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**722 LOOKING ACROSS BURRELL INLET FROM VANCOUVER B. C. May-June, 1906**

**HASTINGS SAWMILL.**

1. Mills Store, new addition, 1906  
 2. Mills Store, old, 1902, now demolished  
 3. Electric plant, built by Hastings  
 4. Steamboiler, installed 1906  
 5. New road, S.G. Wilson's building, 1906  
 6. Sawmill, built by Hastings  
 7. Engine room, built by Hastings  
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**Barley Bros**

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*[photo annotation:]*

Hastings Sawmill. 722 LOOKING ACROSS BURRARD INLET FROM VANCOUVER B.C.  
May-June, 1890 Bailey Bros.

- 1 Mill Store, new addition, circa 1888
- 2 Mill Store, old, 2<sup>nd</sup>, now Alma Rd.
- 3 Sidewalk above beach, a stump
- 4 School house (demolished) site
- 5 Two women with baby carriages
- 6 Mill road to Gastown-Hastings Road
- 7 R.H. Alexander, P. Cordiner
- 8 Can. Pac. Ry. single track main line
- 9 B.I. & N.W. Telephone pole
- 10 Can. Pac. Telegraph pole.
- 11 Pile driver
- 12 Lumber for export
- 13 Barque
- 14 Cookhouse bell in cupola
- 15 Cook & Messhouse
- 16 Lean-to on cookhouse
- 17 Big stump
- 18 Woodshed & school closet
- 19 Dr. Walkem. Mahony, Simson
- 20 Stove Pipe. Stump
- 21 J.P. Patterson, built 1873 also Riddleys and McCartney
- 22 Office (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 23 Old First Store, hall upstairs, later warehouse
- 24 Old dressed lumber shed
- 25 *[blank]*
- 26 Road to mill
- 27 Can Pac Ry telegraph pole
- 28 Caulfield's cottage, board & batten
- 29 Stovepipe, through wall
- 30 First office & Capt. Nelson's cottage
- 31 Lumber pile
- 32 Tug at mill dock

33 New shed  
34 Adolph Nelson's cottage, planerman  
35 Bachelor's shacks and  
36 Fire engine  
37 Mechanics' Institute & Library  
38 Tom Hunter's cottage, mill foreman  
39 Can Pac Ry box car, high fence  
40 Cottage where Harold Ridley born 1875  
40A Stump  
41 Cottage  
42 Engine room & machine shop  
43 Can Pac Ry signal post  
44 Burners' Hall, dances, smoking  
45 Boilers  
46 Fence to stop pilfering, etc.  
47 Granville -Hastings Road  
48 Creek and duck pond & spillway  
49 Can Pac Ry fence, and cattle pen  
50 Stump  
51 Open water tanks, Trout Lake flume  
52 Log haul from log boom  
53 Scow  
54 "The Mission" & Indian Church  
55 Tom Turner's early shack  
56 now Lonsdale Ave  
57 Wharf shed roof (addition)  
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**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH CALVERT SIMSON, BARCLAY STREET, FORMER POSTMASTER, HASTINGS SAWMILL, 29 APRIL 1936.**

**FIRST CIVIC ELECTION.**

“John McDowell was telling me that he came to Vancouver the day of the election, and they wanted him to vote, but he said he had only just arrived. So they took him up to Pat Carey’s” (Brunswick Hotel, Hastings Street) “and wanted to give him a receipt for rent of his room, and date it back, so that he could vote, but John said, ‘No,’ and wouldn’t stand for it, and he didn’t vote.”

**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH R.C. HODGSON, WHO WAS A BOY AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST CIVIC ELECTION; HERE WITH HIS FATHER.**

**FIRST CIVIC ELECTION.**

“It was the most enthusiastic election I have ever seen in Vancouver.”

J.S. Matthews.

**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH CALVERT SIMSON, FORMERLY STOREKEEPER, HASTINGS SAWMILL, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A FLEETING CALL (WHILST THE BOAT WAS AT DOCK) AT IRVING’S LANDING, PENDER HARBOUR, 31 JULY 1936.**

**“PORTUGUESE JOE.” JOSEPH SILVEY. GREGORIS FERNANDEZ.**

Mr. Simson said: “I had fifteen minutes only with Joseph Gonsalves just while the boat was stopped, and he was busy, selling ice cream to tourists, etc., on the 26<sup>th</sup>. He tells me that Gregoris Fernandez of Gastown was his uncle, and owned Lot 16 in Block 6, O.G.T.” (northwest corner, Water and Abbott) “as well as Lot 1 in Block 5” (southwest corner, Water and Abbott) “and had a store on the bank on Lot 16 with a slip down to the inlet, but had a storehouse and kept chickens on Lot 1.

“According to Joe” (Gonsalves), “whom I knew quite well when he was in Gastown and I was storekeeper at the mill, Gregoris Fernandez was a Cariboo miner who came to Gastown and bought these lots; he never did any fishing.” (See Street Ends Case, evidence, Appeal Court, January 1905.) “He took ill and died, and Henry Saunders, grocery and liquor merchant, Victoria, wound up his debts.

“Joseph Silvey was a fisherman; Gregoris Fernandez was never a fisherman.”

**JOSEPH GONSALVES. GASTOWN.**

“Joseph Gonsalves, long known to me as ‘Portuguese Joe’” (note: this makes three “Portuguese Joes”), “says he came to Gastown in July 1874, and he remembers that the wreck on the beach beside the Hastings Mill wharf, and in front of the store, was there when he came.” (Lawson photograph.) (Note: Mrs. Crakanthorp states it was there when she came in April 1873.) “Joe tells me that ‘The Deighton House came first; then Miller’s, then an American named Billy Jones, then Bill Blair’s, and at the very end, John Robertson’s ‘Hole in the Wall’ saloon.”

**JOSEPH MANNION.**

(Note: Billy Jones appears as on the same property as Joseph Mannion’s “Granville Hotel.”)

**“NAVY JACK.” JOHN THOMAS.**

See “Dissolution of Partnership” between William Jones and John Thomas (“Navy Jack”), and “Partnership Notice” between William Jones and Joseph Mannion, published in *Mainland Guardian*, 5 April 1873.