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been visited by the sailors from the Empresses, would be driven down to the dock, and taken by boat to Deadman's Island, some said, 'well named for such an undertaking.'"

HOSPITALS.

"There is a reference in the *News-Advertiser* somewhere, I forget where, to the effect that the man who displayed especial diligence at the fire at the hospital be given \$25. It would seem to indicate that the first Hospital in Vancouver was burned down."

NOTE ADDED LATER:

No. It was not.

JSM

GRANVILLE STREET.

Extract, *Daily News-Advertiser*, 12 July 1887.

A communication from William Powers (to City Council) asked that immediate steps be taken to grade, and macadamise Granville Street from Cordova Street to Robson Street, and to build wide sidewalks from Cordova Street to False Creek. Referred to Board of Works.

Extract, same newspaper, 17 July 1887 (U.B.C. Library).

The Board of Works at their meeting, Friday afternoon, decided upon grading Granville Street the full width as far as the C.P.R. Hotel, also to lay ten foot (board) sidewalks on both sides of the street, and to lay one ten foot sidewalk from the Hotel to False Creek. This much needed work will be a great improvement to the vicinity, and will tend to increase the value of the property.

In the winter of 1886, the skids of the old logging road down Granville Street were still in position, see W.H. Gallagher. Later a two-plank sidewalk ran in front of the Hotel Vancouver, see Mrs. J.Z. Hall.

Mr. Geo. L. Schetky spent the night of the Great Fire of 1886 (June 13th) in a shack at the corner of Robson and Granville streets used by a Mr. Jerry Rogers whilst clearing the forest from the West End. Mr. Schetky escaped from the fire on Water Street, made his way to False Creek via Westminster Avenue, and took trail through the clearing to the corner of Robson Street.



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