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MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH HENRY S. ROWLING, FORMERLY OF ROWLING, NORTH ARM, FRASER RIVER, WHO CAME TO SOUTH VANCOUVER AS A CHILD, FOUR YEARS OLD, IN 1868, 22 SEPTEMBER 1937.

LOGGING OFF THE FOREST. ROWLING ISLAND.

Mr. Rowling said: "Jim and John Gillies logged their logs down to a boom between Rowling Island and the north bank of the river; they held the logs there in a boom between island and shore. Jim McWhinnie" (James McWhinnie, latterly owner of the Badminton Hotel, now of Western Parkway, Point Grey) "was barking for the Gillies" (taking off bark from logs.)

C.P.R. GRANT.

"I did quite a little logging in many places. The logs I got off the C.P.R. grant were put in the water on the North Arm through 'Daniels' Ditch,' somewhere about the foot of Ontario Street; there was a creek between Ontario and Manitoba Street, I think it was. The creek ran into the ditch and filled it, and we had a flood gate near the river, and when we opened the flood gates, all the logs, front ones first, floated out into the ditch through low ground to the river. There were three flood gates on that ditch, each lower than the other; the logs were lowered by stages."

DANIELS OF NORTH ARM. CRIDLAND OF NORTH ARM.

"William Daniels' place fronted on what we now call Fraser Avenue; also on the river bank, east of the road. Cridland fronted on Fraser Avenue and the river bank west of the road; John Daniels was west again of Cridland's—on D.L. 311—the Daniels Ditch was on John Daniels' property."

D.B. CHARLESON'S CAMP.

"We yarded in the single logs on branch skid roads with four or six oxen, and made the single logs up into 'turns' of logs, and then hitched on six or so, five or six, yoke of oxen, and dragged them to the water, oh, one or two miles, usually less than that. D.B. Charleson had a camp at Millside, now Fraser Mills, about Westminster, and I have seen him take out some big turns of logs, thirty thousand feet in a turn. Of course, the skids were oiled—with fish oil—though in some places where it was steep, the skids were sanded to stop the logs getting down on the oxen; sometimes we had a pole or tongue between the two beasts in the first yoke, to stop the logs running up on the oxen; once in a while there was an accident, and the logs came down on them, and killed or injured one or two, but not often."

INDIAN CUSTOMS.

Major Matthews: What do you think of this for a drawing by an Indian? (showing coloured drawing by Haatsalano.)

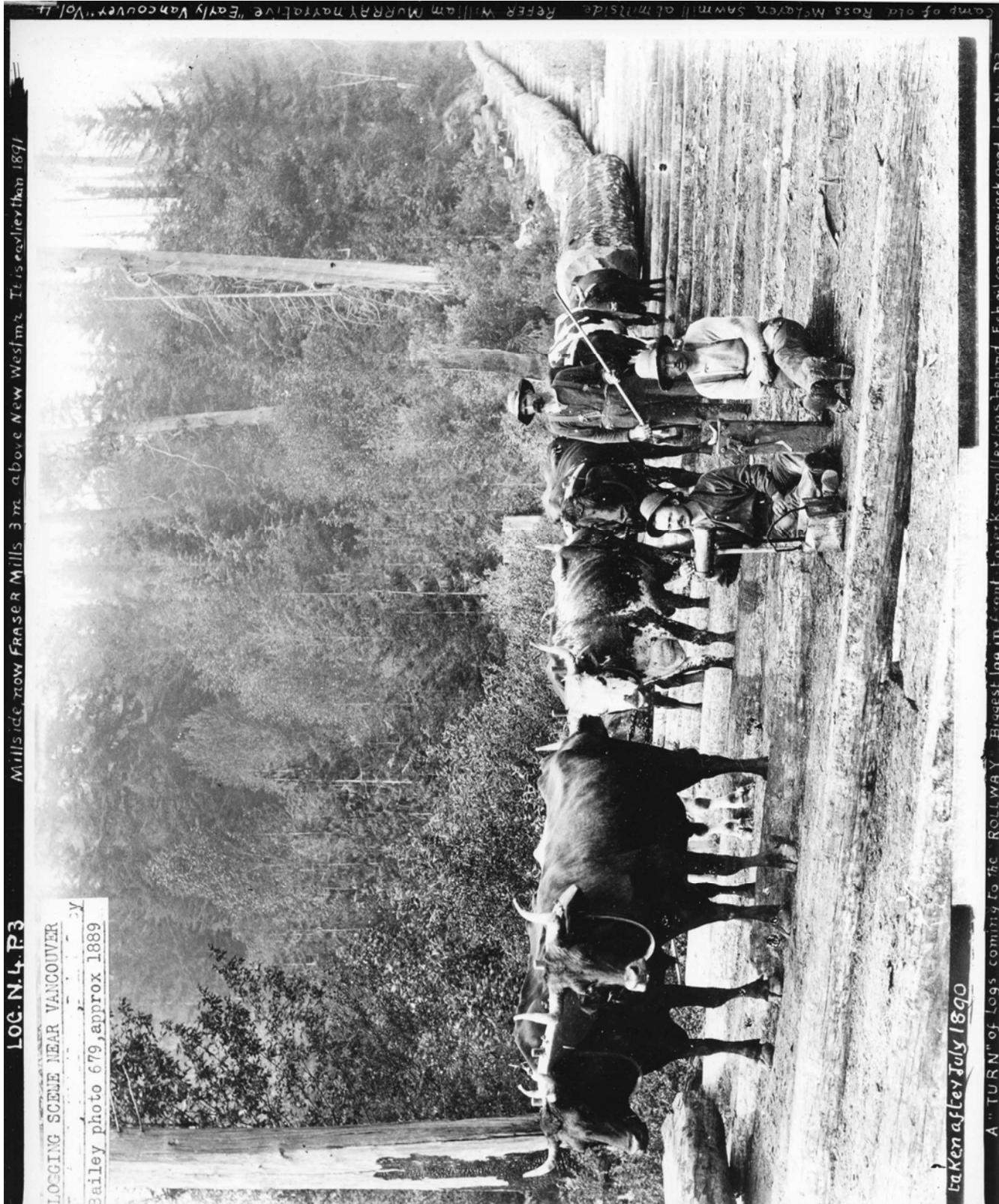
Mr. Rowling: "Indians! Draw! Why I have seen them take a piece of charcoal, and draw your face on the end of a log so that you could recognise it."

Millside, now FRASER MILLS 3 m. above New Westminster. It is earlier than 1891

LOG. N. 4. P. 3

LOGGING SCENE NEAR VANCOUVER

Bailey photo 679, approx 1889



Taken after July 1890

A "TURN" of logs coming to the ROLLWAY. Biggest log in front to jerk small logs behind. Fish can screw jack good. Log N. 4. P. 3

Chapman's Logway millside B.C. published page 26 News Advertiser Christmas number 1889-0890

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[photo annotation:]

Logging scene near Vancouver.

Bailey photo 679, approx 1889

Charleson's Logway, Millside B.C. published page 26 News-Advertiser Christmas number 1889 [text obscured]

taken after July 1890

A "TURN" of logs coming to the "ROLLWAY." Biggest log in front, to jerk smaller logs behind, fish oil can, screw jack, goad. Camp of old Ross McLaren sawmill at Millside. Refer William Murray narrative, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. [text obscured.]

CHARLIE DAGGETT. DAGGETT AND FURRY.

"Charlie Daggett got his logs out of Magee's ditch on Magee's farm, D.L. 194. He paid Magee six hundred dollars for the use of the ditch, and got into a lawsuit." (Note: Daggett and Furry also had a camp in Stanley Park.) "He dug the ditch himself; the six hundred dollars was for the right of way through Magee's property."

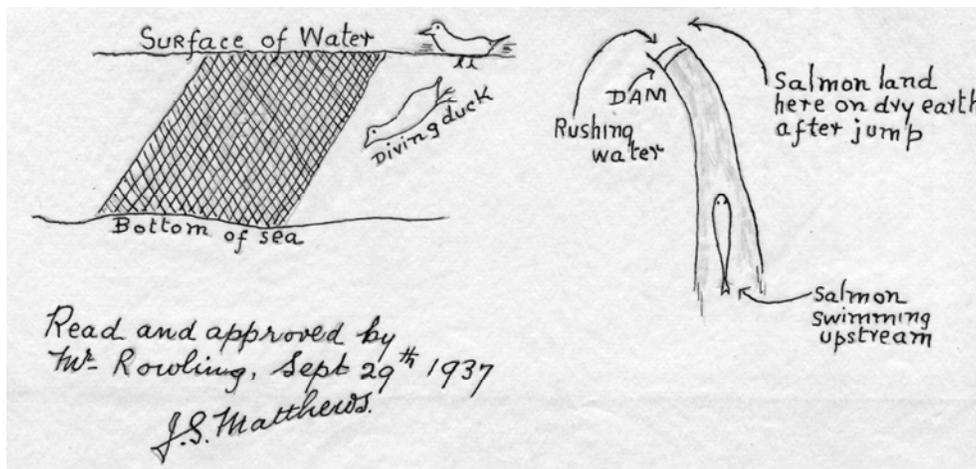
INDIAN FOOD. OOLICHANS. STURGEON. SALMON.

"I see in the *Advertiser*" (Burnaby) "George Green says we packed oolichans in barrels for the winter; we never did. We never bothered with oolichans, except once in a while; and he says we put up barrels of salmon for the winter; we never did. We used to put up a few salmon bellies; they used to cut the bellies off, and throw the backs in the river. I have seen the backs, lots of them, floating down North Arm. Same with sturgeon; we never used sturgeon, never used them, but they got in the fishermen's nets; big things, sturgeon, 400, 500, as much as 800 pounds, tore the nets all to pieces; they were big fish; hard to kill; you can pound a hole in a sturgeon's brain, and he's still alive; we did not eat sturgeon, they were not saleable; very saleable now; about twenty-five cents a pound; I liked sturgeon; makes nice meat pie; can hardly tell it from meat."

INDIAN FOOD. DUCKS. SALMON.

"You know, the Indians are clever. They used to fix a sort of dam in a stream, a little stream, so that the water rushed down; little bend in the creek. I don't know just how they fixed it; the water must have come in through the side in a little 'box.' Anyway, salmon are strong swimmers, and would take a rush up stream below the little dam, and then jump, and would land on dry land.

"Then they had a way of netting ducks. I've seen them down at Boundary Bay. They would spread a big net in the water, spread it on an angle, a slope, from the bottom to the surface; angle of forty-five degrees, I'd say; and the ducks would dive, or course, and they curved up towards the surface, they got caught in the nets."



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HASTINGS SAWMILL, July 1886		The First Store.	
1 Forest beyond.	6 Shack	16 Sawdust. Playground.	21 R. H. Alexander big house
2 Smoke of clearing fires.	7 Cowfield cottage. for	17 Ground stand.	22 Roof of oil house.
3 Duck pond. invisible.	8 Cap Neilson cottage. near	18 School roof	23 Pig sty (long building)
4 Bachelors shacks	9 Two cottages. for up Dunley Ave	19 Two houses on Alexander St	24 Cookhouse. bell in cupola.
5 " "	10 Flume water. 12' x 8" deep	20 Turnley Ave. (white fence)	25 Hastings Mill Store.
Observe closely the water	The white cottage with white	The two distant houses are	Caldwell cottage saved 13 June
flume on supports; in	fence is Cap Neilson's; he saw	for J. Bell-Ivings Henry B-I	See "Dakim Fire Map. Nov. 1889
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HASTINGS SAWMILL, July 1886

Hastings Institute Fire Engine Shed The First Store

1 Fore st beyond

2 Smoke of clearing fires

3 Duck pond, invisible

4 Bachel or shacks

5 Bachel or shacks

Observe closely, the water flume on supports; in lower left hand corner

6 Shack

7 Caulfield cottage, far

8 Capt. Neilson cottage, near

9 Two cottages, far up Dunlevy Av.

10 Flume, water, 12" x 8" deep

The white cottage with white fence is Capt. Neilson's; the saw filer. (Neilson Creek, West Vancouver.)

11 Water box or troughs

12 Library & Mechanic's Institute

13 Fire Hall, open door. Ducks

14 Office

15 Old old store. Lodge, dances

At 11, the flume goes underground to cookhouse

16 Sawdu st. Playground

17 Gran dstand

18 School roof

19 Tow houses on Alexander St.

20 Dunlevy Ave (white fence)

The two distant houses are for Dr. Bell-Irving and Henry B-I 308-310 Alexander St.

21 R.H. Alexander big house

22 Roof of oil house

23 Pig sty (long building)

24 Cookhouse, bell in cupola

25 Hastings Mill Store

The Hastings Institute also included the Library, the genesis of our cultural institutions.

26 Ald. C.A. Coldwell's cottage

27 Road to Granville

28 Clea ring; stumps

29 Lumbe r

30 Burrard Inlet near

Coldwell's cottage saved, 13 June

See photos C.V. P. Mi. 19, N. Mi. 2

See photos C.V. P. Mi. 11, N. Mi. 12

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See Dakin Fire Map, Nov. 1889

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According to Mrs Ruby M Bower nee Spender (Mrs E. Hays) second school teacher at Hastings Mill

this photo was taken Friday June 11th 1886 - two days before GREAT FIRE bid 1 45 N



HASTINGS SAWMILL SCHOOL, first school, 1873, whites and Indians. Mr Palmer, teacher, on walk, ~~_____~~ date 1886

June 11th 1886

Alderman Peter
Cordrey's cottage
at rear on right

Think building was demolished as it was in the way of P.R. construction. J.S.M.

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Hastings Sawmill School, first school, 1873, whites and Indians. Mr. Palmer, teacher, on walk, June 11th 1886.

Think building was demolished as it was in the way of C.P.R. construction.

Alderman Peter Cordiner's cottage at rear on right.

This photo was taken Friday June 11th 1886 – two days before Great Fire.