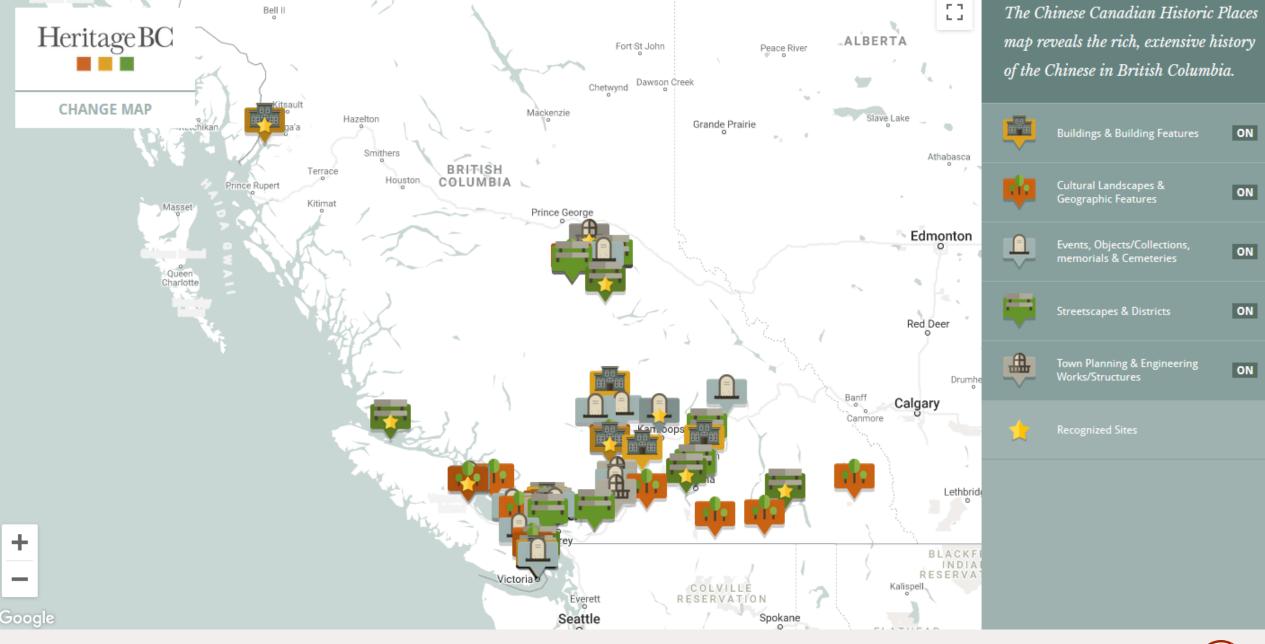
# MARPHAGE HERITAGE: CHINESE CANADIAN SITES

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• The Federal Government called for a specific death toll for every individual that died creating the railway, however it is tough to pinpoint just how many Chinese workers died due to Chinese deaths being excluded from official reports. (Revelstoke Railway Museum)



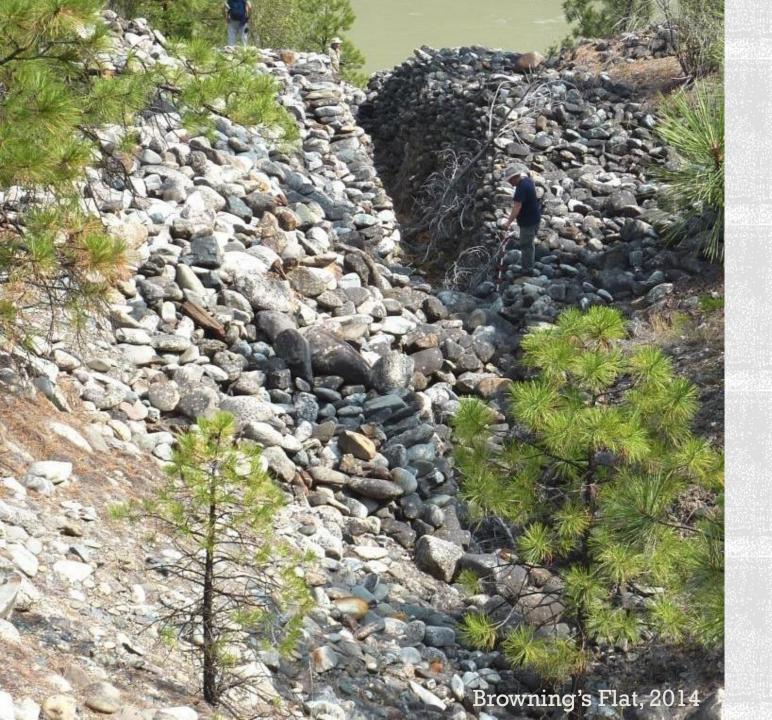


## Long history and contribution

Social

Economic

More than Vancouver and Victoria's Chinatowns



# CULTURAL LANDSCAPE











## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC



### ERASURE AND NEGLECT

- by 1865, the Chinese population in **Quesnel** outnumbered non-Chinese, something that would be true for the next 30 years.
- Kamloops Chinese Cemetery [...] the only historical landmark of the Chinese Canadian community in Kamloops.
- In 1925, a tomato cannery was established in **Ashcroft**, and Chinese farmers and workers were integral in growing and harvesting tomatoes for the cannery, making "Ashcroft tomatoes" known across Canada.
- Although many of the descendants of early Chinese Canadian residents moved away in the postwar years, traces of their presence remain in the memories of older residents of Lillooet as well as in this important Chinese Canadian cemetery.
- The cemetery represents the labour history of the area [...] symboliz[ing] the deaths of Chinese Canadian men in **Cumberland** coal mines caused by the lack of safety measures, and the blame that was placed upon Chinese Canadian miners in B.C. by labour unions and non-Chinese miners for those accidents.



