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burn yew wood a bit, and it is like iron; it don't sink. Arrow may not kill him" (duck) "but he can't fly, he can't dive because arrow keep him from diving."

STANLEY PARK DRIVEWAY, 1888. "WHOI-WHOI," I.E. LUMBERMAN'S ARCH. INDIAN MIDDENS AND VILLAGES.

August Jack Haatsalano tells me that the location of the ancient Indian kitchen midden, a mass of calcined shells approximately eight feet deep and acres in extent, used as a white covering for the first driveway around Stanley Park in 1888, was just a few yards southwest of the Indian village of Whoi-Whoi. The largest house, named "Tay-hay," stood on the exact site on which the Lumberman's Arch, First Narrows, Stanley Park, now, 1936, stands.

The work of excavating the midden, and loading the broken white shells onto a wagon, is portrayed in Bailey Bros. photo No. 541, C.V.G.N. 91, and the exact limits of this excavation still marked by a fringe of trees on the side hill to the southwest of the swimming pool, and between Lumberman's Arch and Totem Poles.

OLD CRONIE. CHO-HA-NUM. HY-NUCH-TUN.

August said, 16 August 1935: "'Old Cronie,' his Indian name Cho-ha-num, was 84 when he died this month" (August 1935); "his father was Hy-nuch-tun, and lived at Snauq" (Burrard Bridge.)

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH AUGUST JACK HAATSALANO, AT CITY ARCHIVES OFFICE, CITY HALL, 8 OCTOBER 1935.

FATHER OF CHIEF HAATSA-LAH-NOGH. QUATSALEM. FIRST NARROWS, INDIAN NAME.

"Quatsalem was Haatsa-lah-nogh's father; he used to live at Took-takamik, but he died at Squamish."

J.S.M.: August, what name did the Indians have for the First Narrows?

A.J.H.: (quickly) "Sunz." (A rock beneath Prospect Point.)

J.S.M.: Well, what name did they have for Burrard Inlet?

A.J.H.: "No particular name, but after you pass the Second Narrows, Thluk-thluk-way-tun, Tum-ta-may-tun, and away up, Slail-wit-tuth."

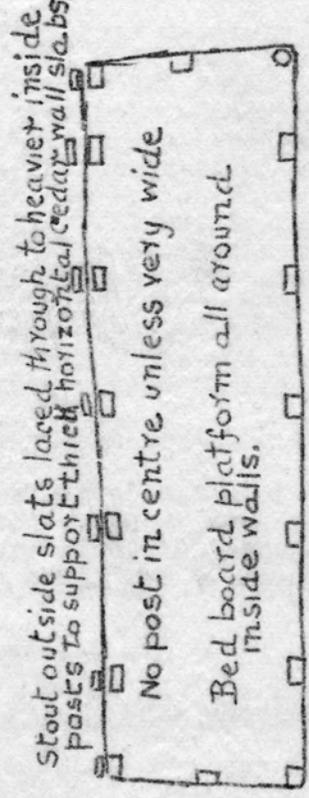
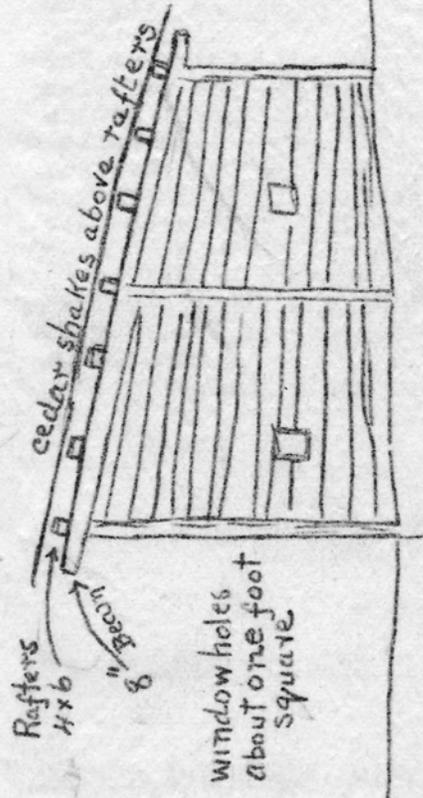
CAPILANO RIVER. HOMULCHESON.

A.J.H.: "The real name of Capilano river is Homulcheson, but just because there was a chief there" (by that name) "they call it Capilano."

Sketch of construction of Indian house at Whoi-whoi, (Lumberman's Arch, Stanley Park)

A tracing of rough sketch, on scrap of paper, drawn in my garden one Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, 1935, by August Jack Khahtsahiano

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Beam, thicker in centre so as to prevent sagging due to weight of roof

