

GR-0996
 British Columbia
 Attorney-General
 Attorney General Correspondence inward
 1883-1888 11 cm of textual records and 1 reel of microfilm [B09314]

GR-0996 contains selected inward correspondence from 1883 to 1888, and was originally part of an inward correspondence series created by the Attorney General's Department. The bulk of the surviving inward correspondence from 1872 to 1937 may be found in GR-0429. The Attorney General's Department used several numbering and filing systems during this time period; from 1872 to 1911 letters were assigned a number as they were received, and then filed in numerical order by year. There is no contemporary index for letters inward prior to 1911.

By 1934 the B.C. Archives had acquired legal custody of a selection of the correspondence from 1872 to 1911, including the material contained in GR-0996. It is not clear whether the selection was made by the Archives or the Attorney-General's Department; the original folio listing for GR-0996 was also created at that time. In 2005 the folio listing was expanded and revised.

Although the items of correspondence from 1872 to 1911 were assigned numbers sequentially, the original order was not always maintained while the records were in the Attorney-General's Department. This means that the items are no longer in strict numerical order within a year, and items relating to a single topic may sometimes be found together, regardless of the date when they were first received.

Unfortunately, almost all of the Department's letterbooks for 1872-1917 were destroyed by fire in 1939. Some correspondence was also destroyed by flooding. As a result it is not possible to locate departmental replies to most of the correspondence in GR-0996.

Most of the inquests from this period were extracted and may now be found in GR-1327. Similarly, depositions and preliminary trial transcripts were also separated and may be found in GR-0419.

Reel	File	Folio	Contents	Date
B09314	1	301/83	Victoria wants increase in the number of municipal councilors	1883
B09314	2	27/84	William C. Port dies in the woods near the Spillimacheen River	1884
B09314	2	44/84	Warnings against dynamite plots by Fenians Thomas Desmond, George Perry, Frank, W.M. Fox, Brown, John McCafferty and others. Also, 88/84, 114/84	1884
B09314	2	139/84	Application for patent from R.A. McVitty, Spence's Bridge	1884
B09314	2	140/84	Dynamite plot by Fenians	1884
B09314	2	196/84	Resignation of Charles Todd as Superintendent of Police	1884
B09314	2	258/84	Joseph Irwin, schoolteacher at Yale complains about invitation to a ball that was sent to married women, but not their husbands	1884

B09314	2	280/84	Murder of Amos Card Youmans at the Forks of the Skeena by an Indian in revenge for the loss of his son Billy	1884
B09314	2	377/84	Petition from Indians of Kitwangack [Kitwangak] and surrounding area on behalf of Hatq, charged with the murder of Youmans	1884
B09314	2	304/84	Complaints against John Clapperton for fraud, and complaints against Clapperton and Joseph D. Saunder, Justice of the Peace, for perjury and misconduct in the case of the assault of the Indian Billy Harper by the Indian Agent A.E. Howse	1884
B09314	2	306/84	Mother's plea for mercy in the case of W.I Marriott of Nanaimo	1884
B09314	2	394/84	Neighbours in Chilliwack [Chilliwack] and Sumas petition on behalf of their neighbour John Wilson, charged with attempting to shoot C. Chadsey	1884
B09314	2	473/84	Petition for a wagon road from Lytton to Lillooet (contemporary copy)	1884
B09314	2	479/84	Report on the lynching of Indian Louie Sam, also known as Indian Jack, by a group of American men from Nootsack [Nooksack]	1884
B09314	2	480/84	Legal opinion on the canonical law regarding marriages, and the authority of the Lieutenant Governor to issue marriage licenses	1884
B09314	2	481/84	Nanaimo Assize Calendar	1884
B09314	2	no number	Charles Leggatt to Attorney General requesting confirmation of appointment to position of Registrar General	20 Aug 1884
B09314	2	no number	Notes and statements of evidence in the murder of Matthew Hilton and William Kemp between Wild Horse Creek and Johnston's Landing, Kootenay District, by "Longhaired" O'Brien	1884
B09314	3	55/85	City of Victoria asks for A.F. Pemberton to be dismissed as Police Magistrate	1885
B09314	3	145/85	Charles Todd, Kamloops advising Attorney General to send a magistrate to Columbia	20 May 1885
B09314	3	168/85	Letter from David Skinner regarding the murder of Tom Poole and his children	1885
B09314	3	267/85	Statement of David Skinner re murder of Tom Poole	1885
B09314	3	310/85	John Mollet, Justice of the Peace, needs a constable, another Justice of the Peace and a lockup to enforce the law in Alberni after trouble with William Martin	1885
B09314	3	334/85	Evidence against Indian Nemia in Poole murder is without foundation	1885
B09314	3	336/85	Letter from Gilbert Malcolm Sproat describing tension between North West Mounted Police and Provincial Police at Farwell	1885
B09314	3	362/85	Reward sought for arrest of Edward [Bulldog] Kelly, and extradition warrant	1885

B09314	3	386/85	A.E. Vowell reports on his investigations into the case of R.E. Sproule, charged with the murder of Hammill, and other ongoing cases in the Kootenay district	1885
B09314	3	390/85	Magistrate Gilbert Malcolm Sproat tries and convicts magistrate George Hope Johnson of common assault at Farwell. End of Dominion [North West Mounted Police] police troubles	1885
B09314	3	399/85	Sir John A. MacDonald wants a copy of a telegram about the agreement between the province and Canada regarding the costs of the Metlakahtla [Metlakatla] Commission	1885
B09314	3	447/85	John Wilson complains about lawlessness at Granite Creek	1885
B09314	3	473/85	Description of murder of Kelly by Baird	1885
B09314	3	476/85	Indians obtain court order to stop contractors Findlay and McLellan from building on the Songhees Reserve	1885
B09314	3	516/85	Georgia and Mary Davey appeal to the court as they are unable to pay their brother's bail	1885
B09314	3	536/85	R.E. Sproule convicted	1885
B09314	3	542/85	Downfall of Richard Golledge, former Secretary to Sir James Douglas and Chief Clerk of the Treasury his explanation and defense	1885
B09314	3	558/85	Organized horse stealing, Kamloops area	1885
B09314	3	571/85	Indian Chief Bazille killed by Charley Shoospachan, Nicola	1885
B09314	3	434/85	Victoria Gaol conditions	1885
B09314	3	363/85	More trouble with North West Mounted Police, charges against Dominion police by Gilbert Malcolm Sproat	1885
B09314	3	no number	G.B. Knight, Eagle Pass, 2nd Crossing Columbia, advises that a magistrate is needed to deal with the lawlessness brought on by railroad construction	1885
B09314	3	no number	Note advising that R.T. Williams (B.C. Directory) takes 3 days in New Westminster	1885
B09314	3	530/85	Petition supporting Mr. Elliott, Stipendiary Magistrate, and his judicial decisions regarding Northwest Coast Indians	1885
B09314	3	no number	Inspector S.B. Steele, North West Mounted Police, Beaver Creek, March 1885 regarding jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace	1885
B09314	4	19/86	Richard Golledge's complaints of ill treatment while in the Victoria Gaol, and H.B. Roycraft's rebuttal	1886
B09314	4	38/86	Resolutions in support of Reverend Alfred Harold Sheldon, accused of giving liquor to Indians at Port Essington; letters from Sheldon explaining his actions	1886

B09314	4	42/86	Information and depositions in the case of Regina versus Long Haired O'Brien, charged with the murder of Matthew Hilton and William Kemp between Wild Horse Creek and Johnston's Landing, Kootenay District; additional depositions from witnesses after Kootenay Indians Isadore and Kapla charged for the same murder; requests from the province for assistance from the North West Mounted Police after Kootenay Indians rescue Kapla from jail	1886
B09314	4	135/86	Prisoner R.E. Sproule requires more reliable guards after receiving death sentence	
B09314	4	139/86	Privy Council gives leave to appeal in case of Bull versus Wing Chong	1886
B09314	4	168/86	President of the United States of America directs discharge of prisoner Kelly rather than extradition to Canada	1886
B09314	4	225/86	William P. Walker applies to be hangman	1886
B09314	4	236/86	John Clapperton defends Shoospachan in case of deadly assault on Salsahan and Bazille	1886
B09314	4	254/86	Albert Hall requests a constable and lock-up for Alert Bay to combat Indian lawlessness on northern Vancouver Island	1886
B09314	4	258/86	John C. Mollet requests two pairs of handcuffs for Indian constables to help prevent the practice of bigamy amongst the Indians	1886
B09314	4	275/86	Frederick Hussey's account of Edwin Holloway murder by Ah Toon and Ah Fook near Lytton	1886
B09314	4	311/86	Appeal in R.E. Sproule case dismissed	1886
B09314	4	447/86	Curnow's pursuit of burglar Wilson	1886
B09314	4	461/86	George Jay's appointment as Acting Deputy Registrar, Land Registry Office, New Westminster	1886
B09314	4	449/86	Discrepancy in charges for mining licenses between Lillooet and Cariboo Districts	1886
B09314	4	530/86	Prison diet costs	1886
B09314	4	612/86	John Macdonald, George Watch, James Coffee, Patrick Priestley, Henry Jackson, William Robie, Hans Hanson, August Johnstone, James Kade killed in <i>Queen of Pacific</i> explosion; Government Agent Bray requests advice on payment to coroner	1886
B09314	4	633/86	Ashnola George difficult to capture after murder of Isbakitza and shooting of Shuttleworth	1886
B09314	4	646/86	Disappearance of John George Robertson and John McNab of Lulu Island, on a trip to hunt and trade furs in Howe Sound	1886
B09314	4	650 1/2/86	Gunboat <i>H.M.S. Cormorant</i> ordered to Metlakahtla [Metlakatla] to quell unrest over Dominion Surveyor's work on Indian Reserve	1886
B09314	4	654/86	Albert Malotte respite cancelled, execution ordered	1886
B09314	4	687/86	Execution of Albert Malott [Malotte] at Kamloops	1886
B09314	4	717/86	Effect of new diets in Nanaimo gaol	1886

B09314	4	783/86	Sheriff requests advance notification on execution of Derosé and Connolly at Lytton in order to obtain lumber for scaffold	1886
B09314	4	806/86	Peter Derosé sentence commuted to life imprisonment	1886
B09314	4	807/86	James Connolly sentence commuted to life imprisonment	
B09314	4	816/86	C. Phair, Sheriff, advises that lumber bought for Derosé and Connolly hanging already shipped	
B09314	4	733/86	Trew, coroner, enquires whether 3 separate inquests required for three men scheduled to be hanged for murder of Dillman	
B09314	4	no number	Theodore Davie to Attorney-General regarding lengthening dock	1886
B09314	4	no number	\$250 reward for info leading to apprehension of whoever killed Henry Baird at Johnsons Landing, 30 November 1884	1886
B09314	4	343/86	Summary of cases at the Mainland Assizes, Spring 1886	22 Jun 1886
B09314	5	39/87	Murder of James Jones by John Hoggan Grand Prairie, Kettle River	1887
B09314	5	75/87	John Dean concerned that government abandons plans to prosecute a man selling whisky to Indians, Spence's Bridge	
B09314	5	119 1/2/87	Correspondence re Anti Chinese Riots in Vancouver. Also 19/87, 73/87, 85/87, 101/87, 102/87, 114/87, 126/87	1887
B09314	5	177/87	Antonio Caruso wanted for stabbing William Sands, alias Barnard King, Rogers Pass	1887
B09314	5	221/87	Land dispute between Colonel Baker and Chief Isidore, Kootenay District	1887
B09314	5	238/87	Colonel Baker on Indian unrest in the Upper Kootenay valley over land issues	1887
B09314	5	282/87	Judge H.S. Cayley of the Northwest Council writes regarding the eastern boundary of British Columbia	1887
B09314	5	339/87	Kootenay Valleys Company prospectus and letter from the directors requesting that the North West Mounted Police be sent to the Upper Kootenay valleys	1887
B09314	5	352/87	R.F. Tolmie seeks refund of money paid for notices in the government gazette	1887
B09314	5	450/87	Vancouver Police Chief discovers a gunsmith building a box with a gun inside designed to kill whoever opened it. Two Italians held for questioning	1887
B09314	5	616/87	Vancouver's dump attracts wolves and bears	1887
B09314	5	627/87	Offal must not be dumped in Vancouver	1887
B09314	5	695/87	John A. Macdonald not going to England	17 Sep 1887
B09314	5	696/87	John A. Macdonald to A.E.B. Davie regarding fisheries interests and other trade related issues with the United States	1887
B09314	5	745/87	Case against Kapla and Isadore discharged for want of evidence	1887

B09314	5	805/87	Statement made to the Kootenay Indians by the Indian Reserve Commissioners F.G. Vernon, I.W. Powell and P. O'Reilly, Wild Horse, Kootenay, September 27th, 1887	1887
B09314	5	834/87	Cruelty on Canadian ships	1887
B09314	5	963/87	Charges of cruelty unfounded	1887
B09314	5	960/87	Chief Isidore [Isadore] wants compensation of \$1000 for his fences on Colonel Baker's land	1887
B09314	5	1004/87	Reverend Alfred Harold Sheldon of Port Essington asks about the legality of certain Indian marriages	1887
B09314	5	1024/87	Cruelty to sailors on board "Hecla"	1887
B09314	5	1053/87	Men working on the CPR killed by snowslides after being ordered to work or lose their jobs	1887
B09314	5	1103/87	Judge Andrew Charles Elliott's petition for pension	
B09314	5	no number	Correspondence in connection with the murder of Hilton and William Kemp. Report of the Executive Council into the state of affairs in the Upper Kootenay Valley. Kapla's escape from custody	1887
B09314	5	no number	Correspondence between A.E. B. Davie, Attorney General, Constable H. Anderson, and Gilbert Malcolm Sproat, Stipendiary Magistrate, regarding the disposition of the Harrigan-Collins stabbing case at Illecillewaet	1887
B09314	5	no number	Stabbing of Peter Foster	1887
B09314	6	1036/88	George Ainsworth and the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company	1888
B09314	6	1039/88	Summary of divorces granted by the Supreme Court of British Columbia between 1877 and 1888	1888
B09314	6	1059/88	Signatures of Vancouver residents protesting site of Vancouver court house	1888
B09314	6	1099/88	British Columbia Express company passenger rates	1888
B09314	6	1149/88	Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice, on Indian administration	1888
B09314	6	no number	Indictment in George Murdoch's libel of Edwin Forister at Sicamous	1888