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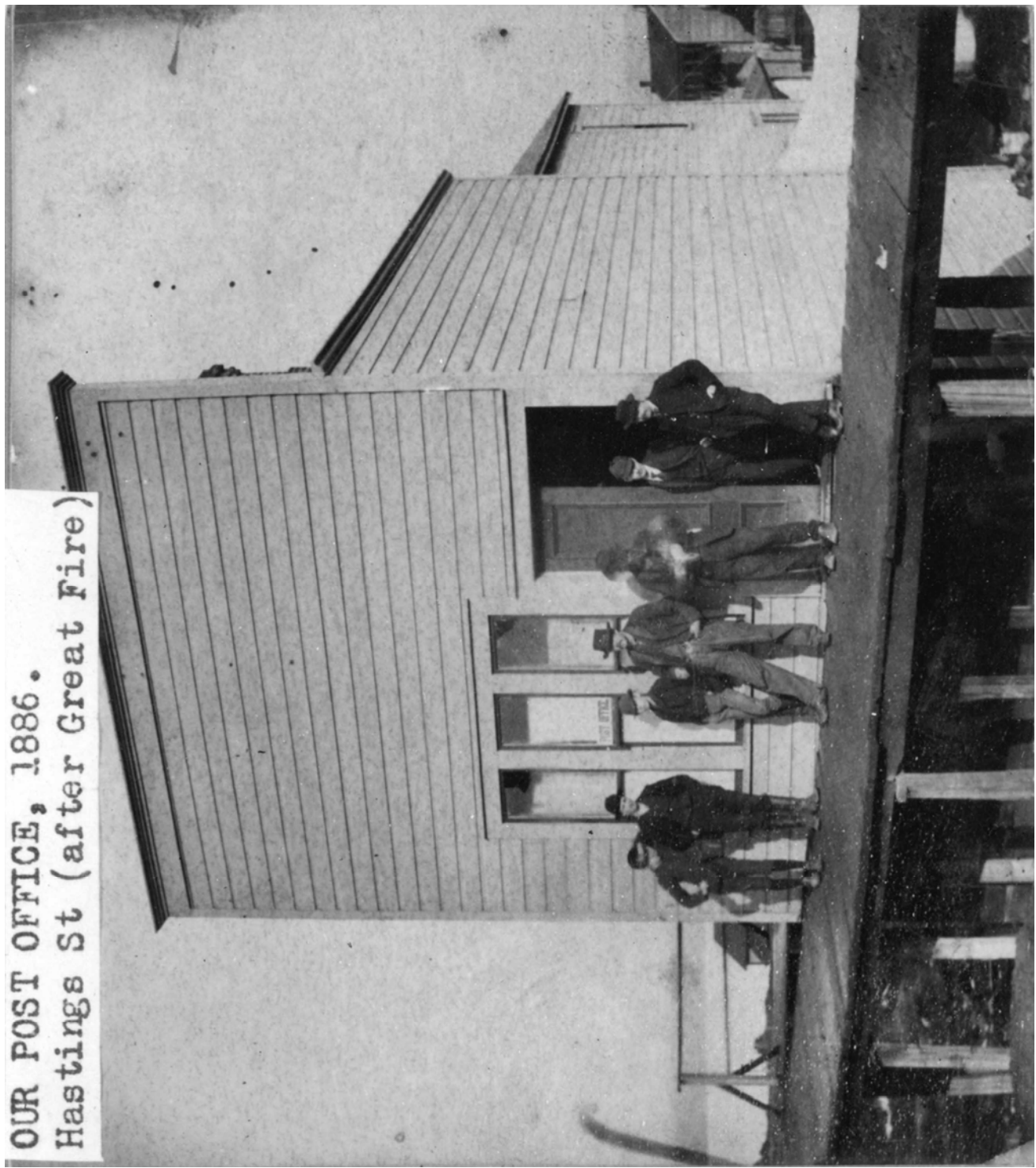


THE CONSTABLE OF GRANVILLE
Jonathan Miller
Postmaster of Vancouver
1886

Jonathan Miller

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OUR POST OFFICE, 1886.
Hastings St (after Great Fire)



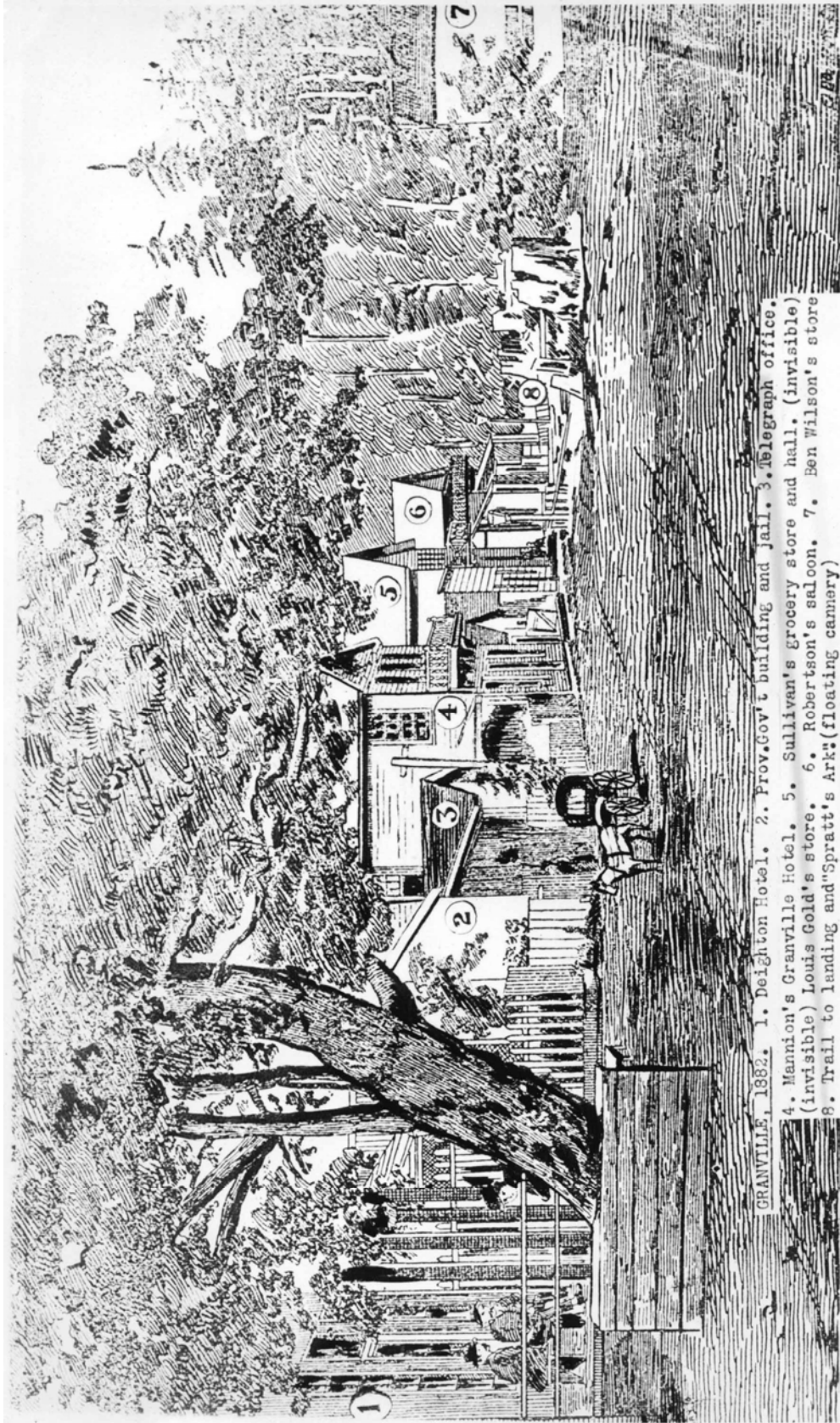
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Part of the former
"C.P.R. Townsite" as
it appeared in 1930



VIEW FROM ROOF GARDEN, HOTEL VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER, B.C.

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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)

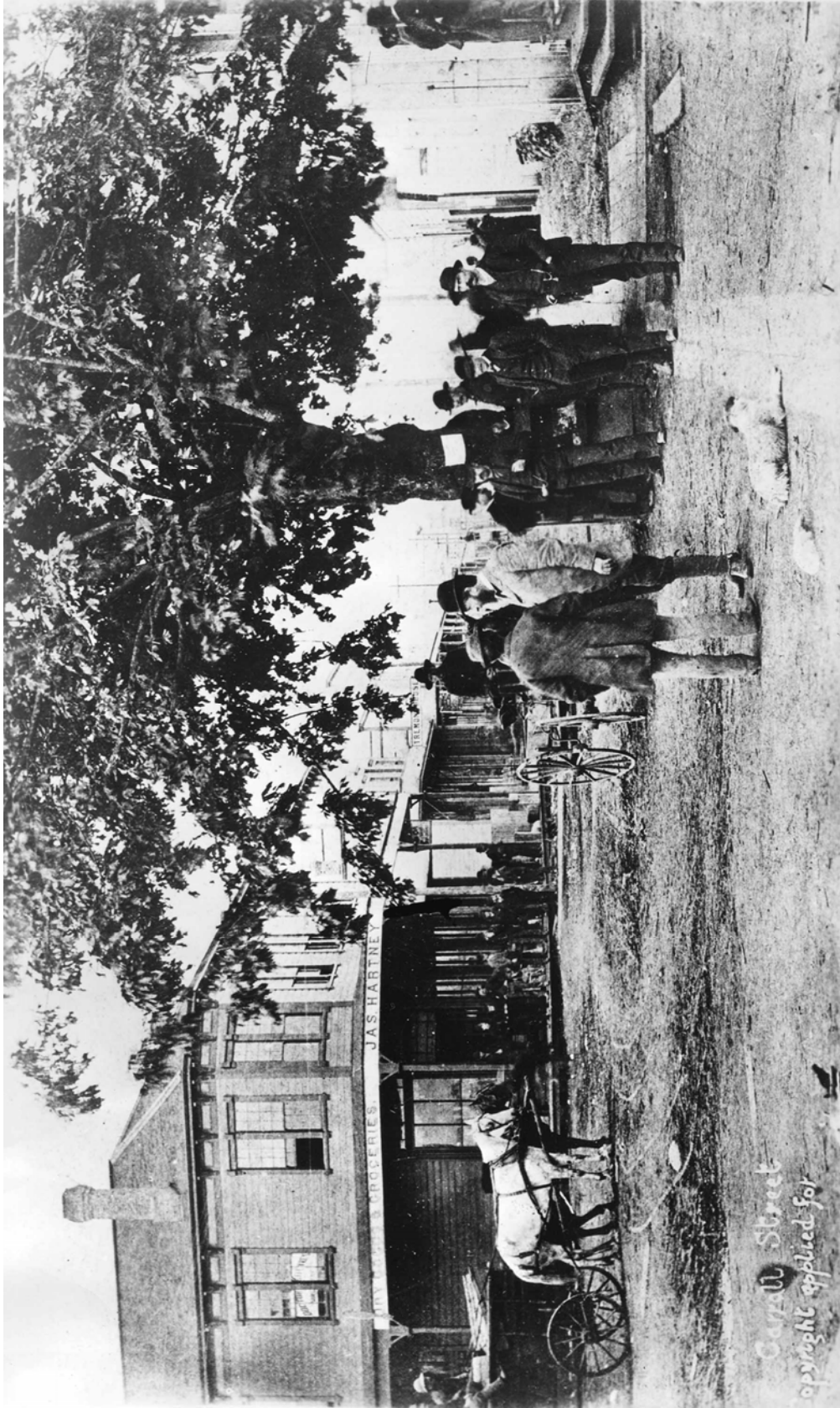
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GRANVILLE and Sunnyside Hotel at
foot of Carrall St. December 1885.



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"GASTOWN" and "The Maple Tree Monument", 1931

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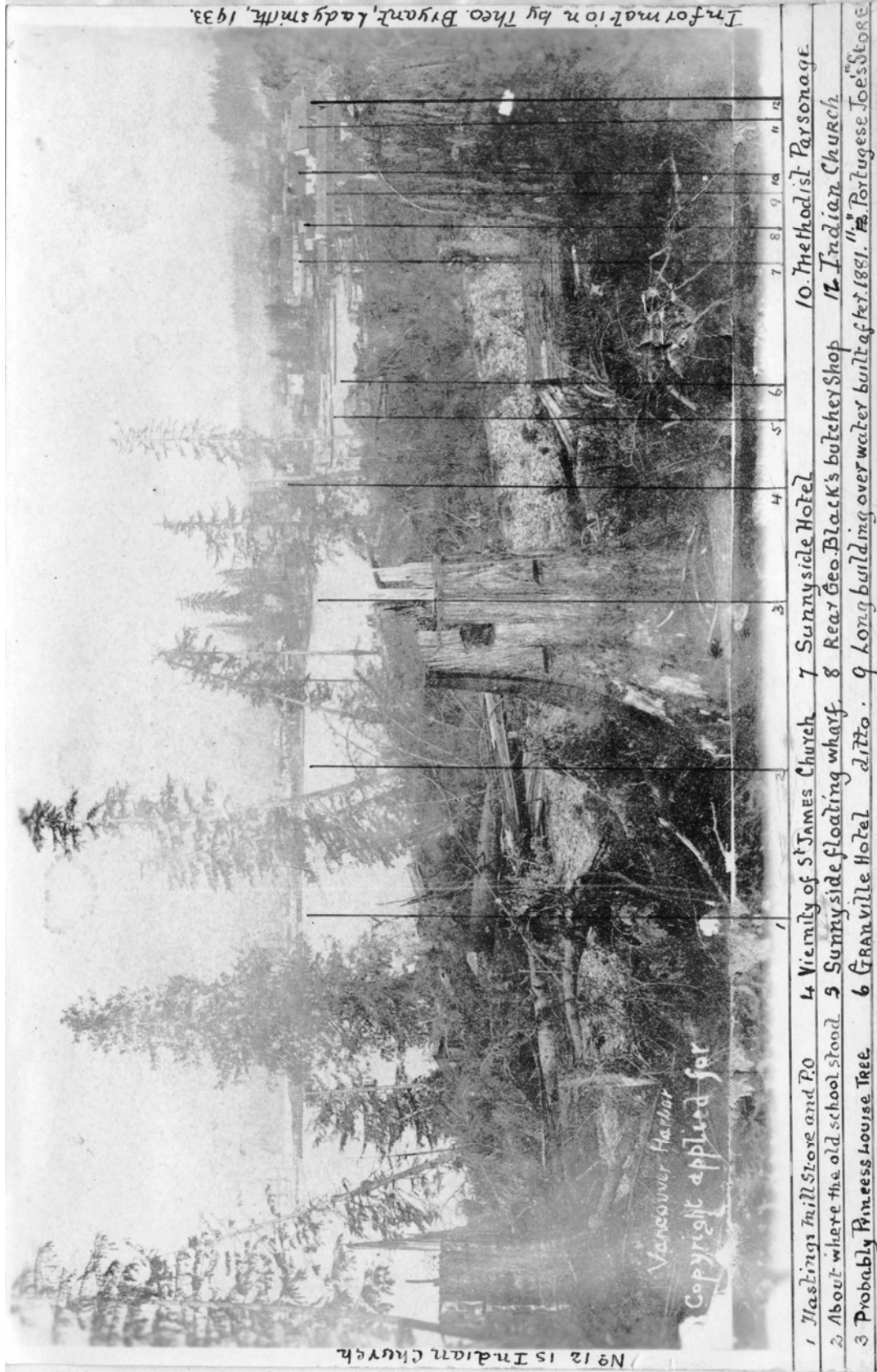
Corroll St and Water St

MONUMENT on site of
FAMOUS MAPLE TREE

"GASTOWN" IN 1931

Where the first fire hall "No. 1" stood.

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Information by Theo. Bryant, Lady Smith, 1933.

No 12 is Indian Church

Vancouver Harbor
Copyright applied for

- 1 Hastings Mill Store and P.O.
- 2 About where the old school stood
- 3 Probably Princess Louise Tree
- 4 Vicinity of St James Church
- 5 Sunny side floating wharf
- 6 Granville Hotel
- 7 Sunny side Hotel
- 8 Rear Geo. Black's butcher Shop
- 9 Long building over water built of bet. 1881.
- 10 Methodist Parsonage
- 11 Indian Church
- 12 Portuguese Joe's Store

Item # EarlyVan_v2_037

GRANVILLE.

The photograph "Vancouver Harbour, Copyright applied for," identified by big stump in centre with ragged splinter on right top, also big stump on extreme left of photo and ship at Hastings Sawmill almost exactly above.

It is reputed that this photograph was taken from the foot of Granville Street, but careful measurements would indicate that this is not so, but that it was taken from the foot of Richards Street, probably where the Canadian Pacific Railway had a small building which escaped the Fire of June 1886. This is borne out by the nearness of the town of Granville to the camera, and further it is unlikely that such a picture could have been taken from the foot of Granville Street on account of the contour of the land. The photograph was taken *about* February or March, perhaps January 1886, but most likely late February or early March 1886.

Theo. Bryant, Ladysmith (son of the Rev. Cornelius Bryant, minister of the Methodist parsonage and Indian Church at Granville, and who arrived in June or July 1878 to take up his residence—date of arrival about 20 July 1878—and who lived there about "three years"), has, after careful scrutiny and examination with a microscope, written the following explanation of the buildings and landmarks in this photograph, 1932, from memory.

1. Methodist Parsonage, two storey house painted white with two windows.
2. "Portuguese Joe's" store, to the right and adjoining above.
3. Indian Church, partly obscuring "Portuguese Joe's" store.
4. St. James' Church of England in this vicinity.
5. Probably "Princess Louise" Tree, about foot of Columbia Street.
6. Hastings Mill store and Post Office.
7. Approximate location of Old School House.
8. Rear of Geo. Black's butcher shop.
9. Sunnyside Hotel floating wharf.
10. Granville Hotel (Joe Mannion's) floating wharf.
11. Long building over water, erected after Bryants left in 1881.

GRANVILLE, 1882. MR. CARTER-COTTON. NEWS-ADVERTISER.

The *Province*, 9 September 1929, published an article, written by Mr. Carter-Cotton, an early reporter on his father's (Hon. Francis Lacy Carter-Cotton) newspaper, the *News-Advertiser*, and illustrated with a photograph of a sketch of "Granville, 1882." Mr. Carter-Cotton—the reporter—died soon afterwards.

GRANVILLE 1882.

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.

It would appear that Mr. Carter-Cotton, in writing the above, mixed his years slightly. There was no Methodist Hall until a month or so before the Great Fire of 13 June 1886; prior to that only the Indian Church and the Methodist parsonage, the latter, a house.