

## MURDER AT KAMLOOPS.

The population of Kamloops was disturbed in the afternoon of Sunday, July 22nd, by an Indian named George St. Paul, who shot his wife dead at the upper end of the town at about three o'clock p.m.

The same morning George and his wife were on the best terms together, as they had always been, and they came together to the Sunday Prayers in the Indian Church, where the Indians recite together the morning prayers, as well as the chants and prayers for Mass, even in the absence of the priest. After the prayers, they went to the graveyard, and cleaned the graves of their children, a boy and a girl, dead within the last twelve months, the man cleaning the boy's grave, and the woman that of the girl, after which they went to their home, a mile east of the church, on the road to the Industrial School. After their dinner, and without even taking the trouble to wash their dishes, as the Indians are liable to do so, they rode around on horse-back, saw a few friends, and came across the river to town where they had some money to collect. They then came on to a company that had liquor, and George drank a big dose of the fiery water, and began to get excited. Anastasie, also called by her short name Tassie, that is George's wife, kept at a distance from her husband, and riding about through the eastern part of town, met three Indian women, Charlotte and two others who were going to see their relations at the gaol. Tassie detained Charlotte and requested her to mount her horse behind herself, that she would take her up to the city prison on horseback. Charlotte after objecting a little, consented at last, and rode behind Tassie on the same horse. They went only a few hundred yards, when they saw George riding up towards them, a gun in his hand.

They stopped for him, when, as Charlotte says, George told his wife; "Will you not listen?" and at once pointed his rifle towards her. Charlotte put out her hand to divert the barrel of the gun, but she was too late, as the shot went out at the same moment, entering Tassie's head from behind, and coming out above her chin. The two women fell at once from the horse, Charlotte says she saw Tassie bring her hands together and joining them below her breast and moved no more.

Francis Basile, a young Indian was riding from the bridge towards town, and met George St. Paul some time before the shooting took place. George asked him to go and bring his wife, who was on the other side of the town. So Francis went towards where Tassie was. In the meantime George rode over to the Reserve and fetched his gun, and rode to where he met the two women on horseback, when he shot his wife.

Francis was at a short distance off when the shooting took place. He saw it done, and rode at once to the gaol, and told Warden Vickers how George St. Paul had just killed his wife. The Warden sent him to the constable, and afterwards to Chief Louis, to inform them of what had happened.

The sons of the "Indian Captain," Michael and Victor coming from the reserve towards the bridge, met George on horseback, without a hat, a rifle in his hand, and appearing quite drunk. They took the rifle from him, and led him to their father's tent, at St. Paul's creek, two miles from the bridge, not knowing what had happened. The news of George killing his wife arrived there at the same time. In a few minutes the Indians gathered up, and George was marched to the gaol, where he was lodged, it is said, within thirty-five minutes from