

Exhibit: Goldfinger: Charles Sydney Goldman



Sometime-British Columbian resident Major Charles Sydney Goldman, a “self-made” man, was caricatured by Spy (Leslie Ward) in *Vanity Fair* in January 28th, 1904. One hundred and ten years later, an exhibit and discussion featuring this historic figure was held at the Lake Country Museum.¹

Charles Sydney Goldman was perhaps one of the British Columbia’s most enigmatic historic figures. A German of Jewish ancestry, he left Germany for England, where he married the granddaughter of Sir Robert Peel. His next move was to South Africa, where he made a fortune in ostrich farming and gold mining. A major in the British forces during the Boer War, he assisted Winston Churchill as a war correspondent. He then moved to British Columbia, where he founded Nicola Stock Farm (now Nicola Ranch) in Merritt. He wrote a lengthy account of the Boer War, edited and translated several other historic works, as well as being a collector of Pre-Raphaelite art. One of his legacies still enjoyed by the public is Monck Provincial Park on the shore of Nicola Lake.

¹ *Goldfinger: Charles Sydney Goldman* Exhibit opening was February 9, 2014.

Ostrich Egg

