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coming along in a canoe from our home; the old coal shack down at the foot of what is now Abbott Street; the old deserted cabin of those who had drilled for coal and which we occupied.”

HASTINGS MILL STORE WHARF.

“Before they had the Hastings Sawmill wharf, all they had was the beach. When a boat came in, it had to push its way up as best it could on the beach and land things as best they could, but after they built the wharf they could land things properly, at any stage of the tide; they had a sloping place” (gangway) “where the boats could land their cargo at any time.”

THE OLD, OLD HASTINGS MILL STORE.

Major Matthews: Did you say you saw this building built?

Mr. Scales: “Certainly. Before they built this store they had the earlier one. It was a building where they kept everything wanted for the mill and loggers. When a logger wanted anything, he went to that old store and got it; all they wanted for the mill, too. There were not so many people here that they wanted a regular store. All they wanted was a building to keep all sorts of stuff in, from tools to groceries; everything. Oh yes, I saw them build this building.”

Note: in an old advertisement published in the *News-Advertiser*, 2 October 1891, there appears:

HASTINGS MILL STORE
1868—Established—1868

If this is correct, then Mr. John Scales, R.E., and his wife and children, including John Henry Scales, must have come here in 1868 or earlier.

Subsequently, Mr. Hunter took Mr. and Mrs. Scales back to their home, but before doing so, took them for a drive around those more splendid parts of the city which Mr. Scales had never seen.

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH MRS. ROBERT MACKIE, 2510 SOUTHWEST MARINE DRIVE, FORMERLY MISS MARGARET ELIZABETH MCCLEERY, YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF THE (ONE OF) FIRST SETTLERS ON THE SITE OF VANCOUVER, I.E., FITZGERALD MCCLEERY, OF D.L. 315, 3 JULY 1945.

Mrs. Mackie came carrying an old wash board, and two ox bows, which go around the neck to oxen, fit into the yoke.

OXEN. OX BOWS. OX YOKES.

Mrs. Mackie said: “Here are the two bows you asked for; got them out of the barn. They were used on our farm by my father for plowing; they used to go around the necks of our two oxen we plowed D.L. 315 with; one was called ‘Bright’ and the other ‘Jerry’; They were both pure white oxen.

“Father says in his diary that the flies were bad, and bothering ‘Bright’ and ‘Jerry’; that was when my sister” (Mrs. Logan) “was born; it’s in his diary.”

Note: Mrs. Logan was born 1878.

Note: I have tried to fit the bows to the yoke given us by the Mitchell Estate, which was without bows, but the McCleery bows are a little too large for the holes in the yoke—too wide apart. If I steam the bows I think I can bend them in closer so that they will fit.

JSM.