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the Indian word for deer, and that was how they called him 'Mowitch.' 'Howe Sound Jim' and 'Mowitch Jim' were two different Indians."

WILD ANIMALS. BEARS. WOLVES.

"Oh, the bears used to come right down to the cabin. I remember how" [blank] "used to tell about being inside a cabin and hearing a thump, thump, thump, outside, and then her father went out and there was a bang, bang; her father had shot the bear. And the wolves. You could hear them howling. But there was not many wolves around Burrard Inlet. It was up Howe Sound that the wolves were. You could see lots of them up Howe Sound, hanging around the beach like dogs. We lived a couple of years north of Gibson's Landing, at a logging camp where they had oxen; the wolves ran about like dogs."

HOWE SOUND. SCJUNK. STAW-KI-YAH.

"Indian name? They used to call Howe Sound, Scjunk. Staw-ki-yah?"

"Stawkiyah, that's wolf; Indian name for wolf." (Refer: Indian places names, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 3, for Scjunk and Stawkiyah, given by Khahtsahlano as the Indian names for Gibson's Landing and Roberts Creek.)

BROCKTON POINT.

"There are a lot of Chinamen buried along by Brockton Point, between the Nine O'Clock Gun and the lighthouse. We used to walk along there, and in and out among the little mounds; no head boards; it was quite a little burying ground."

MRS. JAMES WALKER.

"Yes, I know. They have it down on the marriage paper that I was twenty years old when I was married, July 15th 1883, at Kuper Island Anglican Church, but they cheated on my age. I was only sixteen; I had four children, two girls and two boys, before I was twenty."

CHRISTMAS DAY IN GASTOWN. HALLOWE'EN IN GASTOWN.

"Oh, yes. They used to have lots of fun at Christmas and Hallowe'en in Gastown. The men used to dress up, and put on long white whiskers, and at Hallowe'en put on masks. Oh, yes, I remember it; it used to be delightful for the children."

Read to and approved by Mrs. J. Walker, 17 January 1939.

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MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH BROTHER WALSH OF VANCOUVER COLLEGE.

KEEFER'S HALL. FIRST MASS. VANCOUVER COLLEGE.

Brother Walsh: "The first mass was said in Keefer's Hall. Vancouver College was started as a school for boys in 1922, in just a bit of a wooden building on Richards Street, about the middle of the block; then we moved to Shaughnessy Heights."