EMPRESS BALL HUGE SUCCESS

MERRY DANCERS GUESTS OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Beautiful Scheme of Decoration —List of Those Present.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The annual ball at the Empress Hotel at Christmastide is now a fixed event in the social life of the city and will assuredly be looked forward to each year with the most pleasurable anticipation, for on the two occasions on which the event has been celebrated conspicuous successes have been scored. Last night's function if anything exceeded in brilliancy the first ball under the auspices of the hotel staff.

In attendance was a crowd of guests representative of the social life of Victoria, and the most enjoyable time was had by everybody. The grand rotunda of the Empress lends itself admirably to the purposes of a ball room and permits of an elaborate scheme of decoration being followed. This was taken full advantage of by the following committee which had the management of the affair in hand:

H. B. Jackson (chairman), F. W. Kostebader, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Mrs. F. Clark, Miss M. Harrison, with the decoration committee, consisting of Messrs. H. D. Helmcken, H. Lush, W. E. Burns, F. Fox, L. Lucas, A. Menard, F. Lins, A. McCormick, J. Heeg, H. Hardy, W. H. Murphy, E. W. Tribe, H. Stevens, P. Tribe, T. Skippon and E. Bywell, the hon. treasurer.

In the centre of the rotunda there was an immense Christmas tree most beautifully decorated, and this elicited unstinted praise from the guests. A special feature of the decorative scheme was the employment of a multitude of vari-colored electric lights, and these, interspersed between festoons of evergreen adorned with flags and bunting, gave a pleasing and pretty effect.

At midnight a dainty buffet supper was served, the tables being most artistically decorated with quantities of cut flowers and shaded candleabra. The musical programme, rendered by the hotel orchestra, under the baton of Leader Rumsby, was as follows:

Extra Waltz ..... Etc.
1. Waltz ..... Summer Evening
2. Two Step ..... La Petite Tonqfiuinoise
3. Waltz ..... Sizilietta
4. Two Step ..... Southern Smiles
5. Waltz ..... J' Aime Mon Amour
6. Barn Dance..Cuddle Up a Little Closer
7. Waltz ..... Prince of To-Night
8. Two Step ..... Ah! Si Vous Voulez
9. Waltz ..... Glorious
10. Two Step ..... His Highness
Extras
11. Two Step ..... Teddy Bear's Picnic
12. Waltz ..... Soul Kiss
13. Two Step ..... Love Me All the Time
14. Waltz ..... Verschmahte
15. Two Step ..... Sweeps Intermezzo
16. Waltz ..... Espana
17. Two Step ..... Four Hundred
18. Waltz ..... Songe D'Automne
19. Two Step ..... Stand Pat
20. Waltz ..... Boston Waltz
Gallop ..... Motor Car Gallop

Hon. and Mrs. T. W. Paterson, Hon. and Mrs. Richard McBride, Dr. and Mrs. H. Robertson, Judge and Mrs. Lampman, Hon. and Mrs. W. Bowser, Dr. and Mrs. E. Hasell, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Aliot, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ambery, Mr. and Mrs. Burchell, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lux, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Heming, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cuppage, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brenchley, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. J. Haggerty, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Noakes, Mr. and Mrs. Beresford Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. S. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. M. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lister, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lugrin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Molony, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rithet, Mr. and Mrs. B. Schwengers, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Nevil Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Chetham, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Byrom, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. E. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Denham, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Langton, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mearns, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Challoner, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Christie, Dr. and Mrs. L. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Glendenning, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hinton, Hon. W. A. and Mrs. Galliher, Mr. and Mrs. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ermer, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. T. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. McKell, Mr. and Mrs. Costan, Mr. and Mrs. Fuggle, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bissell, Mr. C. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. F. Dundas, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. W. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. J. Florence, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Ambre, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Pichon, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. G. Eliot, Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troup, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Wagstock, Mr. and Mrs. Kippon, Mr. and Mrs. Rochfort, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Groft, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone, Mr. and Mrs. Wilby, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hearn, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Goodacre, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Snelling, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. S. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Shandley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Toye, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pauling, Mr. and Mrs. Sargison, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Justice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Pendray, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Steele, Major and Mrs. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tatlow, Col. and Mrs. Prior, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. McMicking, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. De Rouville, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wills, Mr. and Mrs. M. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Eby, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Rickaby, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Locke, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Lemm, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pither, Mrs. T. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshall, Miss Cambie, Miss Rickaby, Miss Sehl, Miss M. Vaughan, Miss E. Thomas, Miss More, Miss Pither, Miss Short, Mrs. F. Spurner, Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. H. Stevens, Mrs. Dala, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. S. Brooke, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. G. E. Hawkins, Mrs. W. Tribe, Mrs. Riglesworth, Mrs. S. Ross, Mrs. Baynton, Mrs. Field, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. J. Alexis, Mrs. Earsman, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Ermer, Mrs. Wasel, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Andernach, Mrs. Rosshirt, Mrs. Koenig, Mrs. M. J. White, Mrs. M. A. Flewin, Mrs. Briggs, Miss R. Taylor, Miss Cole, Miss J. E. Sullivan, Miss L. A. Walton, Miss M. E. Hodge, Miss Leiser, Miss Chungranes, Miss Haley, Miss Dala, Miss Sargison, Miss E. Sargison, Miss Montieth, Miss Cambie, Miss G. Miller, Miss S. Miller, Miss McMillan, Miss McIntosh, Miss B. Ford, Miss E. Grey, Miss L. M. Couirrard, Miss Edwards, Miss M. Forrester, Miss M. Churton, Miss M. Brunner, Miss S. Samfink, Miss K. 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DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 30. — Two attempts were made yesterday to destroy with dynamite the big derrick and stee structure being erected for the new million dollar Utah hotel, which has been done by non-union workmen. Work was suspended and armed guards were placed about the property. The engine that operated the derrick was wrecked but otherwise no serious damage was done by either explosion.

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CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare Received Many Congratulations Yesterday.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yesterday afternoon and evening the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare was thronged with callers to extend congratulations to the postmaster and his wife on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day.

A number of congratulatory letters and messages were received during the day by Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare.

Mrs. Shakespeare received in a green satin princess gown trimmed with real lace. She was assisted by Mrs. Blake, who was attired in a real lace dress, and by Miss Irene Berryman and Miss Hazel Shakespeare, grandaughter of the host and hostess. Miss Berryman wore a pale green dress and Miss Hazel Shakespeare was dressed in white. Miss Shakespeare in black silk and Miss Blake in a blue dress also assisted at the reception.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Refreshments were served in the dining room, which was prettily decorated.

During the evening a delegation of the postoffice staff visited the house and presented a gold-headed cane to Mr. Shakespeare. Mr. Godson, speaking for the staff, made a few appropriate remarks when making the presentation, stating that under the guidance of the postmaster the work of the postoffice had never been carreid on with such perfection as at present, and hoped that many anniversaries of the wedding would be celebrated. Postmaster Shakespeare, in reply, paid a compliment to the staff, and said that in no city of Canada has the rush of Christmas mail been handled with such expedition and thoroughness as in the Victoria office.

CLAYOQUOT LIFEBOAT AGAIN IN COMMISSION

Christmas Tree at Tofino—Settlers Going in on West Coast.

(Special Correspondence.)

Tofino, Dec. 26.—The lifeboat is again in commission. Mr. August Arnet was appointed coxswain. The crew consists of Messrs. B. Tundall, B. Garrard, Antone Hanson, R. Nicols, Sandivick, W. J. Stone.

On Friday evening, Christmas eve., a Christmas tree entertainment was held in the Tofino public hall. There were about 75 people present. A short programme was rendered, chiefly by the children. Santa Claus distributed presents and candies to the children.

J. P. Jensen has been appointed light-keeper at Estevan. He has sold out his business to Stuart S. Stone.

On Monday night next will be held the annual election of officers of the Liberal Association.

Three new settlers have recently taken up land in this district. They have located out on burned lands near Long Beach.

J. C. Chesterman went to Victoria on the Leebro last Thursday. Mr. Kileen sent for him to take some government work.

R. Riley has been up to Nootka with his launch for about a month, taking timber cruisers from place to place.

E. McLeod, local constable, accompanied Mr. Neill, Indian agent, to Kyuquot to settle some trouble with the Indians there

AGNES DEANS CAMERON LEAVES FOR LONDON

Talented Victorian Has Gone Prepared to Lecture on Canada.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, whose unique lecture on her journey to the Arctic by the Mackenzie river delighted her Toronto audiences last year, reached the city yesterday en route for England, where she is to contribute a "Canadian Column" to a London paper for the next four months, says the Toronto Globe. As full of enthusiasm over her first visit to the storied countries of the old land as over the long journey through our hitherto silent north, Miss Cameron rather rejoices in what she terms in her racy way her "greenness" as an asset, both from the writer's and the traveller's standpoint. Whether, with all the excitement of the British election and the many other distractions of the visitor, she will find time to carry out her purpose to prepare two new Canadian lectures that are simmering in her active brain is yet to be seen. She has the advantage, however, over many other lecturers and writers of carrying with her a "bodyguard" of two young nieces, Miss Jessie Brown, who shared her long Arctic trip as secretary and official photographer, and Miss Gladys Cameron, who has been acting in the same capacity during her aunt's present lecturing tour in a number of Canadian towns. The two girls are now planning to add to their accomplishments that of managing a lantern and its slides, that the party may be quite independent if in their travels they should come upon a community that does not include a lantern manipulator in its number.

PROSPECTOR THOUGHT DROWNED IN KOOTENAY

Martin Beekmarck Left for Home and Not Seen Again.

Kaslo, Dec. 27.—Martin Beekmarck, well-known around Kaslo, is believed to have been drowned in Kootenay lake. He came to town last week by boat from Schroeder creek, where he was ranching, and left on the return trip last Thursday. He has not been seen since. As soon as his disappearance became known search parties patrolled the lake shores in hopes of finding the body or boat, but for some days were unsuccessful.

On Monday last a party went out in A. T. Garland's launch to search the southern shore from this city. With Mr. Garland were Provincial Constable Simpson, City Clerk Hodder, and Larry Cody. After proceeding down as far as Woodberry point they steered across the lake and came up the opposite side. On reaching Deer creek the boat with one oar in it was found in the bay.

The supposition is that the unfortunate man put ashore somewhere on his way home to warm himself and in pushing the boat out again with an oar, fell overboard into the icy water and was drowned. It is hard to conjecture where the supposed landing was made, as on Friday last a stiff gale from the north swept down the lake taking the boat with it to where it was found. Mr. Beekmarck was about 35 years of age and unmarried. So far the body has not been recovered, and it is doubtful if it ever will. Deceased was a native of Sweden and little is known about his relatives.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON ALBERNI EXTENSION

Three Camps Established by John Bright, Who Employs Two Hundred Men.

Six miles of mountain work on the Alberni extension of the E. & N. railway have now been opened up by John Bright, who has the contract for the heaviest ten miles of the road, says the Alberni Pioneer News.

Mr. Bright has three camps going and altogether 200 men at work. The remaining four miles of his contract is from one end of Cameron lake to the other, just above the wagon road, and he is prevented from proceeding with this, at the present time, because of the danger the work would be to vehicular traffic. Steady progress is being made with the construction of the new wagon road around the other side of Cameron lake, and as soon as this is opened to the public Mr. Bright will commence aggressive work over the whole of his contract. He expects to be able to do a little rock cutting around Cameron lake in the meantime.

WEDDED AT QUAMICHAN.

Miss Robertson and Mr. John B. Green United in Marriage.

Duncan, Dec. 29.—A very pretty wedding took place at St. Peter's church, Quamichan, when Miss Ann Robertson, daughter of the late James Robertson, of Quamichan, was married to Mr. John B. Green, of Victoria. The bride, who was one of Quamichan's most charming society ladies, wore a beautiful white satin draped gown, and was given away by her mother. She was attended by her sister, Miss Charlotte Robertson, while the best man was Mr. H. D. Irvine of Cowichan Bay.

The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, and afterwards a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, to which only the very immediate friends were invited.

After a wedding trip to the Sound cities and California Mr. and Mrs. Green will make their home in Victoria.

CHILLIWACK SCHOOL MAY MOVE TO NEW SITE

Majority of Board Want Central Site for Future Use.

Chilliwack, Dec., 28.—The school board held an adjourned meeting to report on the result of their quest for a central site for the building of a new school. They were met by a good sized audience of interested ratepayers a number of whom addressed the meeting at the invitation of the chairman.

Mr. Barber, the chairman, reported that the board had visited a number of sites that had been referred to them and had received prices and it was for the ratepayers of the city to say whether it would be advisable for them, the board, to secure one for a central school site.

Among the properties offered were those of Mr. Boucher and Mr. Brown on the William's road, and that of I. W. Smith, Westminster street, now used by the Patterson-Eckert company. The Smith property seemed to them to be the most central of the three and therefore the most suitable. The board had procured figures from one of the city contractors as to the approximate cost of an up-to-date, and thoroughly equipped eight-roomed school building and the figures given were $18,000, added to this the cost of the grounds and the fencing and building of the outhouses, etc., the total would reach about $26,000. To move the present building down to this site would cost more than it was worth. With the buildings off the site would be worth about $26,000. The question then was, whether the people would stand for the extra taxation to have the school moved to the more central part of the city.

Messrs. Waddington, Eckert, M. H. Nelems, C. R. Ashwell, Boucher and others spoke in favor of moving the school to a more central site, while Messrs. Johnson, Day and Chadsey spoke against extra expenditure.

A by-law will be submitted for the amount required to buy a site and erect a building.

FACES CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

Seattle Clerk Remanded for Day in Vancouver Police Court.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—An adjournment until to-morrow was granted by Acting Magistrate South, this morning in the attempting murder charge laid against Eugene Cullity, a Seattle clerk who is accused of stabbing Ray Miller, of Portland Oregon, during an altercation in the latter's room in the Manitoba hotel on Christmas eve. Miller is in the general hospital and is expected to recover, though it may be several days before his condition will warrant removing him from the hospital to the court room.

The evidence of Frank Gates, of Portland, who is soliciting for a city savings bank institution, was taken this morning. He said he and Miller met a man named Poole in the Fountain hotel and Poole introduced Cullity. All were drinking heavily. When the saloon closed at 1 o'clock in the morning Miller invited all to his room in the Manitoba where more drinks could be procured. Two bottles of beer were ordered but neither Miller nor Poole drank any more. Poole was so drunk he lay down on the bed and went to sleep. Miller undressed and also went to bed. Cullity wanted to leave the room, but the door was locked and the key could not be found. Then Gates telephoned for the bell boy and while he was still talking with the office he turned and saw Cullity and Miller locked in a desperate struggle on the bed. Both men were bleeding. Cullity's right hand grasped a knife, and Miller was clinging desperately to the hand with the knife. Gates then took a hand and dragged the two men to the floor, and a well directed blow from him took the fight out of Cullity and he gave up the knife. The bell boy arrived in time to witness some of the trouble and then the police were called.

Bail has been refused Cullity.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT GORDON HEAD

Enjoyable Programme by the School Children—Gifts From Santa Claus.

Gordon Head, Dec. 28.—On Christmas eve the residents of Gordon Head gathered in the district hall for the annual Christmas tree. An excellent programme was provided by the school children and Santa Claus distributed gifts from a heavily laden tree. M. Dunnett proved himself an able chairman and Sam Pollock delighted the children by acting as Santa Claus.

Last Tusday Robert Scott gave a party to all the old residents of the district, the last to be held in the old home. Early in the new year Mr. Scott will move into his beautiful new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn of Vancouver, Sergeant and Mrs. George Carson and Miss Leila Carson spent Xmas day with Dr. John Carson of "Strawberry Patch," Gordon Head.

FIRE AT GALT.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 30.—Austin's book, stationery and fancy goods store, in the Buchanan block, was gutted by fire yesterday. The contents of the store, valued at $5,000, are a total loss. The insurance amounted to $3,500. The loss on the building is small.

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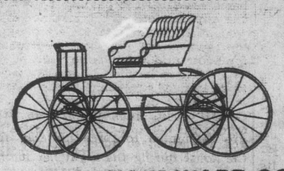

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GOLDEN WEDDING OF CARIBOO PIONEERS

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bohanon Honored by Friends at Quesnel.

Quesnel, Dec. 27.—Tuesday, the fourteenth of December, was the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bohanon, both of whom are highly respected old-timers, and who are held in high esteem by all in Cariboo. This is said to be the first golden wedding day that has ever been celebrated in Cariboo. Mr. and Mrs. Bohanon were married in Minneapolis fifty years ago, and a few years afterwards Mr. Bohanon decided to come to British Columbia, and took up farming in Cariboo. Mrs. Bohanon joined her husband in Cariboo in the year 1875 and have both resided here ever since, during which time Mr. Bohanon has been mostly engaged in the farming industry.

The survey work in upper Cariboo instead of decreasing is increasing rapidly, and those parties which have gone out are being pretty well replaced by others coming in. Messrs. Gore & McGregor of Victoria, have a party already at work about twenty-four miles above Fort George and another of the firm's surveyors will arrive with a party in January.

The ice has formed a bridge across the Fraser river at Alexandria, and the farmers from the west side of the river are crossing daily with heavy loads of grain, etc. This is said to be the earliest that the bridge has formed for years.

DEATH OF BROTHER STOPS A MARRIAGE

Young Scotchman Dies in Revelstoke of Heart Failure.

Nelson, Dec. 27.—Tragedy intervened to prevent the wedding ceremony announced to take place Thursday morning in St. Paul's church.

The tragedy was the sudden death at Revelstoke on Wednesday night of John Thaw Kirkland, fourth son of the late John Kirkland, a magistrate of Glasgow, Scotland. The young man, who was 24 years of age, left Scotland November 11th to travel for his health, being accompanied by his grandmother, Lady Todd Osborne, of Newton Mearns, Scotland, and was at Revelstoke on the way back from the coast when he suddenly succumbed to heart failure.

The news, telegraphed to Nelson late Wednesday night, caused the concellation, for the time being, of the ceremony that was to have united the deceased's sister, Miss Nellie Kirkland, of Calgary, and Dr. William Leslie Martin of Revelstoke, in wedlock. Miss Kirkland arrived from Calgary one week ago. Dr. J. C. Kirkland, a younger brother of the deceased, arrived in Nelson five weeks ago to take up the practice of veterinary surgery, having spent the last five years in Canada. Miss Hazel Kirkland, another sister, arrived three weeks ago from Macleod, where she had been a nurse, to attend the ceremony. Mrs. Dr. Howatt of Victoria, is another sister.

The body is being shipped from Revelstoke to New York and thence to Cross House, Kelvinside, Glasgow, the residence of Mrs. John Kirkland, mother of the deceased. Dr. J. C. Kirkland and his sister, Miss Hazel, will leave for New York on Tuesday, and will follow the body across the Atlantic by a later steamer. Miss Hazel will permanently reside in Glasgow.

The deceased was the first child to die, in a family of ten girls and five boys. The father died last March. The deceased was head of the large baking concern of Kirkland Bros., employing 200 hands

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