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boys quitting and were working everywhere and Mr. Coleman the president of the placer Co. was a kind of guardian for me that is he felt responsible for me. The letter I received at Nicola was from him and in the letter he told me to tell all the boys for them all to go back to the camp and we could winter there and in the spring he would come from New York and pay us up and start the mine going again. There were only 3 or 4 of us left then as the others had drifted away and we lost track of them. We were glad to get the letter because winter was fast approaching and getting very cold, and no more work in sight. Down to 48 below zero, that winter but I didn't mind it as much as 8 below in Boston. "Granite Creek" when we arrived there, had the government office, jail, courthouse, etc. there as Princeton wasn't anything then not even a road as the road to Princeton wasn't built then. A man named Hugh Hunter was the Government Agent there. There were two stores there – one owned by F.P. Cook, the other owned by A.E. Howse of Nicola and run by a young fellow named Charlie Revelly – a Hotel owned by Dan McKay, several miners cabins and several Chinamen cabins.