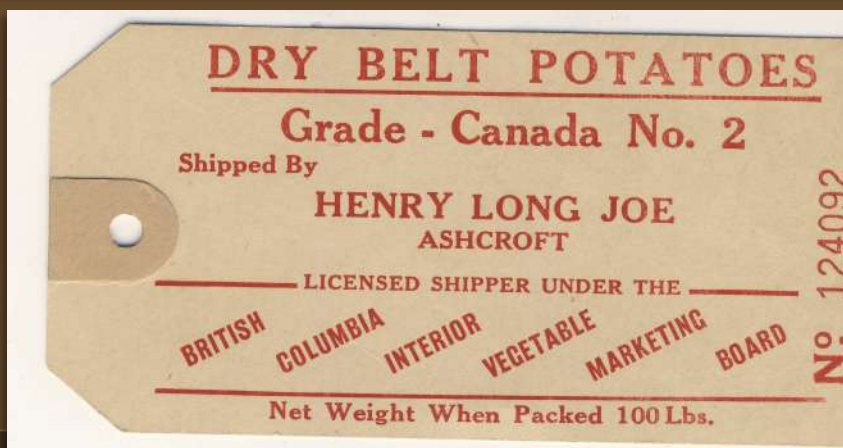
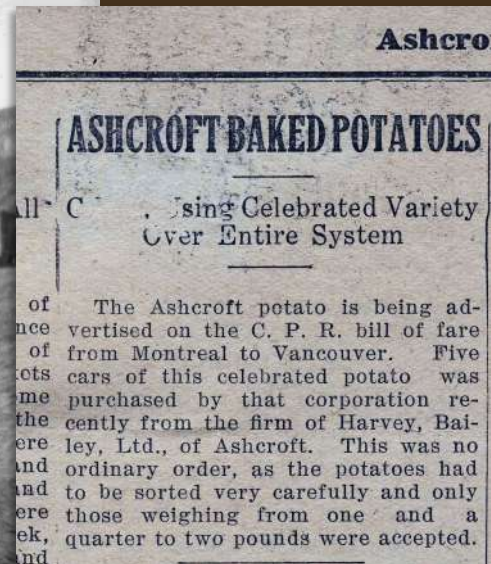


Looking Back: Ashcroft' Potatoes

Its planting season again, and although Ashcroft's early residents planted a variety of crops it was potatoes that put Ashcroft on the map!

"Gradually the farmers of the area began to realize that the volcanic ash in the soil was ideal for growing potatoes. The big white Burbank came to its real perfection in Ashcroft, and soon fields which had been given to wheat and grain were irrigated for potatoes. Potatoes saved Ashcroft. For soon along came the PGE diverting the profit scattering traffic from Ashcroft. But as the carrying trade grew less, demand for Ashcroft spuds grew mightily. Even now, though other districts have planted Ashcroft seeds, canny housewives still ask for Ashcroft spuds which have actually been grown in Ashcroft"

Province September 2, 1933



Top Left: Loading potatoes
Canadian Northern: 1915

Top Right: Journal Article 1915

Left: Potato Tag

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Ashcroft Potatoes Continued....



Potato Digger in Operation on Basque Ranch.

Above: Basque Ranch: July 1917

Right: Collins family sorting potatoes , 1922

Photo: Betty Collins

Far right: Letterhead used by Ashcroft Board of Trade in the 1930's.

Bottom: Flumes built in 1918 to supply water to the "Irrigated Lands"

Photo: Irma Schalles



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