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and the firm up there is now Gonsalves and Dames. Joe did a lot of fishing and some longshoring at the Hastings Mill; I don't think he ever laboured himself, though." (See *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 2.)

"Afterwards, of course, he was evicted from Stanley Park. You recall the long lawsuit about it in the courts. I think they had to prove sixty years residence in the park to establish claim to stay there, and Gonsalves could not prove quite sixty years and had to go."

COAL HARBOUR SQUATTERS.

Query: Harold Ridley talks about a little old shack of logs which used to stand half fallen down on the west side of Coal Harbour, two or three hundred yards from Second Beach, towards the present entrance, on the west side. What do you think of that shack?

Mr. Simson: "Oh, I suppose someone digging for coal. Ostrander had a little coal prospect near Third Beach, a little hole. He had a cabin, too, on Lost Lagoon, but just where I don't know; he cut hand-split shingles there; the little shack you have here in this photo might be his; it looks like it, but I can not say that it is."

COAL.

"There used to be a lot of seams of coal about; some out in English Bay. There were some very prominent ones just by the C.P.R. docks, in the cliff where the C.P.R. station at the foot of Granville Street is now. It was just lignite; no good; little bits here and there." (Note: see H.M.S. *Plumper* report of 14 June 1859, and Progress Report, 1876 and 1877, Geological Survey of Canada.) "It was sticking out right where the C.P.R. first dock was; before they built the dock, of course, it was quite plainly visible in the cliff."

CONVERSATION WITH W. FRAME, FORMER STOREKEEPER OF THE HASTINGS SAWMILL, AT CITY HALL, 13 SEPTEMBER 1933.

DOUGLAS PARK. HASTINGS SAWMILL, W. FRAME. JERRY ROGERS, PIONEER LOGGER.

"Frank Hart writes there were no farms out Mount Pleasant way? Why, that's wrong! The Chinamen were farming on J.Z. Hall's place when Jerry Rogers was logging up there, up Heather Street between 20th and 22nd Avenue West; there is a park there now. Jerry Rogers was taking the timber out, and Calvert Simson" (storekeeper previous to Mr. Frame at Hastings Sawmill) "and I used to go up there on Sundays and have lunch at Jerry Rogers' camp."

"Jerry was taking the timber out on carriages, with rubber tired wheels, pulled by mules, four or six mules. The wheels had a tread about twelve inches wide, the track has just squared timbers laid on the ground; just big heavy square timbers shaped with an axe flat on top were laid on the ground for the rubber tired wheels to run on; the logs were put on a carriage; Jerry had no skid road on that job; just log carriages with great big rubber tired wheels that the mules pulled down the square timber track, and the logs were dumped into False Creek somewhere about Cambie Street. I afterwards used some of the rubber for bumpers in the Hastings Sawmill." (See F.W. Alexander, *Traction Engines re origin in Cariboo of these rubber tired wheels.*)

"Years afterwards, when they were building the Little Mountain Reservoir, Calvert Simson and I went out to see if we could find Rogers' old railway, and we found some of the timbers still lying in the ground."

HASTINGS SAWMILL.

"Old Man Harvey," said Mr. Frame, "was the first storekeeper, the first we have record of, anyway. He was not married, and afterwards moved to New Westminster and had a store on Front Street opposite where the Brownsville Ferry landed. Captain Raymur was manager, and R.H. Alexander, bookkeeper."

"James Harvey was his nephew; he came here first as teller in the Bank of British Columbia, afterwards was of the firm of Loewen and Harvey, financial brokers; he was killed in an automobile accident up country. Edward" (Ned) "his brother, was assistant collector of Excise in Vancouver under J.M. Miller."