

## **Early Vancouver**

### **Volume Five**

**By: Major J.S. Matthews, V.D.**

**2011 Edition (Originally Published 1945)**

*Narrative of Pioneers of Vancouver, BC Collected During 1936-1945.*

*Supplemental to volumes one, two, three and four collected in 1931, 1932 and 1934.*

### **About the 2011 Edition**

The 2011 edition is a transcription of the original work collected and published by Major Matthews. Handwritten marginalia and corrections Matthews made to his text over the years have been incorporated and some typographical errors have been corrected, but no other editorial work has been undertaken. The edition and its online presentation was produced by the City of Vancouver Archives to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City's founding. The project was made possible by funding from the Vancouver Historical Society.

### **Copyright Statement**

© 2011 City of Vancouver. Any or all of *Early Vancouver* may be used without restriction as to the nature or purpose of the use, even if that use is for commercial purposes. You may copy, distribute, adapt and transmit the work. It is required that a link or attribution be made to the City of Vancouver.

### **Reproductions**

High resolution versions of any graphic items in *Early Vancouver* are available. A fee may apply.

### **Citing Information**

When referencing the 2011 edition of *Early Vancouver*, please cite the page number that appears at the bottom of the page in the PDF version only, not the page number indicated by your PDF reader. Here are samples of how to cite this source:

Footnote or Endnote Reference:

Major James Skitt Matthews, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 5 (Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011), 33.

Bibliographic Entry:

Matthews, Major James Skitt. *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 5. Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011.

### **Contact Information**

City of Vancouver Archives  
1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9  
604.736.8561  
archives@vancouver.ca  
vancouver.ca/archives



**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH T. BOTTERELL, 734 WEST 13<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B.C., 1 MARCH 1940.**

**CHIEF CAPILANO JOE.**

Mr. Botterell: "Here's a snapshot of Capilano Joe with his band, at some hop-picking yard. I was with Joe one day and something happened, and he said to me, 'Why you say "hot as hell" and "cold as hell"; what you mean?'

"So I replied, 'Where is hell, Joe?' And Joe answered, 'I don't know; it's some place whitemans carries round with him in a book.'"

**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH W.A. GRAFTON OF GRAFTON LAKE, BOWEN ISLAND, NOW OF 542 WEST 63<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE (OVER THE PHONE), 5 APRIL 1940.**

**SCHOONER C.D. RAND. DEAD WHALE. COAL HARBOUR. F.W. HART. CENTRE AND HANNA. DEAD WHALE.**

Major Matthews: Mr. Grafton. What boats were used to catch whales off Bowen Island?

Mr. Grafton: "Harry Trim had a two-masted schooner, but he used a Columbia River fishing boat covered in on the bow. You've heard about the whale they towed into Coal Harbour; the one they used for exhibition purposes. Well, I used to know Capt. Westerlund, he was on the sealing schooner *C.D. Rand*, and I used to go aboard. So one night it was very dark, I was in my boat to Coal Harbour to go aboard the *C.D. Rand*, she was anchored in Coal Harbour, and I bumped into something which looked like a black balloon tied to the *C.D. Rand*; it was the dead whale. They paid Centre and Hanna two hundred dollars to embalm it."

Note: Ronald Kenvyn, writing in the *Province*, Saturday, 4 May 1940, under caption "HOWE SOUND WHALING," says F.W. Hart embalmed the whale, and I think Mr. Kenvyn is correct. J.S.M.

He says Hart bought up all the embalming fluid in Vancouver, Victoria, and Westminster, and pumped it into the whale with a bicycle pump. Hart was a pioneer Vancouver undertaker.

**MEMO OF CONVERSATION WITH W.A. GRAFTON, OF "GRAFTON LAKE" AND "GRAFTON BAY," BOWEN ISLAND, NOW OF 542 WEST 63<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, AT CITY ARCHIVES, 10 APRIL 1940.**

**HARRY TRIM. PETER SMITH. WHALING AND WHALES. FROLANDER. SKUNK COVE. WEST VANCOUVER. MOODYVILLE SAWMILL.**

Mr. Grafton said: "You were talking about Pete Smith, and whaling. If Pete Smith ever went whaling, it was before I came in 1887; you see, the only whaling done was done by Harry Trim. Then Harry quit, came to my place on Bowen Island, picked up a load of cedar posts for his ranch on Westham Island. He had a schooner, and took them away on her."

Note: A.J. Khahtsahlano says, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 3, that Peter Smith speared whales, and gives brief account of where and how.

"In 1887 there was one man only living on the north shore from the First Narrows to Point Atkinson, and that was Navy Jack, and that will show you how lonely it was along that shore, but the Moodyville Sawmill Co. were hauling logs east of Navy Jack's and dumping the logs in that lagoon" (Indian name "Swywhée") "three quarters of a mile east of the Hollyburn landing."

**SQUATTERS.**

"You see, all those people who squatted along there were working either at Moodyville or Vancouver. Frolander, the old man, (that cook, Frolander, I gave you a picture of him, was the son of the original owner of Skunk Cove, Frolander, the old man), he was millwright at the Hastings Sawmill, but he never lived on his land. So long as you did not leave your land for longer than three months it was all right, so that the squatters who were working used to go down once in a while, and live there, and go away again."