

## **Early Vancouver**

### **Volume Four**

**By: Major J.S. Matthews, V.D.**

**2011 Edition (Originally Published 1944)**

*Narrative of Pioneers of Vancouver, BC Collected During 1935-1939.*

*Supplemental to Volumes One, Two and Three collected in 1931-1934.*

### **About the 2011 Edition**

The 2011 edition is a transcription of the original work collected and published by Major Matthews. Handwritten marginalia and corrections Matthews made to his text over the years have been incorporated and some typographical errors have been corrected, but no other editorial work has been undertaken. The edition and its online presentation was produced by the City of Vancouver Archives to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City's founding. The project was made possible by funding from the Vancouver Historical Society.

### **Copyright Statement**

© 2011 City of Vancouver. Any or all of *Early Vancouver* may be used without restriction as to the nature or purpose of the use, even if that use is for commercial purposes. You may copy, distribute, adapt and transmit the work. It is required that a link or attribution be made to the City of Vancouver.

### **Reproductions**

High resolution versions of any graphic items in *Early Vancouver* are available. A fee may apply.

### **Citing Information**

When referencing the 2011 edition of *Early Vancouver*, please cite the page number that appears at the bottom of the page in the PDF version only, not the page number indicated by your PDF reader. Here are samples of how to cite this source:

Footnote or Endnote Reference:

Major James Skitt Matthews, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 4 (Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011), 33.

Bibliographic Entry:

Matthews, Major James Skitt. *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 4. Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011.

### **Contact Information**

City of Vancouver Archives  
1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9  
604.736.8561  
archives@vancouver.ca  
vancouver.ca/archives



states that the family lived on Richards Street, but that their present whereabouts is unknown. A copy of the newspaper cannot be found.

Mrs. Draney is the president, 1937, of the Women's Auxiliary, Vancouver Pioneers Association, and is a daughter of the late Mrs. Duncan R. Reid, first woman school trustee in Vancouver. Both mother and daughter suffered in the Great Fire of June 1886 (see *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 2.) Mrs. Reid died June 1933, aged 85 years, at the residence of Mrs. Draney (see Duncan R. Reid file.)

The *second* birth was Frederick Charles Macey, born 31 May 1886.

The *third* birth was Alexander Campbell Reid, born 31 July 1886.

The *fourth* birth was Edith Jackson, born 1 August 1886.

(It was the fourth child the Council honoured in 1907.)

J.S. Matthews  
City Archivist  
6 May 1937

## **MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MR. T.A. DUTTON OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, 19 MARCH 1937.**

### **SALMON, KITSILANO.**

Mr. Dutton said: "In the spring of 1905, I was living at the corner of First Avenue and Vine Street, Kitsilano. One day I wandered up to the corner of Eighth Avenue and Yew Street, and caught a salmon with my hands in the creek or ditch beside the rough road; the land was very swampy, a sort of tea swamp then."

Note: also see Moore, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 3, who records that he caught salmon in the creek on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mount Pleasant, and also there is an account, I think by Wm. Hunt, in one of the volumes of *Early Vancouver*, which records that about 1893 or 1894 he caught, or saw, numbers of salmon swimming in the pool at the corner of Cedar and Third Avenue. Trout were caught as recently as 1910 or 1913 in the neighbourhood of Henry Hudson School. JSM.

### **LOGGING, KITSILANO.**

"Logging was going on in Kitsilano in those days; they were dumping logs into English Bay near the English Bay cannery, at the foot of about Waterloo Street. The stables were at the foot of Dunbar Hill." (Note: see Crickmay camp photos.)

### **STREET CARS, KITSILANO.**

"One Sunday I walked to divine service at Christ Church; we walked along the C.P.R. track, and across the C.P.R. trestle bridge; the whole of the track for a mile was at that time occupied by empty box cars, stored there for the winter of 1904-5 and spring of 1905; there was no storage space for box cars in the False Creek yards; the yards had not been filled in.

"Coming home from Christ Church I walked for a mile along the top of the box cars stored on the single track from the bridge to the beach; it was easier to walk on the board walk along the top of the cars than to walk in the ditch beside the track."

J.S.M.