

## **Early Vancouver**

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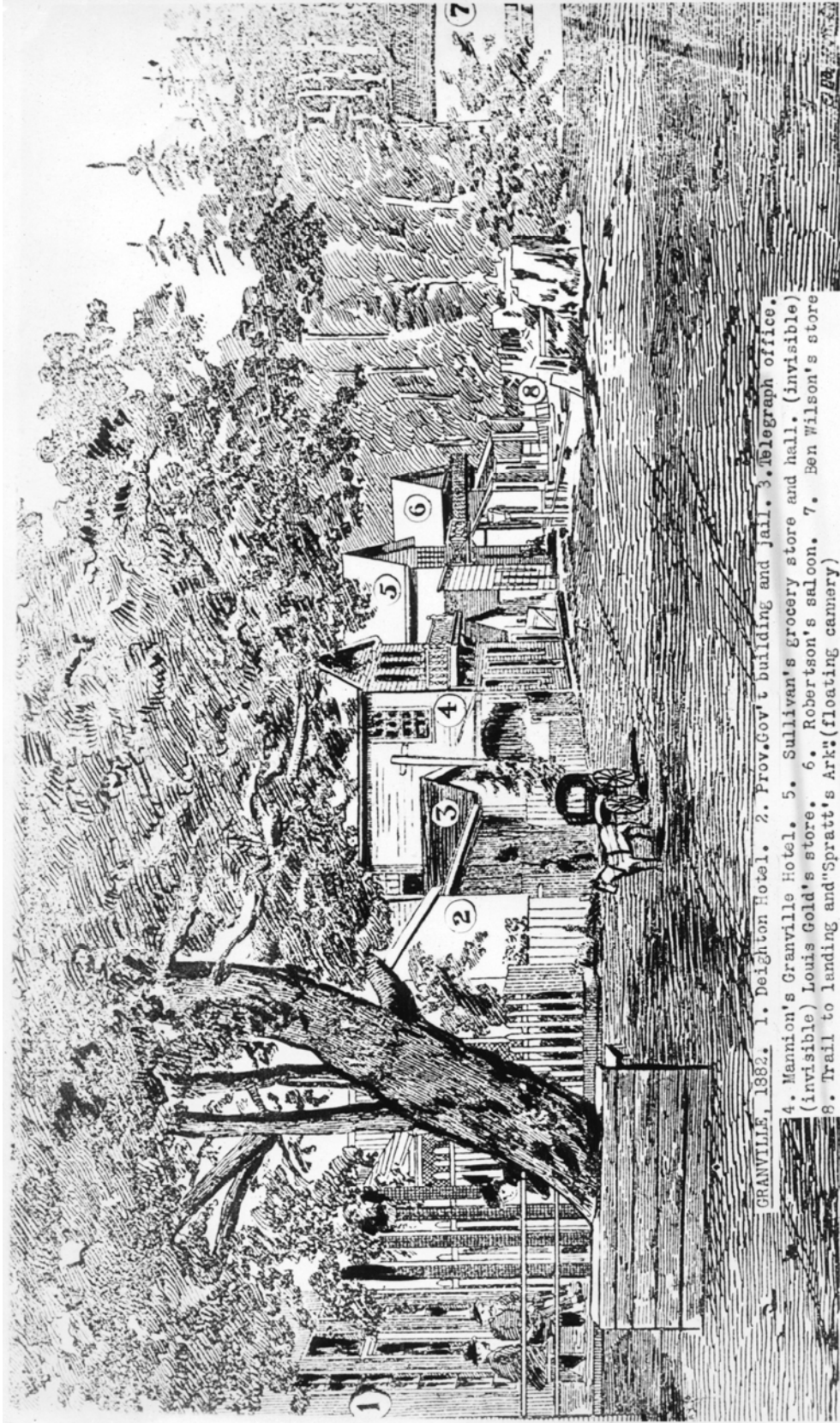




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GRANVILLE. JANUARY 1886.

Copy of original photograph taken by Hall and Winnipeg, and presented about 1920 to Vancouver Pioneers Assn, by Mr A.W. Ross, Winnipeg, who writes on it, "Taken when we lived there, Jan. 1886". Trees are along Cambie St. Summerville Hotel in centre, logging engine shed on left. J.S.H. 1932.



GRANVILLE, 1882. 1. Deighton Hotel. 2. Prov. Gov't building and jail. 3. Telegraph office.  
4. Mannion's Granville Hotel. 5. Sullivan's grocery store and hall. (invisible)  
(invisible) Louis Gold's store. 6. Robertson's saloon. 7. Ben Wilson's store  
8. Trail to landing and "Spratt's Ark" (floating cannery)

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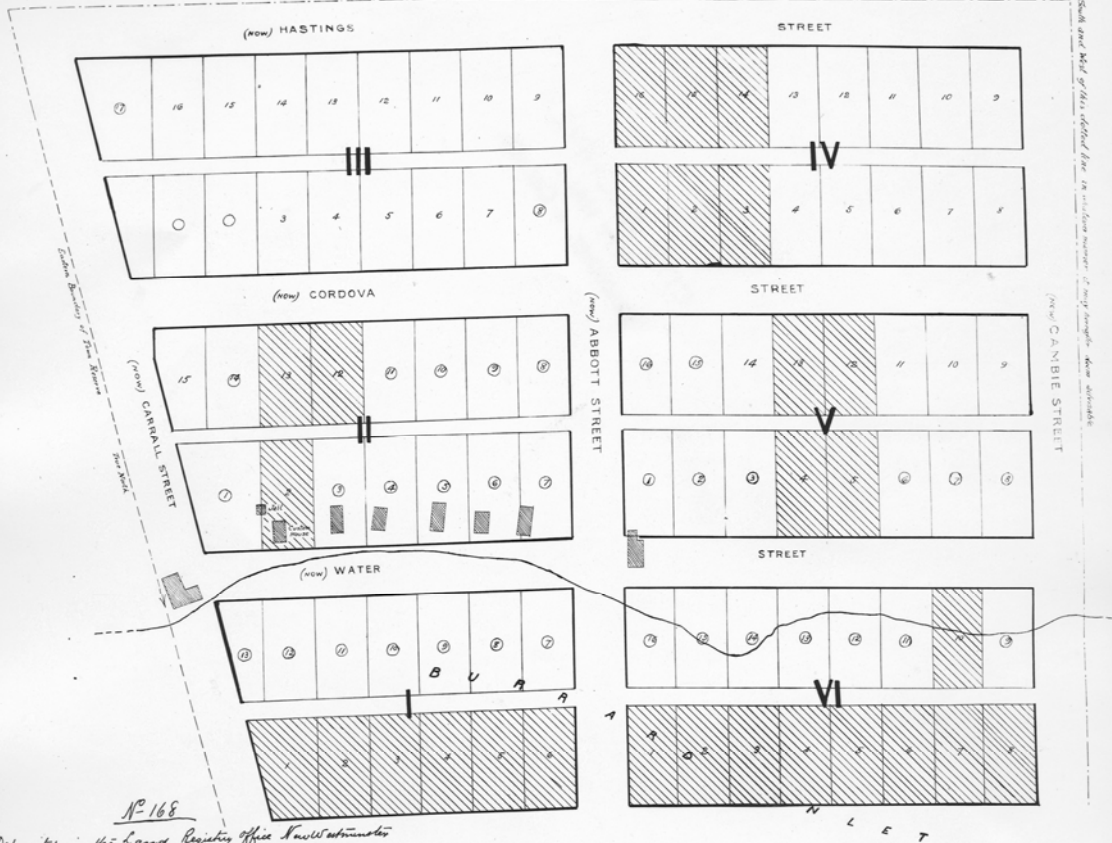
PLAN OF THE  
**TOWN OF GRANVILLE**  
 BURRARD INLET, B.C.

Certified to be a true copy  
 of the original in the Lands & Works Office

(Sd) Joseph H. Smith  
 10th March 1870

Nov 1865 Victoria B.C.

The Government reserves the right to dispose of the Land to the



N<sup>o</sup> 168  
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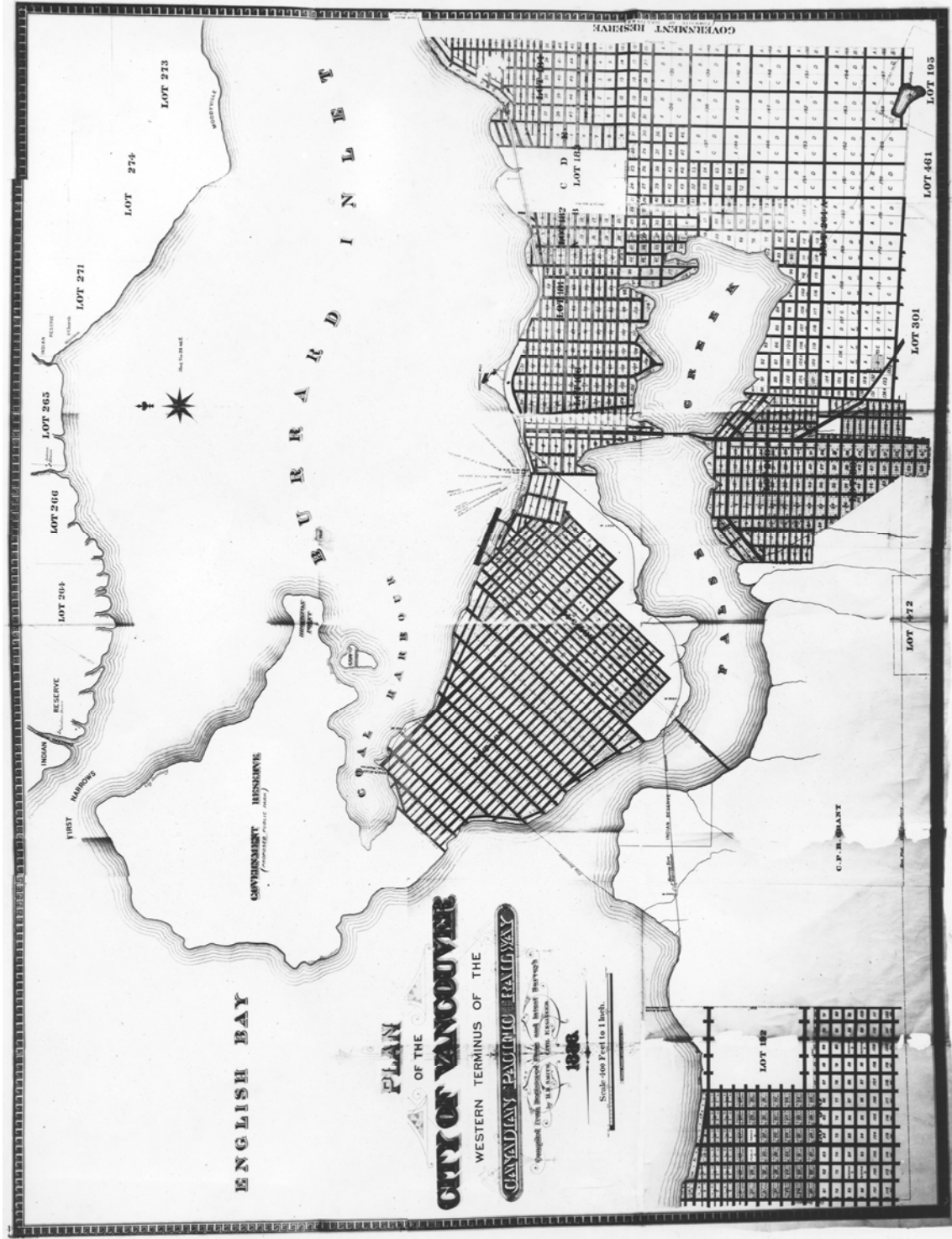
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Drawn by J. B. Landry of the Lands & Works Office, Vt  
 March 1870

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Page showed a photograph of a skull; Major Matthews' original caption read "Indian surgery, Marpole, B.C. Trepanning at least 1000 years ago." Image removed on May 13, 2022 for reasons of cultural sensitivity. Photograph reference code: AM54-S4-: In P175



all that remains of the forest - central Park, top right  
1929

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GRANVILLE and Sunnyside Hotel at  
foot of Carrall St. December 1885.



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Granville and Hastings streets  
about 1920.

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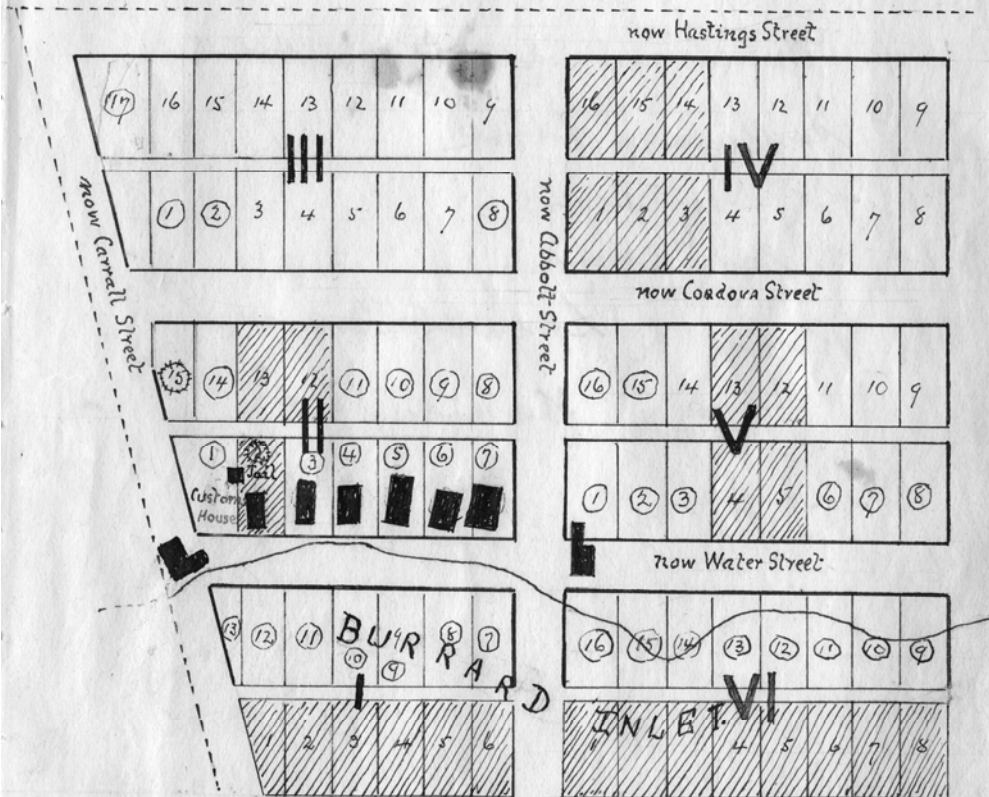
# TOWN of GRANVILLE.

1870

Signed Joseph W. Trutch  
10 March 1870 10

The government reserves the right to dispose of the lands to south and west of this dotted line in whatever manner it may hereafter deem advisable.

Nov. 1885, Victoria, B.C.



Crown grants have been issued for lots marked O.

Scale. 66 feet one inch (reduced to 66 feet one quarter inch)

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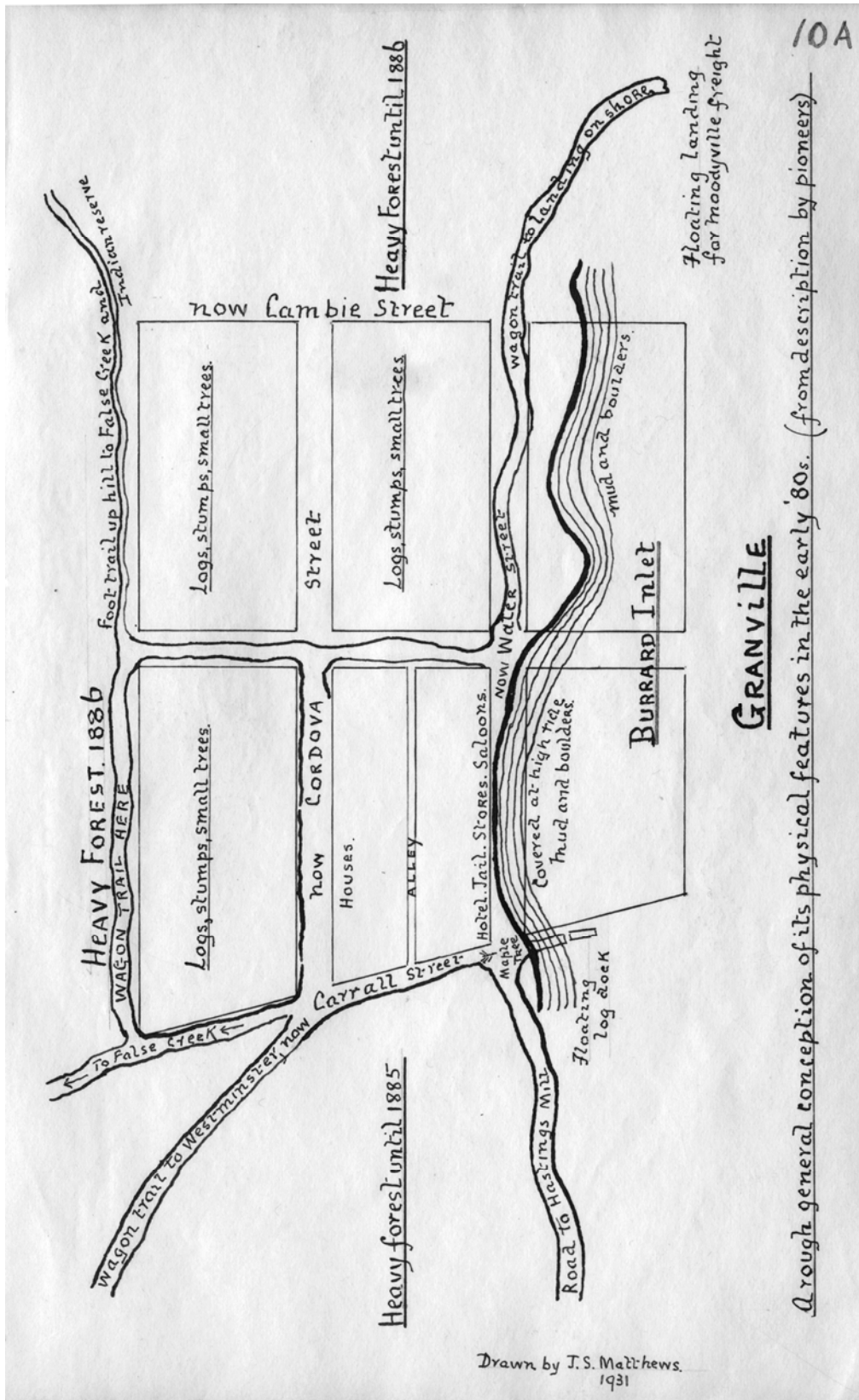
"R. W. Armstrong," Dy Registrar.

Notes: Buildings shown in this small sketch out of proportion - too large.

Cross lined lots are reserved.

J.S.M.

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## **GRANVILLE, 1882.**

In explanation of the map of the *Town of GRANVILLE, 1870* (Trutch.)

There is extant a somewhat crude sketch of the shorefront, now Water Street, of Granville in 1882, showing the buildings at that time in very much the same position as they appear in the above map, save and except that which is shown as being located in the middle of Carrall Street. What this building was, what became of it, and whether or not it was the Deighton Hotel, and was moved onto Lot 1, Block 2, O.G.T., where the Deighton House afterwards stood, has not so far been established.

An article which appeared in the *Vancouver Daily Province* of 9 September 1929, written by Mr. Carter-Cotton (son of the Hon. F.L. Carter-Cotton, of the *News-Advertiser*), and an early Vancouver newspaper reporter—he died in about 1930—states the buildings in the sketch, which is reproduced, are as follows:

- 1-Deighton Hotel, Bill Blair, proprietor.
- 2-Provincial Government Building and Jail, residence of Jonathan Miller, policeman and tax collector.
- 3-Telegraph office.
- 4-Mannion's Hotel.
- 5-Sullivan's Grocery store, hall above, where fraternal societies met.
- 6-In this location was Louis Gold's general store, which seems to be out of focus (?)
- 7-Robertson's Saloon.
- 8-Ben Wilson's store, afterwards conducted by Mrs. Wilson.
- 9-Trail leading to Spratt's Wharf.
- 10-On the other side of Wilson's store was Methodist Hall where Rev. C.P. Thompson preached.
- 11-On the other side of Deighton Hotel, out of sight, was McKendry's shoe store.

## **3 MARCH 1931 - KITSILANO BEACH. SMELTS. SALMON. ELK.**

"About the smelts at Kitsilano Beach?" responded Mr. William (Bill) Hunt of 2158 Seventh Avenue West, "At one time the smelts used to come into the beach, Greer's Beach, in millions. When we were camping, about an hour after high tide, somebody would be watching, and would halloo out, 'Here they are,' and all hands would turn out with all the dish pans they could get, and scoop them out onto the beach. At that time they were so thick that I have stood on the beach, in the edge of the water, and after getting all I wanted, and would see how many I could pick up in each hand before they would go back in the wave. I have picked up seven or eight in each hand. This would be from about 1897 or earlier to about 1904 or 1905.

"It is a matter of anybody's idea of what caused them to quit; whether it was too much trawling, or too much traffic, or gill netting. They still come now at Second Beach in Stanley Park, but not so many as formerly. They used to be just as thick at what is now Locarno Beach, but when I was there last year there were none. In the days I speak of, you could get them in any part of Greer's Beach, and it was 'solid' with them, all along. Nowadays there are a few come at the end of the beach, now called Greer's Point.

"It was quite a sight to see them at night; just after the tide had turned; you could go down there at night, in the dark, and see them shooting around like balls of fire. They have a peculiar little rattle when their tails are wiggling, and when you 'get onto it,' you can hear them; you can tell it