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engaged in a rough and tumble with a neighbor, when the latter, getting somewhat the worst of the tussle, grabbed Coleman by the hair. To the amazement of himself and the bystanders, the "hair" came away in his hand, revealing a pate as bald as the proverbial billiard ball.

Reported in the Vancouver Weekly Herald, 21 May 1886, page 3, col. 1.

THE ARCHIVIST.

Give me the man who loves the olden days:

Unearths the deeds of those who blazed the ways,

And marked our home.

Who tells their story with a glowing pride.

He is my friend.

Who treasures safe the lore,

Of those stout men who came and went before,

And gave to us this wide fair land:

Who keeps the record of this noble band.

With such a friend, I, am well content

To walk old trails on knowledge bent:

And place on file the deeds of those brave men,

Their names, the trails they built, and when.

T.C. Young,

CITY ARCHIVES

Jasper,

Alta. 1934.

The original of this was inspired by and addressed to Major J.S. Matthews, City Archivist, Vancouver.

[LETTERS FROM C.M. TATE.]

Lilfred Lodge, 2390 Cornwall St., Vancouver, B.C. 4th April, 1932.

Magazine Editor, Vancouver Daily Province.

In response to your invitation, re Pioneers in Vancouver, I herewith enclose slip, duly signed, and in further extenuation I may say, that: As itinerant Methodist missionary to the native tribes, together with the Rev. James Turner, Itinerant Preacher to the English speaking residents, I made several visits to Granville between 1872, and 1876, when we bought a lot from the Government, on what was afterwards known as Water Street, on which the Methodist Parsonage was built, in 1875, when the Rev. Thomas Derrick succeeded Rev. James Turner, we built an Indian church on the same lot, which was washed by the waters of Burrard Inlet, hence it was very convenient for the Indians who came from all parts of the Inlet in their canoes; and also for the boat of the preachers, as the only means of getting about among their parishioners. It was during the Pastorate of the Rev. Joseph Hall, who succeeded Mr. Derrick, that the great fire swept away both Parsonage and church. This will set at rest any misunderstandings as to the priority of either Parsonage or Church; the first ever built on the Vancouver townsite.

C.M. Tate.

HERE "BEFORE THE FIRE." (June 13, 1886.)

I arrived on ... 26th June ... 1876

Name:

(in full) ... (Rev.) C.M. Tate ...