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LANDED ESTATE, ETC.

Subtly foreseeing the extraordinary prospects of Vancouver and its harbour, he acquired a considerable portion of the property fronting Burrard Inlet, and along what is presently known as Hastings Street. Among other valuable sites, he purchased six hundred acres in the valley, comprising Langley Prairie, half of which was bought up by Joseph Michaud Sr., a nephew, and upon the latter's death willed to his two sons, Zatique and Maxime, now both retired and living in Langley Prairie. (J.E.M.)

T.W. Herring says, "Maxie worked as cook for Greely Bros. at first; then Joe Arnand bought the Colonial Hotel, New Westminster, from the Greelys and Maxie remained as cook until he moved to Hastings.

"It was Maxie who gave the land at Langley to the children of his brother." (J.E.M.)

HISTORICAL.

Maximilian Michaud, with a group of Easterners, traversed Canada to British Columbia. Many interesting incidents have been cited. Several members of the party starved en route, and they were exposed to innumerable hardships and heartrending discouragements.

In the last years of his life, Mr. Michaud built a home in New Westminster, where he owned considerable property. This home still stands, facing Columbia Street, the first residence next to Saint Peter's Church.

Upon his death he failed to leave a will—his wife had predeceased him—and having had procreated no children, consequently all his property, as provided by law, was to be divided amongst the closest of kin. Joseph Michaud Sr. was the only member of the family in the West. His remonstrations with his co-heirs in the east, who demanded the sale of everything, failed to retain the property on Hastings and elsewhere, which sold for a fraction of its present value. Thus death not only robbed Maximilian Michaud of enjoying the fruits of his plans, but also failed to remunerate even his heirs. (J.E.M.)

15 FEBRUARY 1934 – GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH MICHAUD OF LANGLEY PRAIRIE; BROTHER, MAXIMILIAN MICHAUD OF HASTINGS, B.C.

Residence: Langley Prairie, B.C.

Place of Birth: Québec City, Québec. Arrived in B.C. from Pt. Levis, Québec, in 1874.

Avocation: Farmer.

Marriage: At Québec City, to Georgina Morin.

CHILDREN.

Seven (all living).

Florence, now Mrs. Jas. J. Doyle, of Langley Prairie; no children.

Zatique, now retired farmer, of Langley Prairie; one son, J.E. Michaud.

Maximilian, now farmer, of Langley Prairie; two sons.

Mary, now Mrs. Geo. Freeman, of Bellingham, Washington; one son, two daughters.

Laura, now Mrs. L.R. Layton, of Langley Prairie; no children.

Lena, unmarried, of Langley Prairie.

Josephine A., unmarried, of Langley Prairie.

PERSONAL SERVICES.

Joseph Michaud was a farmer—he held no known public office. He was of the Roman Catholic denomination.

LANDED ESTATE, ETC.

Joseph's landed estate consisted of about 500 acres of land at Langley Prairie, which was inherited from his brother Maximilian Michaud of Burrard Inlet. After the Great War he sold the old farm to the Government of B.C. for subdivision and settlement by returned soldiers under the Soldiers' Settlement scheme. About 1934 he purchased considerable property in the village of Langley Prairie.

FAMILY ORIGINS.

French Canadian. The name Michaud is said to be quite as common in Québec as it is rare in British Columbia.

HISTORICAL.

Joseph Michaud came to B.C. with his wife and children—then presumed to have numbered four of his seven—in a sailing ship, around Cape Horn. His brother, the Burrard Inlet pioneer of pioneers of Burrard Inlet, had preceded him some years, and had already settled on Burrard Inlet (1869 or earlier), at New Brighton (now Hastings). Joseph died in 1910 and is buried at New Westminster. Mrs. Michaud is also dead; the seven children are all living in 1934.

The son, Zatique, married at Langley Prairie Miss Elizabeth Selander, and there is issue one son, Joseph Ernest Michaud, born at Langley Prairie, 14 May 1913, and now manager of his father's "Traveller's Hotel," Langley Prairie. Zatique is now a retired farmer and a property owner in Langley Prairie.

The son Maximilian (Maxime) married, and has issue two sons. Maximilian is still actively engaged (1934) in farming.

FROM THE *VANCOUVER DAILY ADVERTISER*, VOL. 1, NO. 10; WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 1886.

Advertisement:

THE BRIGHTON HOTEL

Hastings, B.I.

This fine and commodious new hotel has recently been completed and is furnished with every convenience for the comfort of guests. The situation and accommodation are unsurpassed on Burrard Inlet, which has become the most fashionable

WATERING PLACE

in British Columbia. The prospect is charming, the sea breezes are invigorating, and the facilities for boating and bathing are excellent. Private sitting and dining rooms. Suites of apartments for families or parties.

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GEORGE BLACK,

Proprietor.

C.P.R. OFFICES. HASTINGS, B.C.

2500 – 37th W.
June 25th.

Dear Major Matthews:

I wish I could give you the information you are looking for, but I have only a very vague recollection of Hastings, I, being only a tiny tot at the time we lived there, which was from 1886-1888. My older sisters would remember more, Mrs. R.G. Tatlow and Mrs. N.F. Townsend.