

promises induced them to take a letter to the white men there, informing them of his position. In a week from date an answer came in the shape of forty canoes filled with friendly Bella Coulla Indians and seven or eight white men, who came down with the intention of fighting should the Bella Bellas refuse to give him up. The latter, however, were scared and begged of him to make peace for them with the new comers. He then returned to Bella Coulla where he found the clerk he had left in charge, sick in bed unable to move and unable to account for about one-half of the stock he had left with him. This, added to the loss of the schooner and cargo which alone amounted to \$10,000, made him desirous of giving up frontier life. The schooner Amelia arrived a few days afterwards and he took passage to Victoria. Before doing so he arranged with one Barney Johnston to freight into the mines by Alex. Macdonald's pack train the remainder of his stock. His friends in Victoria were very much surprised to see him alive, the stern board of the schooner Rose Newman having been picked up, and not hearing of him for four months they naturally supposed that he was lost. Shortly after arriving in Victoria news was brought down of the Bute Inlet massacre. An indignation meeting was held in the old theatre and after many fiery speeches it was determined to send up an expedition to revenge the murder of the whites. In a short space of time one hundred men volunteered, Mr. Moss among the number. At that time Vancouver Island was a separate colony from the mainland. A letter was sent to Gov. Seymour at Westminster, telling him of what had taken place and offering their services as volunteers. A reply came thanking them for their offer, but saying the mainland would supply her own volunteers for the occasion. At the same time Mr. Moss received a communication from Governor Seymour, asking him to report there and assist. He was invited and attended several meetings of the legislative council at New Westminster. It was finally determined to send fifty men from New Westminster and fifty from Cariboo, the former under Judge Brew and the latter under Judge Cox. Mr. Moss was attached to Mr. Brew's corps, and proceeded with them to Bella Coulla. When about fifty miles from Bella Coulla they met a canoe coming down. Among its occupants was recognized Barney Johnston, who had been left in charge of Mr. Moss' goods at Bella Coulla, and several other whites. The war vessel was stopped and they came aboard.