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"One more word—it is to the people of Vancouver. I would ask you to reflect that Vancouver is an orderly city of the well behaved. In comparison with the whole, how few are the wicked. Our police are of the finest manhood; their sole desire and hope is to be good servants. Reflect, please, that while about your avocations in the brilliance of day, or resting in your homes in the darkness of the evening, you may rest content; you may slumber in peace all through the night, for through storm and cold, staunch, earnest men are without your doors. They will protect you; no harm to your life nor your property will befall you if they can prevent it. If ever our police adopt a motto, my hope is it will be 'To Guard My People'. . . ."

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On Friday, Apr. 8, 1949, Police Constable No. 398 Cecil William Paul of the Vancouver City Police was on motorcycle patrol duty when his attention was directed to a crowd of people in the vicinity of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at First Avenue and Commercial Drive in the City of Vancouver.

As he rode his motorcycle towards the scene, he saw a masked man, carrying a gun, leave the bank. Realizing the situation, Constable Paul immediately jumped from his motorcycle and advanced towards the bandit. The bandit seized a small boy, and holding him as a shield, opened fire upon the police officer.

Exhibiting exceptional coolness and steadiness, Constable Paul returned the bandit's fire and killed him with a shot through the head, thus bringing to an end the depredations of an active and dangerous criminal. ● ● ●



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