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TRAILS.

"In 1877, with a friend of mine, hired an Indian to take us from Port Moody to Gastown in his canoe, walking back to New Westminster through the timber."

Dan Callaghan, Port Haney, 24 May 1932.

MOODYVILLE TICKLER, FIRST NEWSPAPER.

"I have a copy, Vol. 1 No. 1 of the *Moodyville Tickler*, pioneer newspaper of Burrard Inlet, 20 July 1878. Price 50 cents per copy."

Mrs. H.A. Christie, 1932.

DOUGLAS ROAD.

"June 1883 to Granville by horse stage over Douglas Road, a mere horse trail through the woods. It was then a small place of one short street, a sawmill and logging village."

Mrs. C. Cronin, née Blackstock, May 1932.

GREAT FIRE, 1886.

"Those who did not dash away within the first five minutes were overcome and burnt to a crisp in the streets; others when too late to escape jumped down into wells, but were found suffocated and burnt."

"A team of horses, delivery wagon and man driver attempting to pass through Hastings Street where the Holden Block" (City Hall) "now stands, were overcome and lost; all that remained was the iron tires and the ashes."

Edward Cook, 5937 Sperling Avenue, 14 May 1932.

REAL ESTATE, FALSE CREEK.

"Wishing to see some lots of False Creek one day was advised by the agent to get there at low tide."

"On the day of the fire, Mr. Lambert, a friend, was burned to death in the Burrard Hotel, just completed."

T. Fred Clulow, Shushartie Bay, 1932.

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHER.

"We came here in April 1886, and started a photo gallery. Whilst not the first to start before the fire was the only one to start the morning after; all the old photos of Vancouver are taken by me."

Harry T. Devine, 1932.

BORN ON FALSE CREEK, 1874.

"I was born on False Creek, 15 June 1874. My father, John Elliot, was working in a logging camp at False Creek and Jericho. He moved to Nanaimo in 1879."

Geo. Elliot, New Westminster, May 1932.

A.H. FERGUSON.

"My father came to the Pacific Coast in 1877, and recalled the time when Vancouver had only six or seven houses. He told us about coming across the body of a woman while walking down one of the paths who had lost her life, and her body was burned to a crisp where she had fallen while trying to escape the fire."