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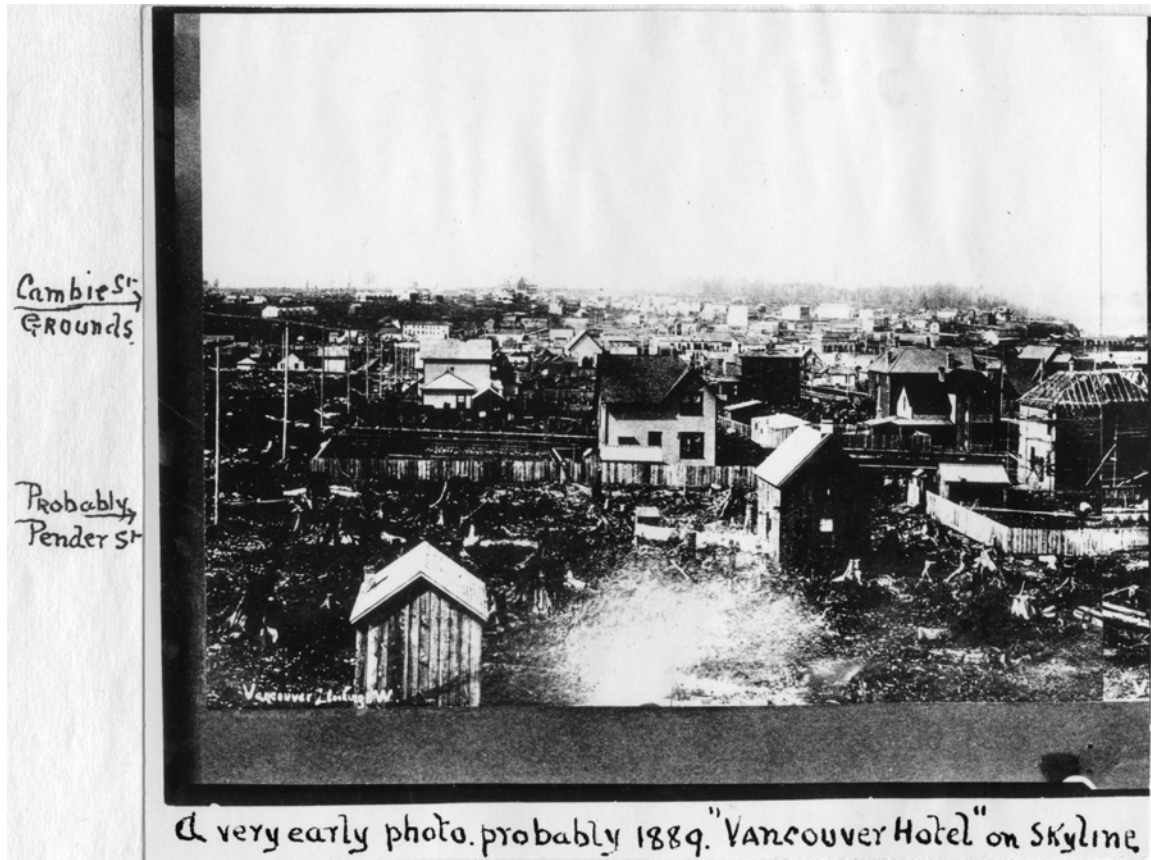
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7 JULY 1931 - COLUMBIA STREET.

"In the early days, the waters of False Creek came closest to those of Burrard Inlet at Columbia Street. They came almost right up to Pender Street. The shore at the foot of Carrall Street (Royal City Planing Mills) was a little further south," said Mr. H.P. McCraney this evening, after lecturing to the *Pioneers Association* on the construction of the first electric railway in Vancouver, for which he had the contract in part.

"At high tide, the waters pretty much overflowed from False Creek to Burrard Inlet. Columbia Street was the lowest point, as well as the narrowest. All that low portion of Vancouver, between Columbia Street and some distance to the west on Hastings Street, was filled in to a depth of four, perhaps only three feet deep."

DUPONT STREET, NOW PENDER STREET EAST. CARRALL STREET.

"The tide came right up to the corner of Dupont and Columbia Street. I helped to pile, cap, bridge and plank Dupont Street from Columbia to Carrall Street." (Mr. J.A. Mateer, a very early member of the Vancouver Volunteer Fire Brigade.) "It came right up to Dupont Street."

WATER STREET, HASTINGS STREET, KEEFER STREET.

Extract, *Daily News-Advertiser*, 12 July 1887 (U.B.C. Library).

Board of Works: We recommend acceptance of the following tenders:

J.B. McKim: For Water St. without sidewalks, grubbing, \$1.65 per lineal foot.