

naimos and Hydas had become reconciled, the guns had to be "manned." Mr. George Baker, one of the pioneers who arrived by the Princess Royal in November, 1854, had a saucy little dog called "Lucy." The Hydas in large numbers were strolling around town and one of several who passed Baker's door was snapped by Lucy. He who was bitten picked up a rock, hurled it at the dog and killed her. Mr. Baker was at Nanaimo River at the time gathering hay for his cattle.

On his return, after being informed by Mrs. Baker of the dog tragedy, he went in quick time to the Hyda encampment with the intention of chastising the Indian offender, but he came away without carrying out his purpose. The Indians surrounded him in a menacing attitude and would not allow the guilty one to be molested. He reported the circumstances to Captain Stuart, who sent a force to make an arrest. For this move the whole camp was prepared—armed with guns, knives, iron bolts and bludgeons they showed fight, and would not permit the man who was sought to be taken. A threat was made to fire on them from the Bastion, the guns were manned, and a few charges of grapeshot were sent near the spot where the Indians were encamped, to show what they might expect if the man wanted was not surrendered. The shot