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To the Careener of
Foreign Mission Com^{ee}

Dear Sir
Since Mr.

Duff left, and since I
last wrote there is little
of interest to communicate.

I have been spending half of
my time in New Westminster,
but the great expense, and
many inconveniences of doing
so will prevent my con-
tinuing the arrangement

much longer. If anything
is to be done by you in the
appointment of another Mis-
sionary I hope it will be
done immediately. Indeed
I hope one is on the way
at this date. In my
absence from this place the
service is conducted by Mr.
George Misener, formerly of
Wellandport; and in New
Westminster the Hon. John
Robson, of the Legislative Coun-
cil, and Editor of the Brit-
ish Columbian conducts

the service. In both cases
printed sermons by Lythric,
Hauna, Boyd and others
are read. Last Sabbath
was our quarterly Com-
munion here. Sixteen out
of our twenty three members
sat down with me at the
Lord's table, and a more
interested, attentive, and
apparently devout mem-
bership I never addressed,
while I endeavored to il-
lustrate a line of the para-
phrase we had just sung
in taking our places — "my

wondrous love." About
thirty were present in addition
to the members, and not one
moved out until the services
were entirely concluded.

On the last Sabbath of April
we had the Communion in
New Westminster - fourteen
communicants present - and
a most delightful season
it proved ~~to be~~ to me, &
I believe to all.

Thus we enjoy the privileges,
and I trust too the promises,
of the blessed Gospel under

circumstances in many respects discouraging and difficult. We have almost literally the "two or three gathered together" and the "little flock"; but if we have ^{the} King's presence, and the assurance that it is our "Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom" we may surely "fear not."

The time has not come yet that we can proclaim temporal prosperity. It is still the old time with us - de-pression - retreat. Here, if

anywhere, have I looked for
progress, if slow, while the
reverse is so far the result.
The town and churches are all
in a much less flourishing
condition than they were this
time last year. The new
company from which so
much has been expected
has not yet commenced,
and the old one has got
into difficulties - working
expenses must be reduced -
wages lowered - allowances
disallowed &c, and the

consequence has been a
stoppage of work for
the last six or seven weeks,
and the departure of many
from the place. Affairs
will, however, be ^{conducted} on a
more healthy basis & in the
course of a few months
we may be over the worst.
Meantime it is very trying
to be meeting with this kind
of thing year after year,
when so much is expected
from us & the expenses of
the mission are so heavy.

Yours sincerely
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