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**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MISS MURIEL CRAKANTHORP, GRANDDAUGHTER OF MRS. JOHN PEABODY PATTERSON, 1622 CHARLES STREET, 28 JULY 1936.**

**VISIT, LORD AND LADY DUFFERIN, SEPTEMBER 1876.**

Miss Crakanthorp phoned: "Mother says that H.M.S. *Amethyst* was escorted by the *Rocket* and arrived on Burrard Inlet about 11:00 in the morning; that there was no salute of seventeen guns as there were no guns at Hastings Mill; if she was saluted then she did not hear it."

Note: the Hastings Sawmill had two small cannons (see F.W. Alexander, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 3), and the Indians at "the Mission" had another one.

"Mother" (Mrs. Crakanthorp) "was living with Grandmother Patterson at Moodyville at the time, but was on a visit to Carrie Miller, Constable Miller's daughter, in Gastown, and thus it was that she was present at the arrival of Lord Dufferin. Mrs. Raymur was not at the arrival; she was in Victoria; she very rarely came to Burrard Inlet, but Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. George Black were on the wharf. Capt. Raymur was there.

"Mother says that she is absolutely sure the vice regal party did *not* go to Moodyville, and she ought to know as she was living there at the time. There was no public reception; there were not more than 200 people all told to receive them, and she thinks luncheon was on board the *Amethyst*. Her recollection is that a public reception was held at New Westminster.

"Lady Dufferin was very interested in the Indians, and asked to be taken right up to the rancherie just east of the Hastings Sawmill. Mother has told you previously about her shaking hands with an old klotch known as the 'Virgin Mary,' much to the astonishment of some, who felt a little jealous perhaps. Mother says Lady Dufferin was a woman not especially beautiful to look at, but of a beautiful nature, a real woman; Mother says she was 'just lovely.'"

**VISIT, LORD AND LADY DUFFERIN TO BURRARD INLET, 1876.**

Excerpt, said to be taken from a book entitled *Journal of the Journey of his Excellency the Governor-General from Government House, Ottawa, to B.C. and Back*, Webster and Larkin Co., London, 1877.

**CAPT. RAYMUR. KANAKAS.**

Monday, Sept. 4 [1876]

We left Tribune Bay at 7 a.m. and made straight for the lightship at the mouth of Fraser's River. We then went to Burrard Inlet where we were to leave the *Amethyst* for our inland trip. On arriving we found that the "Rocket" had arrived with mail on board. After reading our home news, and proceeded to "do" Mr. Raymur's [*sic*] saw-mills, where we found an enormous log, hauled up ready for sawing. We then walked to some Indian huts, which we inspected and found fishy; then some Sandwich Islanders were introduced to us.

In the evening we received two more mails by the Douglas. [*Then reference to something which transpired on the Amethyst.*]

**JERICO.**

Tuesday, Sept. 5,  
Burrard Inlet.

The repose of the sea life is over. Posts, telegrams, addresses, replies, arches, bands, and salutes are alive again. Before we finished our breakfast we were hurried into boats and put on board the "Douglas," and in her we steamed along for an hour, when we were bundled into more boats, and were set ashore in the "bush." We walked to the foot of a great tree 200 feet high and six feet in diameter, with two enormous gashes in its side, and with two men with axes standing on spring boards stuck into its trunk twelve feet from the roots. Having chosen a safe spot to stand in, and having an eye to a place of refuge to fly in case of accident, we stood with a calm pleasure to watch the downfall of this lord of the forest. The two men set to work and ten minutes sufficed to lay him low. He began slowly to bend to one side, and then came crashing down, and with a great thud fell to the ground.