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AN EPITOME OF VANCOUVER IN MARCH 1936.

Bank Manager: "Bob was in; said he thought he'd invest in City of Vancouver bonds at 83" (par \$100.00.)

City Archivist: What did you advise him?

Bank Manager (1): "Told him he'd be a fool if he did."

(1) Harry Cambie, Bank of Montréal (City of Vancouver bankers), manager, Main Street branch, and an old and trusted servant of the bank.

THE CITY ARCHIVES, IN 1935, AT A GLANCE.

Alderman Harvey: (waving his arms in despair at the City Archivist) "The only business like thing about this office is that you get the work done."

Note: the office, just one small room, was without equipment, without help, filing cabinet, cupboards, telephone, stationery; and the City Archivist was allowed a monthly honorarium of \$25.00 and provided all, that is, stenographer, stationery, and paid all expenses. A desk, a table, and two chairs comprised the office furniture.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Excerpt from article in *Province* by J.M. Clute, 14 June 1931:

"A few months after the fire, half a dozen men met in a room over a saloon, and formed a Y.M.C.A. I was chosen president, and so became the president of the first Y.M.C.A. in B.C. In six months we had bought a lot on Hastings Street, and put up a two storey building, clear of debt."

EARLY STREET CARS. FIRST CAR FARE.

The five cent piece, which Mr. Carmichael, the first conductor, took as the first fare, and kept, was left by him, when he died about May 1935, to (his nephew, I think) Mr. F.C. Folkins, 2827 Marine Drive, Vancouver.

VANCOUVER GAS CO.

Frank Marrion, 14 April 1936: "Father turned on the first gas in Vancouver, and I lit it."

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. ALICE CRAKANTHORP, 1622 CHARLES STREET, VANCOUVER, 21 MARCH 1935.

CRAKANTHORP.

Mrs. Alice Crakanthorp, née Patterson, was the first white child born (at Stamp's Mill) Alberni, B.C., 26 February 1864. The late Mr. Robert Churchill Crakanthorp, whom she married at St. James' Church, Vancouver, 29 December 1892 (by the Rev. Father Fiennes-Clinton) was a scion of a very old English family of distinguished lineage (see College of Heralds) of which there are records as far as 1180 A.D. The earliest records refer to a "de Crakanthorp of Crakanthorp"; the coat of arms is "Or, chevron between three mullets pierced, azure," no supporters, as shown in a pedigree table made in 1826, in the possession of Mrs. Crakanthorp. Mr. Crakanthorp was the son of Rev. Chas. Churchill Crakanthorp, and was born at Castle Bytham in England (believe Grimsthorp; that his father was vicar of Stamford—unconfirmed); their only child is Miss Muriel Dorothy Branscombe Crakanthorp, born at Port Blakely, Washington, 20 October 1895. Mr. Crakanthorp died 6 December 1926, and was buried, from St. James' Church, at Ocean View Burial Park.