

## **Early Vancouver**

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unique bar in appearance. The owner's name was spelt out in big letters of maple branch twigs along the front. (Photo N. Hot. 16.)

The "Poodle Dog" was on Cordova Street between Cambie and Richards streets. It was illuminated with coal gas.

### **ORIENTAL HOTEL. HOTEL BUSESSES.**

The Oriental Hotel was on Water Street close to the famous Regina Hotel (which escaped the fire of 1886), and is said to have had the first *big* hotel omnibus. Prior to that most hotels had busses which met the C.P.R. trains and C.P.N. and U.S.S. Co. boats—then the only things to meet—but they were comparatively small, with a seat fore and aft along the side, and black canvas side and roof; the side flaps could be rolled up in fine weather. The Oriental Hotel had a *big* bus.

Speaking of it, William Edwards, 2576 Oxford Street, (High 1557X) member Pioneers Association, and who used to drive it says:

"We used to haul twenty-five persons in that bus; great big bus, make three trips down to the C.P.R. station; seventy-five from one C.P.R. train. There was not room at times in the house" (hotel) "to accommodate them, but we bunked all just the same. We had little cots, and we used to push the regulars out of their rooms into the hallways, set them up in cots, and keep them there until the rush was over, then let them go back to the rooms the transients had pushed them out of."

### **CABS. HACKS.**

"At that time Charlie Queen had the only hack in town."

The practice of hotels having hotel busses has now (1936) ceased. Taxis have taken their place.