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MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF STOGAN OF MUSQUEAM INDIAN RESERVE, WHO CALLED AT THE CITY ARCHIVES, CITY HALL, ABOUT 1 NOVEMBER 1938, IN COMPANY WITH SOMEONE.

He stayed just a moment, looked out of the windows, and promised to call again.

I showed him the black stone round ball in the glass case, mentioned and described in conversation with August Jack Khahtsahlano, 11 July 1938 (diameter 4 inches, weight 3 pounds 6½ ounces), and pointed to it, as it lay in the glass case. He remarked:

INDIAN CUSTOMS AND GAMES. INDIAN RUGBY. INDIAN LACROSSE. TCK-QUALLA.

Major Matthews: (to Stogan) See that black stone ball?

Chief Stogan: "Eh, yes. Indian rugby."

Major Matthews: You are Thitsimalanough?

Chief Stogan: "Eh, oh."

Chief Stogan is a short, stalwart man of possibly sixty, perhaps more, hardly less; and bright of eye, quick of movement, light copper complexion, and a man of personality and authority. I was sorry he stayed so short a time; we promised to meet again. I was impressed by his appearance, and the indication of intellectual capacity his features and movement gave. A large wrinkled face; lips not so thick as most Squamish; square jaw; Grecian rather than Roman nose; broad forehead, and high; and kindly smile.

Rev. C.M. Tate, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 2: "Thit-see-mah-lah-nough was chief at Musqueam."

(Also see page 14 [of original volume] as to different meanings given to "lanough" by Tate and Hill-Tout. The former says it means "the place of," or "the property of," and the latter says it means "man"; actually, both agree as to its meaning, but put it in different words. A wide interpretation would be "The Man of Thitsemach," or the "Prince of Thitsemah." JSM.)

HIS WORSHIP L.D. TAYLOR (LATE MAYOR OF VANCOUVER.) THE WORLD NEWSPAPER. BRIGADIER-GENERAL VICTOR W. ODLUM, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. 12 FEBRUARY 1935.

His Worship: "No. Victor Odlum did not put up any money, nor his father, Prof. Edward Odlum, when he joined me in taking over the *World* newspaper about thirty years ago. He promised to put up half, and on the strength of that I gave him a five year contract to employ him; he was just a young fellow then. At the end of two years I got sick of him. He had not put up any money, left me to carry the whole load, I had to find security, and every time I went away he would change the policy of the editorials. So I told him I wanted his resignation. He replied that he had a contract and said, 'I've three years to go.' I said that didn't matter; I wanted his resignation and was going to have it. I got it. I was afraid he would go around saying that I had gipped him; he was a Methodist. So I signed an agreement to pay him \$35 a week for three years and he got it, and then he left the *World*."

HIS WORSHIP LOUIS D. TAYLOR. CITY ARCHIVES, 1933. APRIL 1935.

City Archivist (J.S. Matthews): I thank you, Your Worship, for what you did towards establishing the City Archives. (Appointment by Council of first City Archivist, and an allowance of \$25 a month.)

His Worship, ex-Mayor Taylor: "I should have liked to have done more, but those Alderman; they're only a lot of ignorami; they never read."

Note: the essence of this remark is that it is an opinion of a man, many times Mayor of Vancouver, of an electoral system which allows almost any person, regardless of his fitness, who feels he is capable of being mayor or alderman, to attain that office; witness the candidature of a kindly but eccentric old gentleman attired in queer garb (Mr. Rubinowitz) for mayor; or the case of artisans, such as street car conductors, who never earned more than 75¢ an hour, nor had more than a few dollars in their pockets, suddenly finding themselves administering an expenditure running into sixteen millions of civic funds per annum—one of the weaknesses of democratic government. JSM.