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“Then I went teaching at Langley in 1892, and was there teaching for thirteen years, and then was teaching for thirteen years in country places; the last place was Squamish; was there three and one half years, and retired in 1905.”

GENEALOGY.

“I was married at Halifax, Nova Scotia” (Presbyterian) “on 1st January 1874, to Sarah Tupper, daughter of Samuel Tupper, a distant relative of the family of the statesman. We had three children, all living.

1. Horace Tupper Wright, born November 9th 1874 at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; he has two sons and a daughter, all married. Horace was drowned in 1904, and of his sons, one resides in Westminster, another in Prince Rupert, and his daughter, Mrs. Potter, lives at Langley.
2. Annie, was born at Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, 25th December 1877, and is now Mrs. Frederick E. White, lives at Harmsworth, Fraser Valley, and has one daughter, Mrs. Pettigrew, who lives in West Vancouver, and she also has one daughter.
3. Martha, born Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, 21st October 1880, now Mrs. Charles Fothergill, of Vancouver Heights; Mr. Fothergill is in charge of Confederation Park. They have three children, Charles, unmarried, and two daughters, Margaret, a high school teacher in North Burnaby, and Norah, Mrs. Henry Chapman, of the Fire Department.

“Mrs. Wright died in March 1905 and is buried at Langley; we still have a property there.”

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MR. JOHN WRIGHT, 4320 CAMBRIDGE STREET, WHO CALLED AT CITY ARCHIVES THIS AFTERNOON, 26 OCTOBER 1938.

WESTMINSTER ROAD. FALSE CREEK ROAD.

Mr. Wright: “There was a daily coach between Westminster and Vancouver in 1888; lots of ruts in the road, and no ditches for water to run off; just a narrow trail.

“If you were riding on horseback and it happened to be a wet day, the branches of the trees would droop and bend so far down that they would take your hat off if you did not dodge.”

BIBLE IN SCHOOL. LORD’S PRAYER IN SCHOOL.

“No. I never read the bible in any school in British Columbia, and I started teaching in 1892, and taught in country places such as Squamish, Langley, etc., for thirteen years, until 1905. In Nova Scotia, where I taught before I came to British Columbia, we read the Bible in schools regularly; it was permissible, but not compulsory there, but in my day, it was never done in British Columbia.

But. We always, I always, started the day’s work here in British Columbia with the Lord’s Prayer—first thing, every morning.”

GRANVILLE, B.I. “KLOSHE KANAWAY CHAKO.”

A Mr. P. Wylie, 222 Keefer Street, tells me that one of the storefronts on Water Street at the foot of Carrall Street, where the Indians landed in their canoes to bring furs, vegetables, etc. for sale (see “Street End Case, January 1905, Appeal Court, Victoria Registry, evidence of Joseph Mannion, page 176) bore the sign, overlooking the water and float, on its front in big letters: “KLOSHE KANAWAY CHAKO.”

Mr. Wylie says, interpreted, it means “Good, fresh, cheap,” but August Jack Haatsalano (see *Early Vancouver*) says, “Kloshe, i.e., good; Kanaway, i.e., everyone; Chako, i.e., come here; in full, “Good, everyone come here.” He says another interpretation is “Let’s all go.”

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