

Fruit trees and gardening

Mining Review, 31 May 1902: J.M. Harris beautifies Reco ground with a garden.

The Daily News (Nelson), 24 Apr 1912: JMH is the busiest man in Sandon. His latest hobby is gardening. He expects to raise enough strawberries this year to supply the town.

Slocan Record & Leaser, 7 Aug 1924: J.M. Harris of Sandon has two cherry trees bearing fruit of as fine a quality as any in the district. The ripening season is two or three weeks later in Sandon than at lake points.

Silver Standard, 1 Nov 1934:
[Sidney] Norman tells of the Slocan They're raising oranges and lemons in Sandon now! At least Johnny Harris is doing just that. Nothing else to do! In the lobby of the Reco Hotel, once rendezvous of operators, promoters, and mining scouts, that is the prime topic of interest. And believe it or not, the crop is quite satisfactory. There are three lemons hanging precariously to the three in the window, where it strains itself to catch the modicum of sunlight that seeps through to that town in the deep gulch while, alongside the lemon crop is an attenuated orange tree that seems to be pining for its native haunts in far-off California.

And, on that tree, are real embryonic oranges coaxed along by the prayers of Johnny and his charming wife ...

Not a soul anywhere in sight. Up the street a piece, Johnny is found teetering uncertainly on a step-ladder, plucking apples from his bottle-raised little orchard on the main street, where years ago miners and the hoi-polloi of mines elbowed their way through crowded sidewalks ...