: Photographs (album)

1. C.N.R. rotary snow plow
2. Pyramid Creek
3. Tunnel caving in, No. 41
4. Interior of tunnel 33, C.N.P. Rly
5. Glen Fraser, tunnel job, 1906 – A.T. & S.F. Ry
6. Mountain peaks, North Thompson Valley
7. Thompson Valley
8. Headquarters Div. 12 C.N.P. Rly, Thompson Crossing
9. Thompson Crossing from C.N.P.R.
10. Black Canyon
11. Hell's Gate, North Thompson River
12. Camp, 5<sup>th</sup> crossing, North Thompson
13. Tete Jaune Creek, 1913
14. Kamloops Lake from Battle Bluff
15. Junction of North and South Thompson Rivers, Kamloops B.C.
16. 5<sup>th</sup> crossing, North Thompson
17. 5<sup>th</sup> Crossing, North Thompson
18. E.R. Milldges gas car
19. Wreck of C.N. work train
20. Parberry Falls Mud Lake, N. Blue River
21. Pyramid Falls, Pyramid B.C.
22. Scene on Fraser River, N. Hope B.C.
23. Scene on Fraser River, N. Hope B.C.
24. War news Aug 1914
25. Thunder River Winter, 1915
26. Bears shot in Clearwater Valley
27. Shoo Fly trestle, Mile 81 B.C.
28. Lynn Creek trestle
29. Albreda summit
30. Albreda Mountain
31. Mud Lake Mountains, N. Blue River
32. Canoe River bridge
33. Black Canyon bridge C.N.R.
34. East end of tunnel 42 after collapsing
35. Looking west from top of tunnel 39
36. Looking east from top of tunnel 39
37. 6 Sisters, Lucerne B.C.
38. Mt. Fitzwilliam, Lucerne B.C.
39. Moonbeam Gorge, Mile 84 B.C.
40. Moonbeam Falls, Mile 84 B.C.
41. Mile 82 B.C.
42. Bone Mountain
43. Blue River B.C.
44. Blue River B.C.
45. Washout Mile 32 west of Blue River, June 18, 1916
46. 3<sup>rd</sup> crossing, North Thompson
47. Bone Creek, Mile 99 B.C.
48. Scene on North Thompson River, N. Thunder River
49. Near Aparajo
50. Near Aparajo
51. Res No. 4 Div. 12
52. Res 3 Div. 12
53. Gravel cut, N. Cottonwood flats
54. Mile 88 B.C.
55. Pier No. 2, 5<sup>th</sup> crossing, North Thompson
56. Coffey Dam, 5<sup>th</sup> crossing
57. 5<sup>th</sup> crossing, North Thompson
58. 5<sup>th</sup> crossing, North Thompson
59. Scene on Tote Road, N. Aparago
60. Tote Road bridge, N. Hell's Gate
61. Bone Mountain
62. Bone Mountain taken from Highbanks
63. Mile 103 B.C.
64. Scene on North Thompson, N. Blue River
65. Mile 90 B.C.
66. Scene on North Thompson River near Aparago
67. Glacier, Pyramid Mt.
68. Mountain peaks from top of Pyramid Mt.
69. Pyramid glacier, N. Pyramid B.C.
70. Pyramid Lake, N. Pyramid B.C.
71. Mile 100 B.C.
72. Mt. Fitzwilliam, Yellowhead Pass
73. Laying Steel, Pyramid B.C., Jan 1915
74. Laying Steel, Pyramid B.C., Jan 1915
75. First train in North Thompson Valley

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## Appendix 3: Bert Leaning Photograph Album

1. Part of Kamloops Lake and Thompson River at Kamloops B.C., looking west
2. Part of Kamloops Lake and Thompson River at Kamloops B.C., looking west
3. C.N. Ry survey party under C.F. Hannington leaving Lewis Creek for Yellowhead Pass
4. Shoeing a cayuse, Raft River
5. MacLean and Denoon
6. Camp at MacLeans, Thompson River
7. N. Thompson River – below Mud River
8. Dunn Lake – 10 miles long and 90 miles up Thompson River from Kamloops
9. Packers for survey
10. Lower crossing, Thompson River
11. Part of pack train pulling out – 4 horses in train – lower Hell Gate Camp
12. Chief of party C.F. Hannington – born 1847, died 1931/62 years old in 6 years, 1909.
13. Tracking canoes loaded with supplies after Raft River. Only used for 18 miles
14. Scotty getting his
15. Mad River
16. Log bridge
17. Highbank Meadows
18. Thompson just above Hell's Gate
19. Entrance to Hell's Gate, impossible to navigate, leveller drowned here in 1883 C.P.R survey
20. Lunch on trail
21. Thompson Valley from top of Hell's Gate hill – Blue River Mts. in distance
22. Thompson below Hell's Gate
23. G.G. Gladman – draughtsman
24. At Thunder Creek
25. 35 ft. dugout canoe used by us for 18 miles on Stillwater packing toboggans, snowshoes, etc. About the last salmon. MacGachen and Lilloet Indians – Lone Gate camp
26. Highbank Mountain, Bone Mountain
27. Crossing packtrain on Glare ice on McLennan Creek
28. Packers and our tent connected by teepee. 2 foot of snow near here. 30 of our horses died on Starvation Flat. 13 miles from Tete Jaune Cache. Started line from this camp
29. Upper crossing of Thompson River
30. Crossing Dunnage upper crossing of Thompson – dug out canoe
31. The party at Highbank
32. Fraser River at Tete Jaune Cache looking west. 255 miles from Kamloops
33. Cree Indian camp – McLennan Creek Valley 10 miles from the cache
34. Crees from Jasper House initially
35. Camp near foot of Mt. Robson at junction Grand Forks and Fraser Rivers. Jow Graham on the sled. From this camp we ran line on "Garajo" Mt.
36. Fraser River above the Cache, moving camp with toboggans – there is quite a canyon below this and we were nearly caught coming down later in soft weather
37. Mt. Robson – 13500 ft. Highest in Canadian Rockies
38. Moving day on Upper Fraser
39. Lunch on the ice
40. When we met Hughes part on moose Lake Jan 17, 1910 – they were then 4 mos without mail and started towards the Yellowhead Pass 20 miles up the Fraser while we retraced our steps
41. 6ft of snow and 30 degrees below zero. Line runs along here
42. Lining out after lunch – 5' of snow. McLennan Valley near Cranberry Lake
43. Canoe River
44. Cranberry Lake – 5' of snow
45. Coming out – Kamloops 175 miles away
46. Lunch at Hell's Gate on 3' of ice. Had to back up and pack over mountain
47. Hell's Gate – C.N.R. projected crossing
48. Have just made 20 miles in 6 hours. Great ice
49. The "Bearded Brutes"
50. Back at Lewis Creek, 36 miles from Kamloops
51. Kamloops, March 16, 1910. C.W. McLean, Donald Gordon, packers. Joe Soloman Garnier, Gladman, draughtsman. Brown, leveller. "Vic," toboggan puller
52. Cook fly opposite North Bend
53. Sone of the party at North Bend

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54. B.R.s outfit
55. Jackass Mountain
56. Lower Thompson 8 miles above Lytton
57. MacNair – transit. Wright – topog.
58. Bunton – draughtsman, Gladwin camp
59. J.V. Nimmo and part of party just before disbanding at Gladwin
60. J.V. Nimmo and part of party just before disbanding at Gladwin
61. This is the knockout, round 16. No. 12 Johnson and Heffries contest
62. Fur trader's camp, Oregon

Various unidentified photographs including houses, men with dogs, ships, trestle bridge, log cabins, river valleys, families, trains, surveying team and camps, towns, wreck of C.P.R. #182608, and mountains.



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## Appendix 4: Bert Leaning Photographs

1. Bert Leaning and J.B. Brown
2. J.B. Brown with Spot, 1932
3. 5<sup>th</sup> crossing bridge, North Thompson River, Can. Nor. Rly, April 1916
4. Pyramid Mountain, Mile 92 B.C.
5. Albreda summit
6. Mile 49 B.C., Tete Juane Cache to the right
7. Some snow
8. Pyramid Falls, Mile 92 B.C.
9. View from Res #3 Div. 12
10. Driving Shoo Fly, 5<sup>th</sup> crossing
11. Pyramid Mountain
12. Mile 100 B.C.
13. March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1923 [trestle bridge]
14. Picture of me working at Henningville, B.C. Am getting a new camera film plate Premo Special with Jein Kodak Anastigmat lens \$50.00. Will send you some of the results when I get them – B
15. Cariboo freight team, Ashcroft, B.C.

## Appendix 5: Photographs

1. Residency #3 Div. 12 C.N.P. Rly, Xmas 1913. Pattinson (timekeeper), “Hayward” (2<sup>nd</sup> rodman), G.P. Shirrett (Res \_\_\_\_), B. Leaning (1<sup>st</sup> rodman), E. Woodley (chainman), W. Rick (cook), J. Ledstone (mail carrier), and Skookum “the dog”
2. Track building
3. Moonbeam Gorge, Mile 83 B.C.
4. Tote Road, Mile 83 ½ B.C.

Various unidentified photographs of building and surveying the railway.