

B C Penitentiary

D. D. Bourke Acting Warden

Aug 8th/07

Sir:-

I beg to report at 3:05 pm Convicts No. 5 Edwards, 1114 Woods, 137 Clark and 142 McLuskey made their escape from the Brick Yard by digging a hole under the fence. At 3 o'clock I saw all four convicts and at about 3:05 or 6 I missed them from their places of work, on investigating I found a hole under the fence, I asked the lookout Guard McNeill for the keys to gate leading to the back fields, I followed chase and found ladder on back fence. On the outside of the outer fence, I met two Sclater boys who told me the convicts had crossed about four or five minutes ahead of me. Guards Walsh, Devine and Sampson joined me at about 4 o'clock and we remained searching the Glenn between 6th and 10th avenues, 1st and Cumberland streets until 9:30 a.m. of the 9th.

At 4pm on 9th with Guard Devine took electric car to Central Park and walked to Vancouver making inquirery along the way as far as False Creek G.N.R. crossing returning to prison about 9 o'clock am on the 10th. At 4 o'clock on 10th with Guard Devine on Powell Street and Hastings Road remaining all night, returning to prison at 9 am on 11th.

At 3 o'clock pm on the 11th left the prison with Guard Devine and walked to the head of Burnaby Lake and remained all night at a small side station. On morning of 12th started through Burnaby for Barnette inquiring at the camps, reached Barnette at 12 noon. Reached Port Moody about 1:30 and walked over Blue Mtn reached prison about 6 o'clock pm finding no trace of missing convicts. On 13th at 6:20 with Guard McLure left prison per CPR for Westminster Jctn. Left Jctn about 7 pm walked to Bensons Ranch, reached there about 11 pm remained until daylight. On the morning of 14th walked to Oliver's Ranch on Pitt Meadows, returned by way of Alderson's ranch reached Benson's at 12 noon, started for Pitt River bridge to inquire of Keeper Patchell if he had any news of the escaped convicts, returned by Hyere's Ranch remained there all night. Arrived at the prison at 9:30 am on 15th. At 6 pm on 16th left prison with Guard McLure for 10th Ave and Cumberland Street remained all night. Returned to prison at 6 am on 17th. On 17th at 6 pm left prison for 10th Ave and Cumberland Street remained all night. Returned to prison at 4 am on 18th.

Found no trace no trace of escaped convicts.

Sir, I am your obedient servant.

Jas Doyle
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¹ alias of Bill Miner