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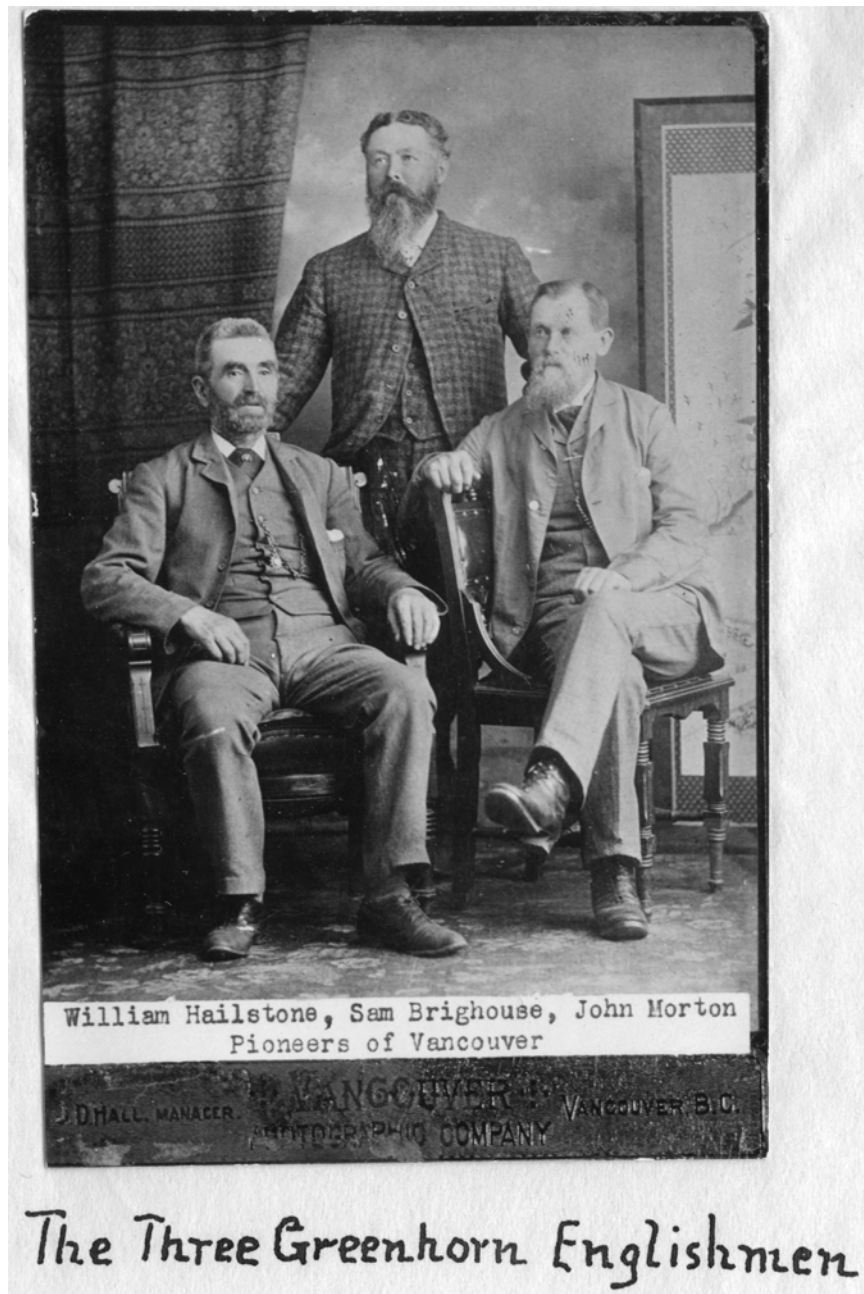
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William Hailstone, Sam Brighthouse, John Morton
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The Three Greenhorn Englishmen

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30 DECEMBER 1931 - GRANVILLE. ROYAL SAPPERS AND MINERS. EARLY VANCOUVER. W.H. GALLAGHER, ESQ.

"It was the Royal Engineers" (no) "who cleared the forest off old Granville," said Mr. W.H. Gallagher, and then as an afterthought added, "and a few pioneers of pioneers; men who had permission to go there, for instance, Arthur Sullivan's father cleared his own land—on Cordova Street, between Abbott and Carrall—and Sam Brighthouse and John Hailstone built a place where they sold milk, where they kept the cans, the milks cans, fifteen years before Vancouver was thought of.

"They kept their cows out on the ranch, on the cliff at the foot of, and to the west a little, Burrard Street, overlooking the inlet."

Mr. Gallagher is growing older; a shock of steel white hair has replaced what was once dark brown, and now clothes a venerable head; not surprising considering that, forty-five years ago, he was old enough to act as special constable at the old Westminster Avenue Bridge the night of the Great Fire on the 13th June 1886. Today this veteran pioneer, now 72, formerly an alderman of the city, still continues to take a lively interest in civic and business affairs. He represented British Columbia at the great Buenos Aires (South America) Exposition a year or so ago, and now is actively engaged at his office, and early wooden building at the southeast corner of Richards and Pender streets. He lives at 1925 Comox Street, but came to Vancouver in April 1886, before the Fire. He is now packing up, preparatory to a pleasure trip to Europe.

GRANVILLE, 1885.

"The townsite of Granville was a small oblong, less than twenty acres—four blocks—along the shore of Burrard Inlet, low lying at the narrowest separation of False Creek and Burrard Inlet; during the high tide months of June and December, the water from both arms of the sea flowed freely across what is now Columbia Street.