

History of Merritt

- 1905 CPR builds into Nicola.
45 miles of line from Nicola to Spences Bridge.
Nicola begins coal mining.
- 1909 New school is opened up (Central).
Coldwater Hotel is to be built at a cost of over \$6000.
Bank of Montreal opens.
- 1910 Installation of telephones to come soon.
- 1911 New bridge built over Coldwater River (connect Merritt to Collettsville).
- 1912 Explosion of Diamond Vale Mine.
- 1913 Adelphi Hotel opens.
- 1915 24-hour phone service.
- 1920 Merritt Public Library opens.
Mounted Police come to Merritt.
- 1922 Cheese Factory opens.
- 1923 Construction of Bank of Toronto starts.
- 1926 Fire destroys big sawmill of Nicola Pine Mills.
- 1931 Grand Hotel burned down.
- 1935 Calf with two heads born at Canford.
- 1944 Merritt gets its electricity from own plant.
6 million bees brought into Nicola (5 tons of honey/day).
- 1958 T.V. comes to town.
- 1959 Merritt greets the Queen at Spences Bridge.
- 1961 Nicola Drive in Theatre opens up with "Home From the Hills".
Craigmont Mine opens.
Grasslands Hotel opens.
- 1964 Quilchena Square Shopping Centre opens.

- 1969 Old hospital burns down.
- 1972 Merritt's new fire hall opens.
- 1974 Royal Bank opens.
- 1976 Nicola Valley Archives formed.
- 1986 Coquihalla Grand opens.
- 1993 1st year of Mountain Music Festival.
Aquatic Centre opens.
- 1995 Merritt Senior Secondary burns down.
- 2000 Plans for Trans Can Trail Link to start/end at Claybanks.