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We lived at Black's Hotel on the waterfront there, my father having his offices in a station building by the side of the track. We used to come in and out of town on a little speeder that my father used, while our house was being built at 1070 Georgia St., where we lived from then, until 1909. I have seen photographs taken at some sports there, in which many of the old timers figured, but I can't remember who has them. I am sorry I can't be of any more help to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ida McGaffin.

Mrs. N.F. Townsend, Mrs. C.S. McGaffin—daughters of Mrs. H.J. Cambie, C.P.R. Engineer.

HASTINGS. THE NAME AND FAMILY.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

CANADA

(NAVAL INTELLIGENCE)

27.4.34

Dear Sir:

I much regret the delay in answering your letter. I have a certain amount of information to give you. The enclosed extract from "The Times" is authentic. I wrote to my mother (my father, Admiral Alexander Plantagenet Hastings, died a few years ago.) I have now received her reply in which she says:

"Admiral Hastings was at Vancouver in 1869. He was your pater's uncle. He was the second son of the 11th Earl of Huntingdon, George by name. He was C. in C. Pacific Station, and was by what father told me, one of the most kind and good natured of men, and one of the ugliest, which is certainly borne out by his photos. Your father was one of the four nephews he had serving in "Zealous," Arthur and Frank Brooke and Frank Hastings Dent—all these four have died. The Admiral married a Miss Dogacher, and she was living in the "Zealous" at Vancouver, where two sons were born. Another son and daughter were born in England. Hans Hastings was the eldest, and he died last year, and Walter is also dead. Hans' widow lives near here, and I see something of her and of the Admiral's daughter Lily."

My mother's address is Mrs. Hastings, Oak Lodge, Browning Avenue, Boscombe, Hants, England.

I suggest that you get in touch; write Mrs. Hans Hastings. My mother could forward the letter, and will, I am sure, be glad to help you.

About the chart you mention. The new edition published 1932 has no Hastings Mill marked on it. If you want information on the older editions you should apply to

The Hydrographer of the Navy
The Admiralty, Whitehall, London, England.

I hope this information may be of use to you.

Yours faithfully,

E.G. Hastings.

Comdr., R.N.

p.s. I also enclose extract from Peerage, giving the Admiral's family.