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### **SIWASHES.**

“The effects of the Christmas generally led up to a kind of ennui which lasted until over New Year’s Day. Then the boys would begin to make a move towards their shacks, laden with all kinds of remembrances of their holidays. Let me add that many of the residents here spent their Christmas in Victoria or New Westminster. Some even went as far as San Francisco.”

### **SLEIGHING—BURNABY LAKE.**

“We had visitors, too, from New Westminster, as the sleighing was good one winter, and if there was not too much snow on the ice I think a good many used to find their way to Burnaby Lake where they would enjoy themselves immensely.”

### **ROYAL PEOPLE IN ROYAL CITY.**

“A visit to New Westminster always resulted in your being well treated there, and they had no bounds to their hospitality. When you went there, you were sure to see Capt. Adolphus Peele, weather prophet, who always greeted you with some reference to the weather. On my visit there a short time since, although I had not seen him for twenty years, he had the same reference to the weather, and the beauty of it was that he was nearly always right. He has today probably the most valuable collection of weather reports of New Westminster District, and of this province generally, that can be found outside the bureau at Ottawa. Mr. Joseph Armstrong was another gentleman who was there then, and is there now. He has not changed in the slightest in the last thirty years.

“When the Christmas week was over in Old Gastown, the little burg went once more asleep for another year.”

(From the *Daily Province*, Vancouver.)

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 1912.

(Unknown writer.)

### **HASTINGS STREET EAST. ORANGE LODGE. KEEFER’S HALL. METHODIST HALL, WATER STREET.**

On referring this photograph to Mr. Thos. Duke, a very early Orangeman, he said, “Oh, this would be coming down the plank road on Hastings Street, east of Westminster Avenue.” Keefer’s Hall was on Alexander Street, between Gore Avenue and Westminster Avenue. (Photo, 12 July 1888, Orange Parade.)

“Vancouver Lodge, Orangemen 1560—Special Church Service.

“All members of the Loyal Orange Association residing in Vancouver are called upon to meet in the Lodge Room, Keefer’s Hall, Alexander Street, on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 3 p.m. and from thence to march in procession to the Methodist Hall, Water Street, where a special service will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Robson. Service at 3 p.m. Text ‘An Open Bible.’

“Thos. Crawford, Rec. Sec. 1560.”

Early on the morning of 12 July (1888) they went to the wharves to meet the Victoria and New Westminster delegation—went from Keefer’s Hall—returning by a different route to luncheon. At one o’clock they reassembled and went to the Recreation Grounds (presumably Cambie Street grounds). Afterwards the procession again paraded the streets. It was a rainy day, which would account for the lack of shadows in the photograph.

Note clearing fires burning over towards Grove Crescent.