

A large number of Indians and several whites were present. Among them were Mr. Frew, Dr. Proctor, Mr. Guilod (Indian Agent), Mr. A. Cox, etc. I am sure you will be glad to hear of this; he is the first at Alberni. Simon is in very poor health. I am very sorry for him; he was a great, stout fellow, weighing nearly two hundred pounds the first year I was here, but he is wasting away to nothing.

Three of the girls are ready and willing to come out and take a stand publicly for Christ, but did not know of the service for Simon in time to be examined.

As to supplies, I would like half a dozen blankets for single beds, a few more quilts, the trays, and a piece of art muslin, or something in green and gold, to drape a shelf in the matron's sitting room. If you have clothing to spare for three or four old men, three old women, and some of our school boys, I think the girls will do very nicely with what we have. All our boys are under fifteen years of age.

One of the sealing schooners, on board of which were a number of our Indians, was seized by one of the American cutters, having crossed the line; so the men were sent home. As they had only been out two or three days, they had made nothing over the advance they received for their families before they started out, and some of them not that much. As there is no work for them here, there will be nothing for the winter but salmon. One of the old women, for whom I would like something, has been left by her husband because she is getting old, and her eyesight is not so good as it was. I feel very sorry, for they always got on so nicely together.

When in Toronto, several ladies sent me parcels of very nice second-hand flowers and ribbons for the school girls, and I wish you would convey to them my thanks. If they could have seen the delight of our young people, I venture to say that they would feel well repaid. The silver grey ribbon was used for the bride, and very pretty she looked in her white dress, with the ribbon and flowers to match. We have two girls who are not very well, and the little baby has a touch of bronchitis and is cutting teeth; all the rest are well. The weather is still hot and dry; no rain since June.

I thank you very much for your kind letter, also for your kindly interest in my mother's health. Will you pray for us, that God may be our guide and helper; also for a shower of blessing on the men at this point who are expected home soon, and some of whom are very near the Kingdom.