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MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH S.T. SCARLETT, IDEAL SHEET METAL WORKS, 765 BEATTY STREET, 17 SEPTEMBER 1938.

A.J.T. TAYLOR. TAYLOR ENGINEERING CO.

Mr. Scarlett, speaking of the building of the First Narrows Bridge, said: "The Taylor Engineering Co. went 'broke' about 1920, over the Dollar Varden Mine, and at the same time, the company had the contract for some repairs to the warehouse of the Imperial Oil Limited at Cambie and Beatty Street; I had the sheet metal work. Then the Imperial Oil Company had the fire with gasoline; the gasoline caught fire while loading a tank wagon, and the end of it was the Taylor Engineering Co. never paid me two hundred and sixty dollars they owed me."

MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH GEO. L. SCHETKY.

(See volumes 1, 2 and 3.)

KEEFER'S HALL. ST. JAMES CHURCH.

"St. James used Keefer's Hall after the fire until they got their church up and Keefer's Hall was on Alexander Street west of where the old St. James, which was burned, stood; a few yards, you could have thrown a stone from the site of old St. James to Keefer's Hall."